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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Steve Bocian, city's 'go-to' man, retires



JEB BING

Steve Bocian, retiring this month after 28 years as Pleasanton's assistant city manager.

Pleasanton Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian, City Hall's "go-to" man for the last 28 years, retires this month, leaving behind a legacy of accomplishments for the public's good. He has served in top city management positions, including seven years in Southern California's Arcadia before being hired here as an assistant by former City Manager Jim Walker.

When hired, Bocian was asked to develop Pleasanton's policies and plans to provide affordable housing in the city, at the time a new and major civic issue. He persuaded the City Council to implement inclusionary zoning rules requiring developers to make 15%-20% of their new housing affordable. He also instituted the city's lower income housing fund that allows developers to skip affordables so long as they contribute the equivalent cost of providing them to that fund.

Bocian also has been the point-man for other affordable and senior citizen projects, including Ridge View Commons with 200 units, the Promenade with 68 units and Parkview, an assisted living facility on Sunol Boulevard. He also spearheaded plans to replace the aging Kottinger Place senior living complex and the similar, smaller Pleasanton Gardens across Kottinger Drive. The new 185-unit multi-story complex to be built next year will be called Kottinger Gardens and will double the number of apartments available to low-income seniors.

As assistant city manager, Bocian also was the point-man for building the city's library, developments on Staples Ranch, extending Stoneridge Drive and developing a 318-acre tract of land given to the city by developers 15 years ago, now called Bernal Community Park. He also deserves credit for helping to steer a long-awaited second dog park through the approval process.

Much of the city's operating mechanisms also have Bocian's stamp of

completion on them, including the Operations Service Center on Busch Road that was moved from an old site on Sunol Boulevard to make way for the Pleasanton Senior Center, another Bocian planning accomplishment.

He formed the city's Information Services division (IT), Geographic Information Services, Central Services department, and he is credited with managing the construction of "temporary" modular buildings that currently house City Hall and the city Recreation Department's offices. After their construction, Bocian headed a city team to begin planning for a new Civic Center and public library, but those plans were shelved by the economic downturn during the last decade. That work is now underway again, with a task force appointed early this month to start the process, although Bocian won't be part of it.

Bocian and wife Cindy live in Pleasanton's Birdland community in the same house they bought when moving here in 1988 and where they raised their two sons, Zachary, 35, a scout for the Cleveland Browns football team, and Andrew, who works for Safeway Corp. Both are graduates of Amador Valley High, where Andrew was on the varsity basketball team.

Bocian is from Cleveland and Cindy is from nearby Akron, where their families still live and are Cleveland Cavalier fans — though the Pleasanton Bocians say their allegiance is to the Warriors. Cindy, who retired four years ago, has long been waiting for Steve to do the same.

In the coming weeks, they're planning an extended trip back to their hometowns to see families and friends. For Steve, who has spent hundreds of Tuesday nights at late-hour City Council meetings, it will be a well-deserved break with Brian Dolan, the city's Community Development director in charge of planning for the past seven years, succeeding him. ■

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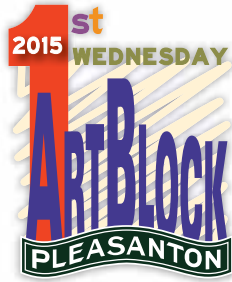
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

## What do you most enjoy about the Alameda County Fair?



### **Brenna Hill and daughter Lindsey**

*Special ed teacher and middle school student*

We don't have any one thing we enjoy about the fair. We enjoy the atmosphere and excitement of the whole fair. The animals, the different foods and the rides! And you just can't beat all of the family-friendly fun.



### **Jessica Senechal**

*High school student*

I absolutely love the contests, especially the Collections Contest, which I prepared for, entered and actually won this year, with my Teacup Collection! Some of the teacups belonged to my grandmother, which makes my first-place ribbon particularly sweet. I love all of the other contests, too.



### **Dan, Erin and Ian Taylor**

*Health and fitness instructor, and students*

We love the thrill rides, the junk food and hanging with the family! I'm usually an advocate for healthy eating habits, but let's face it, churros rule!



