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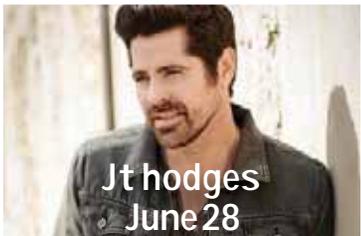


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## At last, we're getting a second dog park

There are 26,800 dogs in Pleasanton and if they could vote, they would have had the city's second dog park in town long ago — and probably quite a few more. As it is, they and their owners will have to be content with a decision by the City Council last week to spend \$300,000 to build an off-leash dog park on a two-acre site at the Lagoon Road/Bernal Avenue staging area of the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail.

It's flatland sandwiched between the Arroyo de la Laguna just south of the Bernal Avenue bridge and the on-ramp to southbound I-680. Heavy brush along the arroyo and the Pleasanton Ridge to the west make the area a bit more attractive than it sounds, but then dogs just want a place to run unfettered, not a scenic park.

Pet owner pleas for more dog parks in Pleasanton, or at least one more, go back well past the time I started writing this column more than 14 years ago. When Pleasanton was half the size, city leaders fenced off a strip of Muirwood Park next to the freeway for a dog run, adding a few benches and tables to please their owners. It's done its job and pet (dog) aficionados long ago asked city leaders to do more.

In 2000, when Pleasanton acquired free-of-charge 138 acres of the 515-acre Bernal site that developers bought, pet lovers were ecstatic. This land, now called Bernal Community Park, had all the room needed for the many sports and 4-H demonstration fields planned there along with a youth center, cultural arts center, wooded trails and even a meandering creek with surely several acres left over for a dog park.

But then the City Council, in its wisdom or lack of it, specifically ruled out using any part of Bernal for a dog park when it won approval from voters in November 2006 of the Bernal Property Phase II Specific Plan (Measure P). Lighted baseball fields, several of which have since been built, and many other amenities, which have not, were OK, but no dogs allowed. To change the no-dog

park clause would mean going back to voters, which no one wants to do.

So fast-forward to last February after another eight years of petitions and emails to city leaders. The current council, no doubt exasperated with all the dog talk, and with several on the council who own dogs, gave the green light to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Services Director Susan Andrade-Wax to find other dog park sites as part of the commission's new Master Plan. In their research, they determined that at least two acres are needed to meet existing demand. Besides the immediate need for a second off-leash park, a third is also needed, and maybe more.

To be fair, dogs parks should be scattered in different parts of Pleasanton, including Staples Ranch to the northeast, Vineyard Avenue or around Callippe Preserve to the southeast, and in the vicinity of the new Safeway Gateway Center at Bernal and Valley Avenue.

The Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail site won out at the start. The primary uses for this 13-acre area where the trail begins are already earmarked for open space, park and recreation, possibly an environmental education center, and Native American history reflective area and other public and quasi-public uses compatible with the Kane trail. The staging area already includes 12 parking stalls, though more will have to be added, a paved entrance area, covered benches and a water line.

The distance from homes farther south on Lagoon is enough to assure little noise or inconvenience from a dog park that's likely to become quite popular to pet owners. Even though it's not on the city's east or south sides, it's easy to reach and will be especially convenient to Foothill Road neighborhoods.

The Tankana Design Group, a San Francisco-based landscape architecture and urban design firm, has been awarded the design work, which, with construction, is expected to cost in the range of \$300,000. The dog park could be open later this year. ■



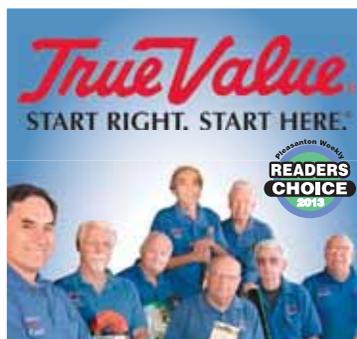
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What is the most unusual gag gift you have ever given or received?



### Ethan Ringel

*Retired*

When we were kids, my cousin and I bought little explosives to put in his mother's cigarettes, but while we were testing them beforehand, they exploded in our faces. So I guess the joke was on us.



### Kari Solofnenko

*High school student*

I was once given a soap dispenser that was shaped like a nose and it squirted out green soap.



### Guillermo Solis

*College student*

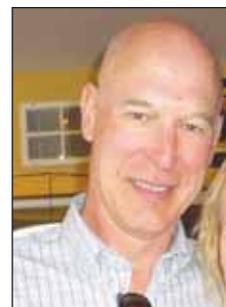
I bought one of my fraternity brothers a pair of "Truck Nutz." They were like \$30 plus international shipping, but the look on his face when he opened the package was totally priceless. He is still driving around with them hanging from the back of his car.



### Michele Cammaroni

*Billing clerk*

Someone once gave me a package of a variety of different kinds of dried fish that they brought home from a trip to China. It has become something of a legend, because I re-gifted it as a gag gift for someone else, and then she re-gifted it, and so on and so on.



### Steve Fogel

*Engineer*

While on a family trip once, I bought my mom an envelope that said "rattle-snake eggs" on it. When she opened the envelope to remove the card, the card made a rattling sound. She's never been quite the same since.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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## DIGEST

### 1st Wednesday time

The 1st Wednesday Street Party gets underway at 6 p.m. July 2 for three hours of shopping, dining and strolling through downtown's unique shops, restaurants and middle-of-Main Street booths set up to market their products and services.

The folks at the Pleasanton Downtown Association, which sponsors the 1st Wednesday events, urge everyone to dress in their best 1980s gear and neon colors in keeping with the "Neon Summer Nights" theme for this month's party.

Tease your hair, put on your slap bracelets and dress in your best 80s flair and then stop by the Entertainment Garden to enter to win a free raffle prize for dressing up. July's featured band is Fast Times.

Main Street will be closed from Del Valle Parkway to Bernal Avenue from 4:30-10 p.m. for the event.

### SWing for a cause

The Sandra J. Wing Foundation is holding its second annual SWing for Cancer Therapies golf tournament Sept. 15 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

Participation in the event, which costs \$200 per player or \$700 for a foursome, will help benefit the lives of cancer patients in the Tri-Valley. Registration includes 18 holes, a box lunch, awards, cocktails and appetizers.

Golfers will tee off at 10:30 a.m. and play the Hill Course at Castlewood, located at 707 Country Club Circle.

For more information registration or sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org)

### Naming post office

A bill to name the U.S. Post Office in Dublin as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office" has passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 398-0.

The measure was introduced by Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) to honor the life of Tri-Valley public servant and 30-year Army veteran Dr. Jim Kohnen, who died May 29, 2012.

"Naming the post office in Dublin after Dr. Jim Kohnen is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the Tri-Valley community," Swalwell said.

The post office facility, which is under the jurisdiction of the Pleasanton post office, is located at 6937 Village Pkwy. in Dublin.

### Corrections

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## Pleasanton buckles down to reach 25% cut in water use

City hires marketing firm, starts monitoring customers who fail to comply

By JEB BING

Facing its most severe drought ever and a water shortage that could see taps turned off without cutbacks by residents and businesses, Pleasanton will start the summer months of July and August with dwindling water supplies.

Daniel Smith, director of the Operations Services Department and in effect the city's water czar, said the city has seen a 20% reduction in water use so far this year, but more cuts will be needed to meet the 25% reduction goal by year's end.

"We're getting there, but we still see people irrigating their lawns during the day, washing down their driveways and washing their cars," Smith told the City Council last week. "Unfortunately, there are still a number of people who just don't get it."

To beef up public information and survey programs, Smith received the council's approval to spend up to

\$200,000 this year and next on advertising and promotions to persuade those who live and work in Pleasanton to cut back their water consumption. A total of \$75,000 of that already has been spent from the city's water operations fund for

allocation, but will need the money if the drought extends into 2015.

Councilwoman Karla Brown questioned why Smith had to seek outside services when the city already employs a public relations officer to do the work.

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—Daniel Smith, director of the Operations Services Department

drought education, advertising and marketing services in a contract Smith's department signed with Carol H. Williams Advertising.

Smith said with the ads and promotions created by the agency but yet to run, he expects to tap very little more into the \$200,000

Smith and City Manager Nelson Fialho said public information programs of the type needed to address the crisis situation Pleasanton faces needs the expertise of specialists skilled in creating and marketing those campaigns.

Smith said the forecast for rain

to end the crisis is glum. The state Department of Water Resources, which said last month that Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley cities also served by the Zone 7 Water Agency would receive no more water this year, now says it will deliver 5% of the customary allocations, but not before Sept. 1.

"So we have a lot of hot summer days to go through before then and there's always a chance that allocation will not be here then," Smith said.

"No new sources of water have become available or are likely to this year," he added. "Even several water operators elsewhere in California that have some excess water are holding off for higher prices, which were already extremely high."

But Smith said most residents and businesses here have cut back at least the 25% asked when the city declared a Stage 3 water short-

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## PUSD approves accountability plan

LCAP includes goals, actions to address state priorities

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton school board unanimously approved the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) at its meeting last week.

The LCAP is a required document under the state's Local Control Funding Formula model that describes how the district plans to meet the annual goals for the students, including actions and services that address state and local priorities, according to the California Department of Education.

The eight priorities include student achievement, student engagement, other student outcomes, school climate, parental involvement, implementation of Common Core State Standards, course access and basic services.

In one of its proposed action steps, the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) states that students will have the opportunity to explore greater opportunities for their future through technology and access to library resources.

In addition, the LCAP aims to ensure that the district budget is aligned with the eight priorities for supplemental grants in order to support targeted student groups, which include English learners, reclassified fluent English proficient students,

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### School spirit at Harvest Park

What do geometry, leadership and passionate school spirit all have in common? According to Ken Rocha, principal at Harvest Park Middle in Pleasanton, it includes over 1,230 students united to support breast cancer awareness in October 2013 and this school spirit gathering (shown above) just before classes ended for the summer earlier this month, under the guidance of leadership teacher Greg Dankwardt.

## Library to sponsor kids' programs this weekend

Free events taking place at library, Amador Theater

The Pleasanton Public Library will host two special children's programs this weekend, one at the library and another at Amador Theater.

On Saturday, Doug Nolan of Rock Steady Juggling brings a lively mix of environmental education, juggling, comedy and audience participation with his "Eco-Tainment" show. Partici-

pants will learn about reducing, reusing, recycling, water conservation and pollution prevention.

No registration is required for this 45-minute program, which is best suited for children 5 and older and takes place in the library's large meeting room. The performance begins at 2 p.m., with free tickets distributed at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior

to the show. Doors will close once the program begins.

Then on Sunday, the award-winning children's music group Banana Slug String Band brings its rollicking, ecology-minded music to the Amador Theater. Slug songs range from rockin' boogies to gentle ballads, folk

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## Free 'stuff' offered to TV30 lucky fans

July prizes range from concert tickets to gift cards

Tri-Valley Community Television is offering viewers an opportunity to win free stuff by signing up to be a TV30 "Lucky Fan."

It's easy to do and it's free too. During July, TV30 Lucky Fans will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Zephyr Grill & Bar in Livermore, tickets to concerts at Wente Vineyards and the Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton.

The station is currently giving away tickets to two upcoming concerts at Wente Vineyards this month: Chris Isaak performing on July 9 and Wynonna & The Big Noise on July 16.

At the Firehouse Theater, shows include comedian Rocky

LaPorte on July 19 and "Sing a Song of Sondheim" on July 27.

Here's how it works. TV30 viewers go to the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org) to register to be a "Lucky Fan." There is no charge and the information will not be shared. TV30 randomly selects a winner at various times from the "Lucky Fan" registrations. The winner will be announced on the Tri-Valley TV Facebook page and on TV30. A person can enter as many times as they want until they win.

For complete rules or to register, visit [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org) and click on the "Lucky Fan" icon on the homepage. ■

—Jeb Bing

## Fireworks go on sale in Dublin

Use regulations in effect; banned at all times in Pleasanton

By JEB BING

"Safe and Sane" fireworks will go on sale in Dublin starting at noon this Saturday (June 28).

"Safe and Sane" fireworks require the use of several safety precautions, and their use in certain city parks is limited to the hours of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on July 4 only.

