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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Whole Foods opens to huge crowds in Dublin

Crowds filled the sidewalks and part of the parking lot Wednesday for the grand opening of Whole Foods' 43rd Bay Area market in Dublin's new Persimmon Square. The new market is Whole Foods first for the Tri-Valley cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin — with 225 employees and 40,000 square feet of space.

The new store, which has a "modern farmhouse" look that incorporates reclaimed wood and tin, aged metals and colorful chalkboards, is larger than the company's older store in San Ramon, with far more special amenities.

At the invitation of Beth Krause, Whole Foods regional public relations and social media manager, I had a walking tour of the new store just prior to Wednesday morning's opening. It was probably the only time I'll be in a Whole Foods market without rubbing shoulders with other shoppers. It also gave me a chance to talk to managers and look behind the counters to see how Whole Foods controls its legacy environmental-friendly reputation.

Right up front, the store posts a sign promoting "Full Health Energy" and listing suppliers who have earned the grocer's best rating for conservation, with labels marked good, better and best in terms of how they use less water and pesticides to provide their products. Whole Foods technicians survey their vendors' sites before awarding the labels.

At a free-standing wine counter, customers can enjoy tastings and also shop for Livermore Valley and other wines that are graded on a "90 point" system, based on those designated ratings used by three of the leading wine magazines.

An elaborate cheese section includes two experts behind the counter who can explain product tastes, how ocean air may affect the processes of certain cheese and then

offer help in building a cheese platter for a customer planning a party.

Down the aisle is a seafood section where Whole Foods uses third party specialists to audit farmed fish standards, ruling out fish that are fed antibiotics or that contain artificial colors or preservatives. Wild-caught fish go through an approval process from Marin and Monterey Bay Aquarium sea watch programs designating the store's fish as green or yellow. Whole Foods doesn't carry fish with a red rating, which the program considers endangered species because ocean supplies are running low.

Meat sold at the store also goes through a five-step rating system supported by 100 animal welfare centers. This shows that farmers raise their stock responsibly with audits affirming that none is raised in cages, that cattle are kept outdoors except in extreme weather, that they are born and raised on the same farm and that they've never been in a crowded feed lot. Farmers who qualify as meat vendors commit to fattening up their herds in the field, taking grain to them instead of bringing them into a feed lot.

Whole Foods also is joining the global effort to offer more non-GMO foods. GMO, or genetically modified foods, are those produced from organisms that have had specific changes introduced into their DNA. And while not considered dangerous by government standards, shoppers are increasingly hesitant to buy them. Now, some products carry a non-GMO label, but by 2018 Whole Foods will require vendors to label all of their products stating if they have GMOs.

In addition to Whole Foods customary selection of natural and organic products, the Dublin store offers dining and entertainment, including a pizza venue, tap room and an outdoor patio with a space for live music and performances. ■



JEB BING

Paul Barron, Whole Foods marketing team leader, was among the first to greet customers at the new Dublin store Wednesday.

### About the Cover

This photo from Pleasanton's annual Memorial Day observance last year shows members of the American Legion and VFW color guards posting the colors. This year's ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the garden area just south of the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard. Photo by Mike Sedlak/mike@digitalsight.com. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

**How do you feel when you look across the table and the person you are with is on their mobile device?**



**Ava Losee-Unger**

*Elementary school student*

I feel really annoyed, because to me it means the person isn't really listening to you and doesn't really care what you're telling them. It's like getting hired for a new job, but then having your boss tell you you aren't good enough for it. I have actually experienced this first-hand because sometimes my father does this when I'm reading to him.



**Sara Yael**

*Retired*

I feel insignificant. Ignored. Without any value. When that happens, I want to write a note that says "Seems you are busy now" and hand it to them as I leave. The people who are fixated on their devices, to the exclusion of their human companions, will stop that behavior if their companion stops accepting it.



**Paul O'Grady**

*IT specialist*

Well, if it's something important, like a call from a sick kid, or a pet emergency that requires immediate attention, of course that's just fine. But if someone's just checking their Facebook or tweeting about nonsense, I feel really slighted, like I'm not worth that person's time and attention.



**Sandra Fishback**

*International tour guide*

It depends on the reason. If the person is gathering information pertinent to our conversation, I am fine with it. But if they are just playing games or are involved in an unrelated text conversation, I might reconsider sitting across the table from them in the future.



**Frank Camarrano**

*Customer support*

I don't mind it much. Especially if I'm on my device, too. LOL.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Readers Choice

This holiday weekend marks the last chance to vote for your favorite places to eat, drink, shop and spend time in the Pleasanton area as part of the Pleasanton Weekly's annual Readers Choice contest.

Voting remains open through Monday.

Categories this year include Beauty and Style, Epicure, Health and Fitness, Home and Vehicle, Kids and Pets, Rest and Recreation, and Services.

Cast your ballot online at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com/best\\_of](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com/best_of). The winners will be revealed in print and online June 26.

### Bomber tours

The Wings of Freedom Tour of the World War II vintage Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell and North American P-51 Mustang are flying into Livermore Municipal Airport for a visit this weekend.

The public can explore and learn more about the bomber planes — \$12 for people older than 12 years old and \$6 for those 12 and younger. World War II veterans and women at the homefront can tour the aircraft at no cost.

Visitors also have the opportunity to take a 30-minute flight aboard the B-17 or B-24 for \$450 per person, or the B-25 for \$400 per person. In addition, visitors can receive flight training aboard the P-51 for 30 minutes (\$2,200) or one hour (\$3,200). For reservations and information, call 800-568-8924.

The Wings of Freedom Tour will be on display 12-5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

### Blood donations

The American Red Cross is urging donors to choose their day to give hope to patients in need by donating blood or platelets during its "100 days of summer, 100 days of hope" campaign.

To encourage donations around the Memorial Day holiday, those who give blood or platelets this Saturday through Monday will receive a Red Cross RuMe tote bag, while supplies last.

Summer vacations and travel can contribute to less availability for people to donate blood or platelets, but the need for donors doesn't decrease during summertime, Red Cross officials said.

To make an appointment, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients, Red Cross reps said. ■

## East Side's future will be decided by Pleasanton voters Nov. 3

After three hours of debate, council calls for public balloting

By JEB BING

In a surprise move, the Pleasanton City Council voted 3-1 to skirt the multiple choices under consideration Tuesday night affecting the East Side planing process and instead ask voters to make the decision in a special advisory balloting on Nov. 3.

The option to seek a recommendation from voters came late in a three-hour council meeting on the East Side land-use issues. Mayor Jerry Thorne proposed going to voters and had the support of Councilwomen Karla Brown and Kathy Narum. Councilman Jerry

Pentin voted against the proposal. Councilman Arne Olson, whose home backs on to the East Side site under consideration, had to recuse himself from the discussion and vote.

Thorne made his proposal after the council considered multiple options determining whether to proceed on the planning process now underway for development of the 1,100-acre East Side site by the East Pleasanton Specific Plan (EPSP) task force. In its most recent proposed plan, the city would allow the development of 1,300 residential units on the site, with

1.6 million square feet for non-residential uses by developers and landowners, and leaving another 759 acres as open space.

The plan has never been presented officially to either the city Planning Commission or the council, although consultants have worked with the task force and city staff to develop a draft environmental impact report (EIR) that would be needed if the plan was adopted.

Besides this "base" plan, there are nine other variations under consideration. Earlier, any consideration of allowing high-density apartments building on the site

was nixed.

The task force has been working on an East Side specific plan since it was established in the summer of 2012 when the city was rushing to meet new state-required housing demands. Since then, however, the council rezoned 70 acres of available land for high-density housing, with more projects being built today than were needed by that 2014 housing number deadline.

Also, a growing public outcry over allowing more homes in Pleasanton during a drought and

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JEB BING

This new sign at the main entrance shows the name of the medical center on West Las Positas Boulevard at Santa Rita Road is now Stanford Health Care, the organization that assumed ownership of ValleyCare Health System Monday.

## Stanford Health Care takes over ValleyCare

New signs go up after final documents signed

Stanford Health Care's acquisition of ValleyCare Health System (VCHS) was completed Monday with signs identifying the new owner now in place, including at the medical center in Pleasanton.

"The transaction with Stanford is now complete," said John Sensiba, chairman of the ValleyCare board. "We closed (Monday) as scheduled and the new signs are uncovered on the Pleasanton campus."

The merger, which puts Stanford Health Care in charge, ends a year-long effort by the governing board of directors of ValleyCare to find a partner as the health system plunged deeper into debt.

The merger agreement, approved by California Attorney General Kamala Harris last month and Monday by Stanford and ValleyCare boards, requires

that the Pleasanton-based health system must continue providing medical services here for at least five more years, including its 24-hour emergency medical operation and most other services now available.

The day-to-day operations of the new Stanford Health Care location will be led by Scott Gregerson, who had previously served as president and CEO of ValleyCare Health System. Gregerson will report to Amir Dan Rubin, president and CEO of Stanford Health Care.

"While our new signage is one of the more visible indicators of the change already underway at the new Stanford Health Care—ValleyCare, there is so much more to come," Gregerson said.

He added, "For more than half a century, ValleyCare has ensured

that Tri-Valley residents have had access to quality care. This new partnership with Stanford Health Care, which enjoyed the tremendous support of our community, clinicians and staff, will enhance those efforts by bringing truly preeminent care to the Tri-Valley.

"ValleyCare is a great hospital and is now poised to be far better than it has ever been," Gregerson said. "I would be remiss if I didn't thank the employees and physicians for their unyielding efforts to serve this community during a challenging time and we are awed by the potential this partnership will bring."

