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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Las Positas College: A campus students like

For those of us who have gone to small colleges for our degrees, Las Positas College measures up to the best of them in terms of academics, faculty and campus appeal. Although it didn't make the cut two weeks ago when the state picked 15 community colleges that can begin offering bachelor's degrees in specific majors, Las Positas still has that four-year college feel.



JEB BING

Las Positas College president Barry Russell.

That appeals to students enrolled there from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore whose families have a high percentage of undergraduate and graduate degrees. They like what they see when they visit the Las Positas College (LPC) campus with landscaped grounds, architecturally pleasing classroom buildings, sports fields and a healthy mix of student activities and organizations. "Just like Cal Poly or Redlands," one couple commented, only much closer to home and less expensive.

In remarks to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton last week, Las Positas president Barry Russell also said his school offers the best chance to successfully transfer to UC Berkeley or another UC campus or one of the Cal State University schools after completing LPC's two-year undergraduate program. According to the state chancellor's office, transfers at Las Positas outpace other community colleges with a 48% transfer rate, compared to 41% statewide. Many report back to Russell in shock after finding that their chummy 30-40 student classrooms at LPC became 800-student teaching centers at their four-year university.

Russell was hired as LPC's president in 2013, only the sixth president at the college. Before that, he worked for the state chancellor's office in academic affairs and worked with high schools after receiving his doctorate degree from Texas A&M.

LPC is one of 112 community colleges in California, which has one-quarter of all two-year colleges in the U.S. This year, some 2.5 million students are enrolled in the state's community colleges, including about 9,000 at LPC.

Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, classroom space at Las Positas is maxed out at 93% capacity in all classrooms, from early morning to 10 p.m. Ground will be broken this fall on a new 12-16 classroom building which will help, but Russell pointed to major population growth in the district Las Positas serves to show the college needs many more classroom buildings.

Some 500,000 people live in the college's service area today, a number

expected to grow to 648,000 by 2040. Pleasanton, alone, is projected to grow from 72,000 today to 92,000 in 2040; Livermore from 81,000 to 104,000, and Dublin from 46,000 to 73,800. But Russell notes that while a large percentage of Las Positas students come from these three cities, more are enrolling from other areas.

He sees the largest enrollment increases coming from Tracy, not the Tri-Valley. A Brentwood student asked by Russell why he's at Las Positas when another college has classes in his community said, as many do, it's the campus atmosphere. He doesn't want to go to college classes at an extension college in a shopping center.

It's not only the small college appeal; Las Positas also has an active student body with scores of organizations, focusing on music, theater, politics, creative writing and great books. The school's veterans organization attracts men and women from distant states who heard about LPC's dedication to helping veterans from fellow soldiers in Afghanistan and other duty stations. Working with the Livermore Lab, Las Positas offers advanced programs in work-related engineering technology and accelerated math, with more than 500 veterans coming to the campus every year.

Russell points to an 83% "persistence" rate of students who continue on from Las Positas to obtain bachelor's degrees — the highest rate among all community colleges in California. What keeps this rate high, he says, is that a majority of students enrolling in the college as freshmen come from Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin high schools and families where college degrees are important. Plus, these students are better prepared than those enrolling in many other community colleges and can hit the academic ground running.

Las Positas is part of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District with offices in Dublin. It started as South County Community College 40 years ago, an anniversary that Russell plans to kick off with a full year of celebrations in April. ■

### About the Cover

Across the board, Pleasanton is experiencing significant growth with a population now at 72,230, average median household income at \$123,509 and General Fund revenue approaching \$100 million. Even better days are ahead. Photo by Mike Sedlak (mike@digitalsight.com). Cover design by Lili Cao.

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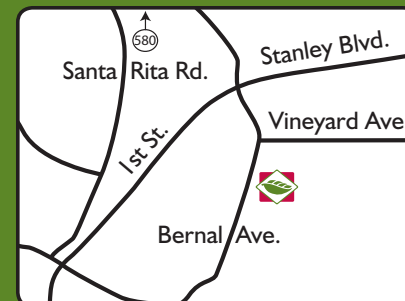
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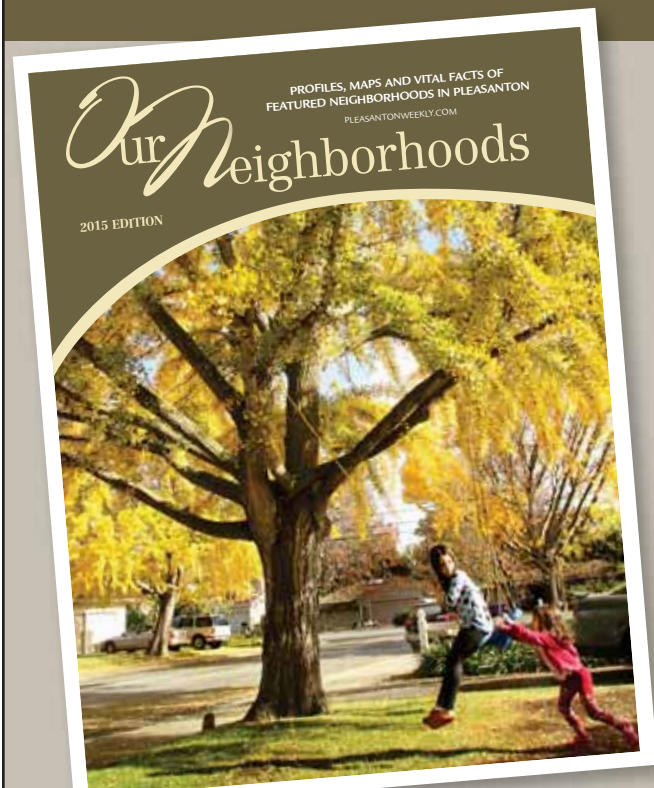


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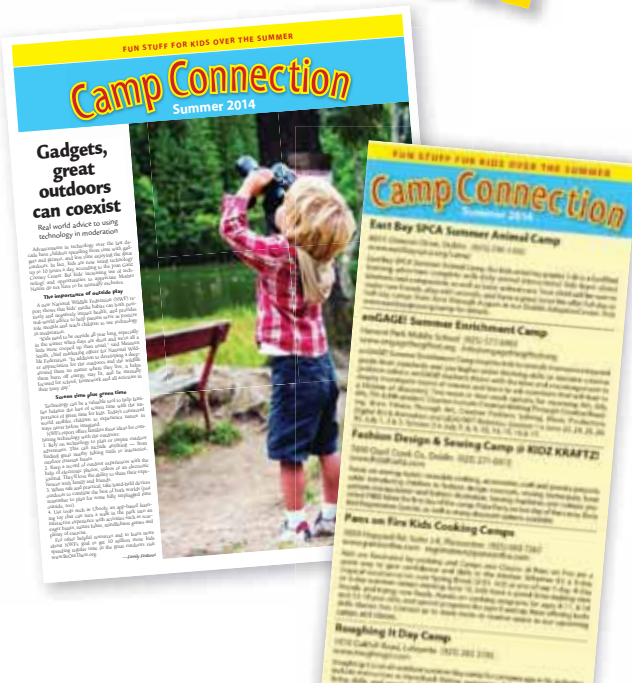
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

**If you could spend one day doing the most purposeful thing you are capable of doing, how would you spend that day?**



### Heidi Shelton

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I'd dress up like Goofy and escort kids from the Make-A-Wish Foundation all over Disneyland. I'd make it a spectacular day that they would never forget.



### Danny Shibliq

Hospitality engineer/college student

I would go around to all of the local high schools and talk to the kids about developing good study habits because if they don't, they will get to college and fall behind because they won't know how to stay on top of things in terms of studying and preparing for tests.



### Gloria Luevano

Retired fraud investigator

I am pretty sure I would spend the entire day volunteering at the Valley Humane Society, caring for all of the cats and kittens at the shelter who are so starved for love and affection and need permanent homes so badly.



### Elizabeth Rose

Semi-retired nurse

Well, I'm trained as a registered nurse and continue to work part-time as a nurse, so I would probably like to spend an entire day at a flu clinic, administering flu shots to people in order to protect them from getting really sick with the flu this winter.



### Brandon Rellez

Grocery store cashier

I would travel to the coast and spend the day cleaning up garbage and waste all over the shoreline in order to keep it pristine and beautiful, and safe for the local sea life.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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## DIGEST

### Parent Project

The Pleasanton Unified School District will be presenting a 10-week Parent Project class for parents of students 11-19 years old.

Parent Project is a program that aims to help parents raising “difficult or out-of-control” adolescents, according to its website. The classes will provide parents with solutions to an adolescent’s negative choices.

Classes will be starting Feb. 19 at Pleasanton Middle School, Room 408, at 5001 Case Ave. Participants are required to pay \$25, which includes materials and dinner. Sessions are scheduled from 6-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Kelly Mills at 461-6634 or Rae Huseman at 461-6117.

### Science on Saturday

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s lecture series, “Science on Saturday,” returns this weekend and runs through Feb. 28, offering four lectures with the theme of “Seeking Solutions in Elemental Science.”

Kicking off the series this Saturday is “Shale Gas Revolution,” by LLNL scientist Roger Aines and teacher Dean Reese of Tracy High School. Aines will discuss energy systems, how natural gas is changing energy in the U.S., the fracking process and the challenges faced in finding environmentally appropriate energy methods that meet the world’s needs.

The free lectures are held in the Bankhead Theater, located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. Two presentations are offered at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. For more information, visit [education.llnl.gov](http://education.llnl.gov).

### Senior Swalwell

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), whose district includes Pleasanton, was selected last week to serve as the senior Democrat on the Committee on Intelligence’s Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The newly established subcommittee is responsible for the oversight, policy, activities and budget of the CIA.

“I am honored to lead this critical subcommittee and work with my colleagues to ensure the CIA has the resources needed to protect the American people,” Swalwell said in a statement.

“The men and women of the CIA are central in our fight against terrorism, putting their lives at risk every day to keep our country safe,” he added. “I look forward to working with them in this new role so we may continue to protect the homeland and America’s interests abroad.” ■

## It’s over! Safeway acquired by Albertsons’ parent company

‘This is a transformative day ... This merger creates a unified, strong organization,’ executive says

**By JEB BING**  
AB Acquisition LLC, the owner of Boise-based Albertsons, acquired Pleasanton-based Safeway last Friday, with shares of the former Safeway, Inc. also delisted at the same time by the New York Stock Exchange.

Also last Friday, the offer to purchase Safeway’s senior notes due in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The moves come following Federal Trade Commission’s clearance of the merger agreement, which was first announced on March 6, 2014.

The FTC’s clearance also fol-

lows Albertsons’ and Safeway’s agreement to a proposed consent order, which included a commitment to divest 168 stores.

Those stores are being sold to four FTC-approved buyers. Albertsons and Safeway also agreed to settlements with the attorneys general of California, Nevada and Washington.

Besides its own branded stores, Safeway operated Vons, Pavilions, Randalls, Tom Thumb and Carrs stores, and was a Fortune 100 company and one of the largest food and drug retailers in the U.S. with sales of \$35.1 billion in

2013.

AB Acquisition is controlled by an investor group led by Cerberus Capital Management, L.P. (“Cerberus”), which also includes Kimco Realty Corporation (NYSE:KIM), Klaff Realty LP, Lubert-Adler Partners LP, and Schottenstein Stores Corporation.