### **Michele O'Grady**

*Managing director, investment bank*

I almost hate to admit it, but I go to the fair each year mostly for the funnel cakes. They're just so good. I've tried to make my own, but they never come out as well, no matter how much cooking oil I deep-fry them in, and no matter how much confectioner's sugar I sprinkle on top of them. I indulge in the funnel cakes at the fair only once a year, and I'm sure that's a really good thing!



### **Roland and Jill Albers**

*Retired*

We love the concerts and are looking forward to seeing the Eagles tribute band. Most importantly though, we love spending a fun evening as a family, which gets harder and harder to do as the kids get older and busier with their own lives each year.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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## DIGEST

### Tie a knot for vets

Hope Hospice asks residents to tie a knot for veterans next week at Pleasanton's First Wednesday event in downtown Pleasanton.

During the past year, Hope Hospice volunteers have made plush lap blankets adorned with patriotic symbols — the American flag, stars and stripes and the American bald eagle — for the organization's military veteran hospice patients.

The project was started by Pleasanton resident Thais Carlucci, a longtime Hope Hospice home care volunteer, as a thank-you to Hope Hospice's veteran patients.

Community members can join in on the project by stopping by the Hope Hospice booth to help tie knots on the fringes that border each blanket. No special skills are needed. For information, contact director of volunteers Jill Biggs at 829-8770.

### New Haggerty post

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was elected as second vice president on the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) by the group's board of directors earlier this month.

CALCOG's members are comprised of representatives from councils of government jurisdictions such as the Association of Bay Area Governments, metropolitan planning organizations and county-level traffic congestion management agencies.

Haggerty represents the Alameda County Transportation Commission on the association.

"I look forward to working with CALCOG members to improve regional planning in a way that recognizes and values the diverse economic assets of our individual regions," he said.

### National teams

The USA Deaf Basketball teams are holding fundraising scrimmages Sunday and Monday in Fremont as they prepare for the Deaf World Championships in Taiwan later this year.

"We are always in need of financial support if there are those who would like to donate and support team travel," said coach Debbie Ayres, a Pleasanton resident and USA Deaf Basketball staff member.

The men's and women's teams each have exhibition games Sunday and Monday, with a fan festival scheduled after the final game Monday evening. Tickets are \$7 for one day, \$10 for both days, with the games to be played at California School for the Deaf in Fremont.

For more info, contact Ayres at 914-0132 or international@usadb.us. ■

## Retired AVHS principal appointed interim superintendent

Search for permanent superintendent to begin in upcoming school year

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton school board appointed former Amador Valley High principal Jim Hansen as the interim superintendent for the 2015-16 school year during a special closed-session meeting Monday.

Hansen is replacing outgoing superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, who is set to become the new superintendent of Castro Valley Unified School District next Wednesday.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues at PUSD and engaging with the many students, parents and community members I had the pleasure of meeting over

the years, as well as those who are new to Pleasanton," Hansen said.

Hansen has worked in public education for 34 years, at many different levels, before retiring from PUSD in 2013 as Amador Valley's principal.

"Jim is a person who cares passionately about Pleasanton and the education of our children, and we are grateful that he has agreed to re-join us during this period," board

president Valerie Arkin said in a statement released Monday night.

Arkin added, "As we embark on a search for a permanent superintendent, one that will commence in the beginning of the upcoming school year, we look forward to involving our staff and community in a very thorough, inclusive and transparent process."

Prior to closed session Monday evening, seven people spoke during community comment asking board members to carefully consider the interim superintendent.

"An interim superintendent will need to be a motivator and have integrity, ethics and strong commu-

nication skills in order to effectively reach district employees and the community to boost morale and begin to mend the many fractures in this community," said PUSD employee Linda Pipe, who also thanked trustees for their continued consideration in the decision process.

Kay Ayala echoed Pipe's statements and added that the board needs to appoint a proven leader in the community who is known and respected.