"We are looking forward to serving the region with distinction for at least another 50 years, and we hope our friends and neighbors

See **STANFORD** on Page 10

## Glazer dominates Election Night

Margin of 10,200+ ballots; voter turnout at 23.1%

By JEREMY WALSH

Orinda Mayor Steve Glazer appears headed to the California State Senate after posting a nearly double-digit advantage on Election Night in the special runoff election for the District 7 seat.

Glazer, a Democrat, received 60,824 votes or 54.6% to finish comfortably ahead of Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla (D-Concord), who earned 45.4% of the vote, according to unofficial totals released late Tuesday night by the California Secretary of State's Office.

"Today we saw that people are more important — and more powerful — than special interests, and that's a great message for our state to hear," Glazer said in a victory statement issued on Facebook just after 11 p.m. Tuesday.

"Our campaign struck a chord with voters frustrated by the gridlock and dysfunction in Sacramento. They want leaders who are more pragmatic than partisan, more focused on answers than ambition," he added.

The special election, contested Tuesday in parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, was held to decide who would fill the unexpired term for the 7th State Senate District left vacant when Mark DeSaulnier resigned to join Congress.

Voter turnout stood at about 23.1% between the two counties as of Election Night results, which include most — but not all — of the qualifying ballots cast.

There were an estimated 13,000

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# PPIE announces 'Giving Fund' results

Organization presents PUSD with check for \$515,000

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation has announced the results of the 2015-16 Giving Fund Campaign, which culminated at the third annual Run for Education event April 12.

PPIE members presented a check in the amount of \$515,000 to the Pleasanton Unified School District at the school board meeting May 12.

"This year's campaign started out strong and never let up," PPIE board president Bob Miller said. "Since the campaign kick-off last August during Registration Week, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our parent community and corporate and education partners. We're extremely grateful for their commitment to education in our city."

In addition to direct donations to the Giving Fund, which included employer matching funds, this year's annual donation from the foundation includes proceeds

from last October's Toasts & Tastes of Fall and Pleasanton's Run for Education.

PPIE officials said none of the activities would have been possible without the hard work of volunteers, including those who sit on the foundation's Education Foundation Committee (EFC).

"The EFC is a key component of the foundation's organizational structure," PPIE executive director Susan Hayes said. "They are a talented, passionate group of skilled volunteers who see the 'big picture.' In addition to working hard at their individual school sites, they help strengthen the entire district by participating at the foundation level."

PPIE's board of directors took many factors into consideration in developing a funding strategy, including input from district technology administrators such as Chris Hobbs and district technology coach Lisa Highfill — who helped

identify gaps in funding where the foundation could help.

"Once those gaps were identified, we targeted areas that offered a 'force multiplier effect,' asking ourselves where we could target funding to reach the most students possible, and simultaneously support the work of our teachers," Miller said.

In March, the foundation pledged to contribute \$330,000 to fund four district-wide instructional coaches for the 2015-16 school year:

- 2 early literacy instructional coaches: \$160,000 total
- 1 math instructional coach: \$80,000
- 1 technology instructional coach: \$90,000.

The remaining \$185,000 is to be distributed to individual schools sites with the intention that they be used to further PPIE's mission of enhancing learning experiences by focusing



AMANDA AGUILAR

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation members presented the school district with a check for \$515,000 at a recent school board meeting, which will go to additional instructional coaches and funding the district technology plan.

on supporting the district technology plan at their sites in areas not yet budgeted by the district, such as classroom infrastructure needs.

- Hart Middle School: \$30,000
- Harvest Park Middle School: \$40,000

- Pleasanton Middle School: \$40,000
- Amador Valley High School: \$38,000
- Foothill High School: \$30,000
- Village High School: \$5,000
- Harvest Park Pre-School: \$2,000. ■

## PLEASANTON RECYCLES

Sort, roll and go! It's easy to recycle in Pleasanton. Just put the proper recyclable materials in the recycling bin and you'll help the city and county recycling goal of less than 10% of compostable and recyclable material in the trash. Right now, Pleasanton residents are putting 18% of compostable materials and 10% of recyclable materials in their trash bins. We can do better just by following the directions below. For more information about recycling in Pleasanton, please visit [pleasantonrecycles.org](http://pleasantonrecycles.org).

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## Open house draws crowds to Pleasanton police event

Family-focused festivity gives public a closer look at city's law enforcement

By JEB BING

Nearly 2,000 turned out Saturday for the Pleasanton Police Department's open house, a fun family event that offered residents a comprehensive overview of the city's services, programs and activities.

Crowds lined areas in parking lots in front of City Hall and behind the police department as well as inside police headquarters to take tours, watch demonstrations by police and firefighters, learn about public safety, water quality and how to be prepared for emergencies.

Police chief Dave Spiller stood at the entry gate all day, shaking as many hands as he could.

Children especially enjoyed demonstrations by the motor and canine units with many having a chance to sit on a police motorcycle with lights flashing and sirens blaring. The city's animal control officers were on hand to greet visitors and answer questions about animal control issues such as barking, leash laws and pet-licensing.

"During their tours of the police station, itself, we even gave kids a chance to walk into one of our holding cells," Spiller said. "But we



JEB BING

Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller greets Brock and Anne Roby and their son Barrett at the department's open house Saturday.

didn't throw away the keys as some feared. We even let them sit in my chair in the chief's office and put their feet on my desk, which, of course, I never do."

Spiller said the department had been planning the event for about a year.

"It's a big undertaking and we made sure to do everything right," he

said. "All hands were on deck except for our regular patrols on city streets."

Even when the event ended at 4 p.m., there was more to do. In addition to returning all the vehicles and equipment to their usual places, some in the department, including Spiller, headed over to Hayward for a similar countrywide event hosted by the local chapter of the NAACP. ■

## Livermore Toyota receives LEED certification

The Livermore Toyota dealership was honored earlier this month with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, the 35th Toyota dealer in the country to receive the award.

LEED is a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of green buildings, homes and neighborhoods.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand joined John Sullivan, the dealership's owner, at a reception celebrating the certificate award.

To qualify, Livermore Toyota integrated over 20% of regionally sourced construction materials into its building and recycled over 80% of its construction waste, keeping 502 tons of material out of the landfill.

The dealership also installed water-efficient plumbing fixtures that reduce water usage by almost 40% and incorporated underwater detention systems for water drainage control.

For the first two years, over 75% of the dealership's yearly energy needs will come from green energy sources. The project took Livermore Toyota 16 months to complete and was spearheaded by the Borges Architectural Group.

The agency is located at 6200 Northfront Road. ■

—Jeb Bing

# Fair announces complete concert calendar TAKE US ALONG

Discount days, donation drive information also released

By CIERRA BAILEY

Alameda County Fair organizers have announced that the rock band Berlin will close out this summer's 17-act "Big O Tires Concert Series."

Best known for its song "Take My Breath Away" — featured in the 1986 film "Top Gun" — Berlin will take to the amphitheater stage at 8 p.m. on July 5.

All fair concerts are free with paid admission to the fair, which opens June 17 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds located at 4501 Pleasanton Ave.

Organizers are again offering "early entry" wristbands this year to be distributed from 2-3 p.m. to the first 400 people in line for a concert. Amphitheater seating is first-come, first-served and overflow seating is provided at the concert lawn with a live-feed Jumbotron screen to watch the performances.

Directly following each concert will be a fireworks show and video presentation celebrating Home-town Heroes. The full concert series schedule is:

- 6/17 - War (funk, R&B)
- 6/18 - Brian McKnight (R&B)
- 6/19 - The Original Wailers (reggae)
- 6/20 - Kutless (Christian rock)
- 6/21 - Tierra (Latin R&B)
- 6/22 - The Boys of Summer (Eagles tribute, classic rock)
- 6/24 - The Beach Boys (pop/rock)
- 6/25 - Rodney Atkins (country)
- 6/26 - Tower of Power (funk, R&B)
- 6/27 - Con Funk Shun (funk, R&B)
- 6/28 - Tanya Tucker (country)
- 6/30 - Steelin' Dan (Steely Dan tribute, pop/rock)
- 7/1 - Foghat (classic rock)
- 7/2 - Kansas (classic rock)
- 7/3 - Morris Day & The Time (R&B/pop)
- 7/4 - Blues Festival (multiple performers, 1-9 p.m.)
- 7/5 - Berlin featuring Terri Nunn (pop/rock)

The fair is scheduled to run from June 17 through July 5 — open Tuesday through Sunday each week. Admission and rides on opening day will be \$1 until 5 p.m. according to fair reps.

General admission for adults (13-61) is \$12, seniors (62+) and kids (6-12) are \$8, and children under the age of 6 are free. Advanced discounted tickets are available online through June 16.

Individual season passes are also available for \$30 as well as "Fun Packs," which include four general admission tickets and one parking pass for \$40. Special discounted admission includes:

- Military appreciation: free fair admission daily with valid military ID
- Opening day: \$1 admission and \$1 rides (June 17)
- \$2 Tuesdays: \$2 admission (June 23 and 30)
- Seniors (62+) free Thursdays (June 18 and 25, July 2)
- Kids (12 and under) free Fridays (June 19 and 26, July 3)

On June 24 the fair will host its "Feed the Need Food Drive," benefiting the Alameda County Food Bank. Fair admission will be free to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pop/rock band Berlin is set to close out this summer's "Big O Tires Concert Series" on July 5 at the Alameda County Fair.

those who bring at least four non-perishable food items.

The "Drop Zone" donation drive is set for July 1 during which people can bring at least two items from the special donation list provided online and receive free fair admission.

\$1 rides will also be offered during each donation drive day. All discount opportunities end at 5 p.m. except free military admission, which is valid all day. For more information, visit [www.alameda-county-fair.com](http://www.alameda-county-fair.com). ■



Well, that seems familiar: Keith Barlow took the Pleasanton Weekly to its street counterpart, Pleasanton Road at Fort Bliss in Texas. 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.

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## GOT GARDEN?