Established in 2006 when it acquired Albertsons, AB Acquisition LLC also operates ACME, Jewel-Osco, Lucky, Shaws, Star Market and Super Saver, and stores under the United Family of stores, Amigos, Market Street and United Supermarkets.

“We plan to be the favorite local supermarket in every community we serve,” said Robert Edwards, who was Safeway’s president and CEO and has now become president and CEO of the newly combined company.

“We will do this by knowing, listening to, and delighting our customers; providing the right products at a compelling value and delivering a superior shopping experience,” Edwards said. “We will also continue to be active members of our local communities.”

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MOLLY O’GARA/AMERICAN IDOL

### Pleasanton teen appears on ‘Hollywood Week’

Pleasanton resident Maddy Hudson, 17, advanced to the “Hollywood Round” of the Fox singing competition show “American Idol,” with her most recent appearance scheduled to air earlier this week. Hudson’s San Francisco audition aired nationally Jan. 28 where judges gave her not one, but three golden tickets after she sang “Resentment” by Beyoncé. All three celebrity judges said they were impressed by Hudson, with Harry Connick Jr. saying she has “all the ingredients to really be a superstar.”

## Pleasanton council OKs new \$2.45 million firefighters contract

Agreement provides 3% raises in each of next 4 years

It took just a few minutes Tuesday night for the Pleasanton City Council to ratify a new 3-1/2-year contract with unionized firefighters in the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department that provides 3% pay increases each year over the next four years.

There were no speakers in a nearly empty council chamber when the public hearing began with Mayor Jerry Thorne gaveling the hearing to a close almost immediately.

Thorne, who was out of town when the contract was first discussed two weeks ago, was also the only one on the council to talk about the new contract.

“It’s a fair contract,” Thorne said. “Let’s remember that the two groups

that honored our city last year specifically said it was for good schools and good public safety in our community. I appreciate the efforts firefighters make to keep us safe.”

The contract, known as a memorandum of understanding, is between the International Association of Firefighters Local 1974 and the city of Pleasanton.

Since the fire department operates under the Joint Powers Authority of both Pleasanton and the city of Livermore, the Livermore City Council also needs to ratify it, possibly at a meeting next Monday.

The contract covers all employees of the department through fiscal year 2017-18 at a cost of \$4.9 million, to

be shared by the two cities. Pleasanton’s share will be \$2.45 million.

As part of the proposed agreement, union members also will increase payment of their pension contributions by an additional 3% during the term of the contract, for a total contribution of 12% at the end of the 3-1/2-year agreement.

The contract, negotiated over the last six months, covers a total of 104 sworn fire personnel, and replaces an earlier contract that expired last June 30. The portion of Pleasanton’s obligation for the current fiscal year, which ends this June 30, is approximately \$170,000

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## PUSD releases tentative 2015-16 schedule

Classes would start Aug. 25 for school year that ends June 10, 2016

**By AMANDA AGUILAR**

The Pleasanton Unified School District released an update regarding the 2015-16 instructional calendar on its website Monday.

The Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT) and district staff have tentatively agreed on a revised calendar for the 2015-16 school year — with students starting on Aug. 25 and ending June 10, 2016.

“We anticipate that the detailed 2015-16 instructional calendar with all relevant school year dates will be brought to the February 24 board meeting for approval,” said Monday’s announcement.

The Pleasanton school board unanimously voted Jan. 13 to rescind the previously approved modified lite calendar for 2015-16. That calendar scheduled school to start earlier in August and end in late May.

In addition, the board directed staff to go back to bargaining units to re-do the process of looking at an alternative calendar — with the hopes of including more input from parents, students and teachers.

During the Dec. 9 school board meeting, newly elected school board member Mark Miller requested that the calendar debate be put on a future agenda for discussion and possible action to see how

# Lone Republican bows out of State Senate race

Pleasanton political newcomer then endorses Glazer of the four Democrats left vying in special election

By JEREMY WALSH

The only Republican candidate to qualify for the State Senate special election ballot announced Monday that she was dropping out of the race and endorsing Orinda Democrat Steve Glazer for next month's primary election.

"It has become evident that I cannot establish the funding, name recognition and support required to win this election against this field of Democratic candidates within a six-week period," Pleasanton candidate Michaela M. Hertle said in a statement released through her Twitter account late Monday morning.

The announcement from Hertle, an information technology professional seeking elected office for the first time, leaves four candidates — all Democrats — actively pursuing the vacant 7th State Senate District seat: Glazer, State Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, former Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan and Concord resident Terry Kremin.

Hertle's name will remain on the ballot as the deadline to remove it has already passed, according to Contra Costa County election officials.

The special primary election, to fill the unexpired term of now-Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord), is scheduled for March 17, with the top two finishers then set to square off in a special election on May 19. The term to be decided expires in 2016.

The 7th District includes Pleasanton, Livermore and Sunol at the south end, Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg and Concord to the north, Orinda, Lafayette and Walnut Creek to the west, and the San Ramon Valley.

Hertle was the only resident of the southern part of the district to become a candidate for the special election.

"I entered the race for SD7 because I hoped to inspire a new generation of Republicans to rise up and be heard," she said in part

Monday. "I wanted to prove that one person can make a difference. With this said, under the current circumstances, the chance of my winning this race is slim, at best."

In offering her support to Glazer, Hertle wrote, "Mr. Glazer has proven that he can work with Republicans and Democrats alike to find common sense solutions to our state's needs ... I urge my fellow Republicans to vote for Steve Glazer. We have more commonalities with him than differences and he can win this race."

Glazer, an Orinda city councilman who's serving as mayor this year, accepted Hertle's endorsement Monday, saying in a statement, "We both understand that we are Californians first and are committed to putting aside partisan politics for the common good."

"She shares my commitment to bi-partisan problem solving, fiscal responsibility, pension and school reform, and a ban on debilitating BART strikes. Her inspirational

leadership is a great example to our leaders in the state capitol," he added.

Glazer is in his second state legislature campaign in less than a year, having run unsuccessfully to succeed Buchanan (D-Alamo) to represent the 16th Assembly District, finishing third in the June primary. Republican Catharine Baker, an attorney from Dublin, went on to win the Assembly seat in November.

Buchanan was termed out of the Assembly last year after serving since 2008. She previously sat on the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education for 18 years.

Bonilla (D-Concord), whose 14th Assembly District includes parts of northern Contra Costa County as well as Vallejo and Benicia in Solano County, was first elected to the Assembly in 2010. She previously served on the Concord City Council and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Kremin, the final State Senate candidate, has campaigned unsuccessfully for the Concord City Council three times, including last November.

Sample ballots for the March special primary were set to be mailed out on Thursday, according to election officials. The voter registration deadline is March 2.

The State Senate district consists of all of Buchanan's former 16th Assembly District and a portion of Bonilla's 14th Assembly District as well as parts of the 11th Assembly District (represented by Jim Frazier, D-Oakley) and a sliver of the 20th Assembly District (represented by Bill Quirk, D-Hayward).

The seat has been vacant since DeSaulnier resigned to join the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected by more than a 2:1 margin last November to succeed retiring U.S. Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez) in representing the 11th Congressional District, which includes Danville. ■

## Dublin PD chief to take regional communications post

Tom McCarthy has headed police force on county contract

By JEB BING

Dublin police chief Tom McCarthy has announced plans to leave his post at the end of February to become the executive director of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA).

A 32-year veteran of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, McCarthy has spent the last four and a half years as commander of Dublin Police Services through the city's contract with the sheriff's office. McCarthy leads a 50-member police department, including patrol, investigations, school resource officers, crime prevention and traffic enforcement.

McCarthy has also hosted community activities, such as the popular "Coffee with the Chief" program, and has served as a speaker at school, community and neighborhood association meetings. He has conducted numerous seminars and programs on topics of importance to the Dublin community, including teen prescription drug use, and oversaw the police department's Citizen's Academy and summer Youth Academy.

"Tom will be greatly missed by the Dublin community," Mayor David Haubert said. "His leadership and professionalism have advanced the city's public safety efforts and truly helped our community thrive."

"Tom was accessible and visible in the community with pro-



Dublin police chief Tom McCarthy

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grams like 'Coffee with the Chief,' National Night Out, and at many city events," Haubert added. "We are all appreciative of his tremendous service, and wish him the best in his new endeavor."

McCarthy began his career in law enforcement at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office as deputy sheriff in 1983. After moving up the ranks, he was named commander at that office in 2009. In this capacity, he assisted the San Francisco Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative with management of homeland security grants for the San Francisco Bay Area.

He also worked with regional

law enforcement agencies and cities in preparing and implementing regional catastrophic response plans. This included local offices of emergency services, county coroner departments, as well as fire and public works departments and agencies throughout the Bay Area.

McCarthy holds a bachelor's degree in management from St. Mary's College in Moraga.

In his new role with the EBRCSA, he will provide leadership for 43 public agencies, helping to build and operate a state-of-the-art communications system for these agencies within Alameda and Contra Costa counties. ■

## Applications for 'Middle College' now available

Current high school sophomores eligible for new program

By AMANDA AGUILAR

In collaboration with Las Positas College, the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program and the Dublin and Livermore school districts, the Pleasanton Unified School District is offering its current high school sophomores an opportunity to receive a high school education while concurrently earning college credits.

The "Middle College" program aims to help students prepare themselves for college and a career, expose students to career opportunities and courses not available to high school students, and provide students support services needed to be successful in high school and college courses.

Students enrolled in Middle College will take all their college course classes on the Las Positas College campus in Livermore, with college instructors and college students.

Middle College does not follow the same daily schedule as the traditional high school. Therefore, each student will have a different schedule based on the day and

times of his or her college classes.

Middle College students can take no more than 11 college credits a semester. College courses taken can translate to high school credits, and most credits will transfer to other colleges and universities — depending on the course work.

Middle College students will also be able to participate in clubs and student activities at Las Positas College, in addition to any extracurricular activities at their high school.

Students do not need to pay to be a part of the program, but they must be academically eligible and should not be credit-deficient. In addition to the application process, students must take the Las Positas College English and mathematics placement test.

Middle College is currently looking for interested students to be a part of the 2015-16 Junior Class Cohort, made up of 30 students. For more information about Middle College or to fill out an application, visit [www.tvrop.org](http://www.tvrop.org). Applications are due Feb. 28. ■

## CALENDAR

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June 17 — with Trustee Valerie Arkin in dissent.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, the calendar item was brought back for report and possible action to rescind June's approval. The board voted 3-2 against the motion to rescind, with Arkin and Jamie Hintzke voting for the rescission. ■

the board would like to proceed with the item.

The modified lite calendar, starting the 2015-16 school year, was approved by the board 4-1 last



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Albertsons CEO Bob Miller has been named executive chairman of the new company.

"This is a transformative day for both Albertsons and Safeway. This merger creates a unified, strong organization that is dedicated to bringing a better shopping experience to more customers across the country," Miller said. "Our combined geographic footprint, vast range of brands and products, and service-oriented staff will enable us to meet evolving shopping preferences."

The merger creates a diversified network that includes 2,230 stores, 27 distribution facilities and 19 manufacturing plants with over 250,000 employees across 34 states and the District of Columbia.