Pleasanton parent Chris Jacobs also addressed the board about ru-

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Jim Hansen

## Thousands turn out for Rotary's Father's Day Spirit Run

Club earns record-high \$50,000-plus to go for scholarships, wheelchairs

By JEB BING

More than 2,000 runners and their families turned out last Sunday for the 21st annual Father's Day Spirit Run, an event hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

The 10K run drew hundreds as the runners started out under the Arch on Main Street, followed 20 minutes later by the 5K run in the annual event set up and professionally timed by Mark Aiton of On Your Mark Events.

Jacob Shoemaker of East Palo Alto placed first in the 10K run, finishing in 32 minutes and 42 seconds, followed by Raymond Rodriguez of Los Banos running the course in 37:38. Rodriguez



Runners line up for start of 5K run at Rotary Club's Father's Day Spirit Run last Sunday in downtown Pleasanton.

JEB BING

also finished the race in second place last year. Steven Chavez of San Ramon finished third, completing the course in 38:20.8.

The three top women runners

in the 10K were Katie Parr of Pleasanton, who ran the course in 44:56.6, Amy Sitzmann, also

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## Fair fun continues this weekend

Monster trucks kick off second weekend of Alameda County Fair

By CIERRA BAILEY

Monster trucks will be trekking their way through the Alameda County Fair this weekend as the second new extreme sport attraction to be featured this summer.

At 8 p.m. tonight through Sunday, fair-goers can catch the monster truck show brought to the fair by Washington-based WHR Motorsports.

Also starting at 8 p.m. each night is the free Big O Tires Concert Series with Tower of Power set to perform today, followed by Con Funk Shun tomorrow and Tanya Tucker closing out this weekend's shows on Sunday.

Steelin' Dan — a Steely Dan tribute band — jump starts next week's set of performances on Tuesday night with Foghat set to perform Wednesday night followed by Kansas on Thursday.

All concerts are free with paid fair admission and amphitheater seating is

first-come, first-served. The first 400 people in line for a concert at 2 p.m. can receive "early entry" wristbands.

Today kicks off another "Kids Free Friday" during which children 12 years old and under receive free admission until 5 p.m.

Next week's discount days include "\$2 Tuesday" and "Seniors Free Thursday" as well as the "Drop Zone Drive" set for Wednesday during which fair-goers can receive free general admission and \$1 rides until 5 p.m. for bringing any two items from a donation list available online in support of servicemen and servicewomen.

Today also marks the first day of youth robots, rockets, engineering and space weekend in the Agventure Park area of the fairgrounds, which offers hands-on activities and exhibits for kids.

Weekly horse racing events will

continue through this weekend with the first post starting at 3:15 p.m. today and at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday.

A cellphone photo scavenger hunt is scheduled for 5 p.m. tomorrow during which contestants will have one hour to take 10 cellphone photos around the fairgrounds from a list of objects for a monetary prize. Other contests this weekend include the hippity hop races for kids ages 7 to 10 and a \$10,000 putting contest for adults.

In addition to the contests, concerts and attractions happening this weekend, fair-goers can also gear up for more food, rides, carnival games and exhibits. The fair is open through July 5.

For more information or to view full daily schedules, visit [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com). ■

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## Sandia names new director

Hruby is first woman to lead a national security lab

Jill M. Hruby has been named the next president and director of Sandia National Laboratories, the country's largest national lab with headquarters in Albuquerque and its major California lab in Livermore.

She will be the first woman to lead a national security laboratory when she steps into her new role July 17, becoming Sandia's 14th director.

Marianne Walck, who became vice president of Sandia's California laboratory last March, will report to Hruby, whose office is at Sandia's national headquarters in Albuquerque.

A 32-year Sandia staff member and manager, Hruby most recently served as a vice president overseeing Sandia's efforts in nuclear, biological and chemical security, homeland security, counterterrorism and energy security.

Hruby will be the first woman to lead any of the three national security labs under the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). These are Sandia in Albuquerque and Livermore, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories, also based in Livermore.