No fireworks of any kind are allowed in Pleasanton.

Fireworks can legally be used only in the following Dublin parks on July 4:

1. Alamo Creek Park (Dougherty Road and Willow Creek Drive)
2. Dublin Sports Grounds (Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza)
3. Emerald Glen Park (Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive)
4. Shannon Park (Shannon Avenue and San Ramon Valley Road)

Dublin property owners may use their "Safe and Sane" fireworks at any time during the sales period. No fireworks of any type (includ-

ing "Safe and Sane") are permitted at Dublin multi-housing units or at any undesignated Dublin park, other city facilities or at public schools.

Officials said people who purchase fireworks should keep the following precautions in mind:

- Always read and follow the safety directions.
- Never take fireworks apart to build your own fireworks.
- Never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Only light one device at a time, and remain a safe distance away after lighting the device.
- Never try to re-light or handle "dud" fireworks (faulty and unexploded fireworks).
- Fireworks should always be used in safe, open areas and away from buildings, combustibles, dry vegetation and especially people and animals.
- A connected garden hose should

be ready nearby and a pail of water kept handy for disposal of spent fireworks and "duds."

• Pet owners should keep pets indoors on July 4, as many animals become extremely agitated by the sights and sounds of fireworks. Some of these pets will even run into the streets and away from home in an attempt to flee fireworks activity that is distressing to them.

Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, pose an even higher threat this year due to the extremely dry conditions of the Dublin hillsides, where there is great potential for wildfires. Law enforcement and fire officials plan to be extra vigilant due to the dry winter and the drought conditions.

Penalties for those caught selling or using these types of fireworks can include fines and jail time. To learn more, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks). ■

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songs to reggae and rap. Music, theater, puppetry and audience participation make this free concert a perfect fit for all ages.

The one-hour concert begins at 1 p.m. at the theater, located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd. on the grounds of Amador Valley High School. Free parking is available.

Also, this summer's reading game, "Sherlock Bones and the Case of the Mysterious Library," is underway at the Pleasanton library. It's free and happening now through Aug. 3, and includes prizes, special



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Banana Slug String Band performs Sunday at Amador Theater.

events, crafts and movies.

For more information visit [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/ser-](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/ser-)

at 931-3400, ext. 3. ■

—Jeb Bing

## Services held for Kaitlyn Mary Oefelein, 20

Graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2012

Services were held yesterday at Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton for Kaitlyn Mary Oefelein, daughter of Lisa and Joseph Oefelein and a 2012 graduate of Amador Valley High School, who died June 17 at her home in Pleasanton. She was 20 years old.

Her mother, Lisa Oefelein, is a longtime staff member of the Pleasanton Weekly, where she is in charge of accounts, billing and finances.

Kaitlyn was born in State Col-

lege, Penn., on June 2, 1994. She was most recently a student at Las Positas College and also was an employee of Safeway at the Santa Rita Road supermarket in Pleasanton.

Those who knew her always commented on her sparkling personality. She touched the lives of many people with gentle kindness, compassion and a beautiful smile.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her brother, Andrew Oefelein of Pleasanton, and an



extended family of friends and relatives with whom she was very close and loved very much.

Memorial donations may be made to Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, where Kaitlyn spent many hours as a volunteer loving and caring for the animals. ■

—Jeb Bing



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## PUSD

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socio-economically disadvantaged students and foster youth.

The budget for supplemental funding to support the targeted groups is \$570,000, according to staff.

In another example, the LCAP states the “increased outreach to foster youth will allow students to be better supported within our District and allow these students to be better prepared for college and career.”

According to the LCAP, some of the services that are set to be offered to foster youth include additional child welfare and attendance specialists, a college boot camp academy, and before and after school and evening tutoring.

PUSD's other LCAP major goals include:

- All students, regardless, of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or gender will be proficient/advanced and college/career ready upon graduation.
- Optimizing student learning by utilizing innovative technologies.
- Every student will feel safe, respected and enjoy positive connections.
- All teachers and classified instructional staff will have opportunities to receive training and support in order to deliver high-quality instruction and progress toward full implementation of Common Core.
- Parents/guardians will be able to support the learning of their children in the new standards and the 21st century classroom.

The LCAP preparation was a seven-month process that included consultations with school officials, employees and parents, reviews by the Parent Advisory Board and input from the public.

According to the district, the LCAP is a living document and changes will occur based upon additional input provided. ■

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# Downtown and the Pastime Pool Hall

**In a recent Pleasanton Weekly editorial** about the coming demolition of the old pool hall on Main Street (Enjoy Pastime Pool while you can, May 30) The editor writes, “The old building became the pool hall at a time in Pleasanton's history when more than a dozen bars lined Main Street. Fisticuffs among the inebriated on Friday and Saturday nights often provided better entertainment for the public than shows at the move houses.”

**Yeah, I know, I was there.** I've lived in old town Pleasanton since the early 50's, and I'd like to have a dollar for every hour I spent in this old pool hall shooting pool, drinking beer and playing poker with my buddies when I was young, naïve and ever lasting. But I grew up and so did Pleasanton. I grew up designing and building homes, many in Pleasanton, some in old town. I've built new commercial buildings (two on Main Street) and restored old ones. And I've owned and managed Main Street property since 1987. I guess one might say that instead of running around town telling others what to do and how to do it, I was out there doing it.

**And what's been most rewarding for me** is the new life that I and the locally owned businesses have breathed into a couple of old neglected and under utilized downtown buildings that were alive with pedestrian vitality and community spirit when I was a teenager. The 1937 Roxy Theater and the 1910 I.O.O.F. Building. Civic activist Margot Wellington has noted, “Everything good we love in this city was fought for by ordinary people, paid for mostly by private money and accomplished against the city's will. In a crazy way, that is why so many of us love this city. We are each responsible for saving a little corner of it.”

**Now don't get me wrong,** if one believes as I do that density and diversity are the keys to a pedestrian environment, then one must also believe that this prime Main Street corner is grossly “underutilized”. So, I hope we can all agree that this old pool hall should be laid to rest and replaced with a new much larger building with new spaces for new diversity. So goodbye old friend, its been fun knowing you.

**Unfortunately, along with change comes consequences.** For example, this old pool hall is the only place left in downtown Pleasanton where the ones who work in the kitchens and bus the tables in downtown's many fine restaurants can go after work and drink a beer with their friends, the other restaurant workers, before getting on a bus and going home. Now it's going to be, serve



Main Street, Pleasanton in 1995.

dinner, cleanup and then go home. Some say “Sorry, but that's revitalization.” Others say, “It's the end of an era.” Me, I say its probably both, but it's still sad. I'll miss the social diversity.

**And if you're a commercial property owner downtown,** or own a business, or if you're a drive-in customer, or even if you just live nearby, then the consequences of a new much larger building on this corner comes at you in the form of another 29 cars out in the street, circling the block, looking for a public parking space.

**Let me explain.** We know that in an automobile depended environment like this valley is today, where the vast majority of customers of any retail center, or downtown arrive by automobile, that to be successful the center, or the downtown must balance drive-in parking needs with available parking. Either by the number of spaces provided or by different business types, with different parking needs, using the parking that is provided, at different time frames, or better still, both.

**We know that density is the path to diversity** and that Main Street, or any pedestrian-oriented retail street cannot provide both the density and the parking on the same site, along the same street and still provide the street with spaces(s) for diversity. Therefore we know that for downtown to be as successful as it can be, it must be a three-way partnership whereby property owners provide the density, business owners provide the diversity and the city provides the parking. This way downtown really does belong to everyone and it really is a partnership.

**Here's our problem.** New density and new diversity without new parking is a three-legged revitalization partnership with only two legs, destined to collapse. And here's why. We know because the latest downtown parking study tells us so that parking downtown is near saturation and at saturation in some parts. And we know, or at least I know, of no land north of Abby Street that's suitable, or feasible, or not already being used for parking, that's within expectable walking distances to Main Street for the vast majority of downtown's drive-in business customers – including the north end of the Railroad Corridor.

**So all this tells me** that unless we can come up with a way to increase downtown's public parking supply then when parking does reach saturation, property owners will start hoarding their own private parking lots and downtown's drive-in customers will start driving to other retail centers, or downtown's like Livermore where there's more density and diversity and the parking is more convenient.

**It tells me that since the majority arrive downtown by automobile,** any new projects that do not provide their fair share of parking will simply decrease, or dilute the available parking supply for everyone else. For all the locally owned businesses in all the old downtown buildings. The very ones who give downtown the character, the appeal, “the draw”, that allows out of town owners like this one the opportunity to locate downtown and prosper in the first place.

**It tells me that parking is the life blood of downtown businesses** and that without new parking to balance those who cover their property, indoors and outdoors, with an income producing business(s) while using nearby public parking for their parking deficiencies and paying nothing for the privilege will be winners.

**So, knowing all this,** the question for me was, what do we do now? And here's what we did. We passed a new rule. The new rule is, from now on the city will decide for the other partners which new projects downtown must provide parking and which ones don't.

**Me, I look at it this way.** If we look to the past to see where to go in the future, and one believes as I do that the idea is to find leaders with the will and the wisdom to lead us there, then now that we know the past and the present, and we know who our new leaders are and we know their new plan, the only questions left unanswered for me is did we find leaders with the will and the wisdom to lead downtown into the future. And will their new revitalization plan be based on how pedestrian friendly and locally owned these new projects are and what they add to the whole, or by other means or measurements. And only time will reveal the answer to those questions --- time reveals everything.

—Robert W. Byrd

# Kay Huff's Ladies Day at the Races another success

More than 100 join in annual event with men competing across the aisle

By JEB BING

Last week's Kay's Ladies Day at the Races attracted more than 100 women as the annual event organized by Kay Huff continued for its 23rd year.

And again, she had competition from a group of men, mostly local Rotarians led by a disgruntled Mike Hosterman, who a few years back had been told to sit someplace else. So his mostly-male group took seats across the aisle.

It wasn't exactly World Cup competition, but the two groups had fun jostling for the Winner's Circle, if there had been one.

Huff started assembling women interested in attending the races in 1992. Each year, the numbers have grown and Huff makes sure it's not only a fun day but also entertaining and educational. Each year, a few women join the group for the first time to try their hand on betting on a few of the horses, with most usually coming back the following year.

"All of us have a great time," Huff said.

Hosterman's group has also grown in numbers, although photos taken by photographer Chuck Deckert show a few women and men crossing the aisle to sit with the other's group.

On these "Day at the Races"



CHUCK DECKERT

More than 100 women joined in Kay Huff's annual Ladies Day at the Races last week at the Alameda County Fairgrounds racetrack. They brought their Pleasanton Weekly newspapers to read between the races.

events, everyone is there for the obligatory photos with Kay sharing her growing and updated album of photos from earlier years, and Hosterman talking up

the benefits of Rotary.

In fact, he told a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton at the Fairgrounds just before Thursday's races that he had picked

the winning horses for the day and would share it with those who joined his grandstand seats. If any of the men's bets won, we haven't heard about it.

Along with the album portrait, the ladies also pose holding a copy of the Pleasanton Weekly for a traditional photo this newspaper publishes after each event. ■

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## WATER

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age alert in May. Some have done much more, he said, including Koll Center, a business park that has reduced its consumption by 71% over its 2013 usage.

Pleasanton's municipal water usage also has achieved notable reductions, Smith said. From March 13 to May 13, all city combined meters showed 70% less water use over 2013, for a total of 32.5 million gallons saved, or 541,000 gallons a day. So far this year, parks are tracking at 30% less, or about 8 million gallons so far.

Smith said the push is on now to make sure everyone joins in the conservation effort. The cutbacks

must take place in the hot summer months to be effective, waiting until November and December when the public doesn't use much water anyhow won't achieve the year-end goal.

Smith said that although his department has received hundreds of calls from residents worried about facing penalties of 25, 50 or 100% if they don't use less than last year, very few penalties have been assessed.

"Truthfully, only 2.8% of the customers we've monitored since the start of this program would have faced a penalty, a very small margin," Smith said. "Even in one neighborhood of very large homes and yards, there would have been only 7.4% penalized. We'll see in the next billing if that percentage holds."