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### Compost Now for a Summer Garden

With spring right around the corner and a summer garden on your mind, here are some tips for composting like a pro!

1. Save your kitchen scraps and add them to the compost pile, they are typically high in nitrogen. Egg shells, coffee grounds, fruits and vegetable peels and scraps are all outstanding materials to add to your bin.
2. Keep your compost aerated! If you are composting with a tumbling composter, make sure you turn it whenever you add new materials. If you use a non-tumbling compost bin, be sure to mix up the contents so that the pile gets oxygen and can break down effectively.
3. If you are composting with a compost pile, bigger is often better because heat builds up with a big pile. You don't want to exceed more than about 3 feet by 3 feet though.
4. Don't let the compost completely dry out. A compost pile needs moisture to keep the composting process active.
5. Don't let compost get too wet so that it gets soggy and smelly. Just as too dry is bad, too wet is also something to avoid.
6. Too much of any one material will slow down the composting process. In general, it's good to keep a mix of green and brown material when composting.

—Compostguide.com



# PPD unveils first-ever brand platform

First seen at last weekend's Police Open House

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Pleasanton police have created a brand platform for the first time in the department's history.

"This is something that I really wanted to do," Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller said. "Branding, I think, is a promise we make to the community."

The brand is made up of the symbolic gold star that is traditional to law enforcement.

However the star is open and "connecting to the traditional arch that everybody identifies with as Pleasanton," Spiller said, later adding, "There's not really a lot of hard edges because I don't know if we're that hard or hard-edged. We want to appear the way the logo appears."

Just below "Pleasanton Police" is the logo's strapline — "Better Together."

"I think it's a great tagline for who Pleasanton is," said Spiller. "Because we are better together."

The branding conversation came up a year ago when the department was discussing its strategic plan.

A part of that discussion included updating its visuals in the department, according to Sgt. Maria Munayer. "We decided we wanted to start branding," she said.

And so, the branding process began.

A branding committee was formed, made up of members from all different levels of the police department, which included: Sgt. Julie Fragomeli, Det. Benjamin Sarasua, officers Marty Billdt, Ken McNeill and Craig Hobizal, police chief administrative assistant Kim Monfort, dispatcher Linda Reynolds and Munayer.

The eight members went through specialized training and connected with industry experts in the private sector.

"We didn't want this to be a marketing campaign," Munayer said. "We wanted to find out what our

brand identity is and also what the equity of our brand was."

In order to get feedback about how the public viewed the police department, the committee sent out surveys to Pleasanton residents, police department employees and city departments. In addition, they conducted "man on the street" interviews and connected with the community at city events.

"Before we go out and say, 'This is who we are, this is what we are,' we wanted to make sure our strengths were aligned with the community's needs. We wanted our brand to be credible," Munayer said.

The committee also received feedback by meeting with focus groups that represented the community groups, such as the youth, school administrators, the Pleasanton Downtown Association, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, neighborhood watch block captains and retired Pleasanton PD employees.

From there, the committee pulled out key ideas and themes from the feedback that helped them identify the community's, and even the police department's, needs.

Sarasua, who met with the youth focus group, said the youth wanted to see more presence of police on campus.



COURTESY OF PPD

The Pleasanton Police Department unveiled its new brand to the community during last Saturday's Open House.

"They want to see more connectedness with the police department," he added. "We want to be able to break down those barriers where they feel like they couldn't approach us ... just see us as people rather than people of power with a badge and uniform on."

Spiller noted that not all the feedback was positive feedback.

"One of the hardest things was the negative comments," McNeill said. "We had to step back and take a hard look at what they were saying ... and a lot of what they had said, there was a lot of truth."

"What people say, how people feel ... having that information is so powerful," Spiller said. "It really set out to frame our brand identity."

Munayer added that hearing and reading people's stories about their experience with the police depart-

ment also factored into what phrases were used in the brand platform.

For example: "a guardian," "a trusted neighbor," "doors are always open," and "smalltown service."

"The language in there is contradictory to some traditions of law enforcement," Munayer said. "You'll see some language in there that's reflective of and what's distinctive to Pleasanton."

After a year (nine months dedicated to research) and a conference room full of poster boards of themes and ideas, the branding committee created the department's first ever brand platform.

"Our brand isn't just our logo. That's just the representation," Munayer said. "Our brand is really who we are, what we stand for, what we believe ... a distinctive promise that only we can give." ■

## Hart named Gold Ribbon School

One of 10 Alameda County schools chosen

Hart Middle School has been named a 2015 California Gold Ribbon School.

"This award is a great honor for our site and our district," Hart principal Terry Conde said. "It is a direct reflection of the dedication, teamwork and passion for education that is shared by our entire family of students, staff, teachers, volunteers, parents and administrators here at Hart."

The Gold Ribbon awards, announced by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, recognize California schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by

the State Board of Education.

These include the California Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

"These schools are academically successful, vibrant, and innovative centers of learning and teaching," Torlakson said. "They provide great examples of the things educators are doing right — embracing rigorous academic standards, providing excellence and creativity in teaching, and creating a positive school climate."

Schools applied for the award based on a model program their school has adopted that includes standards-

based activities, projects, strategies and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies.

The new award is recognizing middle and high schools this year and elementary schools in 2016.

The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created to honor schools in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program, which is on hiatus while California creates new assessment and accountability systems.

Hart, and other Gold Ribbon Schools, will be recognized during regional ceremonies held in Sacramento, San Diego, Visalia and San Francisco. ■

— Amanda Aguilar

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# AVHS DECA triumphs at competition

Team brought home a third of California DECA's awards

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Amador Valley High School's DECA team earned high honors at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Fla.

The following team members brought home awards for Top 3 in the world:

- First-place team: Jennifer Wang and Sophia Yang — Entrepreneurship Promotion Plan Chapter Project
- Second-place individual: Vanessa Lin — Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling
- Third-place team: Annie Cai, Janel Lee, Sidharth Bommakanti — Learn and Earn Project Chapter Project
- Third-place team: Sammy Salustri, Abhisek Sahoo, Pooja Kumar — Financial Literacy Promotion Plan Chapter Project.

"This year's results were the best AVHS DECA has ever had, and the entire chapter is proud of these individuals," said Allison Dai, Amador Valley DECA vice president of public relations.

Amador Valley DECA had 52 members attending workshops and competing against over 18,000 students from the United States, Canada, China, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Guam.

Each category had hundreds of competitors, with about 15-25 moving on to the finals round, then reduced to top 10, and then down to first, second or third place.

The following students also placed at the conference:

**Top 10**

- Shubhra Ganguly — Entrepreneurship Written event
- Vlada Lipkind and Megan Doi — Hospitality Services Team Role Plan

**Finalists**

- Christain Lui, Jaewon Kim, Vinith Llavaran — Fashion Merchandising Written event
- Katherine Xiao and Anika Ketrupal — Public Relations Project Chapter Project.

As a state, California DECA won a total of 15 awards — with Amador Valley bringing back one-third of those awards. ■

## STATE SENATE

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ballots left to be counted, election officials in both counties said Wednesday morning.

Bonilla had not released a statement as of press time Wednesday.

Glazer, an 11-year Orinda City Council member, small business owner and former political adviser to Gov. Jerry Brown, jumped out to an early lead of 54.5% to 45.5% when the first results were released by state officials soon after polls closed Tuesday evening.

Bonilla, who is in her final term in the State Assembly, could not gain ground as new totals arrived throughout the night.

As a result, Glazer is poised to complete the remainder of DeSaulnier's four-year term set to expire at

the end of 2016.

"One new state senator can't change California government on his own, but I hope to work with my colleagues to restore confidence in public policymaking and advance progressive ideals in ways that are financially responsible," Glazer said in his Election Night statement.

Glazer well ahead in each county, earning 56.94% of the Alameda County vote and 54.08% of the Contra Costa County vote.

Contra Costa had the higher voter participation, sitting at 24.76% (almost 91,600 of the eligible 369,878 voters), as of Election Night. Alameda County turnout came in at roughly 17.79% (20,525 voters of the registered 115,342).

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.

The unofficial election results include early vote-by-mail tallies and totals reported by 100% of the precincts on Election Night. The election figures will likely change in the coming days as final vote-by-mail ballots, provisional ballots and other qualifying ballots are processed, according to the California Secretary of State.

Election officials have until next Friday to certify their final results. The combined cost of holding the special runoff election was estimated around \$2.5 million, according to the two counties.

For more details about the unofficial Election Night results, visit [vote.sos.ca.gov](http://vote.sos.ca.gov). ■

## COUNCIL

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when home and business owners have been required to cut back water usage by at least 25% saw the East Side development lose favor. A citizens' coalition urged the council Tuesday to stop the planing process, discard the EIR and wait until 2022 when new housing numbers will be issued to see if the East Side is even needed for residential development.

Options ranging from stop the process now to more lenient ones allowing the planning effort to

continue in a limited and drought-restricted basis brought 28 speakers to the council podium Tuesday. Although a show of hands called for by Thorne indicated that most in the room wanted the planning process stopped, there were also some who urged that it be continued, including East Side landowners and developers who have already spent nearly \$1 million for consultants and the draft EIR.

As the night moved on, it was clear that the four-member council split the needed three-member majority uncertain on any of the options. By going to voters, the East Side dilemma will at least have

direct public input with a sample ballot giving room for opponents and supporters of the planning process to state their positions.

Thorne said that even if voters choose to continue the planning process, he will still insist that any final recommended plan for development go back to the voters another time for a Yes or No vote.

When the meeting ended at 10:03 p.m., there were handshakes all around with a crowd that had been hostile early on appearing satisfied that a public vote would give them time to rally their sides for another showdown at the polls. ■

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## STANFORD

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will join us at our Medical Center in Pleasanton on June 9 from 4-6 p.m. as we celebrate our new partnership," he said.