She succeeds Paul Hommert, who is retiring July 16 after serving as Sandia president and laboratories director since 2010. Hruby's appointment was announced to



Jill M. Hruby

# School board discusses homework survey results

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton school board heard a report on the 2015 homework survey results Tuesday night, the last meeting of the 2014-15 school year.

The homework survey — given online to students, teachers and parents/guardians — was conducted from Feb. 6 through March 3.

According to staff reports, the survey findings focus on the amount of time spent on homework according to what students, staff and parents reported.

The Homework Board Policy & Regulations 6154 — adopted on June 17, 2014 — states the amount of homework assigned to students should be different in elementary, middle and high school. In addition, the grade-level guidelines of the policy are intended to apply to the needs of all students, but time allocations are targets toward the average student.

Staff reports said the survey received: 845 responses out of 6,374 elementary students, 1,674 responses out of 8,272 secondary students, 322 responses out of 644 teachers, and 1,763 responses from parents/guardians.

The general findings from elementary students show that the amount of time they spend per night on homework is within the policy

guidelines, which is 10-20 minutes for K-1st, 20-30 minutes for 2nd-3rd and 40-50 minutes for 4th-5th.

The survey report also shows that K-3 teachers reported that the amount of time they are assigning per night on homework is within the policy guidelines, while 4th-5th grade teachers are assigning slightly less than policy guidelines.

In addition, K-2 parents reported the amount of time spent on homework is within the policy guidelines, whereas 3rd-5th parents report an amount slightly above policy guidelines.

At the secondary level, middle school parents and students reported working slightly above the average amount of time per night, no more than 15 minutes per subject, for homework. Middle school teachers reported the amount of time they are assigning per night is slightly over policy guidelines.

In the high schools, parents and students reported working above the average amount of time, no more than 20 minutes per subject, per night on homework. Teachers reported assigning the amount within policy guidelines.

According to staff, the next steps include sharing the data with site administrators and requesting them to work collaboratively with

their staff on fully implementing the homework policy.

In addition, staff is set to look at exploring possible facilitation of focus groups to further discuss the homework policy with students, parents/guardians and certificated and classified staff.

Trustee Joan Laursen noted at the end of the discussion that Advanced Placement classes are not covered by the homework policy and she asked staff to find a way to eliminate any survey results that included time spent on AP class homework.

Trustee Mark Miller suggested staff look at consequences for teachers who continuously assign more than the amount specified in the homework policy.

Suggestions from board president Valerie Arkin included allowing students to do homework during class, not having homework graded and coordinating with other teachers when projects and tests will occur.

**In other business:**

- Three parents addressed the board about their support for Foothill High principal Jason Krolkowski and his decision to hire Dale Hazen as the head wrestling coach, which was included as a consent agenda item Tuesday night.

“Make sure you support the leaders you hire,” said parent Herb Ritter.

Following community comment, the board unanimously approved the personnel document.

Hazen will be succeeding Bennie Lafever, who has coached the team the past eight seasons.

The reason for Lafever's departure is unclear. Krolkowski said in an interview that he could not discuss why Lafever is no longer with the school, citing personnel rules.

- School board members unanimously approved the 2015-16 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) draft, which is a required action under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

According to staff reports, PUSD's LCAP is aligned with state and district priorities to ensure that supplemental funds provided to the school district to support targeted students are expended in a manner to facilitate their academic success.

Targeted students include socio-economically disadvantaged, English learners and foster/kinship youth.

Some of the new areas for supplemental funding included a Mandarin-speaking district parent liaison, College & Career Readiness Action Plan incentives, a Spanish-speaking social worker, internet-connected Chromebooks, reading/English-language support paraprofessionals for K-5.

- Trustees unanimously approved the adoption of the FY 2015-16 budget, which projects \$139.1 million in general fund revenue and calls for \$131 million in general fund expenditures.

## ROTARY

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of Pleasanton, who finished in 45:53.9, and Jamie Schellenberg of Livermore, who completed the course in 47:03.4.