Smith said California's water drought could last at least two years and, woefully, Pleasanton is among cities that are in the worst shape during the crisis. Other Tri-Valley cities have also mandated cuts of 25%, while San Francisco, which has its own water supply, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) with its large reservoirs are hardly affected.

However Zone 7, the Tri-Valley's supplier, is one of the smallest water districts in the state with less political clout to make demands in Sacramento for larger allocations and not enough tax dollars to expand its own reservoirs.

"I am concerned about Zone 7's ability to actually navigate such a serious issue if this drought

continues long-term," Fialho said. "My sense is that they are just too small to have the wherewithal that East Bay MUD and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission have."

To encourage residents and businesses to conserve, Dublin and Livermore have raised rates across the board.

"When you raise rates, those who can pay more just continue to use what they've been doing," Fialho said. "It does nothing to conserve."

Pleasanton's new rules, however, keep rates the same, but add penalties if 25% reductions aren't made based on comparisons with consumption in the same water billing period in 2013.

These can be steep. Customers who fail to meet the 25% mandatory cutback will be charged an additional \$4 per unit of water used above that amount and fined \$50. For a second offense, the extra unit charge goes to \$8 with a \$100 penalty; a third time will cost \$12 a unit and a \$250 penalty; a fourth violation will raise the unit cost to \$12 with a \$500 penalty.

Smith said waivers will be issued for those water users who long ago cut back and whose bills prove it. Also exempted will be families that have added newborns or older relatives in their households since a year ago.

It's the big users Smith and his department are going after. Getting those customers to comply with the 25% cut will go a long way toward solving Pleasanton's water shortage this year, he said. ■



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## Safeway, entertainment industry raise \$4.5 million to fight child hunger

Grateful to customers who responded to call to action, Safeway executive says

The Pleasanton-based Safeway Foundation and the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) have raised more than \$4.5 million since April in their support of Hunger Is, a joint charitable initiative designed to raise awareness and funds to fight childhood hunger in America.

The campaign kicked off in April with a month-long in-store fundraiser in more than 1,300 Safeway stores across the U.S. Additional funds were generated through online donations at HungerIs.org.

The year-round campaign encourages individuals and communities to get involved in solving this widespread problem that too often goes unnoticed and, according to the USDA, affects one in five children in America.

Concurrent with the launch of Hunger Is, public service announcements appeared on television, in print, online and out-of-home media featuring Academy Award-nominated actress Viola Davis, who shared her personal story about growing up hungry.

"I am so thrilled at the incredible success of this important initiative," Davis said. "Millions of children go to bed hungry every night and it's time we all take action to end this nationwide problem."

"We are grateful to our customers, who heard our call to action and chose to help make a difference in the lives of children," said Larree Renda, Safeway Inc. executive vice president and chairwoman of The Safeway Foundation.

"We are off to an amazing start and will continue our efforts with the Entertainment Industry Foundation and Viola Davis, who is a passionate champion in the fight against childhood hunger," she added.

Funds raised through the campaign will go toward programs focused on eradicating childhood hunger and improving health-related and education outcomes.

During this inaugural year, breakfast programs have been the focus, giving children a healthy

start to their day and the best chance to excel. Research shows that children who eat breakfast have better school attendance and achieve higher math scores than children who lack adequate access to food.

In the coming months, the Hunger Is Project Advisory Committee will be convened, enlisting hunger experts from across the country with a critical understanding of how hunger affects children from rural to urban communities.

These experts will include representatives of Hunger Is collaborators Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity; the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in the U.S.; and No Kid Hungry, a campaign which connects kids in need with nutritious food and

teaches their families how to cook healthy, affordable meals.

The Project Advisory Committee will help identify hunger programs throughout the U.S. that will make a difference in reducing childhood hunger.

"We are so thankful for the incredible support for this campaign from Safeway customers, employees and the general public throughout the U.S., who agree it's simply unacceptable for our children to be hungry," said EIF president and CEO Lisa Paulsen.

"Too many kids are not getting the nutrition they need to reach their full potential, and we're privileged to work with The Safeway Foundation to engage communities across the country in helping to change that," she added.

More information about the issue is available at HungerIs.org, along with ways for individuals to donate. ■

—Jeb Bing

## JFK University to offer Saturday Law School tomorrow at Stoneridge Mall

Free legal education series open to public

JFK University law professors will discuss legal topics at a series of free Saturday events at Stoneridge Shopping Center starting tomorrow (June 28) and running through Sept. 13.

The program is open to the public and space is limited, with reservations required. The presentations are for general informational purposes and do not provide legal advice.

The meetings will be held in the National University System Student Success Center, located on the lower level near Macy's and California Pizza Kitchen.

All of the discussions will start at 10:30 a.m., ending at noon, with the dates, topics and presenters following:

### Saturday: Landlord/Tenant Issues

What legal protections do tenants have from eviction, rent increases, uninhabitable conditions, withheld deposits and other issues? What remedies do landlords have in addition to eviction? Ora Prochovnick, director of the JFK University College of Law's clinical programs, will address these issues and more.

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### July 12: Elder Law and Conservatorships

Under what circumstances can the court order a conservatorship for the elderly or disabled? Why are durable powers of attorney for health care and finances important? Pamela Zimba will discuss these and other topics of importance affecting the increasing elderly population.

### July 26: Bankruptcy and Debtor/Creditor Issues

When can you invoke legal protections or remedies when faced with debt collection issues? When can bankruptcy be a viable option for individuals or small businesses? Joan Grimes, a bankruptcy attorney for over 25 years, will lead the discussion.

### Aug. 9: Criminal Law

What are your rights when stopped and questioned by police on the street, in your car or at your home?

Ian Kelley will review your rights in these and similar situations.

### Aug. 23: Divorce and Family Law Issues

What are the general rules regarding divorce, division of property, custody and visitation? What steps should someone anticipating a divorce take? Commissioner Josanna Berkow will lead this discussion.

### Sept. 13: Small Claims Court

Disputes up to \$10,000 can be heard in Small Claims Court. Commissioner Robert Broughton will provide insights on how to present or defend your case. He has served as deputy public defender for Tulare and Contra Costa counties.

John F. Kennedy University College of Law professors have designed this seminar series to offer free, accessible legal information on topics people encounter in their everyday lives. These professors are donating their time to present these seminars in their areas of expertise.

Registration is required at [www.jfku.edu/Events](http://www.jfku.edu/Events). ■

—Jeb Bing

## TAKE US ALONG



**Just like heaven:** The Boyces and Lewmans of Pleasanton celebrated a school break with the Pleasanton Weekly on top of Heavenly Ski resort.

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## GUEST OPINION

### Pleasanton steps up to the plate on water crisis

By Mayor Jerry Thorne

Congratulations to Pleasanton residents and businesses on their water conservation efforts during the drought. June 20 marked the first day of summer, reminding me that our water conservation must continue during the hot days ahead. Doing so will lead to protecting our potable water supply. I think many of us would concede that this experience has given us greater respect for



Jerry Thorne

water as a valuable resource.

California is facing one of the most severe droughts on record, with three consecutive years of sub-normal rainfall and a snowpack that was 15% of normal. Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January and individual local agencies followed suit.

California cities have different water sources, resulting in varying degrees of need between cities. Eighty percent of Pleasanton's water is delivered by the State Water Project through Zone 7 Water Agency. In April, the state announced a reduction in its potable water delivery by 75%, causing us to manage with three-quarters of the water

allotment needed.

On May 6, the City Council voted to declare a Stage III Water Shortage, requiring a 25% reduction in water consumption.

Our community-wide reductions — including residents, businesses and city facilities — reflect a 37% decrease for June so far, and the 2014 year-to-date total reveals a 19.4% reduction. In the billing period of March 13 to May 13, city facilities and parks logged a 32.5 million-gallon reduction, or a 70% decrease over the same time in 2013.

This success is the result of working together — residents, businesses, the city and the Pleasanton Unified School District. To profile a few examples of these efforts, let's start with Jan Batcheller who called the city's Water Conservation Hotline to learn about her water usage. City staff came to Jan's home and explained sprinkler and scheduler adjustments. Then, Jan decided to remove her front lawn and install drought-tolerant landscaping. She loves her new yard.

David and Anne Stark had their front yard transformed with drought-tolerant landscaping and enjoy the reduced maintenance burden. "If we want to work in the garden, we do, but we don't have to mow and trim every week," David said.

Pleasanton businesses are very involved in the water conservation effort. Hacienda's James Paxson says the park has reduced its water use by over 35%. Hacienda's historic practice of weekly water meter reading helps meet this target.

Russ Trapani and Natalie Wong, owners of Sugarie Bake Shop, researched ways to conserve water and energy that resulted in utility cost savings. Their oven works at an 89% efficiency level, a tankless water heater instantly heats water to Health Department specs and their industrial dishwasher uses three-quarters of a gallon of water, compared to other commercial models using two gallons.

Thanks to all who are making changes to conserve our potable water supply. Please keep up the good work; we still have a long way to go. Learn more about water conservation; contact the city's Water Conservation Hotline at 931-5504 or [www.pleasantonwaterconservation.com](http://www.pleasantonwaterconservation.com). ■

*Editor's note: Jerry Thorne is completing his first two-year term as mayor of Pleasanton after serving seven years on the City Council. A retired corporate executive with more than 40 years in the private sector, he also served for 10 years on the city's Parks & Recreation Commission.*

## LETTERS

### Compostable bags banned by Pleasanton Garbage

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton garbage refuses to accept certified green compostable bags made from plant fiber for use in the green can. Due to this ridiculous position, I am now forced to put my compostable kitchen waste in plastic bags in the trash where it will go into the landfill.

The reason they give for this is that the bio bags don't break down fast enough. Why, then, do other cities use them? With the drought, I can no longer hose out my green can to keep it from smelling. Their ridiculous suggestion to wrap food waste in newspaper is ludicrous. As for stuffing it in milk cartons, I don't use enough milk to do that.

Pleasanton needs to get serious about this drought and support those of us who are trying to save water by not using the garbage disposal. In the meantime, my compostable waste is headed straight for the landfill in plastic bags. What a waste.

—Roberta Lewis

### Teen's prompt response prevents drowning

Dear Editor,

Last week, Charlie Ferris, a 16-year-old who will be a junior this

year at Amador Valley High School and a lifeguard at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, prevented the drowning of an adult swimmer.

The swimmer had gone to a depth where she was unable to touch the bottom of the pool and found herself in trouble and struggling for the surface. Charlie recognized the situation and responded by entering the pool and proceeding to the swimmer. I and another swimmer also converged on the struggling swimmer. Charlie arrived first and took command of the situation and pulled the struggling swimmer to safety. The depth of the water where this incident began was not deep, but any depth is of consequence to an inexperienced swimmer.

I wanted to recognize Charlie for her alert, prompt, selfless and courageous response. She demonstrated a level of maturity and a command of the situation beyond her years. She also sustained an injury to her ankle while responding.

It might be easy to discount Charlie's actions as "no big deal," but fortunately her response averted what could have been a tragic event.

—Jeff Quinn

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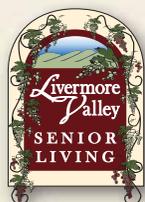
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**EDITORIAL** THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# New city budget of \$97.1 million showing steady gains

Pleasanton's municipal budget for fiscal year 2014-15, which goes into effect next Tuesday (July 1), shows a steady recovery in revenues since the peak years of 2007-08, but clearly the effects of the recent recession aren't over yet.

Originally adopted last June, the two-year budget was based on estimates of current financial conditions. The "mid-term" budget, as this second-year phase is known, calls for General Fund revenues of \$97.1 million, a \$2.6 million increase over fiscal year 2013-14 with property taxes coming in at \$51.4 million, a \$901,460 increase, and sales tax revenue rising \$1.4 million to \$21.7 million.