The new company is comprised of three regions and 14 retail divisions, supported by corporate offices in Boise, Pleasanton and Phoenix. Banners will include Safeway, Vons, Pavilions, Randalls, Tom Thumb, Carrs, Albertsons, ACME, Jewel-Osco,

Lucky, Shaw's, Star Market, Super Saver, United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos.

With the merger completed, new senior leadership team and division leaders for the combined company also take effect.

"We're drawing on the strong talent within both companies to build an innovative, customer-focused and growth-driven company," Edwards said.

"We are confident in this team's ability to build a great company that's positioned to win over the long term by earning the loyalty of grocery shoppers in every market we serve and delivering superior operational and financial results," Edwards said.

The new leadership team follows:

- Bob Gordon, executive vice president and general counsel
- Shane Sampson, executive vice president, marketing and merchandising
- Andy Scoggin, executive vice president, human resources, labor relations, public affairs and government affairs
- Jerry Tidwell, executive vice

president, supply chain and manufacturing

- Wayne Denningham, executive vice president and chief operating officer, South Region
- Justin Dye, executive vice president and chief operating officer, East Region
- Kelly Griffith, executive vice president and chief operating officer, North Region.

Lee Wilson has been named executive vice president and chief administrative officer of the new company.

Reporting to him will be Bob Dimond, executive vice president and chief financial officer, Justin Ewing, executive vice president, corporate development and real estate, and Barry Libenson, interim executive vice president and chief information officer.

Libenson is expected to be with the new company through March, at which time a successor will be named.

The new company will be comprised of three regions and 14 retail divisions, which will be supported by the three new corporate offices.

The division presidents for the new company, who will report to the chief operating officer for their respective regions, will be:

- Dennis Bassler, Portland Division, North Region
- Paul McTavish, Denver Division, North Region
- Susan Morris, Intermountain Division, North Region
- Tom Schwilke, Northern California Division, North Region
- Dan Valenzuela, Seattle Division, North Region
- Shane Dorcheus, Southwest Division, South Region
- Scott Hayes, Southern Division, South Region
- Sidney Hopper, Houston Division, South Region
- Lori Raya, Southern California Division, South Region
- Robert Taylor, United Division, South Region
- Steve Burnham, Eastern Division, East Region
- Jim Perkins, Acme Division, East Region
- Jim Rice, Shaw's Division, East Region
- Mike Withers, Jewel-Osco Division, East Region.

No name changes are planned for any of the stores affected by the merger, including Safeway stores.

"We know the best way to grow our business is to have the highest quality fresh departments, lower prices, clean, well-stocked stores and the best customer service in the market," executive chairman



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Safeway's headquarters on Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton.

Miller said.

"Our teams will focus on delivering what customers want locally, and we will give our store teams more flexibility to make decisions that are right for their neighborhoods," he added. "The division teams will have the responsibility to have the right assortment for their markets."

As a result of the merger, shareholders of now delisted Safeway stock will receive \$34.92 per share in cash, consisting of \$32.50 in initial cash consideration, \$2.412 in consideration relating to the previously announced sale of the assets of Safeway's real-estate development subsidiary Property Development Centers and \$0.008 in consideration relating to a dividend of approximately \$2 million (after deduction for taxes at an assumed rate) that Safeway received in December 2014 on its 49% interest in Mexico-based food and general merchandise retailer Casa Ley.

Shareholders also will receive contingent value rights entitling them to pro rata proceeds relating to deferred consideration from the sale of the Property Development Centers and any proceeds from the sale of Safeway's 49% interest in Casa Ley.

In April 2014, Safeway stockholders received a distribution of stock in Safeway's former Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc. sub-

sidary valued at approximately \$4.02 per Safeway share at the time of the distribution.

In addition to no longer being listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange or any other securities exchange, Safeway will file a Certification on Form 15 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to suspend Safeway's reporting obligations under Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Goldman, Sachs and Co. served as financial adviser to Safeway in connection with the Company's strategic review and the transactions.

Greenhilland Co. has also served as financial advisor to Safeway. Latham and Watkins LLP served as Safeway's outside legal counsel, and The Law Offices of Richard C. Weisberg served as outside legal counsel on antitrust matters.

Citigroup, lead financial adviser, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse served as financial advisors to Albertsons, Cerberus and the investor group.

Schulte Rothand Zabel LLP served as lead outside legal counsel to Albertsons, Cerberus and the investor group, and Dechert LLP, Schulte Rothand Zabel LLP and Baker Botts LLP served as outside legal counsel on antitrust matters. ■

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- PUD-108, Pacific Pearl, Brad Blake, on behalf of BHV CenterStreet Properties, LLC
- Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan approval to construct an approximately 112,000-square-foot shopping center and related site improvements on approximately 11.5 acres of the Retail/Commercial site at Staples Ranch.
- Consideration and recommendation of Planning Commission priorities for the 2015 City Council Priorities

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discuss Commission Priorities for Fiscal Year(s) 2015/2016 and 2016/2017
- Playground Replacement Project
- Parks Maintenance Division Maintenance Report for July – December 2014

Library Commission

Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Council Priorities Selection
- Civic Center Master Plan Council Committee
- Commission Retreat
- Library Foundation

Youth Commission

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Approve Commission Priorities for the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 Fiscal Years
- Review Fiscal Year 2014/15 Community Grant Midterm Reports
- Discuss Community Grant - Youth Category - Applicant Presentation Schedule for March 11, 2015 Youth Commission Meeting
- Presentation on Commissioner's application review using Zoomgrants: An Online Grant Application Software

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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## FIREFIGHTER

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in unbudgeted costs, which will be paid out of the city's General Fund.

The new contract will be retroactive to last July 1. It will replace the previous two-year contract in effect from Jan. 1, 2012, to last June 30. Because of the recession at the time that contract was written, there were no cost-of-living (COLA) adjustments included.

However, that contract called for

all employee groups, including firefighters, to start contributing 9% of their salaries to the CalPERS retirement program, and implemented a reduced retiree medical program for new employees.

The new contract, effective from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, will provide 1% COLA increases starting this past Jan. 1, again in July, and then again on July 1 of 2016 and 2017.

Unionized members of the fire department will begin paying 10-1/2% of their salaries toward retirement with "classic" employees who

are not in the union to start paying 12% by 2017.

Two public hearings on the contract were held in accord with Pleasanton's practice of introducing the key elements of a new contract in order to receive input from the public and allow for open discussion prior to adopting the agreement, which the council did Tuesday night.

Julie Yuan-Miu, Pleasanton's assistant city manager, served as the chief negotiator during the contract deliberations. ■

—Jeb Bing

# Museum hosts evening with Pleasanton historian

Curator Ken MacLennan is author of new local history book

Museum on Main welcomes Ken MacLennan, Pleasanton historian and author of a new local history book, to the monthly Ed Kinney Speaker Series, "An Evening with..." at the Firehouse Arts Center at 7 p.m. this Tuesday.

MacLennan is author of "Pleasanton, California: A Brief History," published by History Press in 2014, and he also is curator at Museum on Main. He promises a new look at an old story in an insightful review of local history from the eve of the Spanish invasion of California to the turn of the 21st century, including rarely seen photographs. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

"My research for the book was based on both primary and secondary source materials," MacLennan said. "By using original Sanborn Fire Insurance maps from the late 1880s to the mid-20th century, we are able to infer various changes in the landscape of our community, such as the



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An artesian well in a field near Pleasanton, around 1900.

response to Prohibition. They were pretty creative."

MacLennan also will discuss water use in the valley over the years.

"Before the mid-1890s, Pleasanton's water needs were handily served by sinking artesian wells at strategic points around town," he said. "The local water table was high enough that these did not need to be particularly

deep."

The speaker series is all general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors and students, and \$5 museum members. Tickets may be purchased at the museum, 603 Main St.; online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org); or by phoning 462-2766. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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## BART customer satisfaction drops

BART is looking to improve service after numbers from a recent survey revealed customer satisfaction with the transportation service has fallen.

The survey found 74% of riders were satisfied with BART service, down from 84% of those surveyed in 2012.

"High ridership and an aging infrastructure are stressing the BART system," BART general manager Grace Crunican said in a statement. "This survey underscores the importance of current and planned initiatives to modernize and increase the capacity of BART stations and BART train service."

Customers' perception of seat availability has fallen by 8.5% since a 2012 survey, officials said.

Customers were also concerned with the temperatures inside trains, interior cleanliness and the cleanliness of stations.

Officials said BART plans to improve operational flexibility during peak commute hours and during delays with train rehabilitation projects and the implementation of the Contra Costa Crossover on the Pittsburg/Bay Point line, a project which will simplify moving trains from one track to another.

BART also plans on upgrading air conditioning systems on the most problematic cars and is proposing hiring additional cleaning crews to help keep up with increased ridership. ■

—Dennis Culver, Bay City News Service



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# San Ramon Valley school board orders parcel tax renewal election

By JEREMY WALSH

The San Ramon Valley school board last week unanimously approved of ordering a mail-only election in May for local voters to decide whether to extend the annual \$144 local education parcel tax for nine more years.

The existing tax, approved by voters within the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) boundaries in May 2009 as a seven-year tax, is scheduled to expire in June 2016. It generates roughly

\$6.8 million per year, according to district officials.

"I think we've made an excellent case for why this tax is needed and why it should be continued — and I think the confidence, that the public knows that we're going to spend it effectively and wisely," school board vice president Greg Marvel said in support of the renewal election during the regular board meeting Jan. 27 in Danville.

Voters are expected to receive their ballots in early April and would need to return their completed ballots to election officials by May 5, according to SRVUSD officials.

The special education tax would need approval from more than two-thirds of the ballots cast. District officials estimate the mail-in election will cost \$400,000.

Funds generated by the tax would support "core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science; Advanced Placement (AP) courses and other programs to prepare all students for success in college and careers; ongoing training and development to attract and retain teachers; and career and technical training courses," according to the signed board resolution.

Like the current tax, the money could not be used for administrators' salaries and parcel tax spending would be subject to oversight by an independent citizens' committee and annual external audits.

Exemptions would be available for parcel owner-occupants who are at least 65 years old as well as for those who receive Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age.

"I support this measure because it includes strong fiscal accountability," said parent Robin Klau, one of seven citizen speakers at the board's nighttime meeting — all of whom advocated for the parcel tax.

"The measure does not increase

taxes. It simply renews the existing tax that the community has generously supported since 2004 (sic), and I see no reason for the board not to go ahead and support that continuation," Klau added. "I love that all of the funds that are provided by a local parcel tax stay in our community."

Resident Peter Hoefs, former chairman of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee, also expressed support for continuing the tax, but he also asked the board to consider increasing the amount or time period of the tax as well as including more general language in the measure in terms of courses or programs to be funded.

Board president Denise Jennison, speaking in favor of the proposal as written, said, "Based on the results of the polling, we crafted a measure — the district crafted a measure — that honors the thoughts and the appetite of our voters. And what we want to do is be very mindful of what our community will support so that ... we can ensure a victory."

SRVUSD superintendent Mary Shelton also referenced public support received during a phone survey of local voters last summer and during recent meetings with school communities and other local stakeholders.

Local parcels have been subject to a special education tax for the SRVUSD since 2004. In April of that year, voters approved a \$90-per-parcel tax continuing through June 2009.