As part of the merger agreement, Stanford will provide a capital commitment of \$50 million during the first three years and will be co-obligated on, or guarantee, VCHS's \$85 million revenue bonds in order to resolve the current bond covenant compliance issues.

Although ValleyCare will remain in existence as a nonprofit, public benefit corporation, it will operate as a subsidiary of Stanford. It's

new name is Stanford Health Care, with "ValleyCare" in smaller letters below.

Stanford Health Care will take control of the ValleyCare board of directors by creating a new board that will have 11 directors, consisting of three Class A directors who will be chosen by ValleyCare's current board from among its current members, and eight Class B directors. As vacancies occur, the Class A directors will select replacement directors whose appointment will be subject to approval by Stanford.

Class B directors will be selected by Stanford from a slate of candidates submitted by a nominating committee appointed by Stanford.

The agreement also gives the

Charitable Foundation an oversight responsibility to protect the community's interests by monitoring Stanford's satisfaction of certain commitments under the affiliation agreement for a period of five years. The amended governing documents of the Charitable Foundation will give members the opportunity to elect the foundation's board of directors from among nominees approved by the new VCHS board.

For its part, Stanford will provide fundraising expertise and a charitable contribution of \$3 million to the foundation. VCHS will continue to provide meeting space necessary for the foundation to carry on its fundraising functions. The sole purpose of the foundation going forward will

be to support VCHS and further the charitable purposes it serves.

It's expected that the ValleyCare Medical Foundation, a separate nonprofit corporation that contracts with ValleyCare Physician Associates to provide medical services in the foundation's clinics, will eventually be folded into Stanford's Bay Area physician network.

Stanford leadership also will assist and provide support to ValleyCare and its medical staff in clinical care currently offered at the ValleyCare hospital and medical facilities in Pleasanton and Livermore as well as support the development and operation of a broad geographic network of health care providers and facilities in collaboration with

Stanford Health Care, Stanford University and its School of Medicine.

This effort will further the charitable, scientific and educational purposes of the university as well as develop, sponsor and advance services and programs that address the physical and mental needs of the community at large.

An analysis of ValleyCare's service area, which was reported in the attorney general's letter of approval documents, shows the hospital's market share in Pleasanton and Livermore at 40%, in the mid-30% range in Dublin, and then mostly in the single-digit range for patients from other Tri-Valley cities. The exception is a 19.5% market share in unincorporated Sunol. ■

—Jeb Bing

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# Community Pulse



## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton house party leads to arrest of Antioch man

A 19-year-old man was arrested Sunday on suspicion of vandalism at a residence in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard.

According to police, a group of juveniles were home alone and planned to have a party since the victim's parents were gone.

The address of the victim's residence was posted on Twitter, police said.

A group of people, claiming to be from Hayward and Oakland, allegedly came to the residence and demanded to get in, but they were denied entrance.

According to police, a physical fight followed during which Christian Fernandez, of Antioch, broke several windows.

Fernandez was arrested at a local hospital, where he was being treated for his injuries.

In other police reports:

- A Hayward woman was placed on citizen's arrest Saturday after causing a dis-

turbance at Walmart on Rosewood Drive, police said.

Kristina Lynn Coble, 45, was allegedly blocking customers from exiting the store.

Police reports said loss prevention officers asked Coble to leave the store but she refused.

Loss prevention officers signed off on Coble's citizen arrest, and she was charged for suspected interference or obstruction at a public business.

- A residential burglary on Springdale Avenue resulted in approximately \$10,000 worth of jewelry stolen between 6:30 and 9:18 p.m. Friday, police said.

The culprit or culprits allegedly pried the back sliding door open with what appeared to be a screwdriver.

They gained access to the backyard by removing a fence board, said police. A fingerprint was also found on the sliding door, according to police reports.

Police reports said only the master bedroom was rummaged through, and no electronics or cash were taken from the residence.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### May 10

#### Sex offenses

- 9:50 p.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

#### Vandalism

- 3:06 a.m. in the 5000 block of Franklin Drive

#### Theft from auto

- 3:33 a.m. in the 00 block of Deer Oaks Drive
- 8:34 a.m. in the 7900 block of Paragon Circle
- 8:52 p.m. in the 2800 block of El Capitan Drive

#### Embezzlement

- 4:57 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### May 11

#### Fraud

- 12:58 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:28 p.m. in the 3800 block of Belmont Way

#### Theft

- 7:23 a.m. in the 500 block of Boulder

#### Court; auto theft

- 9:40 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure
- 3:10 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:20 p.m. in the 5800 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from auto

### May 12

#### Assault/battery

- 6:21 p.m. in the 1200 block of Kolln Street
- 11:19 p.m. in the 3500 block of Yellowstone Court

#### Missing person

- 4:27 a.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Theft

- 10:39 a.m. in the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle; theft from auto
- 11:42 a.m. in the 2600 block of Martin Avenue; auto theft
- 1:27 p.m. in the 7900 block of Paragon Circle; theft from auto
- 4:15 p.m. in the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
- 7:54 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:54 p.m. in the 4700 block of

#### Willow Road; theft from structure

### May 13

#### Alcohol violation

- 11:47 p.m. in the 4100 block of Cid Way

#### Theft

- 9:19 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 11:41 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Embezzlement

- 10:12 a.m. in the 4600 block of Willow Road
- 4:12 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### May 14

#### Alcohol violation

- 8:48 a.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road
- 5 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive
- 10:08 p.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

- 9:22 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto

- 5:47 p.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive

- 8:05 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 11:17 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

### May 15

#### Robbery

- 3:02 p.m. in the 3700 block of Angus Way

#### DUI

- 10:55 p.m.; intersection of Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive

#### Theft from auto

- 7:44 a.m. in the 1000 block of Madsen Court
- 9:17 a.m. in the 1600 block of Calle Santiago

### May 16

#### Residential burglary

- 11:47 p.m. in the 2700 block of Alpina Court

#### Auto theft

- 11:18 a.m. in the 7500 block of Flagstone Drive
- 12:05 p.m. in the 4600 block of Lakewood Street

## Carol Jean Ottens

March 19, 1934 - May 12, 2015

Carol Jean Ottens passed away on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 with her husband, Harm, by her side. She had such an impact on so many people with her kind heart and willingness to help.

Carol was born in Salt Lake City, UT and eventually moved to the Bay Area, finally settling down in Pleasanton where she met her Husband Harm working as a Switchboard Operator at Castlewood Country Club. Harm and Carol married in 1970 and enjoyed 45 wonderful years together. They later opened up Carol's Guest Home, where they took care of many elderly clients for over 25 years, retiring from the business in 2015.

Carol loved taking trips to Reno with her husband, always staying at the El Dorado. She love knitting, doing needlepoint and making porcelain dolls. Carol was always helping others in need, this was shown through her volunteer work at Shepherd's Gate and by the number of lives she impacted. She loved entertaining and any excuse to bring out her gold flatware, especially during Christmas when she would have the family over for Prime Rib and the Dutch dish Mouse.

Carol is survived by her best friend and loving husband, Harm; children Charles Perkins, Michael Ottens, Pamela and husband Curtis Boggs; grandchildren Wade Boggs, Kevin and wife Kacie Boggs, Dawn and husband Greg Wellenbrink; 7 great-grandchildren; sister Susan Lay; and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her daughter Jill Beal and brother Roger Langton. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and everyone she touched throughout her long and cheerful life.

Honoring Carol's request, there will be no memorial service. A private celebration of life for the immediate family will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in honor of Carol Jean Ottens to your favorite charity.



PART I CRIMES	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0
Rape	4	4	4	3	8
Aggravated Assault	49	31	26	28	39
Robbery	24	26	18	29	14
<b>Violent Crimes Subtotal</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>
Burglary	210	182	165	187	169
Larceny/Theft	1,009	951	998	980	920
Motor Vehicle Theft	83	85	119	117	156
Arson	6	5	5	10	3
<b>Property Crimes Subtotal</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>1,248</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,309</b>

COURTESY OF PLEASANTON PD

### Recent crime trends in Pleasanton

Property crimes continue to be much more prevalent in Pleasanton than violent crimes, as shown by this recently released chart tracking crime statistics from the past five years.

PAID OBITUARY

# Let the voters decide

As welcome as Tuesday night's City Council's decision was to ask voters to decide if the East Side planning process should continue, just as pleasing was the cordial atmosphere in a council chamber filled to capacity with protesters along with some advocates of what has been a contentious public debate.

Credit for the constructive public hearing goes to Mayor Jerry Thorne, who showed a bit of anger early on when some of the more than 200 in the room started shouting when they didn't like what they heard. He ordered a halt to any outbursts and the meeting continued with 28 speakers going to the podium to voice their opinion.

Credit for the three hours of productive discussion also goes to former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, one of the organizers of the campaign urging a halt to



An overflow crowd in the Pleasanton City Council chamber listens patiently Tuesday night as 28 speakers, city staff and council members discuss the East Side planning process.

East Side development at [www.PleasantonVoters.com](http://www.PleasantonVoters.com). Many at the meeting held signs reading "Stop the Sprawl," which they

occasionally but quietly raised during the hearing.

Most came to the meeting expecting the council to vote to stop a planning process that was started three years ago by the City Council at that time to consider possible land-uses for the 1,100-acre largely undeveloped site now called simply "The East Side."

At the time, city leaders were rushing to comply with a court- and state-ordered mandate to provide more workforce, affordable housing. The city had argued unsuccessfully in court against a suit by Urban Habitat, an Oakland-based affordable housing coalition, which said Pleasanton wasn't doing its share in meeting state-required housing quotas.