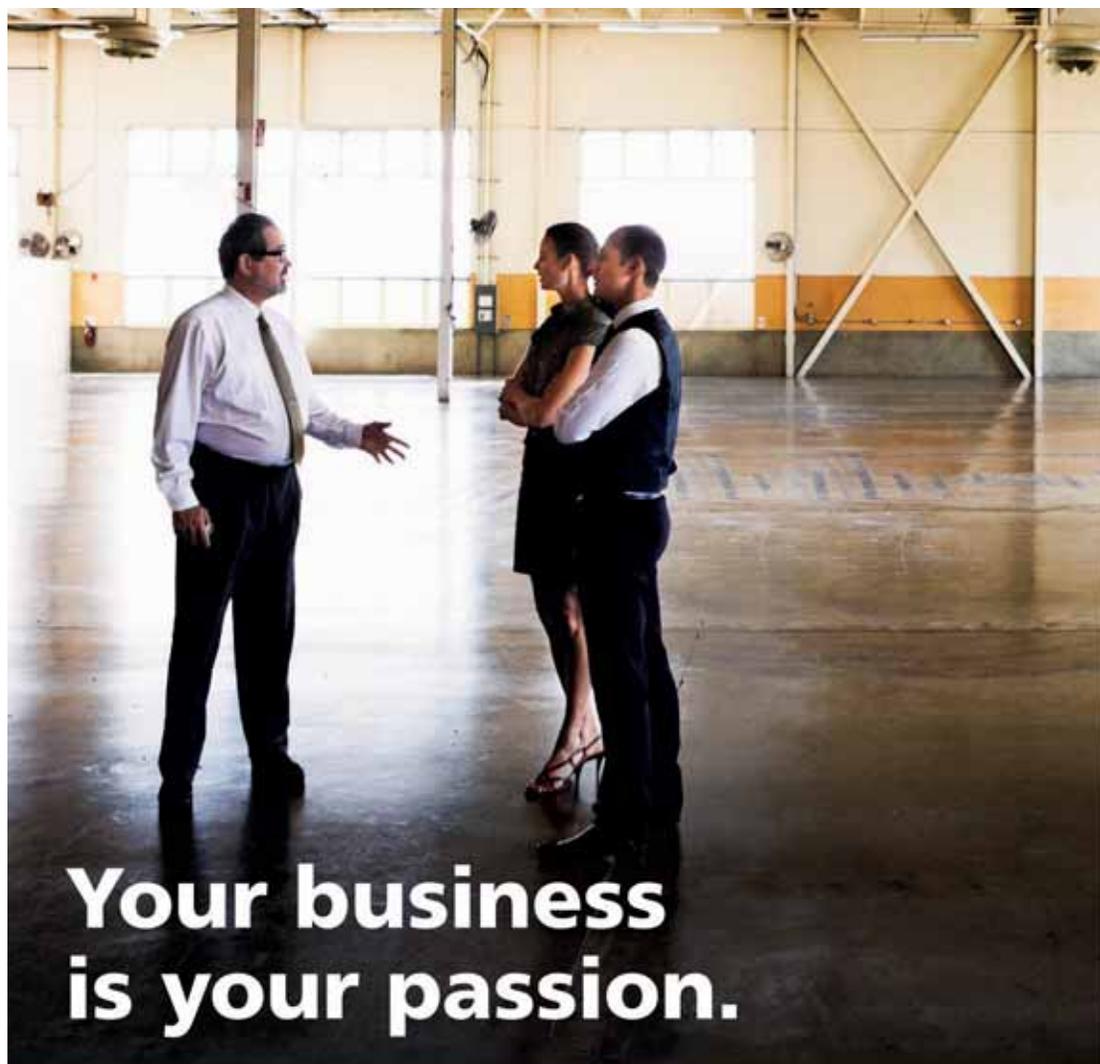
Looking at property taxes, the gain is mainly attributed to higher residential and commercial assessments, with homes selling at or above what they were priced at the height of the market in 2009. Higher sales taxes are the result of retail sales at Pleasanton Gateway Center and the Stoneridge Creek retirement community being added to the tax rolls.

Other increases in the coming year included \$250,000 in hotel/motel taxes to a new total

of \$4.1 million, and a \$100,000 increase in business license taxes to a new total of \$3.7 million.

Not everything was better, however. Slower sales than expected at the Firehouse and Amador theaters have caused estimates to drop in the coming year by \$157,000. On the expense side of the budget, the city is also projecting a \$1.9 million increase in its projected expenditures of \$95 million the coming fiscal year. Reserves remain steady in the new year at \$13 million, including \$9.7 million set aside if there's a return of economic uncertainties.

Although the 2014-15 budget is based on an economic recovery that has been slow, spotty and somewhat uncertain, it projects that Pleasanton will continue to keep and attract businesses and that our residential real estate market with its rising prices and property taxes will continue at a pace that's been faster than any other community in the Tri-Valley — the result of the city's continued quality of life, safe community and high-rated public schools features. ■



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Two men, two women arrested on drug counts after traffic stop

A traffic enforcement stop led to the arrest of four people on suspicion of drug-related offenses on June 16, according to police.

An officer stopped a vehicle on the 900 block of Hopkins Way for allegedly failing to use its turn signal and not stopping at the limit line of a stop sign.

The officer contacted the vehicle occupants, and one of the men had a search clause because of a prior conviction, police said.

Police reports allege the officer found heroin, methamphetamine, psilocybin and mushrooms in the possession of Thomas Gloede and Amber Lynn Montano.

Gloede, 26, and Montano, 25, were arrested for suspected possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine and violation of probation.

The other two vehicle occupants — Mitch Dunne and Courtney Montano — were arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance. All four were booked at

Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

In other police reports:

- A dog fight on Sandalwood Drive resulted in a Labrador retriever being injured June 16.

The Labrador was bit by a pit bull mix and received stitches to treat its injuries, according to police.

- Items worth more than \$1,000 were reportedly stolen from a Kaiser office on Hacienda Drive.

The reporting party contacted police on June 18 and said the theft occurred between June 12-13, according to police reports.

The items stolen included an HP laptop, an iPhone 5 and a worker's Kaiser access card, police said. The case remains under investigation.

- Macy's loss prevention officers helped lead police to a 20-year-old Windsor man suspected of stealing from the store.

Andrew Michael Bahno is accused of taking two pairs of jeans and one shirt from Macy's at Stoneridge Mall after the unpaid-for items were found in his possession June 19, according to police.

- A citizen report led to the recovery of a stolen vehicle on June 19, police said.

The caller reported a Ford E-150 van was parked along Pickens Lane for a long time, and responding officers later discovered the vehicle was reported stolen from Petaluma. No arrests have been made.

- Hair-styling tools worth more than \$4,500 were allegedly stolen after an unknown person burglarized a Main Street salon last week.

According to police, the burglary occurred between June 20-21 at Garret and Company Hair Designs.

The culprit gained entry through the rear door, which resulted in \$100 worth of damage to the rear door handle of the salon, police said.

In all, 7 zipper pouches with hair-cutting scissors were stolen, as well as hair clippers and \$80 in cash, according to police reports. No arrests have been made.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

## James Leroy Willows, Jr.

October 21, 1931 – June 21, 2014

Jim Willows, a loving husband, father and man of service to his community, passed away quietly at his home in Pleasanton Saturday night while surrounded by family and friends. He was a very loving and passionate person who worked hard to be a role model for those who looked up to him.

Born in Vallejo in 1931, the only son of James Willows, Sr. and Marguerite

Patterson Willows, he grew up in the Bay Area and studied Physics

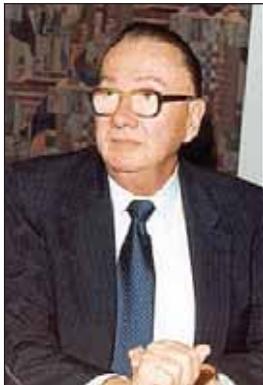
at UC Berkeley, where he was a champion on the competitive chess team. He began his career as a nuclear physicist at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. In 1960, he lost most of his vision due to a degenerative eye disease and continued the rest of his career as a computer scientist at the Lab before retiring in 1993.

Helping others was always an important part of Jim's life. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church before converting to Catholicism in 1987 and joining the Knights of Columbus. After losing his vision, he turned his passion for helping others toward the blind community, serving as Vice President and then President of the National Federation of the Blind of California. During his years of service, he accomplished many things, including co-authoring SB105, a state bill to improve services for the visually impaired in California, and he received several awards from the governor's office.

After retirement, Jim spent most of his time with his family and two dogs, but he continued to work toward his life-long goal of improving quality of life for the visually impaired. His favorite hobbies were listening to books on tape, cheering for the San Francisco Giants and Cal Berkeley sports teams, and staying abreast of current events on news radio.

In the last few years, his health and mobility gradually declined due to a battle with cancer as well as his age, although he fought vigilantly and never lost his strong positive spirit. He is survived by his wife Mary Willows and his sons and their partners Jimmy Willows and Mike Kawalek and Donny and Katie Willows. He will always be remembered as a strong and caring person.

Memorial Service Saturday, June 28, 2014, 11:00 am with a reception following at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, CA. In lieu of flowers, he wished for donations and contributions to be sent to the National Federation of the Blind of California, Inc.



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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

### June 15

#### Drug violation

- 12:49 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
- 9:10 p.m., intersection of Old Vineyard and Vineyard avenues

#### Theft from auto

- 10:50 a.m. in the 800 block of Main Street

#### Commercial burglary

- 4:38 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

#### Battery

- 9:46 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

### June 16

#### Theft

- 12:03 p.m. in the 3900 block of Valley Avenue; theft from auto
- 5:34 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft

#### Drug violation

- 3:24 p.m. in the 5100 block of Independence Drive
- 3:50 p.m. in the 900 block of Hopkins Way

#### DUI

- 11:06 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

### June 17

#### Theft from auto

- 7:26 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Graffiti

- 9:43 a.m. in the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Battery

- 2:31 p.m. in the 100 block of W. Neal Street

#### Commercial burglary

- 2:45 p.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane

### June 18

#### Theft

- 11:49 a.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive; theft from auto
- 2:21 p.m. in the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from structure
- 5:22 p.m. in the 4200 block of Chapman Way; theft from auto

#### Fraud

- 1:29 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 2:40 p.m. in the 5000 block of Rigatti Circle

#### Drug violation

- 4:45 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 7:13 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 11:39 p.m. in the 300 block of Abbie Street

### June 19

#### Theft

- 10:22 a.m. in the 300 block of Mary Street; auto theft
- 2:14 p.m. in the 6900 block of Lassen Street; auto theft

- 2:34 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 3:54 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Commercial burglary

- 9:44 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### June 20

#### Battery

- 12:04 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

#### Alcohol violation

- 7:27 a.m., intersection of Peters Avenue and St. Mary Street; DUI
- 11:28 p.m., intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and I-680

#### Theft

- 10:35 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 12:18 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:59 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:07 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; auto theft

#### Drug violation

- 3:05 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 6:12 p.m. in the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Vandalism

- 5:09 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

### June 21

#### DUI

- 12:35 a.m. at the intersection of El Charro Road and I 580

#### Commercial burglary

- 7:44 a.m. in the 4600 block of First Street
- 9:09 a.m. in the 200 block of Main Street

#### Drug violation

- 10:47 a.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane

#### Graffiti

- 1:50 p.m. in the 3400 block of Smoketree Commons
- 7:19 p.m. in the 3900 block of First Street

#### Battery

- 4:53 p.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 10:12 p.m. in the 5000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

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# View from the top

**2014 Readers Choice winners range across the Pleasanton spectrum**

STORY BY CIERRA BAILEY AND JEREMY WALSH  
PHOTOS BY AMANDA AGUILAR AND CIERRA BAILEY

The balloting is wrapped up, the votes are counted and we're ready to reveal who Pleasanton Weekly readers chose as their favorite local restaurants, shops, services and more in the 2014 Readers Choice contest.

With 18,216 confirmed votes this year, our loyal readers shared their opinions about which businesses, professionals and places are the best of the best in categories within services, health and fitness, beauty and style, epicure, kids and pets, home and vehicle maintenance, and rest and recreation.

Top choices varied from committed "mom and pop" operations to burgeoning businesses to popular franchises. They're located all over the city, and their Pleasanton roots range from months to decades, and everything in between.

Check out the winners. See how your favorites stacked up, and learn a little more about Pleasanton in the process.



## AT YOUR SERVICE!

**Best Bank — Wells Fargo.** For a quick and convenient banking experience with a team dedicated to customer service, Wells Fargo is where our readers like to go. This is the third straight win for Wells Fargo.