After an attempt to renew the tax at \$166 failed at the polls in June 2008, the parcel tax was increased to \$144 through June 2016 when more than 72% of voters approved of that extension in May 2009.

"The state constantly gives and takes away. The parcel tax locally is our opportunity to have a level of control," board member Ken Mintz said to the room of about two-dozen resident attendees Jan. 27. ■



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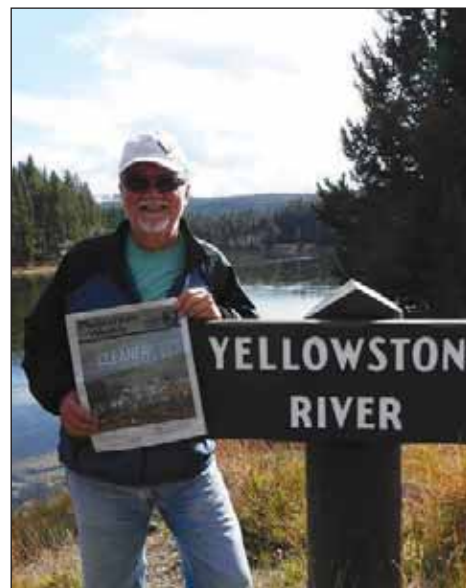
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## TAKE US ALONG



**Wolves and elk and bears. Oh my:** Luis Gordon and his wife, Mary, spent three wonderful days touring Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. They were lucky enough to see wolves, bull elk and grizzly bears. Luis remembered to bring along his Pleasanton Weekly for a picture at Yellowstone River.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

## Baby boomer entrepreneurs are 'cashing in'

By GARY ALT

Baby boomer entrepreneurs are reaching retirement age, and many of them are selling their private businesses at very high prices.

It's not just Silicon Valley tech startups that are cashing out. Just about every industry — health care, manufacturing, biotech, retail and software, to name a few — is finding buyers anxious to invest. Naturally, you may be wondering how you can sell your business for top dollar.



Gary Alt

### Today's market

According to PitchBook, an international research firm for private equity and venture capital, mid-sized U.S. companies commanded an average of 10.7 times their earnings in the first half of 2014, up from 10.2 times in 2013, the highest prices since 2005.

The research firm also reports that private equity firms, which are big buyers today, are sitting on a lot of cash and looking for solid businesses to buy up. In most cases, strategic buyers and private equity firms want businesses with an enterprise value of at least \$10 million.

Enterprise value is an assessment of a company's worth to a buyer, taking into account the debt and cash within the company.

While prices remain high today, it may not always be that way. Demand for good businesses is outstripping supply, and current low interest rates are helping to finance the deals. But interest rates are expected to rise and, if demand weakens, prices will fall as more sellers compete for fewer buyers.

### Creating an exit plan

So, what are business owners doing today to command such high prices for their firms? A lot of it comes down to how they go about selling. Selling is complex, but if done right, you'll get the terms you want for your business.

Here's how to begin your exit plan:

### Get an initial valuation

With an initial valuation you'll see if a business sale will support your retirement. This is also the place to begin analyzing the tax impact of various exit strategies. It's important to get a market valuation from someone with expertise in business transactions, such as an investment banker or accounting firm with a specialty in mergers and

acquisitions.

### Valuation accelerators

The next step is to enhance the value of your business. Activities that reduce cash needs, expand sales opportunities, reduce expenses, reduce the cost of debt or increase cash flow are all ways to enhance value.

Get in touch with an investment banker with expertise in working with firms of your size or industry. They'll know what buyers commonly find attractive and what they expect to see when they evaluate your company.

### Succession plan

Perhaps the most challenging part of a successful exit plan is carrying out a succession plan, or preparing and transitioning to a new management team.

This is often the longest and most complex part of an exit plan because you don't want to lose customers or alienate employees in the process. This can damage or even sink a firm after your exit, potentially costing you money in the way of lower earn-out payments or even lawsuits from your buyer.

### Shop the business around

A professional business broker or investment banker will shop your company around with potential buyers.

Make sure you listen carefully to the feedback you receive so you can refine any areas of your business and make it more marketable to other potential buyers. When you make your pitch to potential buyers, make sure you show them the revenue growth potential after they buy your company, not as a stand-alone company.

If you've done your homework, you'll be courted by several buyers.

### Plan for retirement

In parallel with the selling process, you'll want to determine how much you need to retire comfortably. Once you sell your business and you're on your way to retirement, you don't want to find out that you don't have enough money.

Considering inflation, it's surprising how much an active lifestyle costs over the course of two to three decades. A financial planner can help you create a retirement plan to calculate how much you need.

Selling a business is a complex process. Done haphazardly, you could end up doing serious damage to it. Done carefully, you'll get top dollar and smoothly move into the next chapter in your life. ■

Gary Alt is a partner with Monterey Private Wealth in Pleasanton, and is a member of the Exit Planning Institute.



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Artist's sketch of the new Workday corporate office building to be built on Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton.

# Pleasanton's economy

It was/is a very good year  
for City of Planned Progress

BY JEB BING

**W**rapping up her work as Pleasanton's finance director for the last 4-1/2 years, Emily Wagner has given an upbeat assessment of the municipal government's last fiscal year and an even more optimistic report on the year ahead.

The accomplishments are byproducts of fiscal and economic policies executed by City Manager Nelson Fialho and his executive team, with the support of past and present mayors and city councils.

Wagner's report, presented at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, shows that the city's General Fund revenue climbed to \$96.5 million last year, an all-time high, and could top \$100 million this fiscal year.

"Some 84% of our revenue comes from property and sales taxes," Wagner said, "so I watch those revenues very closely."

Property taxes, which represent about 53% of the city's revenue, reached \$50 million last year and are expected to climb another million dollars or so by July 1, which also will set a new record.

Sales taxes, which suffered the most in the recent recession, are also bouncing back to an estimated \$21.7 million.

Across the board, Pleasanton is experiencing significant growth, with a population now at 72,230 and average median household income at \$123,509. Those compare to a



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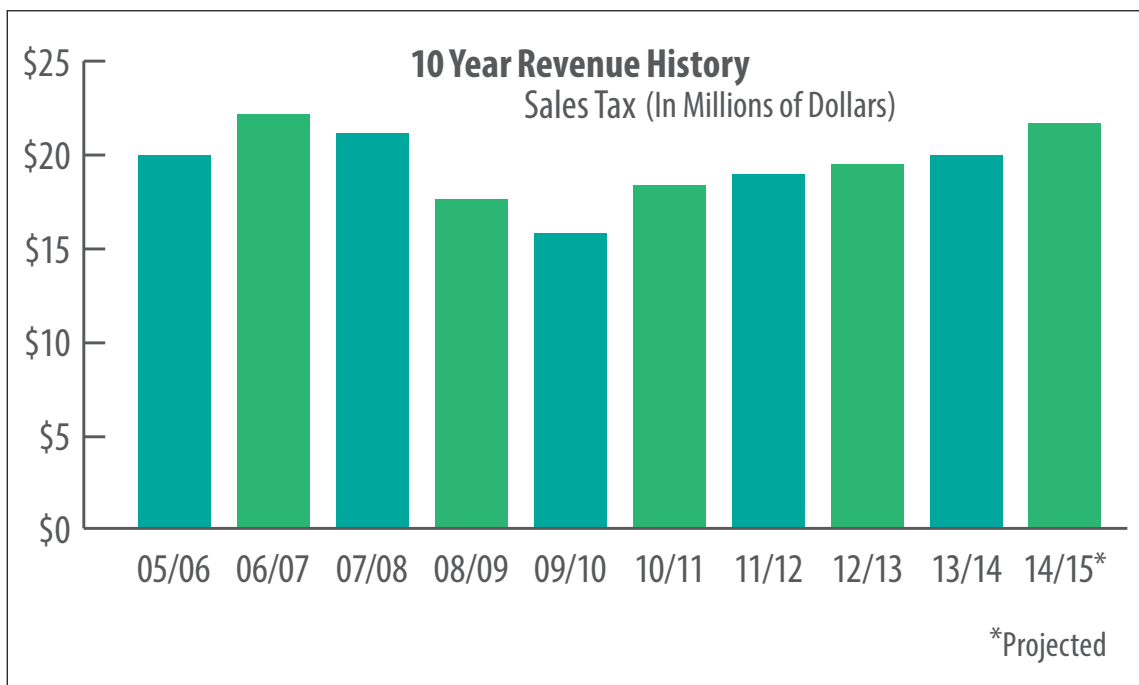
Now-former Pleasanton finance director Emily Wagner presented an analysis of the city's economy to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton to wrap up her tenure heading the city's finance department.

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Construction underway in Staples Ranch at the future home of Stoneridge Chrysler-Jeep, which is set to move from Dublin to Pleasanton this summer.

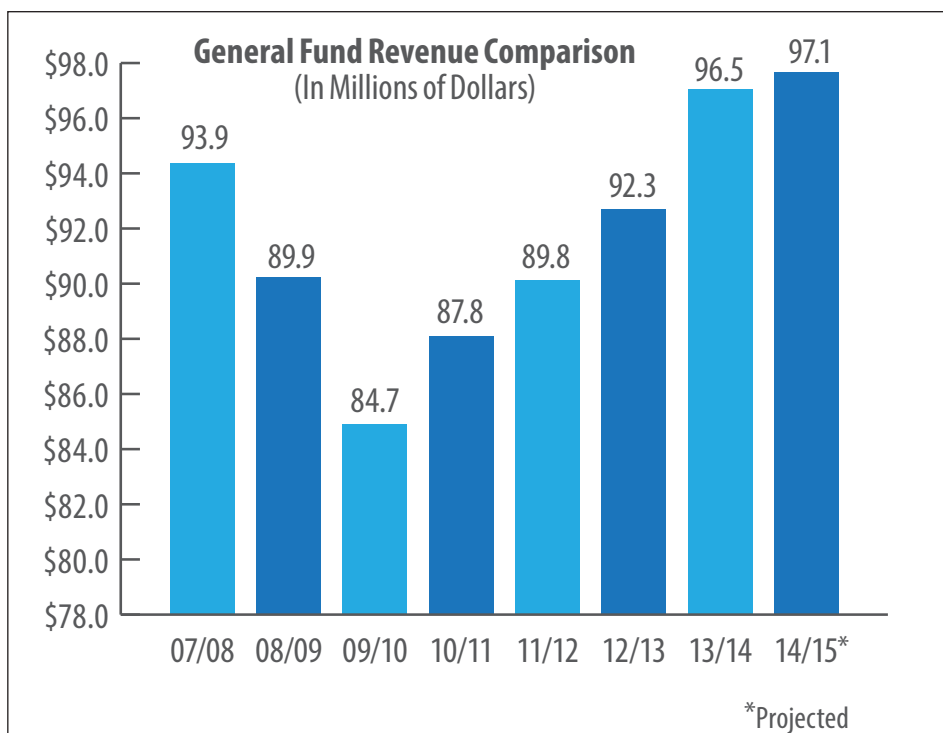


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Sales tax revenue, which peaked in fiscal year 2006-07, then dropped during the recession, is recovering slowly.