But after spending \$3.5 million defending its 1996 housing cap of 29,000 units that Urban Habitat claimed was effectively blocking any more housing here, Pleasanton lost and the court gave the coalition and the state's Attorney General (who was now-Gov. Jerry Brown) authority to impose housing numbers determined by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

In response, and to keep control of housing designs and amenities, the council rezoned 75 acres of vacant land for more than 2,000 units in high-density projects. Most of those are now under construction or have received building permits.

The council also created the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force to look at that acreage for

possible development to meet new housing numbers imposed by the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Since then, and with the RHNA numbers more than met until the next housing requirement cycle in 2022, the task force continued its work, holding 18 regular nighttime meetings and also another three neighborhood workshops.

These 19 task force members also met with consultants and devoted more time to reviewing a draft environmental impact report that will be required if any plan is adopted. High-density apartments were stricken early on with the most recent plan allowing for the development of 1,300 residential units, 1.6 million square feet of non-residential development and 759 acres of open space. It's this latest plan, which has yet to be considered by the city's Planning Commission and council, that has stirred opposition.

By going to the voters next November, the council skirted a vote itself on whether to proceed with the planning process, let the task force finalize its planning work and make a recommendation that would then be put on hold until the current drought is declared over, or stop the process altogether and wait until the 2022 RHNA numbers are allocated to see if East Side housing is needed.

It's a good move that will give all voters in Pleasanton a chance to make the final decision. ■

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### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

##### • P15-0231, Tatiana Kubatina

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a music school at 1024 Serpentine Lane, Suite 118

##### • P15-0037, Kursad and Zarina Kiziloglu

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an application for Administrative Design Review at 5196 Hummingbird Road to:  
(1) construct an approximately 297-square-foot single-story addition with an open-sided second-floor balcony on the rear of the residence;  
(2) construct an approximately 558-square-foot second-floor addition above the garage on the east side of the residence; (3) install five new dormer windows; (4) install a new roof over the front porch; and (5) install new second-floor windows and doors

#### CIVIC CENTER/LIBRARY MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE

The City Council is accepting applications for Three (3) Community Members for the Civic Center/Library Master Plan Task Force

The City of Pleasanton is beginning the process of evaluating options for development of a new civic center, library and police station on the existing Civic Center site and other locations, including the Bernal Property. As a result the City Council approved the formation of an 11-member task force to include (3) three at-large community members. The task force will spearhead this process and provide guidance and recommendations to the City regarding this effort. Interested persons will need to complete and submit a Committee/Commission Application as well as a supplemental questionnaire by the deadline. For more information email Brian Dolan, Assistant City Manager at [bdolan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:bdolan@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

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# IT'S MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

## FLY THE FLAG, HONOR OUR VETERANS



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Pleasanton's annual Memorial Day observance will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the garden area just south of the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.

The event, hosted by the American Legion Pleasanton Post 237 with the assistance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasanton Post 6298, honors all military veterans including those now on active duty and especially those who died while serving their country.

A preliminary musical interlude by the Pleasanton Community Band under the direction of Bob Williams will begin the ceremony with the program of tributes to start at 11 a.m.

Bill Leedle, commander of Legion Post 237, will open the ceremony, introducing Commander Kurt Heuer of VFW Post 6298, who will give the welcoming address. Then the Legion color guard, under the direction of guard commander Jim Lyon, will present the colors, followed by

the "Pledge of Allegiance," led by Eagle Scout Oliver Heiman of Troop 998.

The keynote speaker will be Lt. Col. Christopher Gerdes, garrison commander at Camp Parks in Dublin. He will address the sacrifices the country's military has made through the years and will also talk about the future of the military.

Following Gerdes' address, there will be a 21-gun salute to veterans by the UC Berkeley Air Force R.O.T.C. and "Taps," played by the Concert Band.

Richard Ghera, American Legion post adjutant, said the hour-long ceremony will feature a number of special tributes along with patriotic music by the band,



Young girls dance to marching music at last year's Memorial Day ceremony outside Pleasanton Senior Center.

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Bob Williams conducts the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at Memorial Day ceremony a year ago.



American Legion color guard posts colors at Memorial Day ceremony.



Crowds at last year's Memorial Day ceremony recite "Pledge of Allegiance."



Scouts from Troops 941 and 998 join Memorial Day ceremony after placing small American flags on the more than 600 veterans' graves at St. Augustine Catholic and Pleasanton Pioneer cemeteries.

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including the national anthem, "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

During the ceremony, Donna Willy will play the bagpipe as a Memorial Day wreath is placed at the speaker's lectern by a member of the local Sea Scouts.

Speakers in addition to Gerdes will include Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, an invocation and closing benediction by Amy Noble, garrison chaplain at Camp Parks, and a reading of the "Gettysburg Address" by Eagle Scout Spencer Aquiline of local Troop 998. Nancy Wilhelm, vice regent of the Jose Maria chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will read a Memorial Day poem, followed by an "Honor Roll of Silence" by Legion member

Rene LaVigne.

Parking and restrooms are available at the Senior Center.

In Pleasanton, Memorial Day observances start tomorrow as Scouts from Troops 941 and 998 place small American flags on the more than 600 veterans' graves at St. Augustine Catholic and Pleasanton Pioneer cemeteries. The number of gravesites to decorate keeps growing as more and more of our city's World War II servicemen and servicewomen leave us on this, the 70th year since the Second World War ended.

Memorial Day was traditionally observed on May 30. But in 1968, the national holiday was moved to the last Monday in May to create a convenient three-day weekend. Despite opposition, all 50 states, including California, began complying with the change of date in the early 1970s.

The special day originated after the American Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war, and, at the time, was known as Decoration Day. The holiday was extended by the 20th century to include all American soldiers and was officially named Memorial Day. The somber observance differs from Veterans Day, which celebrates the service of all who have served and are serving in the military.

Although Memorial Day is specifically designated to honor those who died serving the U.S., it has also become the day seen as the start of the summer season and school graduations. It's also become a time of retail sales specials, family getaways and backyard barbecues.

Of all U.S. holidays, it is especially a day to fly the flag outside homes and businesses. ■

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Mayor Jerry Thorne will speak at Monday's Memorial Day ceremony on Pleasanton Senior Center grounds.



Members of American Legion and VFW color guard lower flags as national anthem is sung at 2014 Memorial Day ceremony.

## Departed Loved Ones *are only a thought away*

Medium's tour includes  
Tommy T's in Pleasanton



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Medium Cindy Kaza is appearing at Tommy T's Comedy Club to help people connect with their loved ones on the other side.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Cindy Kaza is on stage, she isn't just in touch with her audience, she is also in touch with their departed loved ones.

"There's a woman, she passes of cancer, in her 30s," Kaza, a medium, told the audience during a recent show at the Irvine Improv as she walked back and forth, microphone in hand. Two people in the audience acknowledged that it was their friend, who died recently.

"She was so afraid to talk about her diagnosis because she didn't want it to be real," Kaza told them. "But she also didn't want people to worry about her or to be upset. She's showing me that some people were upset that she didn't tell them right away. Do you understand that?"

"We were upset," admitted one friend.

"She said, 'Listen, I'm really sorry that I didn't tell you sooner, but I was trying to deal with it myself. And I didn't want to believe it was real,'" Kaza said. "She never meant to hurt you by not telling you."

Kaza, 34, is on a national tour and will be at Tommy T's Comedy Club on Hopyard Road in Pleasanton on May 31. Watching the video of her performance, it appears that her talent can be a burden, but she doesn't see it that way.

"For me, it's not difficult when I'm on stage because I know I have to hold the strength for the audience and it's something that I've trained to do," Kaza said.

Her goal is to give audience members much needed closure that most can only receive in dreams.

"I hope to show people it is possible to communicate with our loved ones who have died," Kaza said. "A great thing about a public setting is that you can reach a lot of people in a short period of time. Even people who don't get a message can see it is possible to communicate with people who have passed away."

Kaza is an evidential medium, which means she brings specific evidence that she connects with the departed at her live shows. The evidence may be names, personality traits, physical ailments, or favorite pastimes or phrases.

"If I am doing my job correctly and getting good evidence, I hope to crack the door a little bit and help people heal," she said. "I don't have all the answers. I don't know what happens when we cross over, I only know from experiences in my work that we can't experience it with our finite minds, we can't fully explain it."

Kaza said she has had psychic abilities her whole life.

"My first memorable experience was when I was 10 years old," she recalled. "A girl in my elementary school had passed away in a car accident, and I woke up and she was standing by my bed. That scared me. But all through my childhood and into my teenage years I was very psychic, able to pick up on past, present and future."

Mediums speak to people who have died, she explained; all mediums are psychic but not all psychics are mediums.

Kaza tried other professions, such as hairdressing, and she sang with a band for six years and went back to school for a degree in biology and chemistry. She also took up painting.

**'Laughter is great medicine — and crying is great medicine. I hope people walk away feeling uplifted and empowered.'**

Cindy Kaza

"I love many different things, but the mediumship was not going away," she said. "It came back at me stronger. Finally I wasn't afraid of it."

Eight years ago, she embraced it, and she went to England to study at the Arthur Findlay College, which specializes in the advancement of spiritualism and psychic sciences.

"The teachers are really amazing — they push you to become the best medium you can be," Kaza said. "They show you how information comes through."

"There are lots of misconceptions," she added. "On TV you see paranormal shows where people think it has to be a dead person looking like a real person, but it's more subtle than that."

She said mediums got a bad name around the time of Houdini, who died in 1926, when seances were popular and charlatans would rig rooms for special effects and take advantage of people's grief.

"Physical mediumship is very real but they are few and far between," Kaza said. "A physical medium goes deep into a trance, and things can actually move ... the medium can fluently speak a language, it happens."

She noted that everybody is psychic, it's part of being human.

"When you dream about someone, it's not a dream, it's a visitation," she said. "If you wake up and remember everything you said, that's because it was an experience."