**Best Computer Repair — Tri-Valley PC Medic.** Dealing with too many pop-ups? Hard drive running slow? Computer caught a virus? Whatever the issue, Tri-Valley PC Medic can nurse your computer right back to health. Quick and reliable service is why the Medic has been our readers' top choice for seven of the last eight years.

**Best Credit Union — Patelco Credit Union.** Patelco Credit Union has earned the trust of our readers to help them reach their financial goals, as Patelco has been chosen as this category's best for the second straight year.

**Best Financial Planning Firm (Non-Brokerage) — Wealth Management & Associates.** Building your personal wealth requires lots of planning and strategic decision-making, which are Wealth Management & Associates areas of expertise. They've earned this title twice, back to back.



Christina "Chrissy" Gray (left), owner of Best Photographer winner Bella Luna Studios, takes a picture of her son, Ethan.

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Our readers chose Patelco Credit Union as the Best Credit Union for the second straight year.

**Best Financial Planning Brokerage — Charles Schwab.** For three years in a row, Charles Schwab has been the best to our readers. Individual financial help, accessibility and free workshops are just a few of the ways Charles Schwab makes financial planning smooth for its clients.

**Best Local Insurance Agent — Renee Huber-State Farm.** Renee Huber has won the hearts of our readers for the second time with her warm and friendly demeanor. She provides personal and professional advice, so you'll really feel like you're talking to a good neighbor.

**Best Mortgage Company — Vintage Mortgage Group.** Specializing in consumer credit help and government home loans, Vintage Mortgage Group goes above and beyond to help its clients. This is the group's first victory in this category.

**Best Mortgage Professional — Brian LeBars Vintage Mortgage.** Brian LeBars is described by clients as a man of integrity who is attentive to your needs. If you need to get a loan, manage your mortgage or refinance your home, our readers say Brian LeBars is the man for the job.

**Best Photographer — Bella Luna Studios.** Seven times in a row Bella Luna Studios has snagged the title of best photographer.



**Best Acupuncture — Eastern Medical.** Eastern Medical has proven that being poked with needles can actually be an enjoyable experience, as the father-daughter duo Mason and Theresa Shen and staff have once again been voted as the best.

**Best Chiropractic Office — Amador Valley Chiropractic Group.** The team at Amador Valley Chiropractic Group offer the keys to living a healthy and holistic lifestyle in addition to joint- and muscle-related healing. The group shared this title last year; this year it's in a league

Senior portraits, new born photos, family shots ... you name it, Bella Luna Studios snaps it.

**Best Real Estate Agent — Gina Piper, Better Homes & Gardens.** Gina Piper provides quality customer service with passion and sincerity, and she stays up-to-date on the community she serves. Piper has held the top spot as best real estate agent since 2012.

**Best Real Estate Team — Fabulous Properties and Moxley Team (tie).** Sisters Donna Garrison and Susan Schall are committed to helping you buy, sell and love your home, and clients agree, with testimonials describing the team as professional, patient and welcoming. The Moxley Team comes from four generations of real estate experience, and mother-son duo of Kris and Tyler Moxley know how to keep clients happy with their real estate knowledge and efficiency.

**Best Real Estate Office — Better Homes & Garden.** Experienced agents with the keen ability to assess the true value of a property are what Better Homes & Garden prides its company on, and that has certainly served our readers well.

**Best Title Company — Chicago Title.** Described as professional and diligent, Chicago Title provides clients with the help they need and takes the stress and frustration out of escrow.

## HEALTH & FITNESS

of its own as readers' favorite chiropractic office.

**Best Health Club — ClubSport Pleasanton.** ClubSport is where our readers go to get fit in a modern and relaxing environment. It offers a variety of classes and training to be active and healthy, and it has been our readers' top choice for eight years straight.

**Best Hearing Services Provider — Hearing Services.** By now you've probably heard that Hearing Services uses state-of-the-art technology to make hearing crisp and

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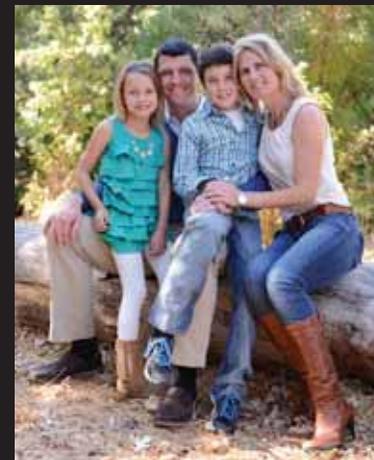


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Alexander Crispim (right), owner of Best Martial Arts Studio winner Crispim BJJ Barra Brothers, leads a kids Brazilian jiu-jitsu class.



ClubSport was our readers' choice for Best Health Club.

clear, and that's part of the reason Hearing Services has been named the best twice in a row.

**Best Massage — Healthy Necessity Massage.** The staff at Healthy Necessity Massage sure know how to give a great rubdown, according to our readers who have praised these massage therapists' gifted hands by voting them as the best massage around for five of the last six years.

**Best Martial Arts Studio — Crispim BJJ Barra Brothers.** Crispim BJJ Barra Brothers provides a family-oriented environment that promotes strength, discipline and teamwork. They've been leading the way as the best martial arts studio each year since 2012.

**Best Optometrist — Foothill Optometric Group.** If your vision is blurry, get there in a hurry. Our readers have chosen Foothill Optometric Group for the second time as the best place to get

your peepers checked.

**Best Place to Buy Fitness Equipment and Apparel — Fleet Feet.** On your marks, get set, go! Fleet Feet, for the third time in a row, has been named the best one-stop shop for your walking, running and fitness needs.

**Best Place to Walk, Jog or Bike — Pleasanton Ridge.** If the great outdoors is calling your name, Pleasanton Ridge is where you can experience mul-

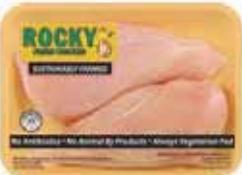
tipl trails and a spectacular view that will strengthen your love for nature's beauty. Just ask our readers; they've voted the ridge as the best walking, jogging and biking location every year since 2008.

**Best Yoga/Pilates — Zen Pilates & Fitness.** For the fourth year in a row, Zen Pilates & Fitness has been chosen by our readers as the best place to find peace, tranquility, healing and a great workout through its friendly classes and personal training.

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## BEAUTY & STYLE

**Best Clothing Store — Christesen's Western Wear.** Great customer service and a wide selection of shirts, boots, hats and belts are among the reasons our readers have chosen Christesen's Western Wear as the best for getting dressed in the West.

**Best Day Spa — A Touch of Health.** A Touch of Health provides a welcoming and relaxing environment. It offers services for skin, hand and foot care as well as massage therapy. To top it off, you can purchase professional products to use at home. This marks the third win for A Touch of Health in this category.

**Best Dry Cleaner — Rosewood Cleaners.** Rosewood Cleaners has our readers raving about their organic dry cleaning methods and efforts toward conserving water and electricity. Rosewood also offers free pickup and delivery, and you don't even have to be at home.

**Best Hair Salon for Men — Cosmo's.** Cosmo's offers hair services for men, women and children, but our male readers especially love the fair priced, speedy haircuts. The stylists at Cosmo's are definitely keeping up the good work, as they've been voted the best in this category for the second consecutive year.



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Readers love shades from Main Street Sunglasses, voted Best New Retail Store 2013.

**Best Hair Salon for Women — Hairlights.** It must be true what they say (“when you look good, you feel good”) because our readers are feeling great about Hairlights salon. Voted as the best for the third year in a row. Hairlights can satisfy numerous cosmetic needs including hair, make-up, nails and facial waxing.

customers and handles their precious jewels with care. He does jewelry repairs and creates handcrafted pieces that are admired by his patrons.

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**Best Nail Care — Bollinger Nails.** For the third consecutive year, Bollinger Nails has won our readers over with its upscale mani and pedi services. In addition to nail care and waxing services, Bollinger Nails allows you to host small parties so you can bring your friends along for a nice pampering session.

**Best New Retail Store 2013 — Main Street Sunglasses.** Independently owned and established in 2013, Main Street Sunglasses is making a positive impact on our readers as its attentive and friendly staff help customers find premium, fashionable eye-wear.

**Best Place to Buy a Gift — Berry Patch.** Berry Patch has won in this category four times in the last six years. Our readers love the unique variety of toys, party supplies and hand-crafted artworks found in this family owned and operated shop.



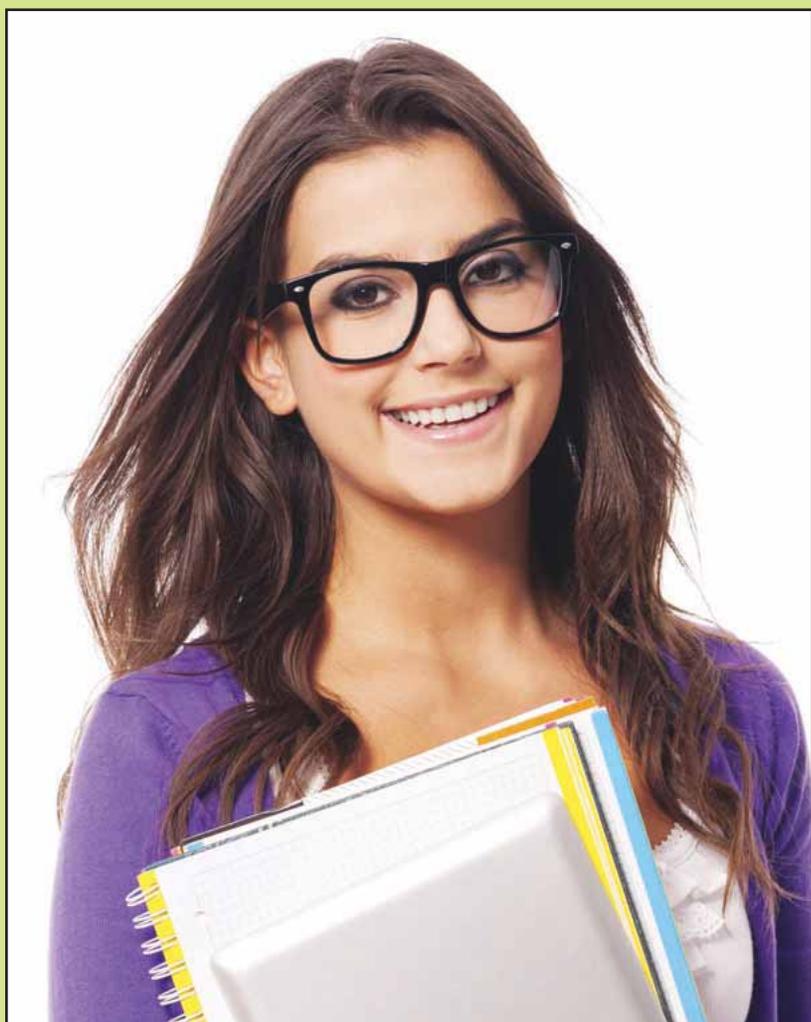
Manager Bruno Navarro (left) greets a customer at Tully's, winner for Best Coffeehouse.



## EPICUREAN FAVORITES

**Best American Food — Eddie Papa's.** Paying homage to our country's melting pot of cuisine, Eddie Papa's has a little bit of everything from different regions of America, including Seattle seafood Louie, Memphis pulled pork, and Alaskan fish and chips.

**Best Atmosphere — Blue Agave.** Blue Agave is true to its name with a blue color pattern inside and painted blue trim on the outside. Transformed from a historic house in the core of downtown Pleasanton, the inside is fit for an intimate setting and the front and back patios can fit hundreds of guests.



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Blue Agave took home the Best Atmosphere prize (contributed photo).

**Best Bakery — Jelly Donut.** If you're in the mood for warm, fresh coffee and donuts at a cozy "mom and pop" style cafe there's no other place than the Jelly Donut to fulfill that craving. Whether you're grabbing breakfast or just satisfying a sweet tooth, its donuts will keep you coming back for more.

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The Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill won Best Restaurant Not in Downtown (contributed photo).

**Best Breakfast — Jim's Country Style Restaurant.** Flavorful dishes, filling portions, excellent customer service and reasonable pricing have customers over the moon about Jim's Country Style Restaurant. It's no surprise this home-style diner has won this title twice in a row.