Left: City general fund revenue peaked at \$93.9 million in 2007-08 and then dipped in the recession years to a low of \$84.7 million three years later. Today, revenue is at an all-time high and still climbing. Midyear budget projections (shown) estimated 2014-15 revenues at \$97.1 million, but officials now say they could top \$100 million by year's end.

Right: Police and fire costs take nearly half of all general fund expenditures annually.



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## ECONOMY

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population of 84,852 in Livermore, where the average median income is \$103,351, and Walnut Creek, with a population of 66,900 and an average median household income of \$88,257.

“When I came to work in Pleasanton in 1977, we had about \$5 million in total annual revenue, compared to the near \$100 million today,” Wagner said. “As you can see, we’ve changed dramatically over the years.”

Careful planning through the city’s General Plan is largely credited for this by ensuring various land-uses can sustain long-term basic services to the community, such as public safety, parks and streets maintenance, and library services.

Along with tax revenue, residential and commercial growth have added to the city’s assessed valuation. It stands at \$18.7 billion today, compared to Livermore’s

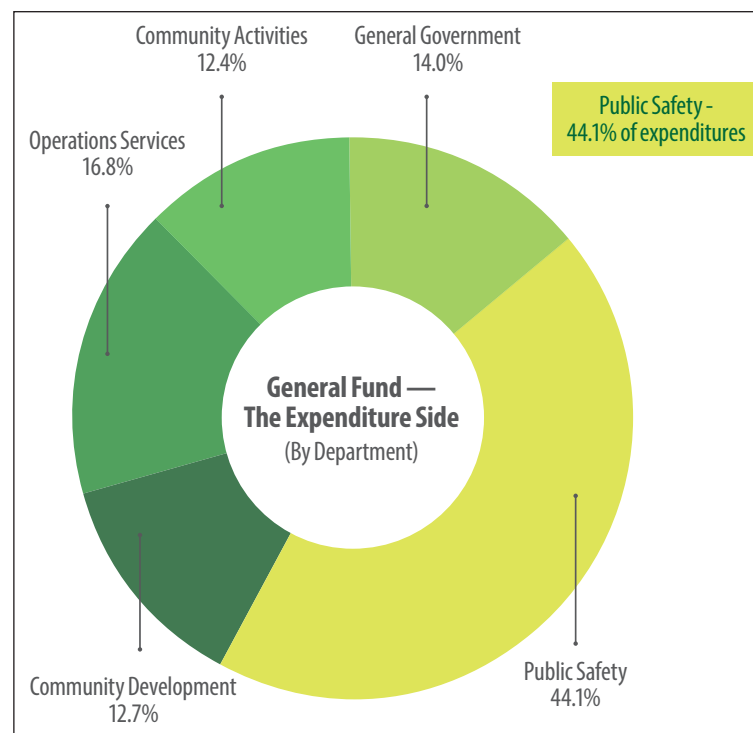
\$14.2 billion and Walnut Creek’s \$12.2 billion. In fact, Pleasanton’s assessed valuation is now the third highest in Alameda County, behind the much larger cities of Oakland and Fremont.

“Pleasanton’s continued success is its location, our quality of life, and a diverse commercial and residential land base,” Wagner said. “Financially as a city, we are in a very enviable position.”

The city also has a solid reputation for being politically stable with a strong management orientation.

The diverse land base, with one-third commercial and two-thirds residential, makes the city less impacted by any sudden downturn in one particular sector of the economy — again thanks to the proper forethought of the city’s General Plan.

“We have a great location, compared say, to the city of Martinez that’s in a location which depends on often-gridlocked Highway 4,” she said. “Pleasanton has great access to the Silicon Valley, we have BART to San Francisco and we



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# The Local Economy Matters

	Walnut Creek	Livermore	Pleasanton
Population as of 2015*	66,900	84,852	72,230
Average Median Household Income (2014)*	\$88,257	\$103,351	\$123,509
Assessed Valuation (2015FY)	\$12.2 Billion	\$14.2 Billion	\$18.7 Billion
Portion of 1% Property Tax Rate	\$.09/\$100 of AV	\$.18/\$100 of AV	\$.25/\$100 of AV
Annual Property Tax Revenue (2015FY)	\$15.7 Million	\$25.3 Million	\$51.4 Million
Annual Sales Tax Revenue (2015FY)	\$21.4 Million	\$25.3 Million	\$21.7 Million
Annual Business License Tax Revenue (2015FY)	\$21.1 Million	\$4.2 Million	\$3.2 Million
Total General Fund Revenue (2015FY)	\$80.5 Million	\$83.9 Million	\$97.1 Million
Total General Fund Expenditures (2015FY)	\$80.5 Million	\$83.9 Million	\$97.1 Million

\*Estimate

aren't all that far from Sacramento."

Pleasanton is also an employment center with 53,000 coming to jobs here every day. Robust economic initiatives that continue to attract growing companies such as Workday, Clorox, and Roche Molecular have contributed to this success.

Calling Pleasanton "the Orange County of Northern California," Wagner attributed the city's strong finances to a "very conservative" and stable City Council, city management and the fact Pleasanton has had only five directly elected mayors over the past 32 years.

In 2014, Pleasanton had one of the highest median household incomes in the U.S. among cities from 65,000 to 249,999 population, resulting in high-end residential investments that have new appraisals and higher property taxes.

Although Livermore picked up several million dollars in additional sales tax with the opening of the outlet mall, Pleasanton stands to gain lucrative sales tax dollars from increased automobile sales this year. Stoneridge Chrysler-Jeep, moving here from Dublin, will open this summer on Staples Ranch in a new auto mall that will include CarMax and possibly a third company.

Also boosting their Pleasanton sales appeals are Mercedes (which replaced its older showroom building along I-580 with a 72,000-square-foot showroom and service facility), Lexus with its new 83,000-square-foot expansion, and renovations underway at the Mini and BMW dealerships.

An Asian-focused retail center on Staples also will increase sales tax revenue. Retail stores in the Stoneridge Shopping Center, as a group, contribute the largest percentage of sales tax revenue to the city, along with Walmart and the Macy's Furniture store in Rosewood Pavilion. Also in 2014, most of the retail space was leased in Gateway Center, where the new Safeway Lifestyle supermarket opened two years ago, adding more sales tax revenue.

With an inventory of more than 2 million square feet of retail space, vacancy is extremely low at approximately 8% and lease rates have jumped by more than 20%. The current retail vacancy rate in downtown Pleasanton is around 5% with only a few Main Street

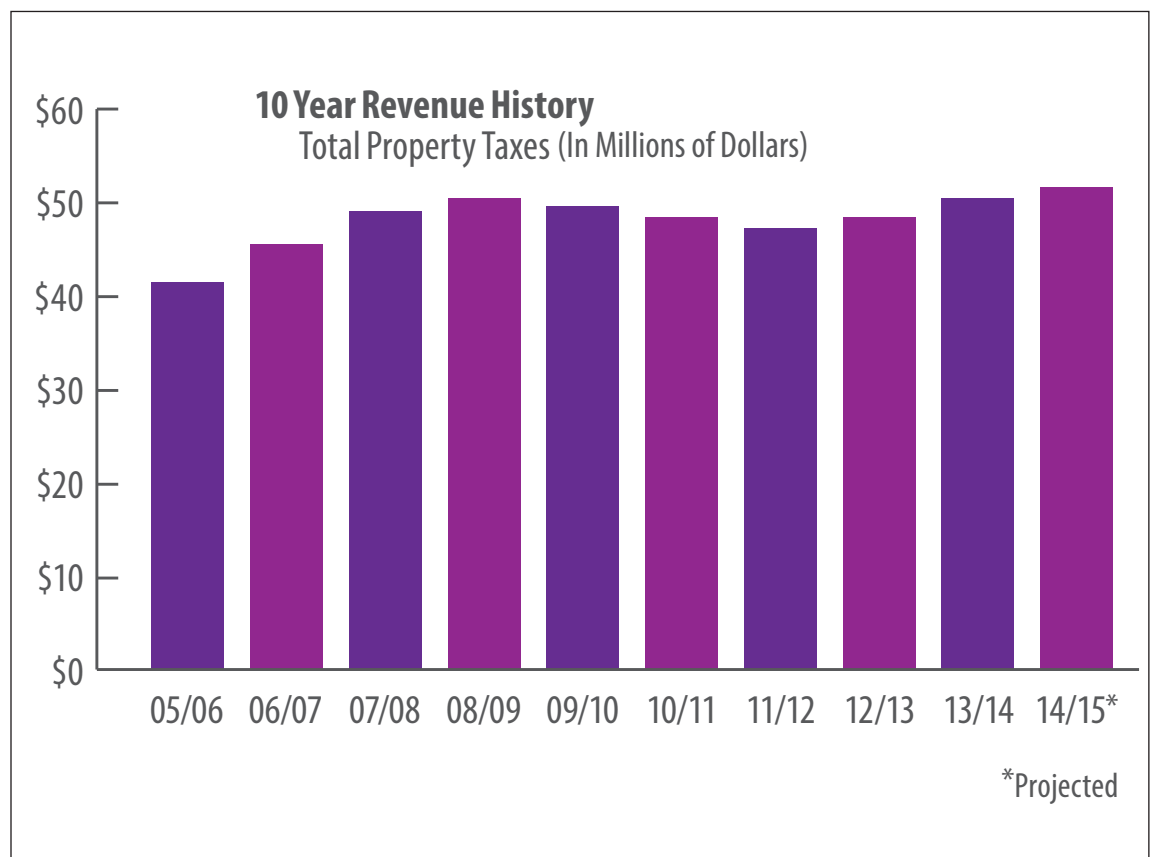
locations available.

Also on the rise is Pleasanton's hotel occupancy tax. Many hotels are now sold out during the week, an indication that corporate business has rebounded. The 292-room Hilton Hotel at the I-580/I-680 interchange was re-branded as a DoubleTree hotel this year and underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation. The hotel owner is exploring options for expansion.

Pleasanton also received several accolades in late 2014: 24/7 Wall Street ranked the city fourth on its list of America's 50 Best Cities to Live, and Money Magazine ranked Pleasanton 31st on its 2014 Best Places to Live and ninth on its Top Earning Towns.

"With such a breadth of activity across all sectors, Pleasanton continues to be well-positioned to sustain and grow its economic base," Wagner said.