Departed loved ones come when we are asleep because then we are not using our analytical minds, Kaza explained. She said often a woman will come to an event and say her husband died and she doesn't know why she can't feel him around her.

"When you have expectations as to how you're supposed to have an experience, you are actually narrowing yourself from having other experiences," Kaza said. "You may get into your car and it's your wedding song playing, or you may smell cologne and it's your husband's. It's

important to be open to the experience. Loved ones are a thought away."

At her shows, Kaza feels the personality of the departed loved one.

"I don't want people to think I'm trying to make them believe me," she said. "All I can do is show them what I do and give them the best experience I can give them. They can believe it or not."

She likes comedy clubs such as Tommy T's because all sorts of people will attend, some who are grieving and others who have never heard of a medium.

"They are out to have lunch or dinner with friends, maybe a couple of drinks. It's a lighter environment," Kaza said.

Some remain skeptics even after seeing her work. In Orlando, someone accused her of getting a list of all the people who bought tickets and Googling them, she said with a laugh.

Kaza delivers the loved ones' messages gently and tactfully.

"I want people to have a positive experience," she said. "Death is a difficult subject, and I try to keep it uplifting and positive. Laughter is great medicine — and crying is great medicine. I hope people walk away feeling uplifted and empowered."

Kaza will be at Tommy T's on May 31, June 21, July 19, Aug. 30 and Oct. 25. Tickets, \$20-\$30 plus a two-item minimum purchase, are available at [tommyts.com](http://tommyts.com). ■

## 'Spring Rep' brings classic, contemporary ballet to stage

Valley Dance Theatre to present excerpts from 'Sleeping Beauty,' 'Salute to the 1940s'

Valley Dance Theatre will celebrate the beauty of dance with classic and contemporary ballet at its "Spring Rep" next weekend at the Bankhead Theater, with live music by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra.

"For the past several years, we have enjoyed steady audience growth for our 'Spring Rep' productions," said Valley Dance Theatre founder and artistic director Betsy Hausburg. "Dance, in general, has become increasingly popular, and we find that people like seeing familiar, favorite works that they may have experienced several times, but they also find that new, imaginative pieces spark their enthusiasm, too."

"Spring Rep" will include highlights from Tchaikovsky's classic "Sleeping Beauty," featuring Princess Aurora, Puss in Boots, dazzling jewel fairies and charming bluebirds. Centerpiece of the contemporary works will be "Salute to the 1940s" with favorites such as "A String of Pearls" and "Sing, Sing, Sing."

"Parents, particularly, enjoy introducing their families to the potpourri of ballet expression that 'Spring Rep' presents," Hausburg said.

The shows will be at 7 p.m. May 30, and at 2 p.m. May 31. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$12 for students 17 years and younger. Purchase online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org); by phone at 373-6800; or at the box office,



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## Old-style revue on Memorial Day weekend

The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet will present "Thanks for the Memories," a Memorial Weekend USO Revue, in their fifth annual appearance at the Firehouse Arts Center. The show will include the four vocalists plus a five-piece swing band presenting special musical tributes to the Armed Forces in the style of the Andrews Sisters with songs from the '40s, '50s and '60s, as well as fun skits, dancers, new numbers and the stand-up comedy of Bill "Bob Hope" Johnson. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior and group discounts available. Visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or go to the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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## A Super Diamond tribute

The Firehouse Arts Center is set to host concerts by Neil Diamond tribute band Super Diamond next weekend. The high-octane show will feature the band's renditions of Diamond classics like "Sweet Caroline," "September Morn," "Cracklin' Rosie" and "Coming to America." Super Diamond performs regularly in the Bay Area and across the country. The shows in Pleasanton are set for 8 p.m. May 29 and 30 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Reserved seating tickets are \$30-40 available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 931-4848 or by visiting the box office.

## Book Clubs

**GREAT BOOKS OF PLEASANTON** The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

## Civic Meetings

**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.

## Classes

**COMPUTER TUTORING** Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

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## Clubs

**KIWANIS OF PLEASANTON** Kiwanis of Pleasanton is celebrating the 100th anniversary of their organization this year. Those interested in making a difference in the community are invited to join for lunch from 11:50 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St. Call 425-9127 for more info.

**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>.

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit [www.PleasantonRotary.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary.org).

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH** Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from

12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Call 556-2333 or visit [www.pnr-rotary.org](http://www.pnr-rotary.org).

**TRI-VALLEY EVENING ROTARY** Tri-Valley Evening Rotary has been supporting the community veterans, children and seniors for the past 12 years. We are the only Rotary club in the valley that meets in the evening. If you want to give back with a fun loving group please visit one of our meetings, from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Cost is \$5 plus dinner. Go to [trivalleyrotary.org](http://trivalleyrotary.org).

**VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS** Virtually Speaking Toastmasters

club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

## Concerts

**SWINGIN' BLUE STARS OF THE USS HORNET** Bay Area favorites Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet present "Thanks for the Memories," a Memorial Weekend USO Revue, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 24 at Firehouse Arts Center. Four vocalists plus a 5-piece swing band present special musical tributes to the Armed Forces. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Events

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING LUAU BIRTHDAY BASH** GNON and White Crane Winery invite you to join for the 7th Annual Luau Birthday Bash from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at White Crane Winery in Livermore. Fabulous networking opportunities, tons of raffle prizes, socializing, great food, and fun. Spouses and guests are invited to help celebrate. Cost is \$10. Go to [www.gnon.org/rsvp.html](http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html).

## Fundraisers

**BLUE STAR MOM 5TH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** The Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 5th Charity Golf Tournament supporting our Gold Star Families will be from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at Callipe Preserve. Tickets are \$200 and include Foot Joy Shoes, lunch and dinner, and one free round of golf. With Color Guard Opening Ceremony, and the opportunity to meet active duty Soldiers and Marines. Contact Jake Saito at 426-6666 or [jsaito@playcallippe.com](mailto:jsaito@playcallippe.com).

**RUMMAGE SALE** Trinity Lutheran Church and Pleasanton Boy Scout Troop 911 will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. Selling spaces are \$20 per parking space area; items can also be donated. Contact Angela at (510) 612-0719 or [raochs@comcast.net](mailto:raochs@comcast.net).

## Health

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR CANCER SURVIVORS** Cancers survivors are invited to the Celebration of Life Event, "Surviving, Living and Embracing Change," from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, June 1 at the Holiday Inn in Dublin. Speakers include Rishi Sawhney, M.D., from Valley Medical Oncology Consultants; Camille Chabot; and Dr. Vera Packard, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation. Free. RSVP by calling 934-7640, option 3, ext. 305.

## Holiday

**TRI-VALLEY CULTURAL JEWS' SHAVOUT CELEBRATION** TVCJ will celebrate the holiday of Shavout with a potluck brunch and program on Sunday, May 24 at a member's home in Pleasanton. Participants are asked to bring a dairy brunch dish to share and have in mind a book they enjoyed reading in the past year. Each participant will briefly discuss his or her book recommendation. Cost is \$5 for non-members, free for members. Contact Judy Seid at [judithseid@aol.com](mailto:judithseid@aol.com).

## 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).

## On Stage

**VALLEY DANCE THEATRE SPRING REP HIGHLIGHTS CLASSIC CONTEMPORARY BALLET** Valley Dance Theatre will celebrate the beauty of

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dance from both classic and contemporary ballet, including highlights from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" and a salute to the 1940s at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$26, \$12 for students. Call 243-0925 or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

Recreation

**THURSDAY MORNING BIKE RIDE** Join our every Thursday morning bike ride as we tour the trails and vineyards of the Tri-Valley area. We will ride 20-30 miles at a "social" rate of speed with a coffee stop along the way. You will need a bike, a helmet and a sunny disposition. Call 426-1290 or go to [www.meetup.com/Pleasanton-Pedalers/](http://www.meetup.com/Pleasanton-Pedalers/).

Scholarships

**AAUW NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of AAUW is offering scholarships to local women who will be college juniors in Fall 2015. Applicants must reside in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol or have attended a local high school. Applications are available now and due by June 1, 2015. Contact Joan Leighty at [joanleighty@comcast.net](mailto:joanleighty@comcast.net).

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 DANCE CLASSES** Seniors are invited to a Beginning Latin Line Dance from 1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays; cost is \$12 for four classes per month or \$15 for five classes per month. Beginning line dance from 10:25-11:25 a.m. Thursdays, cost is \$1.25 per class; beginning-intermediate line dancing from 10:15-11:15 a.m., Tuesdays, cost is \$2 drop-in, or from 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays, cost is \$3 drop-in; easy and intermediate line dance from 2-4 p.m. Thursdays, cost is \$3 per class; intermediate line dance from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Fridays, cost is \$1.25 per class; advanced line dancing from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Mondays, cost is \$3 per class; or social line dance from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, cost is \$2 for drop-in or \$6 for four classes per month or \$7.50 for five classes per month; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

**DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER MINI-LIBRARY** The Dublin Senior Center Mini-Library is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday at the senior center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The library gladly accepts donations of like-new used books published in the last five years, puzzles, magazines within three months of distribution, and videotapes. Unused books are donated to Friends of the Dublin Library. Bring donations to the office for processing. Call 556-4511.

**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).

**FREE MEMORY SCREENING FOR SENIORS** Caring Solutions is sponsoring free memory assessment on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511 for a 30-minute appointment. Preregister by the Monday prior to reserve an appointment. Informational materials are available at the Senior Center.

**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 senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to [www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com](http://www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com).

**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).

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Spiritual

**COSMIC QIGONG SERIES** Cosmic Qigong Series will focus on easy-to-learn exercises that cultivate your energy and show you how to draw energy from your environment for your health, work, and relationships. Classes held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 7-28 and May 12-June 2 at Unity of Tri-Valley in Dublin. Cost is \$12 per class. Contact Gayle Staehle at 200-1765 or [gstaehle@comcast.net](mailto:gstaehle@comcast.net).