**Best Burger — In-N-Out Burger.** The freshest fast food burger around, made to order right before your eyes. Maybe it's the special sauce, or the grilled onions, or the perfectly melted cheese? Whatever it is, our readers can't get enough because this is the second win for In-N-Out in this category.

**Best Chinese Restaurant — Chinese Szechuan.** This is round two for Chinese Szechuan as being voted best Chinese Restaurant. Customers rave about the hot and sour soup, vegetable chow mein and walnut prawns. The service is also friendly and speedy.

**Best Coffee House — Tully's.** Located in the center of Main Street, Tully's Coffee provides a variety of flavored coffee drinks for their customers' daily caffeine fixes. They also serve tea, shakes, fruit smoothies and a wide selection of pastries. The atmosphere is perfect for reading, studying, socializing or people-watching while enjoying a delicious beverage.

**Best French Fries — In-N-Out Burger.** You won't find a frozen bag of pre-cooked French fries in In-N-Out's freezer. The staff individually slices fresh potatoes with a fry-cutter then cooks them to golden brown perfection. Not too salty and not too greasy, served in a fry boat to make munching easy.

**Best Grocery Store — Gene's Fine Foods.** The produce, deli, meats and cheese sections of Gene's Fine Foods is described by customers as the freshest in town. Along with grocery items, Gene's also offers weekly wine tastings and the opportunity for customers to speak with a holistic nutrition specialist every other Saturday.

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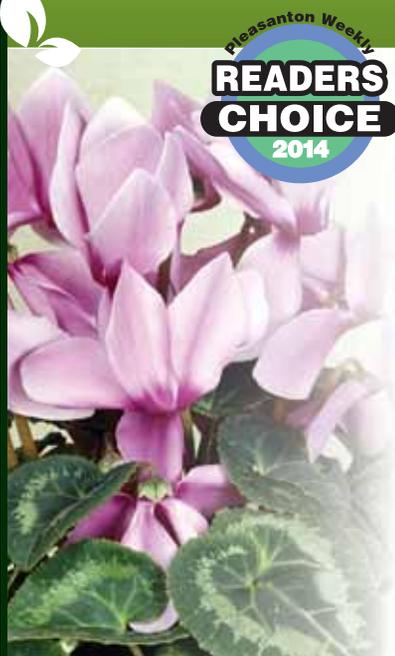
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(Left to right) Michael, Robert and Donna Anolin couldn't wait to dig into their pizza from Best Pizza winner Gay 90s Pizza & Pasta.

**Best Health Food Store — Valley Health Mill.** Valley Health Mill cares about your nutritional health. The staff of nutritionists strive to keep their customers educated about the foods and supplements they put into their bodies. Valley Health Mill also carries the largest variety of gluten-free items in Pleasanton.

**Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt — Meadowlark Dairy.** Meadowlark Dairy can't be beat when it comes to a cold, sweet treat. Our readers love their flavor selections and have voted Meadowlark for this title four times in the last five years.

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**Pleasanton Weekly Readers Choice 2014**



(Left to right) Hosanna Koo, Emily Hui and Lorraine Yung enjoy a few laughs while eating an ice cream from Meadowlark Dairy, winner of Best Ice Cream/ Frozen Yogurt.

**Best Italian Restaurant — Fontina Ristorante.** Fontina Ristorante prides itself on its authentic Italian cuisine. It offers a variety of lunch, dinner and vegetarian options as well as catering for special events.

**Best Main Street Restaurant — Nonni's Bistro.** Owner, operator and chef, Jon Magnusson, first opened Nonni's in 2010 and over the last four years it has become a down town hot spot for a diverse menu of quality meals. Nonni's serves lunch and dinner daily and breakfast and brunch on weekends.

**Best Meal Under \$20 — Cafe Main.** Whether it's dine-in, take-out or delivery, Cafe Main has got you covered when you're in the mood for some gourmet pizza and comfort foods. With filling sandwiches and pizza by the slice ranging between five to ten bucks, it's no wonder Cafe Main was voted the best meal under \$20.

**Best Mediterranean/Middle Eastern Food — Oasis Grille.** For a dining experience that will, with every bite, make you feel like you're eating on a terrace overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, Oasis Grille is where you need to be.

**Best Mexican Food — Casa Orozco.** This family owned and operated Mexican restaurant has been serving the Tri-Valley for over three decades. It serves all the traditional favorites, including enchiladas, burritos and nachos as well as several other gourmet Mexican dishes flavored to perfection.

**Best New Restaurant 2013 — Farmhouse.** Chicken and waffles, French press coffee and an array of omelet styles are what await you at Farmhouse Eatery and Bar. Its "Millionaire Bacon," described as thick cut strips topped with a sweet glaze and minced pecans, is all the rage with customers, and the service is friendly and swift.

**Best Pizza — Gay 90's Pizza & Pasta.** At the corner of Main and Abbie streets, Gay 90's Pizza was the first pizza parlor in Pleasanton and sustains popularity among the entire Bay Area. Everything is made fresh from scratch and they have a plethora of toppings and special recipes.

**Best Restaurant Not in Downtown — The Hop Yard.** The Hop Yard is hopping with our readers loving the selection of beers of beers on tap, old-time pub atmosphere and multiple food options for whether you're craving a refreshing salad or a filling burger.

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**Best Sandwich — Erik's Delicafe.** With the option of gluten-free whole grain bread and cold or heated sandwiches, Erik's Deli adds variety to the art of sandwich making. Its staff members are known for their fresh meats and produce and topping their sandwiches off with crunchy sprouts.

**Best Seafood — Strizzi's.** Coming in the No. 1 spot for the second year in a row, Strizzi's is still serving up mouth-watering seafood dishes. You don't need to take a trip to the coast for a good seafood meal, just follow our readers to this downtown restaurant.

**Best Sushi/Japanese Food — Sozo Sushi.** At Sozo Sushi, you're in for deliciously fresh sushi rolls and portions of food so grand you might have to share or save some for later. It offers complimentary edamame and miso soup to start off your meal, and the restaurant atmosphere is pleasant for dining in.

**Best Take-out Restaurant — In-N-Out Burger.** There's rarely a time you can catch In-N-Out without long lines of hungry patrons, inside and at drive-thru. It's no secret In-N-Out is a California favorite for fast food and Pleasanton is no exception as our readers consider it the best take-out in town.

**Best Thai Food — Little Home Thai.** The food portions at Little Home Thai are anything but little as it serves some of the most famous Thai entrees such as variations of Thai curry, rice paper rolls and vegetable stuffed chicken.

**Best Vegetarian Cuisine — Oasis Grille.** The chefs at Oasis Grille make sure all their meals are unique and flavorful using an assortment of veggies, cheeses, fruits and nuts in their salads with light and tasty dressings.

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**Best Pet Groomer — Priscilla Aguilar (Feline Medical Center).** Priscilla Aguilar is the “kitty stylist” and veterinary assistant at Feline Medical Center. She owns cats of her own and knows how to give extra special care while grooming your feline friend, and she gives an awesome “lion cut.”

**Best Pet Store — Pet Food Express.** Healthy food options, fair pricing and hosting pet adoption events are just a few of the ways Pet Food Express keeps customers and pets happy. Pet Food Express has been voted best by our readers every year since 2011.

**Best Place for Dance Lessons — Jazz N Taps.** Whether you're dancing for fun or competitively, the instructors at Jazz N Taps can help you reach your goals in dancing. They offer classes in several genres including hip hop, ballet, and of course, jazz. It's no wonder why they've won this title eight years in a row.

**Best Toy Store — Golden Apple Learning Center.** As Golden Apple celebrates 35 years in business, it can also rejoice in being named the best toy store six consecutive times. Its educational toys and games are popular among parents and teachers.

**Best Tutoring Center — Pleasanton Tutoring.** Pleasanton Tutoring offers help to students of all ages in multiple subject matters including SAT and ACT prep. The tutors are experienced college graduates, and client testimonials praise their professionalism and passion for teaching students.

**Best Veterinarian — Susan Marshall (Feline Medical Center).** Susan Marshall is a cat doctor and a cat owner. She provides compassion and gentle care to the cats she treats and gives sincere, professional advice to their owners.



Best Veterinarian Susan Marshall (left) examines “Chase” the cat at Feline Medical Center.



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**Best Auto Dealership — Lexus of Pleasanton.** The Lexus of Pleasanton Dealership provides a luxury experience while purchasing a luxury vehicle. With a friendly staff that is knowledgeable about the vehicles they sell and a slew of models on the lot, it's no wonder Lexus of Pleasanton has been voted best by our readers twice in a row.

**Best Car Wash — Pleasanton Hand Car Wash.** Whether you need your car, truck, boat or motorhome washed and detailed, Pleasanton Hand Car Wash services all of the above. Its workers are gentle yet thorough, and can get you and your vehicle back on the road in no time.

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**Best Carpet/ Flooring Store — Carpetland.** Carpetland has been offering quality carpet and flooring since 1986. They sell a variety of flooring styles besides carpet including hard wood, porcelain and vinyl as well as decorative area rugs and design styles.

**Best Domestic Car Repair — Scott's Automotive.** Reliable and trustworthy are two adjectives commonly used by customers to describe Scott's Automotive. Scott's friendly and pleasant customer service is a plus for customers as it makes them feel secure about leaving their vehicles in his shop's possession to make repairs.

**Best Florist — Alexandria's.** Holiday arrangements, wedding bouquets, corsages and more are created with a modern and unique style at Alexandria's. The staff at Alexandria's is committed to



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**Best Foreign Car Repair — Precision Auto Repair.** Located off Stanley Boulevard, Precision Auto Repair consistently delivers on maintenance repairs and

customer service. It also continues to deliver contest, winning for overall repairs from 2006-10 and taking first in the new foreign car category since 2011.

**Best Hardware Store — Workbench TrueValue Hardware.** A longtime readers choice, Workbench TrueValue Hardware is Pleasanton's go-to for hardware supplies, home improvement products and sage advice. Owner Fred Nichandros opened his second Workbench location in Pleasanton this year.

**Best Heating & Air Conditioning Service — Richard's Heating & Air.** The first-ever winner in this new category, Richard's Heating & Air offers HVAC assistance for residential, light commercial, emergency repairs and preventative work. Owner Richard Westwood aims to keep you, "Warm in winter, cool in summer."

**Best Home Furnishings — Clover Creek.** A Readers Choice favorite in several categories over the years, downtown's Clover Creek offers home furnishings, accents and gifts to customers looking for various special items.

**Best Nursery/Garden Center — Western Garden Nursery.** Offering to be your one-stop shop for garden needs, Western Garden Nursery — located on Vineyard Avenue — provides a wide selection of plants, fertilizers, accessories and every garden need in between.

**Best Pest Control Company — Terminix.** Terminix says it will protect local homes and businesses from all sorts of pesky critters. And many of our readers must agree, voting Terminix as the best in this category's first year on the ballot.

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**Best Roofer — Wicks Roofing Company.** Wicks Roofing Company is who our readers say they turn to for roofing projects all across the spectrum. From leaks to fixtures to full-on replacements, Wicks has you covered.

**Best Senior Living Community — Stoneridge Creek.** The Stoneridge Creek continuing life retirement community offers a plethora of amenities, activities, services and dining options to its residents — no wonder it was our readers' top choice.



## REST & RECREATION

**Best Bookstore — Towne Center Books.** Locally owned and located downtown, Towne Center Books is a haven for those who still love to flip pages instead of screens. One of few bookstores still going strong, it has been voted as the best place for a good read eight years in a row.

**Best Golf Course — Callippe Preserve.** Snagging this title again, Callippe Preserve has consistently provided golfers a memorable experience with beautiful views surrounding the course and unique holes requiring strategic putting methods.

**Best Kept Secret Treasure of Pleasanton — Pleasanton Ridge.** Whether you're a nature enthusiast or just in the mood for an outdoor activity, each marked trail at Pleasanton Ridge has breathtaking scenery for a pleasant day in nature. This is the second win for Pleasanton Ridge in this category.

**Best Local Winery — Concannon Vineyard.** As a pioneer of the local wineries and responsible for introducing America's first petite sirah, Concannon Vineyard provides patrons with hand-crafted, award-winning wines. It offers wine tasting and tours as well as a dining experience from a menu designed to pair with its wines at the Underdog Wine Bar.