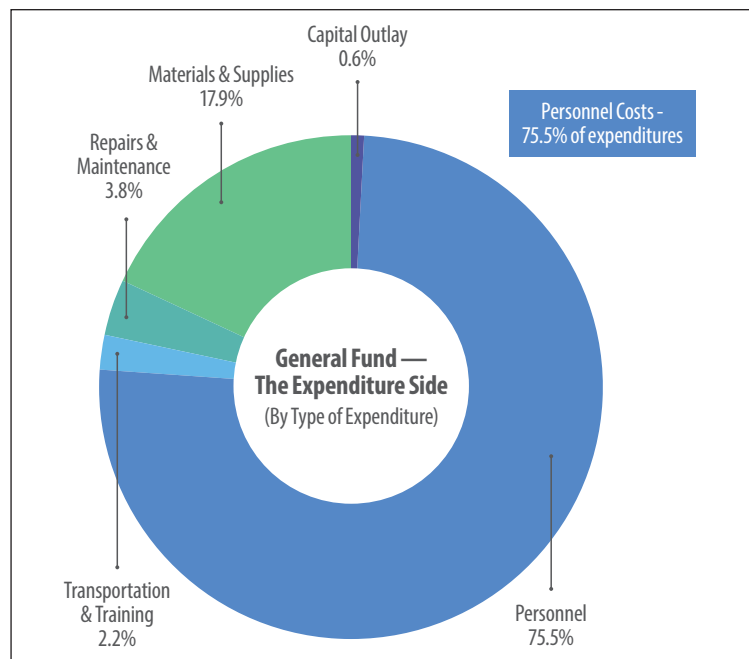
Wagner's successor, Tina Olson, formerly the director of finance and administration for the city of Pittsburg, assumed the duties of director of finance in Pleasanton last Monday. She joins an organization led by Fialho that will continue to implement city's strong financial and economic initiatives into the future. ■



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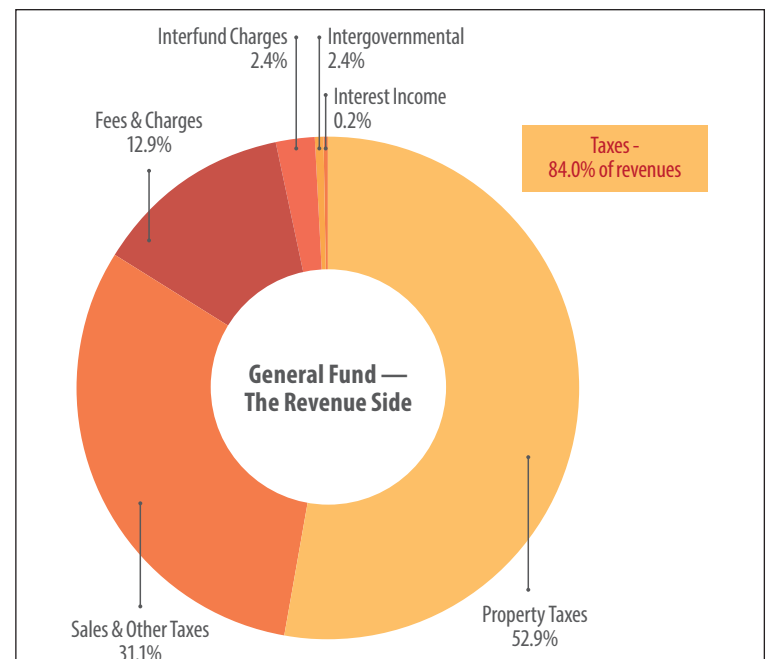
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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Oakland man arrested in Pleasanton commercial burglaries

An Oakland man was arrested last week on suspicion of burglary-related charges for three separate incidents in Pleasanton earlier in the month.

On Jan. 5, Pleasanton police responded to three commercial burglaries that occurred in two separate office buildings within the city.

According to police, surveillance cameras captured the same man — later identified as 52-year-old Martin Monroe — entering areas of both buildings that only employees were allowed access.

At one business, Monroe allegedly gained access to secured areas of the building by “piggy-backing” employees who used access cards to enter locked doors. Police allege that once inside, Monroe stole wallets and other valuables from unattended offices during regular business hours.

Pleasanton police detectives arrested Monroe on Jan. 29 as he left the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse in Oakland.

Police allege Monroe had recently been arrested for burglary and was out on \$100,000 bail when he committed the Pleasanton break-ins. Monroe was booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on suspicion of commercial burglary and committing a felony while released on bail for a previous felony.

Anyone with additional information regarding the burglaries call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

In other police reports:

- Two men were arrested Jan. 26 after a citizen called police to report two men prowling in a fenced-in area of a building located on Johnson Drive.

When officers arrived and tried to contact the men, Salvador Mel Goza Fernandez, 56, and Maximino Ruiz-Romo, 32, attempted to flee the property but were eventually apprehended, police said.

During a search, both men were allegedly in possession of methamphetamine and Ruiz-Romo allegedly had a glass pipe in his possession.

After running a records check, officers discovered Fernandez had an outstanding warrant, police said.

Fernandez was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine, loitering and resisting arrest. Ruiz-Romo was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, loitering and resisting arrest.

- A couple's house was burglarized while they were out of town sometime between Jan. 12 and 30, said police.

According to police reports, the housekeeper arrived at the residence on Corte Mente to find the home was ransacked.

Because the couple was out of town at the time of the report, they were unable to confirm any losses, police said. Officers found several fingerprints on a jewelry box and table leaf that have been entered as evidence, according to police reports.

- Two unidentified men allegedly stole money from a cash register at 99 Ranch Market's bakery department on Jan. 23.

When store employees could not balance the cash register, they reviewed video surveillance and saw an unknown black man opening the register with a key and stealing around \$290 while another man was distracting a bakery attendant, according to police reports.

No arrests have been made.

- A 37-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats after allegedly becoming angry after he was denied the chance to open an account at Wells Fargo bank on Jan. 23.

According to police reports, a Wells Fargo employee denied Kenneth Pledger's request to open an account because he didn't have the proper identification card or sufficient funds.

Police allege Pledger became angry and threatened to bring a gun back to the bank. The employee reportedly called police, and Pledger was subsequently arrested.

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—Amanda Aguilar

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 24

#### Drug violation

- 9:34 a.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 9:30 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Jan. 25

#### Sex offenses

- 6:10 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Theft

- 8:47 a.m. in the 800 block of Division Street; theft from auto

- 2:09 p.m. in the 2500 block of Willowen Way; auto theft

- 10:04 p.m. in the 1100 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto

#### Criminal threats

- 12:45 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Jan. 26

#### Alcohol violation

- 3:02 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 3:57 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

- 6:45 p.m. in the 4100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

- 9:34 p.m. in the 1500 block of Calle Enrique

### Jan. 27

#### Fraud

- 9:10 a.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive

- 1:16 p.m. in the 4600 block of Harrison Street

- 10:14 p.m. in the 4600 block of Herrin Way

- 3:31 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Assault/battery

- 4:28 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Jan. 28

#### Missing person report

- 10:08 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Residential burglary

- 9 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

- 12:29 p.m. in the 4000 block of Fallwood Court

- 2:48 p.m. in the 4900 block of Black Avenue

### Jan. 29

#### Drug violation

- 2:44 a.m., intersection of Adams Way and Vineyard Avenue

- 10:51 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Vehicle tampering

- 2:15 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Missing person report

- 5:35 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Theft

- 9:01 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 9:30 a.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

- 1:42 p.m. in the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway; theft from structure

- 5:56 p.m. in the 4500 block of Willow Road

- 7:19 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 8:22 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 9:35 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 9:35 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

### Jan. 30

#### Embezzlement

- 6:13 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Jan. 31

#### Domestic battery

- 9:28 a.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Auto theft

- 6:11 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Commercial burglary

- 9:57 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### D.A. Nancy O'Malley: 'Citizen of the Year'

Congratulations to Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, who was honored as "Citizen of the Year" at a dinner hosted by the Tri-Valley Community Television Foundation at Garré Vineyard & Winery in Livermore. The event was one of several this year sponsored by the TV30 Foundation, which is headed by former Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena.

Over 200 people attended the event held at Garré's new Bella Rosa Event Center in Livermore Jan. 24. Keynote speaker Congressman Eric Swalwell, who served as a prosecutor in the district attorney's office while on the Dublin City Council, praised O'Malley for her fairness and diligence, and especially for her work in prosecuting hundreds of felony matters ranging from child sexual assault to domestic violence and murder.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors appointed O'Malley as district attorney in September 2009. She sought election to the post in 2010 and was sworn in as the county's first female elected DA on Jan. 3, 2011. She had been an attorney in the DA's office since 1984, and during her career there, she became a nationally recognized expert in the advancement of victims' rights. She also gained national and statewide recognition as an expert in areas including violence against women and interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and stalking/threat management. She is an expert in ethics and discovery and has written statewide protocols in those areas.

O'Malley has been inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, and was honored by the California State Senate with the Woman of the Year award for her leadership in ending violence against women and for her legislative contributions. She has written several bills that have been signed into law, including the expansion of protections for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and elder abuse as well as stronger protections for child victims and crime victims with disabilities. She serves as both a national and statewide consultant to legislators on pending legislation, including issues of victims' rights, violence against women and sentencing.

Under O'Malley's leadership and vision, Alameda County opened its Family Justice Center, a one-stop shop for victims of family violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and child abuse. It is a model throughout the country.

In naming O'Malley "Citizen of the Year," the TV30 Foundation, Dublin Partners in Education Foundation and the Lions Club of Livermore cited O'Malley's new campaign to stop human trafficking. Posters marking National Human Trafficking Awareness Month are being placed on billboards and in bus shelters throughout the Bay Area as part of a 2015 campaign O'Malley launched to confront the epidemic of human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the region.

The campaign aims to raise the public's awareness that children are being bought and sold for sex every day in our own backyard. "Each of us," O'Malley told her audience, "must be informed about the crisis and understand how to be a part of the solution. Every exploited child must be offered a way out that is safe."

It's a difficult topic, but it must be part of the community conversation if we are going to succeed at ending this form of modern day slavery. By reaching and engaging people with life-saving safety messages through billboards and bus shelter posters, O'Malley's program is an important tool in helping prevent the next child from being taken. These very public messages could be pivotal in rescuing victims and bringing their traffickers to justice.

O'Malley said that with increased community awareness and anonymous tips, more victims will be identified and more children will be protected from becoming victims of exploitation. It's a start in a DA's office that has become a statewide leader in victims' rights and assistance under the direction of Nancy O'Malley, the well-deserving recipient of the 2015 "Citizen of the Year" award. ■



JEB BING  
Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

### BOSCO'S BONES & BREW

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40TH ANNUAL JAZZ CELEBRATION;  
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## music festival

### RETURNS NEXT WEEKEND

STORY BY CIERRA BAILEY // PHOTO BY THOMAS CAYTON

The 40th annual Campana Jazz Festival is set for next weekend at Amador Valley High School. The day-long event is named in honor of the late Jim Campana, AVHS music director from 1959-79.

The festival is set to begin at 8 a.m. on Feb. 14 at the AVHS campus, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Middle and high school big bands and combo divisions from more than 20 schools across Northern California will be featured in the event, according to festival sponsor Amador Friends of Music (AFM).

Admission to the festival is \$10, \$8 for senior citizens and students, and free for those 5 years old and younger.

An awards concert to begin at 5:30 p.m. will conclude the festival, and immediately following will be a 40th anni-

versary party at the Castlewood Country Club located at 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton. The anniversary celebration will include dinner at themed food stations, no-host bar and live jazz music throughout the evening.

Campana passed away in 2013, and his family has planned the anniversary party to honor the legacy of the annual jazz music festival and the continued support from the Pleasanton community, according to AFM.

Tickets for the anniversary celebration are \$50 in advance and \$60 on the day of the event. Tickets purchased in advance also include admission to the awards concert portion of the music festival. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.amadormusic.org](http://www.amadormusic.org). ■

The Amador Valley High Jazz A Band performs at the 2014 Campana Jazz Festival.