**ECKANKAR: COMMUNITY HU CHANT** Join the Community HU Chant, a non-denominational prayer activity, at noon every Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. HU is a love song to God that can help you. For more information go to <http://eck-ca.org/>.

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY** Join the Sunday service with Reverend Karen Epps at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Call 829-2733 or go to <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/>.

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).

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# Sports

## Tri for Fun returns to Shadow Cliffs

Annual triathlon series back for 28th year

By JEREMY WALSH

Roughly 700 athletes of all experience levels are expected to be on hand next month for the first Tri for Fun triathlon event of the annual series put on by On Your Mark Events at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton.

The series, now in its 28th year, offers three shorter, non-competitive triathlons during the next three months leading up to the Tri for Real competitive triathlon in September.

"We have made so many wonderful friends through the years because of the Tri For Fun," On Your Mark Events co-principal Mark Aiton said in a statement. "There are now literally thousands of people who cut their triathlon teeth with the Tri For Fun, and they

keep coming back, as well as take part with our other longer-distance triathlons throughout the year."

The Tri for Fun event is designed for beginner, novice and seasoned triathletes alike, organizers said.

The course features a 400-yard swim, 11-mile bike loop on flat streets and a 3.1-mile run along a rolling fire trail. It's not unusual to see a 9-year-old swimming, biking or running alongside a 78-year-old in the Tri for Fun, organizers said.

The three initial triathlons lead up to the Tri for Real event set on a longer course, with a 700-yard swim, 19-mile bike and 4-mile run. It is also professionally chip-timed for all participants. Timing is optional for Tri for Fun athletes.

New this year, organizers will crown a series champion — who must be timed in all four events. The male and female winners will receive awards after the final race.

Tri for Fun events are scheduled for June 20, July 18 and Aug. 15, and the Tri for Real will be contested on Sept. 20.

Check-in and registration will begin at 5 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7 a.m. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks and entry into the raffle.

For registration costs and other event information, call On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit its website, [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com). ■



JONATHAN LANCE/  
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EVENTS  
Participants run the final leg of the Tri for Fun triathlon event at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area last June.

## Young martial artist earns 2 medals

Six-year-old Neela Mandal, who trains at Tri-Valley Karate in Pleasanton, earned first- and second-place medals during the 2015 US-ANKF of Northern California Western States Invitational Tournament held late last month in Stockton.

She took first in the girls 6-7 years old beginner/novice Kumite (sparring) category, overcoming a five-point deficit in the final en route to an 8-7 victory in that match.

"Her final opponent was about 1 foot taller than her, yet she feared nothing," said her coach and father, Sanjit Mandal, of Tri-Valley Karate. "She understood the will to win, strategy, watching the scoreboard to see how far down she was, pushing aside the crowd cheering for her



TRI-VALLEY KARATE  
Neela Mandal (second from left), a 6-year-old who trains at Tri-Valley Karate in Pleasanton, receives a medal at a recent NorCal event.

and listening to her coach to help her win her final match."

Neela Mandal's second-place

medal came in the girls 6-7 beginner/novice Kata (forms) category. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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## Seahawks standouts chosen for Select Camp

Miranda Heckman and Christopher Jhong of the Pleasanton Seahawks were recently selected to attend the Zone Select Camp at Arizona State University on May 28-31 representing the Western Zone.


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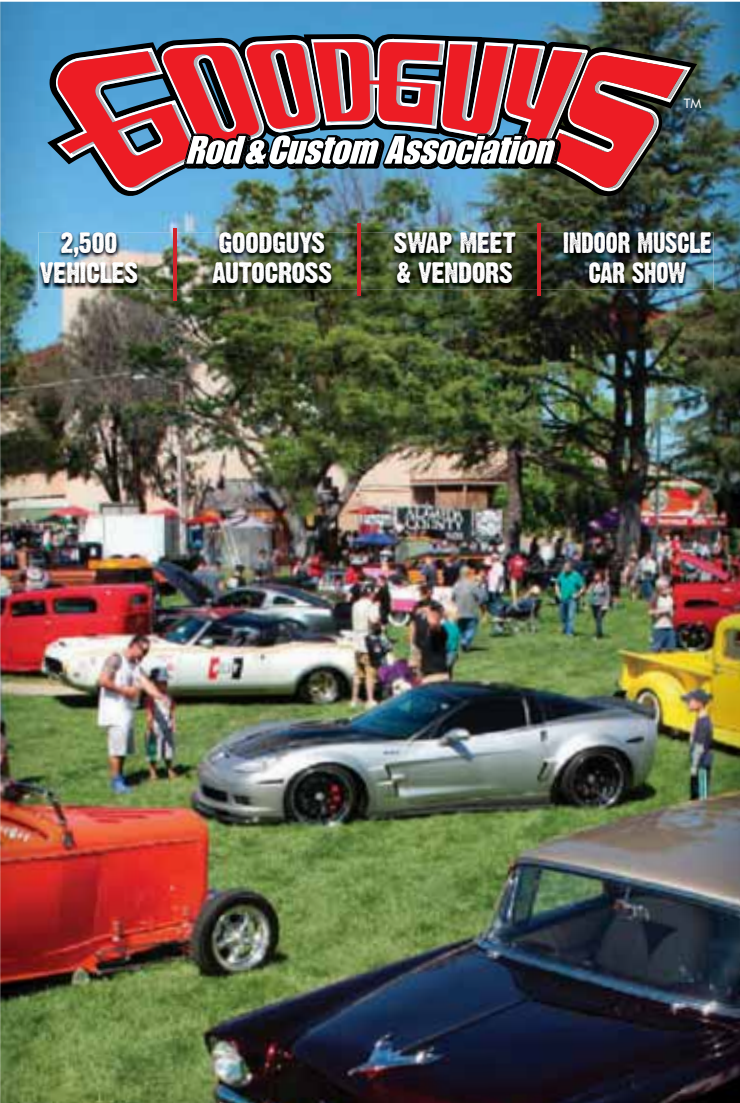
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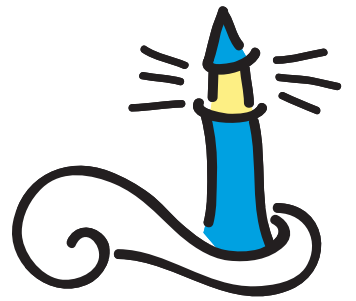


  
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Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	847-2200

#### 4 BEDROOMS

<b>9616 Davona Drive</b>	<b>\$768,000</b>
Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee	963-1984

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 14-24

### Pleasanton

<b>6103 Allbrook Circle</b>	Salmon Trust to J. Stickney for \$772,500
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<b>424 Amador Court</b>	R. Diaz to P. Sullivan for \$766,000
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<b>1836 Begonia Court</b>	A. & E. Thier to B. Chen for \$1,353,500
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<b>2628 Camino Segura</b>	Reeder Trust to H. Liu for \$1,200,000
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<b>7860 Canyon Meadow Circle #H</b>	Mann Trust to M. & E. Moghtaderi-Zadeh for \$493,000
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<b>3788 Corte Libre</b>	T. & A. Seaver to Kenney Trust for \$1,175,000
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<b>5451 Corte Paloma</b>	Walker Trust to W. Cai for \$1,080,000
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<b>3381 East Ruby Hill Drive</b>	D. Co to Suri Trust for \$2,380,000
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<b>2019 Eilene Drive</b>	F. Hernaez to G. Mason for \$769,000
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<b>5130 Genovesio Drive</b>	S. Kataoka to R. & A. Baran for \$875,000
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<b>5902 Hansen Drive</b>	O. & C. Caravan to D. & R. Lordache for \$1,175,000
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<b>6586 Inglewood Drive</b>	R. & H. Brent to M. Raghavachari for \$815,000
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<b>3125 Joanne Circle</b>	D. & B. Smejdir to R. Davis for \$1,120,000
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<b>8148 Moller Ranch Drive</b>	C. Wen to H. & Y. Yang for \$950,000
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<b>3487 Pickens Lane</b>	H. Lei to S. Krishnamurthy for \$749,000
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<b>3259 Pueblo Way</b>	S. Chang to D. Goradia for \$512,000
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<b>3772 Rocky Mountain Court</b>	D. & D. McCarthy to A. Siu for \$770,000
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<b>259 Tomas Way</b>	R. Hempy to K. Liao for \$830,000
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<b>7328 Tulipwood Circle</b>	L. Arevalo to H. Estateinvestment for \$818,000
<b>3956 Vineyard Avenue</b>	K. & T. Baxter to M. & M. Azevedo for \$344,000
<b>3455 Windsor Court</b>	R. & S. Boyle to T. & A. Yeh for \$880,000

### Dublin

<b>8652 Beverly Lane</b>	D. Colberg to P. Bhatia for \$690,000
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<b>4202 Clarinbridge Circle</b>	A. & M. Kosak to U. Anqud for \$430,000
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<b>8062 Crossridge Road</b>	F. Kovach to A. & H. Kons for \$886,000
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<b>3245 Dublin Boulevard #230</b>	L. Wolfe to Y. & Y. Huang for \$445,000
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<b>3688 Finnian Way</b>	D. Pasut to J. Le for \$535,000
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<b>3240 Maguire Way #227</b>	E. Juson to P. Wu for \$550,000
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<b>3360 Maguire Way #312</b>	T. Kim to C. Tan for \$510,000
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<b>5654 Newfields Lane</b>	Kamath Trust to K. Thakore for \$1,180,000
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<b>7086 North Mariposa Court</b>	M. & S. Mercado to B. Deguzman for \$768,000
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<b>3535 Rimini Lane</b>	Y. & J. Kim to M. & S. Dewaikar for \$960,500
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<b>3621 Rimini Lane</b>	S. Singh to S. & D. Nair for \$950,000
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<b>4304 Talle Way</b>	R. Patel to V. Pulipati for \$834,000
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<b>2579 Whitehorse Way</b>	T. Phillips to T. Brosnan for \$1,099,000
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<b>3602 Whitworth Drive #70</b>	J. Brunkal to S. Pratihari for \$725,000
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<b>3618 Whitworth Drive</b>	S. Kim to O. Hulak for \$737,000
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**3583 Milbridge Ct. - Dublin - \$ 1,275,000**  
Park-like yard in Dublin Ranch! Gorgeous and spacious home with one of the largest lots in the are. Huge chef's kitchen with large island, walk-in pantry and granite countertops. Full bedroom and bath downstairs, large bonus room upstairs, separate mancave and possible 6th bedroom used as an office.