**Best Place to People Watch — Main Street.** Restaurants, cafes and retail shops galore draw people to Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. On a warm, sunny day, you can walk down Main Street and catch all walks of life exploring, shopping, eating and socializing.

**Best Place to Watch a Televised Ballgame — Sunshine Saloon.** Sunshine Saloon is a place where you can wet your whistle and chow down some good comfort food while watching any big sporting event going on. They also host social events like karaoke, trivia and dancing nights to groove to the latest tunes.

**Best Place for Live Music — Concerts in the Park.** Concerts in the Park gets our readers dancing in the street. The free event is an open environment for all to enjoy live bands. Concerts in the Park has been our readers' longtime choice as the No. 1 place for live music.



David Fischer looks for some summer reading at Towne Center Books, voted Best Bookstore.

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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

## Clubs

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

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**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN** PRESENT LANCE IZUMI Koret Senior Fellow and Senior Director of

Education Studies at the Pacific Research Institute, Lance Izumi, J.D. will speak on the financial, cultural, and quality aspects of education in the US, and the debate on Common Core. Join at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10 at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for non-members. Contact Rebecca Potts at 294-4013 or [rebecca.potts@comcast.net](mailto:rebecca.potts@comcast.net).

**UKULELE CIRCLE** Come play ukulele with others and bring friends, noon-1 p.m., the second and last Saturday of the month, at Galina's Music Studio, 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please bring in some music to share with the group. Cost is \$5. Call 960-1194.

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## Events

**ADULT & TEEN SUMMER READING** Pleasanton Public Library's Adult & Teen summer reading program, "It's a Mystery @ the Library," begins

Saturday, June 14. Win prizes while you enjoy your summer reading! More information at [www.adult-summerreading.wordpress.com](http://www.adult-summerreading.wordpress.com).

**DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE JUNE 27!** The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types, especially type O negative, B negative and A negative, to donate! Donate from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, June 27 at Purple Orchid Wine Country Spa and Resort, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE JUNE 28!** The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types, especially type O negative, B negative and A negative, to donate! Donate from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**GIRL SCOUTS FUN IN THE SUN** Calling All Girls who will be in TK to 5th Grade in the Fall who are not currently Girl Scouts. Join for a free afternoon of Fun in the Sun from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 at Muirwood Community Park, 4701 Muirwood Drive! Learn about Girl Scouts, enjoy crafts, games and snacks. All girls must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Email [krodriguez@girlscoutsnorcal.org](mailto:krodriguez@girlscoutsnorcal.org).

**LUNCH IN PLEASANTON** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for lunch at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at Mexico Lindo Restaurant, 6690 Koll Center Parkway. RSVP to Hilda by Friday, June 27, at 398-8808 or [hsk-oog@comcast.net](mailto:hsk-oog@comcast.net).

**PAINT OUT!** Come walk the park and chat with members of the Pleasanton Art League from 10 a.m.-noon on Sunday, June 29 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Bring your own art supplies and join with other artists as they paint the scenery. No instructor or instruction will be provided and registration is not required. Call 931-3479.

**QUILTING DEMONSTRATION** Visit with members of the Amador Valley Quilters as they demonstrate their art from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Learn about the history of quilting and try your hand at stitching! No registration required. Call 931-3479.

**QUILTS AT ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR** Amador Valley quilters will be giving quilts to Armed Service members at the Alameda County Fair. For a schedule of dates and times go to the Alameda County Fair home page, daily schedule listing. The presentations will be made from noon-2 p.m. each day at the Park Place Stage. Go to [Amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://Amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**TERRA BELLA FAMILY FARM TOUR AND PLANT SALE** Come to the Full Bloom Fiesta from 3-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at Terra Bella Family Farm, 505 Paloma Way, Sunol. With fresh veggies and veg-

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## Kids & Teens

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY** The Pleasanton Public Library will host two children's environmental programs. Doug Nolan of Rock Steady Juggling brings a lively mix of environmental education, juggling, comedy and audience participation at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 at the Pleasanton Library. The Banana Slug String Band brings their rollicking, ecology-minded music at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Call 931-3400 ext. 3 or go to [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services).

**M.O.M.'S READING TIME: RAMADAN MOON** Preschoolers and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for a free monthly reading program with books and crafts! This month's theme will be Ramadan Moon at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9. Free Admission, donations are always appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please contact Museum on Main in advance. Call 462-2766.

## On Stage

**'THE TAMING OF THE SHREW' FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK** See Shakespeare's timeless classic, a feast of wit, outrageous clowning, and crazy plot twists as Kate and Petruchio negotiate their way through a subversive and challenging love story. "The Taming of the Shrew" runs at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, June 28-July 13 at Amador Valley Community Park. Go to [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org).

**SHAKESPEARE'S 'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING' AT CONCANNON VINEYARD** Livermore Shakes at Concannon Vineyard brings together culture, friendship, award-winning wine and a stunningly beautiful outdoor landscape for a truly memorable experience. Summer 2014 brings Shakespeare's beloved comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing" directed by Lisa A. Tromovitch. See this classic tale of love and misunderstanding at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays-Sundays, June 19-July 6 at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. Tickets are \$25-\$44. Call 443-2273 or go to [livermoreshakes.org/tickets/](http://livermoreshakes.org/tickets/).

## 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).

**HOME INVENTORY: PROTECT YOUR LEGACY!** If you were to lose everything to a natural disaster would you be able to recall the specific possessions in your home? Would you be able to capture your life's memories? This presentation will cover why and what you should inventory, how much value is being overlooked and how to share your life story, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365.

**MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL DJ** Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social from 2-4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All levels of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

**PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON** Join a patriotic luncheon on Thursday, July 10 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Menu by Dickey's Barbeque, including chicken breast, potato casserole and pecan pie. Entertainment by singer and banjoist Jack Convery. Cost is \$10-\$12. Register by June 30. Contact 556-4511 or [seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov).

## Spiritual

**DIFFERENT RELIGIONS COME TOGETHER TO SHARE PRAYERS** Join this group as people come together to share prayers, regardless of religion, at 10 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month at 6721 Corte Del Vista. Their motto is "The fundamentals of the Holy Books are one and the same. Unity is the essential truth of religion." No contributions elicited. Call 426-1847.

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY** Join the Sunday service with Reverend Karen Epps at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. Children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Call 829-2733 or go to <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/>.

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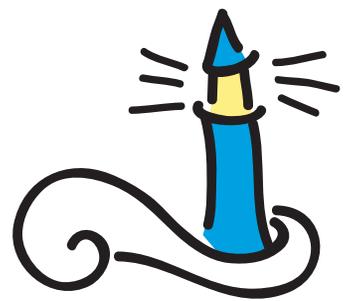
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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

### BUSINESS DATA LEADERSHIP

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 491585

The following person(s) doing business as: BUSINESS DATA LEADERSHIP, 1224 CHIANTI COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Theresa C. Kushner, 1224 Chianti Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Maria C. Villar, 1250 NE 27th Way, Pampano Beach, FL 33062.

This business is conducted by a General partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/22/2009. Signature of Registrant: Theresa Kushner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/13/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 6, 13, 20, 27; 2014)

### UNIVERSAL EVENTS

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 492651

The following person(s) doing business as: UNIVERSAL EVENTS, 5627 STONERIDGE DRIVE, SUITE 313, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Harmony Hunt, 24352 Caracas Street, Dana Point, CA 92629. 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: Harmony Hunt. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/09/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 20, 27, July 4, 11; 2014)

A+ GLOBAL PAY, LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 492807

The following person(s) doing business as: A+ GLOBAL PAY, LLC, 16 CASTLEDOWN ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): A+ Global Pay, LLC, 16 Castledown Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Principal/CEO, Ayman Hammad. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/13/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 27, July 4, 11, 18; 2014)

### THE WRAP SHACK

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 492716

The following person(s) doing business as: THE WRAP SHACK, 1 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dorinna DiSesso, 4529 Las Lomitas Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: Dorinna DiSesso. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/11/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 27, July 4, 11, 18; 2014)

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## Builder confidence in U.S. rises in June

Country's builders still face strong headwinds, including limited labor availability

By JEB BING

Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes rose four points this month to reach a level of 49 on the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index.

In a report issued this week, NAHB chairman Kevin Kelly, a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del., said the index level is just one point shy of the threshold for what is considered good building conditions.

"After several months of little fluctuation, a four-point uptick in builder sentiment is a welcome sign and shows some renewed confidence in the industry," Kelly said. "However, builders are facing strong headwinds, including the limited availability of labor."

"Consumers are still hesitant and are waiting for clear signals of full-fledged economic recovery before making a home purchase," added NAHB chief economist David Crowe. "Builders are reacting accordingly, and are moving

cautiously in adding inventory."

Derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has conducted for 30 years, the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index gauges builder perceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as "good," "fair" or "poor." The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as "high to very high," "average" or "low to very low."

Scores for each component are then used to calculate a seasonally

adjusted index where any number over 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as good than poor.

All three index components posted gains in June. Most notably, the component gauging current sales conditions increased six points to 54. The component gauging sales expectations in the next six months rose three points to 59, and the component measuring buyer traffic increased by three to 36.

Looking at the three-month moving averages for regional HMI scores, the South and Northeast each edged up one point to 49 and 34, respectively, while the West held steady at 47. The Midwest fell a single point to 46. ■

## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during May 20-June 6

**Dublin**  
(May 20-June 4)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$385,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,525,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$663,000

**Livermore**  
(May 20-June 4)

**Total sales reported:** 23  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$210,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,210,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$635,457

**Pleasanton**  
(May 2-June 4)

**Total sales reported:** 31  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$389,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,390,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,015,484

**San Ramon**  
(June 2-6)

**Total sales reported:** 20  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$130,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,277,500  
**Average sales reported:** \$800,125

Source: California REsource

## New-home sales in western states increases 34% in May

Highest rate since May 2008

Sales of newly built single-family homes rose 18.6% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 504,000 units in May, according to newly released data by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S.

Census Bureau.

This is the highest rate since May 2008.

"These numbers are in line with our recent builder surveys, which indicate that more consumers are getting off the fence and coming

back into the marketplace," said Kevin Kelly, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

"This increase is a welcome sign after a slow start to 2014," said NAHB chief economist David

Crowe. "As job creation continues, we can expect further release of pent-up demand and continued gradual growth in the housing recovery."

Regionally, new-home sales were up across the board. Sales rose 54.5% in the Northeast, 34% in the West, 14.2% in the South and 1.4% in the Midwest.