# Wines & Valentines

Gourmet museum fundraiser  
at Castlewood next week

The eighth annual Wines & Valentines winemaker's fundraiser to benefit Museum on Main will be held at Castlewood Country Club at 6:30 p.m. next Friday (Feb. 13). This year, wines from Paso Robles-based Bianchi Vineyards will be featured along with a four-course dinner, live auction, drawing and the popular 2-bit auction.

"Enjoying a great bottle of wine among friends over good conversation and laughter is the essence of what makes winemaking rewarding," said Tom Lane, Bianchi's director of winemaking, who was born in Pleasanton.

Lane, who has worked as a winemaker for 25 years, has earned hundreds of accolades for the wineries where he has worked, including at Livermore's Concannon Vineyard, and several prestigious honors including Dan Berger Winemaker of the Year, 1997, and Jerry Mead's Winemaker of the Year in 1996.

At the fundraiser, wines will be paired by Lane to complement each of the four courses of the meal created by Castlewood Country Club: ahi tuna on a won ton crisp and Greek olive tapenade on crostini, Hacienda salad, and a choice of pan-seared Corvina sea bass, grilled filet mignon or vegetable risotto. The meal will finish with a chocolate molten lava cake.

"Many guests return year after year for the great food and wine,"



COURTESY MOM

Bianchi Vineyards director of winemaking Tom Lane will pair wines with foods for this year's Wines & Valentines dinner to benefit Museum on Main.

said museum executive director Jim DeMersman. "But they also love the 2-bit auction, a fast paced live auction where guests can win prizes for the equivalent of 2-bits, equal to one quarter."

Tickets to the event are \$85 per person and can be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org); during operating hours at Museum on Main, 603 Main St.; or by phoning the museum at 462-2766. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON

## Celebrate Chinese New Year

The Healthy Babies children's dance troupe will perform at the Pleasanton Public Library at 2 p.m. this Sunday in celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year, which is Feb. 19. This begins the Year of the Sheep (Goat), a symbol of peace, harmonious co-existence and tranquility for those born in this year as well as 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991 and 2003.

The free celebration at the library will include musicians performing on traditional Chinese musical instruments, singers and Chinese dancers, both children and adults. Soloist singer Xiaofei Liu, a Bay Area vocal teacher, will be included in the program. She won second place in the 2008 International L'Opera Rinata in Italy and was also the recipient of an achievement award from the Department of Education in China.

## Creatures of Impulse to Face Off at Firehouse

Eighth season for Pleasanton's teen improv troupe

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's 31-member teen improv troupe, is presenting Face-Off 2015 beginning Feb. 19, with three performances plus two free preview nights at the Firehouse Arts Center. Each show will feature a different guest opponent troupe, with participating teams from all over the Bay Area.

The local Creatures of Impulse will face off against one of the visiting improv teams each night, performing seven to nine rounds, with one game or scene per round. After each round, the teams will present the audience with a "wall of prizes," and an audience member will be randomly selected to choose a prize from a performer. Points are awarded, and the games continue, the goal being to foster interactions between improv troupes.

"All kinds of teens perform in



AARON ZWIEFFEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Olivia Scrivner, 17, and Scott Rowland, 18, practice their improv skills.

Creatures of Impulse," director Mark Duncanson said. "Over the past eight seasons, we have had aspiring actors and musicians, but we also attract teens that have never performed on stage, and don't even have aspirations of being on stage later in life."

"The great thing about improv, and its inclusive and supportive ideals, is the universal appeal it has," Duncanson added. "Improv is all about listening, supporting, saying 'yes,' and together creating something from nothing."

Since its founding eight seasons ago, Creatures of Impulse has represented California at the Teen Comedy Festival in Chicago four times, toured shows in San Fran-

cisco and Chicago, and won the prestigious Creating Community Award of Excellence in Youth Development from the California Park and Recreation Society. This year a big spring tour to New York City is in the works.

Auditions are held in late spring for the fall season for teens in grades 9-12. Improv classes are also available, including comprehensive middle and high school classes designed to give students a professional performance education in theatrical improvisation.

For more information, contact Duncanson at 931-4828 or [mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov) ■

## Teatime for helping others

20th annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
tickets on sale

You don't have to be mad to attend the 20th annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Castlewood Country Club each spring; you just have to enjoy a good spread and a lively speaker — and want to support the programs of Assistance League of Amador Valley.

Tickets just went on sale for this year's tea, which will feature sandwiches, cakes and award-winning speaker Margaret Zhao. She is the author of "Really Enough: A True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Comedy," which won the Sharp Writ Book Awards Best Biography Memoir for 2012. Zhao will share the story of her struggles for survival and freedom under Chairman Mao and her culture shock coming to America.

This year's tea will begin at noon on April 11, and festivities will include baskets for drawings, "lucky" teacups, a hat contest, a silent auction and a no-host bar.

The tea benefits the philanthropic programs of the Assistance League of Amador Valley, which include:

- In 2014, in collaboration with Kohl's, it supported 370 valley



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youngsters through its "Clothing the Children" program.

- It provides assault survivor kits and birthday bags for Tri-Valley Haven clients.
- It helps seniors at the Pleasanton Senior Center and at the Pleasanton Skilled Nursing Home.
- It gifts 700 books to school-age children each year, and members individually tutor youths in reading and support Horizon High School.
- Its volunteers offer eye exams through the "Screening Eyes Early" program for preschoolers.

Tickets for the tea are \$50, available until March 31. Attendance is limited to 300 guests. Call 846-8490. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Margaret Zhao

## Author Visits

**MARGARET ZHAO AT NESTED TREASURES BOOK CLUB** Local author Margaret Zhao will visit Nested Treasures to discuss her award-winning memoir "Really Enough; a True Story of Tyranny, Courage, and Comedy" from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Nested Treasures, 113 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore. Book signing to follow. Visit [www.reallyenough.com](http://www.reallyenough.com). Call 493-7194 or go to [www.nestedtreasures.net](http://www.nestedtreasures.net).

## Book Clubs

**TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB** The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com) for the current selection.

## Civic Meetings

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**SCHOOL BOARD** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Clubs

**FOUNDING MOM'S MEETUP** This group of Mompreneurs tackles business strategies while engaging in a fun and enlightened way. Join from noon-1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Cover is \$10. Call (480) 703-4632 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/FoundingMoms-EastBay>. Pleasanton.

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Kermit Carter, a salvia expert will talk about salvias that do well in our valley. There will be salvias for sale. Visitors welcome. Call 485-7812 or go to [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**JON COUPAL AT TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN DINNER** Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA), will be the guest speaker at the Tri-Valley Republican Women meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. Contact/RSVP

Linda Krikorian at [krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com) or 426-1474.

**PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB** The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit [www.pleasantonnewcomers.com](http://www.pleasantonnewcomers.com). Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

## Concerts

**MICHAEL SECOUR ON ORGAN** Enjoy "What Wind May Blow," featuring organist Michael Secour and David Secour on trumpet, on Sunday, Feb. 8 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. With music by Francisco Correa de Araujo, Francisco Andreu, Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Schubert, James Hewitt's "The Battle of Trenton" and more. All are welcome. Freewill offering. Contact [margaret.secour@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.secour@gmail.com).

**PACIFIC CHAMBER SYMPHONY: 'VALLEY ROMANCE'** See the Pacific Chamber Symphony perform such pieces as "Siegfried Idyll" by Wagner, "Tango Suite for Harp and Chamber Orchestra by Piazzolla, and Serenade 1 in D Major, Op 11 by Brahms at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$25-\$50. Call 373-6800 or go to [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

## Events

**BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR** Four Pleasanton gardens will be showcased in this year's Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which features gardens that are pesticide-free, water conserving, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. Free, though donations are accepted. The tour will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. Register now. Go to [www.BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://www.BringingBackTheNatives.net).

**FRIENDS OF SIRONKA: MAASAI PERFORMING GROUP FROM KENYA** The Friends of Sironka perform traditional Maasai songs, dances and tell the stories of their lives together. The Maasai are a pastoral people who live in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa. Come from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the Livermore Library. A Q&A will be followed by crafts and refreshments. Suggested donation \$10-\$15. Contact Ann Brown at (415) 246-7697. Go to [www.friendsofsironka.com](http://www.friendsofsironka.com).

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**SLEEP TRAIN'S PAJAMA DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** Sleep Train's annual Pajama Drive aims to make nighttime cozier for local foster children ensuring they go to bed wearing their own pair of comfortable pajamas. Donations of new PJs in every size, infant to adult, can be dropped off at any Sleep Train store now through March 1.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** The Veterans of Foreign Wars presents a Tea Dance with live music by the Mellotones Jazz Combo from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the War Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Refreshments provided. Cost is \$8. Proceeds help needy Vets and their families. Call 443-2224.

## Health

**DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT CLASSES** This 7 week series will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. Classes are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 4-March 18 at the Dublin Senior Center. Call (510) 383-5185 or go to <http://www.acphd.org/diabetes/contact-information.aspx>.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**AN OVERVIEW OF ANXIETY DISORDERS: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS** Presented by Dr. Daniel J. Kostalnick from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 at Harvest Park Middle School's Multipurpose Room. Dr. Kostalnick is a Board Certified Psychiatrist of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with extensive training and expertise in psychopharmacology and psychotherapy. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/184vwW4>.

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. The reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Join bi-monthly for your healing journey at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday evenings, Dec. 11-Mar. 26 (no session on Christmas) at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

**SCIENCE ON SATURDAY: 'SHALE GAS REVOLUTION'** Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's popular lecture series Science on Saturday returns with the theme "Seeking Solutions in Elemental Science." "Shale Gas Revolution" will be presented by LLNL scientist Roger Aines and teacher Dean Reese of Tracy High School at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Go to <http://education.llnl.gov/students/science-on-saturday/lecture/558>.

**PLEASANTON LIBRARY CELEBRATES 2015 CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR** The 2015 Chinese Lunar New Year will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Pleasanton Library. With dancers, singing, and musicians. Soloist singer Xiaofei Liu, a Bay Area vocal teacher, is included on this colorful and joyful program. Call 931-3400 ext. 4 or go to [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library).

## Fundraisers

**1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** The Annual Rummage Sale will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7 at 1st Presbyterian Church, 451 S. K St., Livermore. Over 30 years of great buys at the downtown church. Call 449-5602.

**BELLA ROSA BALL FOR AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH** The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore will present the Bella Rosa Ball from 6-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the new event center at the Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Enjoy a three-course gourmet meal, a glass of champagne or wine, dessert, and an evening of dancing to the Cool Tones Big Band. Tickets are \$125. Benefits Axis Community Health programs. Go to [rotarianfoundationlivermore.org](http://rotarianfoundationlivermore.org).

**BINGO BASH** Join the Bingo Bash hosted by Italian Catholic Federation Branch #285 benefiting Children's Hospital Cooley's Anemia and other IFC charities. The event will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. Pizza, snacks and beverages available for purchase. Admission is \$10, and includes one bingo packet for 10 games. Enjoy raffles, prizes, bingo and dancing.

RSVP by Feb. 14. Call Helen at 462-3798. If unable to attend, a donation would be appreciated: ICF c/o D. Wellbeloved, 529 Malbec Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DISCOVERY SHOP** American Cancer Society Discovery Shop is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets rings and watches as well as women's accessories for its event "Glitter and Glamour" April 17-19. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays at the shop, 1989-E Santa Rita Road. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's programs. Contact Kelley Meno at 462-7374 for more info.