Gina Piper

**409 Neal St. - Pleasanton - \$ 1,238,000**  
Downtown location, this Victorian reproduction is absolutely stunning. Beautiful angles and lovely vintage touches throughout. huge separate 3 car garage. Front & back porches plus 2 separate patio areas. Large kitchen w/center island. Walk to Farmers Market & historic downtown.



Cindy Gee

**3140 Joanne Cir. - Pleasanton - \$ 1,184,000**  
GORGEOUS Updated Executive home in Fabulous PARK-SIDE! This home has it all!! 4 bed 2.5 bath, Special loft. Huge expanded Kitchen with Granite, Stainless Appliances, Greenhouse window overlooking the Entertainer's Delight Large Backyard which includes, and Outdoor Kitchen, BBQ, Spa, Cozy WATERFALL.



Adam Golden

**3019 Boardwalk St. - Pleasanton - \$ 879,000**  
Superb Pleasanton Meadows home with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Tucked deep within the subdivision. Stunning granite countertops, hardwood floors, and more. Backyard has hardscape, fire pit and landscaping. Ideal for entertaining family and friends. Near parks and walking paths.



Cindy Gee

**9616 Davona Dr. - San Ramon - \$768,000**  
Desirable 1- story home with large yard and Cozy Patio! This Great 4 bed 2 bath Family Home has approx 1745 Sq. ft on approx 7000 sq ft. lot! the 4th bedroom, can be used as office/dining or playroom, Upgraded with Beautiful Hardwood floors, wet bar, Open Kitchen/Family Room, close to schools, frwy



Julia Korpi

**7765 Dublin Green - Dublin - \$ 759,000**  
Fabulous Dublin home on quiet cul-de-sac. Huge lot features great areas for garden, children's play and sparkling pool! 4 bedrooms provide room for all, great tri-level floor plan w/cozy fireplace in the family room. Newer dual pane windows, updated kitchen with granite counter tops & sunlit nook.



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**6050 Hillbrook Pl. - Dublin - \$745,000**  
Gorgeous Dublin home with lots of light and upgrades. Full bedroom and bath on 1st floor. Large bright kitchen with granite counter tops, center island and honey stained upgraded cabinets. Large master bedroom with highly upgraded master bath. Fresh paint throughout and hardwood flooring.



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**4181 Georgis Pl. - Pleasanton - \$ 560,000**  
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WALK TO DOWNTOWN!  
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**LIVERMORE**  
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4  
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846 ALISON CIR \$665,000  
3 BR 2 BA Lrg lot, granite kitchen counters, newer floors, SS appls & paint. 3 car garage, side yard access. Karen T, CalBRE #09628800 925.847.2200

## DUBLIN

10889 INSPIRATION CIR \$1,388,000  
VIEW! VIEW! VIEW!  
5 BR 5 BA Premium lot. Granite, built in SS fridge, 1BD 2full BA downstairs, fireplaces, Master w/balcony. Tae Terry Kim, CalBRE #01363454 925.847.2200

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11741 MURIETTA CT \$819,800  
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME!  
5 BR 2.5 BA BD & BA down. Kitchen w/granite, SS appls, backsplash. Hardwood & tile floors w/heaters! Court location. Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200

4368 FITZWILLIAM ST \$575,000  
COURTYARD OF DUBLIN RANCH!  
2 BR 2.5 BA Open & bright. Gourm kitchen w/granite & maple cabinets. Hardwood flrs & custom paint. End unit! Sharon He, CalBRE #01810593 925.847.2200

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SHARP UNIT IN KILDARA!  
11853 KILCULLIN CT \$499,950  
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## EL SOBRANTE

4376 SANTA RITA RD \$399,000  
CHARMING UPDATED HOME!  
3 BR 2 BA Open kitchen w/new cabinets, tile backsplash & counter. Newer paint & fences. Nice size lot. Heba Rayan, CalBRE #01722870 925.847.2200

## LIVERMORE

2747 CELLARS CT \$1,339,000  
BEAUTIFUL HOME!  
4 BR 3.5 BA High ceilings. Views of vineyard, park & hills. Jr ste downstairs. Master bedroom w/fireplace. 3 car garage. Azita Mowlavi, CalBRE #01074630 925.847.2200

375 JAMES ST \$480,000  
NICELY UPDATED HOME!  
4 BR 2 BA Near downtown, enclosed patio room. Kitchen w/granite, new dishwasher, sink & faucet. Laminate floors. Nancy Terpening, CalBRE #00380392 925.847.2200

665 BUCKEYE DR \$610,000  
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**3574 Wind Cave Ct., Pleasanton**  
 Absolutely Stunning!! Total remodel in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath 1835 sqf home, situated on a quiet cul de sac. Gorgeous floors, granite kitchen countertops, stainless appliances, two tone paint, new windows, doors, and close to everything. The home also offers a nicely landscaped, private yard, and RV access. Just steps from park!!



**35 San Paulo Ct., Danville**  
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Offered at \$1,184,000



Open Sun 1-4



## 9237 Klemetson Drive, Pleasanton *The Preserve*

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5 bed, 4.5 bath, Open floorplan!!  
Granite, hardwood, Must see.  
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## 879 Mayview Way, Livermore

1- Story, 3 bed 2 bath  
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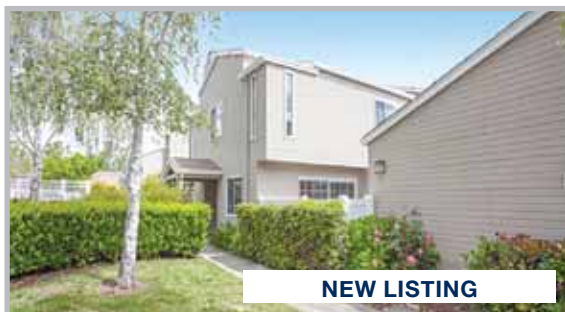
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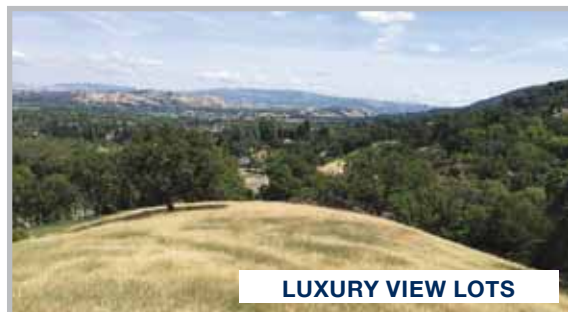
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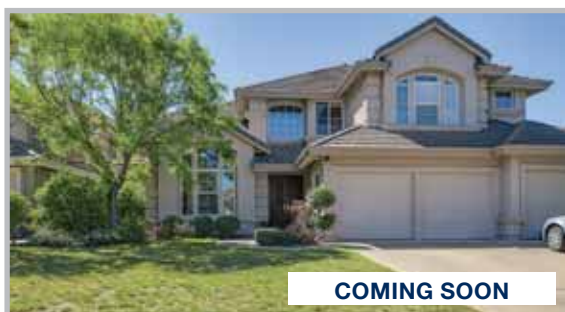
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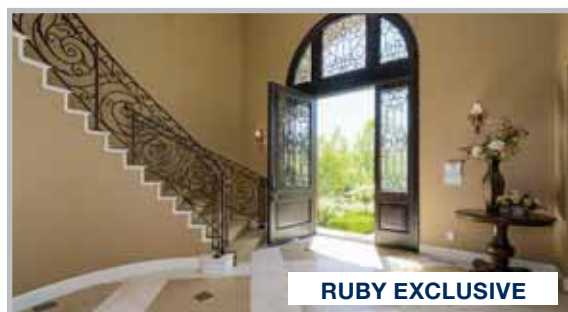
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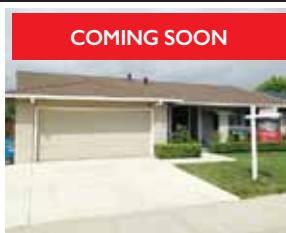


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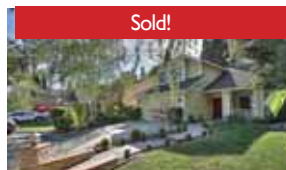
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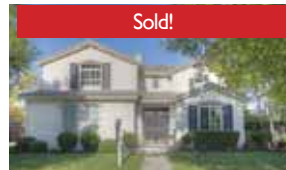
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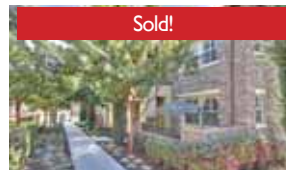
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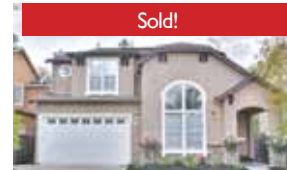
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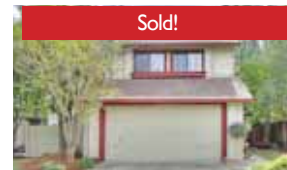
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