The inventory of new homes for sale held steady at 189,000 units in May. This is a 4.5-month supply at the current sales pace. ■

—Jeb Bing



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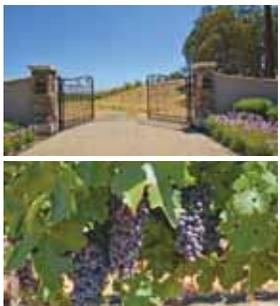
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- 3207 Arbor Drive** J. Stivers to J. Huang for \$1,120,000
- 7413 Aspen Court** W. & K. Baptista to G. Bijumon for \$789,000
- 3445 Beecham Court** L. & J. Oliverius to D. Leonoudakis for \$810,000
- 6077 Big Bend Court** J. & L. Ferrara to Bare Ventures for \$505,000
- 5459 Black Avenue #2** Sunoo Trust to M. Bhatia for \$488,000
- 1368 Bordeaux Street** F. & L. Reiner to S. & J. Chilton for \$1,475,000
- 7875 Canyon Meadow Circle #D** Pickering Trust to M. Bevc for \$411,000
- 3036 Chardonnay Drive** M. & D. Posson to D. & A. Brennan for \$835,000
- 3290 Clifford Circle** Chenkovich Trust to D. & P. Galli for \$852,000
- 651 Concord Place** A. Huete to K. Raikar for \$389,000
- 4630 Corday Court** D. Garcia to W. Ma for \$805,000
- 6824 Corte De Flores** P. & R. Smith to J. & J. Sundquist for \$867,000
- 6818 Corte Nuevo** Tran Trust to A. & V. Bhagtani for \$814,000
- 5246 Crestline Way** R. Gredell to Langhuis Trust for \$1,038,500
- 4210 Diavila Avenue** R. & T. Bonilla to Z. Yan for \$925,000
- 5065 Forest Hill Drive** B. Na to S. & N. Subramanian for \$1,335,000
- 2158 Goldcrest Circle** L. & S. Osborne to H. Choi for \$670,000
- 2531 Grappa Place** Tanonis Trust to M. Wong for \$2,185,000
- 3536 Gresham Court** Denavit Trust to S. & R. Zollner for \$865,000
- 1062 Harvest Circle** R. & A. Hufford to I. Wong

- for \$1,030,000
- 367 Mavis Drive** T. Kleiman to E. & M. Flores for \$863,500
- 4393 Mirador Drive** Howard Trust to T. & B. Phillippay for \$1,025,000
- 2046 Palmer Drive** Bartholdi Trust to S. Jeong for \$1,225,000
- 4118 Peregrine Way** M. Capone to M. Peterson for \$630,000
- 1049 Pineto Place** Juarez Trust to Y. Xu for \$2,390,000
- 1546 Poppybank Court** T. Coltrell to X. You for \$675,000
- 2661 Rasmussen Court** F. & S. Oh to R. Khattar for \$1,140,000
- 2443 Raven Road** Cormier Trust to M. & T. Foley for \$830,000
- 8327 Regency Drive** Foy Trust to Roy Trust for \$1,708,000
- 549 Tawny Drive** Weiland Trust to S. Sharda for \$585,000
- 1297 Via Di Salerno** D. & K. Bennett to Haque Trust for \$2,200,000

Dublin

- 5863 Annandale Way** K. Tsang to M. Johal for \$1,525,000
- 8561 Ardmore Place** Heller Trust to A. & L. Medina for \$665,000
- 3299 Central Parkway** Shea Homes to B. & R. Wolst for \$686,500
- 7241 Cronin Circle** E. Fernandez to B. Vannatter for \$391,000
- 7118 Cross Creek Circle #C** B. Omoregie to K. Kerr for \$410,000
- 7630 Donohue Drive** G. Rhodes to T. & A. Ghorai for \$590,000
- 7657 Donohue Drive** A. & Y. Stillitano to H. Liu for \$648,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #330** C. Turner to Mehrok Trust for \$480,000
- 2817 East Castle Pines Terrace** V. Singh to B. Kaur for \$385,000

- 4206 Ferrelo Court #9456** Y. Guo to B. & M. Vuong for \$865,000
- 8240 Locust Place #S** W. & L. Jost to M. & M. Davis for \$630,000
- 7453 Oxford Circle** Gattey Trust to J. & P. Lohman for \$530,000
- 3220 Ridgefield Way** J. & K. Graves to A. Irkulla for \$1,050,000
- 7283 Sheffield Lane** K. & M. Perkins to M. & J. Stiles for \$494,500
- 7521 Silvertree Lane #37** S. Cuciz to W. Lu for \$475,000
- 5847 Southbridge Way** P. Bacheller to J. Kim for \$812,000
- 7463 Starward Drive** L. & B. Flores to K. Takeba for \$652,000
- 8570 Wicklow Lane** K. Ahrbeck to J. & G. Harris for \$645,000

Livermore

- 1220 Bluebell Drive** A. Spence to S. & P. Patel for \$460,000
- 2377 Bluebell Drive** D. Lakner to C. Garaygay for \$506,500
- 206 Bluebird Avenue** A. Rios to H. Deng for \$420,000
- 1780 Buena Vista Avenue** V. Ruesga to F. Abboud for \$910,000
- 743 Catalina Drive** C. & L. Lewis to R. Belknap for \$741,500
- 4419 Edgewood Way** C. Campos to B. Gould for \$1,095,000
- 637 Falcon Way** A. Marriscolo to B. & R. Starkovich for \$420,000
- 5546 Greenwich Avenue** P. Ryder to T. & A. Spinka for \$565,000
- 644 Heligan Lane #1** M. Picetti to S. Johnson for \$557,500
- 1330 Hillcrest Avenue** Hatch Trust to K. & B. Prusso for \$395,000
- 5537 Hopps Lane** A. Damireddy to F. Nabhani for \$949,000
- 2422 Lakeside Circle** Mesquita Trust to D. Garcia for \$1,210,000
- 956 Lisbon Avenue** T. & B. Carlson to S. & R.

- Dey for \$612,000
- 3821 Macgregor Common** J. Herendeen to K. & L. Hatschek for \$515,000
- 912 Medolla Court** Corallo Trust to C. & S. Todd for \$1,100,000
- 2480 Merritt Place** Shotts Trust to D. Blaschak for \$940,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #124** Golden Circle Investments to J. & A. Byford for \$227,000
- 975 Murrieta Boulevard** C. Dahlheim to Zaat Trust for \$210,000
- 1151 Nielsen Lane** Givens Trust to D. & V. Holunga for \$632,000
- 375 North N Street** Matsell Trust to B. Santos for \$390,000
- 311 Rincon Avenue** R. Tarbert to L. & N. Vargas for \$465,000
- 590 Selby Lane** M. & M. Costant to A. & A. Aguirre for \$780,000
- 5128 Tulip Court** Pickering Trust to P. Singh for \$515,000

San Ramon

- 1428 Allannere Drive** B. Bowmna to W. & R. Zhang for \$931,000
- 1710 Arianna Lane** R. Ahn to S. Khole for \$543,000
- 6581 Byron Lane** J. & E. Strong to N. & M. Ganatra for \$783,000
- 4345 Canyon Crest Road #W** Birkhimer Trust to A. Shastri for \$930,000
- 2418 Cedarwood Loop** N. Sharma to N. Parasuraman for \$710,000
- 450 Chaucer Circle** Gardner Trust to Lapansinski Trust for \$910,000
- 1710 Cutter Court** T. King to R. Makker for \$390,000
- 4083 Dunbarton Circle** Morris Trust to C. Venkatagiri for \$835,000
- 57 Dunbarton Court** C. Westcott to A. & N. Meyers for \$970,000
- 373 Eastridge Drive** J. & M. Kehrig to E. Johnson for \$410,000

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- 3465 Dublin Blvd. #144** \$419,000  
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- 6210 Woodvale Terrace** \$1,189,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200
- 6130 Ledgewood Terrace** \$1,255,000  
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- 8680 Fenwick Drive** \$849,000  
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#### 49 Audrey Lane, Pleasant Hill

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#### 4393 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton

4 bed, 2 bath in 2051 sq ft. of living space  
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#### 4875 Dolores Drive, Pleasanton

4 bed, 3 bath, 2985 sq ft. of living space  
**SOLD FOR \$1,325,000  
WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS  
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#### 7863 Foothill Knolls, Pleasanton

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## 5 Tips for Sellers in a Hot Market

Welcome back to Seller's Paradise! We have all heard the wild stories of multiple offers. 5 - 10 - 15 offers on homes this Spring. And while it is fun to exchange stories about how many offers are flying around, there are definitely some things to keep in mind if you are going to enter the fray and put your home on the market. Here are 5 tips for Sellers to keep in mind in this hot market:

1. Don't get too greedy. Easier said than done. And who can blame you? Property owners and sellers have taken their lumps in the last 5 or 6 years. But smart sellers know that they can still overplay their hand. Yes the market is hot, and yes everyone will want to buy your home, but the market moves very fast. If you severely overprice your property and miss the initial wave of buyers, you will likely (gulp) have to make some concessions or even lower your price to rekindle interest. 30 days on the market is an eternity in this market, and buyers will wonder what is wrong with your home.

2. Keep an eye on the appraisal. If you are successful in accepting an offer, be aware of the appraisal contingency. The market is moving fast, and home values are surging. It is not uncommon for appraisers to struggle to find closed sales that justify the sales price of your home, especially if there has not been many sales in your neighborhood. If your contract has an appraisal contingency, wherein the buyer can cancel the contract if your property does not appraise for the sales price, you could hit a road block in your transaction. If you have multiple offers, one of the factors to use when evaluating offers is if the offer has an appraisal contingency. That might help you decide which buyer to deal with

3. Don't believe everything you hear. Just because your neighbor says they got 28 offers on their home, it might not be true. As with anything, any information must be taken in context. If they did get 28 offers, it's possible they under-priced their home for the market. You might not have the same experience, especially if you price your property on the high end of the range. Try to keep emotion out of decisions on pricing and you will likely achieve a better outcome. The goal here is to sell your property for the highest possible price, not win the contest for how many offers you can get. And if for some reason you really want to have dozens of offers on your home, then under-price it by 20%, and you can be the winner of the "how many offers did YOU get" contest.

4. Resist the temptation to sell without going on the market. If someone approaches you and wants to buy your home, it might be tempting to say yes, especially if the price seems attractive. But be cautious. You might be selling it for less than you could get if you put your home on the market with a Realtor. In fact, one of the many benefits of listing your home and exposing it to all buyers is you have certainty that you have not left any money on the table. And who knows, you might even be able to impress people at a BBQ with how many offers you got on your home.

5. Goodwill is good business. Just because buyers are seemingly willing to pay crazy prices in this crazy market, it is still in your best interest to show goodwill towards the buyer who purchases your home. The level of emotion in the market today is amplified, and small issues are likely to become larger issues. Smart sellers take every opportunity they can to create goodwill with the buyer. Be accommodating in terms of agreeing to any reasonable repairs the buyer asks for. Have the house professionally cleaned when you move out. Make the buyer feel glad that they bought your home. Put yourself in the buyer's shoes: Nothing is worse than paying a huge premium for a house, and then dealing with a stubborn seller who refuses to do any reasonable repairs, or leaves the house a mess because they think they don't need to do anything. A little bit of consideration will go a long way towards heading off potential problems.

OPEN SUN 1-4



**7428 Muirwood Ct**  
3 BR, 2 BTH, remodeled granite kitchen, private cul-de-sac lot near park!  
\$850,000

PENDING SALE



**Bridle Creek**  
4 BR, 2 Bonus Room, 3 BTHS Designer upgrades throughout!  
\$1588,000

PENDING SALE



**Carlton Oaks**  
5 BR, 4 BTHS, new paint & carpeting, granite & stainless kitchen, private yard.  
\$1,290,000

PENDING SALE



**8008 Rockford Place**  
5 BR + office & game room Remodeled throughout with private 1.1 Acre lot  
\$1,995,000

JUST SOLD



**1023 Sycamore Creek Way**  
5 BR, 5 1/2 BTHS, Gorgeous Cape Cod style home with designer upgrades throughout!  
\$1,710,000

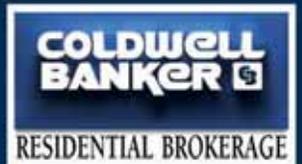
JUST SOLD



**Pleasanton Valley**  
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4 BR 3 BA, downstairs! New paint/carpet. Updated dual pane windows & baths. Newer Roof. 2-car garage. Private backyard. Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200



**LIVERMORE**  
**5975 COLLIER CANYON RD**  
IN LOVELY COLLIER CANYON \$1,295,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA 3-car garage, 9.86 acre lot, Pool with diving board. Solar panels, Lrge barn, Caretaker Unit Kay Stromgren, CalBRE #00890085 925.847.2200



**MOUNTAIN HOUSE**  
**952 ANTIGUA CT**  
Open SAT/SUN 1-4 \$625,000  
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**1026 MCCAULEY RD**  
BEAUTY IN HIDDEN VALLEY! \$1,450,000  
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**COMING SOON!**  
**11607 REGIO CT**  
\$795,000  
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**540 SHELLEY ST**  
\$629,000  
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3 BR 2 BA Remodeled kitchen with maple cabinets, granite counters, high ceiling, fireplace, large yard & patio. Mary Anne Rozsa, CalBRE #00783003 925.847.2200

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**LOCATION! LOCATION!**  
**3035 CRESTABLANCA DRIVE**  
\$1,375,000  
5 BR 3 BA Updated kitchen, high ceilings, huge bonus room, downstairs BD & BA, nicely landscaped, 3 car garage. Nancy Sutorius, CalBRE #00628232 925.847.2200

## DUBLIN

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New Paint, wood floors, eat-in kitchen,  
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