**NEW ORLEANS BASH AT THE BOTHWELL** 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Enjoy live New Orleans jazz and decor, fortunetelling, dancing, "Preservation Hall" tributes, NOLA-style food and drink, hurricanes and a great party to benefit Bothwell Arts Center from 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, Preservation Hall experience and party \$30. Call 373-6800 or go to <http://mylvpac.com/index.php/bac/new-orleans-bash-at-the-bothwell.html>.

**PAWS IN NEED: VALENTINE CRAB FEED** Save the life of a pet- attend the Paws In Need Valentine Crab Feed from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Fresh cracked crab, sides, no-host bar and raffles. All proceeds benefit local pets. Tickets are \$50 before Jan. 17 and \$55 after. Buy at [Paws-In-Need.org](http://Paws-In-Need.org) or send check to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583. Call 323-8517.

## Miscellaneous

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ONLINE BOOK SALE** Did you know you could buy books from the Friends of the Library at Amazon.com? The Friends have a year round magazine and paperback book sale in the library and have two major book sales a year. To buy books, visit [www.amazon.com/shops/ptwnfriends](http://www.amazon.com/shops/ptwnfriends) or call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

**VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS** Every Saturday morning from 7:30-9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit [www.vfwpost6298.com](http://www.vfwpost6298.com).

## Scholarships

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** Foothill, Village and Amador Students can download the guidelines and application for scholarships awarded by Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc. Scholarships awarded to students who plan to attend community colleges, vocational/technical schools or 4 year universities. Deadline to apply is March 20. For guidelines and application, go to [www.amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org](http://www.amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org).

## Seniors

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

**DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER OFFERS MUSIC CLASSES** Dublin Senior Center offers two music classes including Sing-a-longs with Judy Kufin and Merrill Ito at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays; and Ukulele Beginning Instruction with Judy Kufin and Merrill Ito at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, both at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each class. Call 556-4511.

**DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS** Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities including "ESL" which helps seniors practice their English conversational skills, a Reading Group that meets monthly to discuss new books and a Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting. Fees vary for each activity. For a complete list of activities, contact 556-4511 or [seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov).

**PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER** The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local



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Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is presenting two fun musicals about singing groups that take place in the 1950s, now through Feb. 15, at the Firehouse Arts Center. "Forever Plaid" features the Plaids, four young men who perform great hits from the '50s — after they are killed in an auto accident. It plays at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, and Friday, Feb. 13; and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15. "The Taffetas" is about four sisters who sing on TV, another nostalgic look at the '50s, playing at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6; 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, and Sunday, Feb. 8; and 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14. Tickets are \$17-\$38 and may be purchased at the Firehouse box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.; by calling 931-4848; or at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

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**TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU** Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email [seniorctr@ci.dublin.us](mailto:seniorctr@ci.dublin.us).

**YOUR LIFE, YOUR LEGACY** Many of us plan for college, weddings, and retirement but often do not plan for the inevitable. Discover four simple steps to effectively plan your financial arrangements. Learn about the different options available that will accommodate your wishes so you and your family will have peace of mind at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365.

## Spiritual

**A THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM** How do we respond theologically and religiously to current events in our world? Karen Leslie Hernandez, a Theologian with a focus in Christian-Muslim Understanding, as well as religious fundamentalism and extremism, will break down this question, while giving understanding from a historical and political context, all the while including her personal experience from her multi-faith work around the world. Join from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Call 846-0221.

**THREE DIAMONDS QIGONG SERIES** "Three Diamonds Qigong" will focus on exercises that tap into and cultivate the three greatest reservoirs of energy within ourselves to create more stamina, more joy, clearer thinking, and better overall health. Classes will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 3, 10, 17 at Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd. Suite 120, Dublin. Drop-in classes are \$12, prepayment for entire 8-week course is \$80. Contact Gayle Staehle at 200-1765 or [gstaehle@comcast.net](mailto:gstaehle@comcast.net).

**THREE WEDDINGS AND A RECEPTION** Interfaith Interconnect will present three mock wedding ceremonies from 3-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Hindu Community and Cultural Complex in Livermore. Members of the Hindu, Buddhist and Catholic faiths will perform rituals followed by a reception to foster understanding of other faiths. Free; reservations at <https://three-weddings.eventbrite.com/>. Call 443-7140.

## Sports

**MEN'S ADULT BASKETBALL** Two levels of play offered, with a league for everyone. League play starts March 11 and games are held from 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 27. Call 931-3437 or go to [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com).

**OPEN GYM PROGRAMS** Join for exercise and fun in open gym programs, including basketball, volleyball and family pickle ball. For locations and times, go to [pleasantonsports.org](http://pleasantonsports.org). Punch passes may be purchased at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) or at the

Community Services Department, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

## Support Groups

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

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

**CLUTTERLESS (CL) SELF HELP GROUP** Overwhelmed? Clutter stressing you out? CL is a non-profit, peer-based, self-help group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. in the second floor Activity Room. Free. Optional \$3-\$5 donation appreciated. Call 922-1467 or go to [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org).

**HAPPINESS AND BETTER RELATIONSHIPS** Learn how to have more fulfilling relationships with your partner, spouse and children; how to be more effective at work; and how to replace anger with peace and confidence. From 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Unity of Tri-Valley Office, 7567 Amador

Valley Blvd. #120, Dublin. Cost is \$5. Check online schedule at [www.meetup.com/Tri-Valley-Real-Love-Group/](http://www.meetup.com/Tri-Valley-Real-Love-Group/) before coming.

**MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE** Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit [www.motherswithapurpose.org](http://www.motherswithapurpose.org).

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** This 12-step support group for people with eating behavior problems meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Middle School Room at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Free with donations accepted toward room rent. No weigh-ins. Call Nora at 337-9118.

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP** Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at [www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org](http://www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org).

**TRI-VALLEY AD/HD SUPPORT GROUP** Parents of all-aged children who have challenges with self-regulation, attention, impulsiveness, and/or executive functioning are welcome to join from 7-8:45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the preschool area, classroom 3 at Harvest Park Middle School. Share resources, concerns and successes in raising AD/HD children. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Call 426-0411 or go to [www.chaddnocal.org/calendar](http://www.chaddnocal.org/calendar).

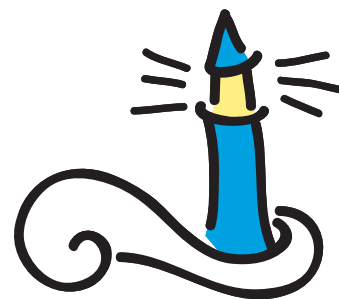
## Volunteering

**SUNOL DOCENT TRAINING** Become a Sunol Regional Wilderness docent to volunteer at a variety of parks and join the East Bay Regional Park District's volunteer community. The next Sunol Docent training class will take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Jan. 28-March 16. Contact (510) 544-3240 or [Docents.Sunol@ebparks.org](mailto:Docents.Sunol@ebparks.org). Go to [www.ebparks.org/about/getinvolved/volunteer/docent](http://www.ebparks.org/about/getinvolved/volunteer/docent).

**TRI-VALLEY HAVEN FOOD PANTRY** The Tri-Valley Haven food pantry is in need of volunteers to help sort, organize, and bag donated food items along with other duties. If you can help out please contact Stacey at 449-5845. All shifts available Monday-Thursday at Tri-Valley Haven food pantry, 418 Junction Ave., Livermore.

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### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

JP TESTARMATA CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 499752

The following person(s) doing business as: JP TESTARMATA CONSULTING, 1532 RUBINO COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jan P Testarmata, 1532 Rubino Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 12/28/2009. Signature of Registrant: Jan P Testarmata. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/02/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13; 2015)

A'REVE EVENT PLANNING & DESIGN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 499439

The following person(s) doing business as: A'REVE EVENT PLANNING & DESIGN, 3737 AVIANO WAY, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Whitney Johnson-Valentine, 3737 Aviano Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/01/2014. Signature of Registrant: Whitney Johnson-Valentine. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 12/22/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13; 2015)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 493883-4

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): BUSINESS BABES, BUSINESS-BABES, 2269 ST. CHARLES COURT, LIVERMORE, CA 94550. FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 07/15/2014 UNDER FILE NO. 493883-4 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BUSINESS-BABES LLC, 2269 ST. CHARLES COURT, LIVERMORE, CA 94550 (DELAWARE). THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY a Limited liability company. Signature of Registrant: Mandana Moshiri. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on Jan. 2, 2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13; 2015)

GM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 500428

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## California housing market back to normal

By JEB BING

California's regional housing markets ended the year with mixed results as statewide home sales inched up from a year ago for the first time in nearly a year and a half.

The California Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing, single-family homes in California totaled 366,000 units in December, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and multiple listing services statewide.

Sales in December were down 2.9% from November but up a slight 0.6% from December 2013. The negligible year-to-year increase was the first since July 2013.

For 2014 as a whole, 383,320 single-family homes closed escrow in California, down 7.6% from a revised 2013 figure of 414,900.

"Home sales were down on a statewide basis, with pockets of gains in sales activity, especially in Southern California and the Central Valley, where home sales were higher than the prior month and year," said 2015 CAR president Chris Kutzkey.

"Not so for the San Francisco Bay Area, which saw run-ups in sales and prices throughout the year," he added. "This market has tempered from its earlier frenzied pace mostly due to extremely tight inventory."

Reversing a three-month decline, the median price of an existing, single-family detached California home increased 1.7% from November's median price of \$444,830 to \$452,570 in

December and was up 3.1% from the revised \$438,790 recorded in December 2013.

The statewide median home price has been higher on a year-over-year basis for more than two years, but price gains have narrowed over the past few months.

"2014 saw a return to a near normal housing market, with sales moving at a moderate pace and home price appreciation growing at more sustainable levels," said Leslie Appleton-Young, CAR's vice president and chief economist.

"Home prices have stabilized over the past year, which is positive news for buyers who have been putting off their home search until prices leveled off," she added. "And with recent news of an improvement in the job market and the lowest interest rates in a year and a half, buyers may be resuming their home search."

Other key facts from CAR's December 2014 resale housing report include:

- Housing inventory tightened in December, with the available supply of existing, single-family detached homes for sale dropping from 4.4 months in November to 3.3 months in December. The index was 3 months in December 2013. The index indicates the number of months needed to sell the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A 6- to 7-month supply is considered typical in a normal market.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home lengthened in December, up from 43.9 days in November to 47.3 days in De-

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ember and from 40.4 days in December 2013.

- According to CAR's newest housing market indicator measuring sales-to-list price ratio, multiple bid offers for properties has waned, and properties are again generally selling below the list price. The statewide measure suggests that homes are selling at 97% of the list price, down from a ratio of 98.1% at the same time last year. The Bay Area is the only region where homes are selling above list prices and are generally selling about 0.6% more than the asking price.

- The average California price per square foot for an existing single-family home was \$210 in December 2014, a decrease of 1.3% from the previous month, but a 4.9% increase from December 2013. Price per square foot at the state level has been showing an upward trend since early 2012, and has been rising on a year-over-year basis for 35 consecutive months. It seems to have reached a plateau in recent months and has been leveling off at around \$215 for existing single-family homes. ■

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