The courses wound through Pleasanton neighborhoods and on trails along the Arroyo del Valle.

Separate Kids' Challenge races for children ages 2-8 included a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the Arch.

Trophies went to the top male and female finishers in designated age groups.

The Father's Day Spirit Run has been a popular annual event that serves as a fundraiser for college scholarships and community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. ■

## INTERIM

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mors of deputy superintendent Luz Cazares walking out of the boardroom during the June 9 school board meeting and using profanity directed toward a board member in front of parents and students in the hallway.

Former trustee Jeff Bowser took to the podium after Jacobs' comments and attempted to dispel the accusations, saying he was there when Cazares walked out to use the bathroom and no profanity was used. ■



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# 'Safe and Sane' fireworks go on sale in Dublin starting Sunday

Sales benefit local nonprofits, service organizations

By JEB BING

"Safe and Sane" fireworks will go on sale in Dublin starting Sunday with sales kiosks in the central business districts staffed by nonprofit organizations.

Dublin police and city representatives are urging the public to use any fireworks they buy with extreme caution to prevent injuries and fires in this summer of extreme drought.

Fireworks of any kind, including sparklers, are strictly prohibited in Pleasanton.

Dublin allows the use of fireworks on public property between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. only on July 4, and only in the following city parks:

1. Alamo Creek Park (Dougherty Road and Willow Creek Drive)
2. Dublin Sports Grounds (Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza)

3. Emerald Glen Park (Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive)

4. Shannon Park (Shannon Avenue and San Ramon Valley Road)

Homeowners may use their fireworks at any time during the sales period.

No fireworks of any type are permitted at Dublin multi-housing units or at any undesignated Dublin park, other city facility or at public schools.

Law enforcement and fire officials say they plan to be extra vigilant due to the dry winter and drought conditions. Penalties for those caught selling fireworks other than at "Safe and Sane" fireworks stands could face fines and jail time.

To learn more about firework safety, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks). ■



Stands such as this one staffed by nonprofit organizations will offer "safe and sane" fireworks in central Dublin starting Sunday.

JEB BING

## SANDIA

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the Sandia workforce by Rick Ambrose, who chairs the board of directors for Sandia Corp. and is the executive vice president of Lockheed Martin Space Systems. Sandia Corp. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corp., which operates Sandia Labs for the NNSA. "The board looked at a number of outstanding candidates," Ambrose said. "We saw right away that

Jill has the right combination of technical expertise and strategic vision to lead Sandia into the future."

"With more than three decades of experience at Sandia, she understands the core national security missions and scientific foundations that are fundamental to the labs' success," he added.

Hruby said she is honored and humbled by her selection.

"Leading Sandia is a tremendous responsibility because of its importance to the security of our nation and the phenomenal engineering and scientific talent here," Hruby said. "I

embrace the opportunity to maintain the U.S. nuclear deterrent and lead Sandia in solving the difficult security challenges we face as a nation."

"I'm proud to be the first woman to lead a NNSA laboratory, but mostly I'm proud to represent the people and work of this great lab," she added.

Hruby joined the technical staff at Sandia's California laboratory in January 1983, working in thermal and fluid sciences, solar energy research and nuclear weapon component research and development.

During her career, she also has done research in nanoscience, hydrogen storage, mechanical-component design and microfluidics.

She earned her first management appointment in 1989, and held technical leadership positions at the California lab in polymer and electrochemical technologies, materials synthesis and inorganic and physical chemistry.

Beginning in 1997, Hruby served as a senior manager in organizations responsible for weapon components, micro-technologies

and materials processing. She was named a technical director in 2003. For the next seven years at Sandia's California site, Hruby led, first, the Materials and Engineering Sciences Center, and then the Homeland Security and Defense Systems Center.

Hruby came to Sandia's New Mexico site in 2010 as vice president of the Energy, Nonproliferation and High Consequence Security Division and of the International, Homeland Security and Nuclear Security Program Management Unit. ■

—Jeb Bing

## REACH names home for disabled for retiring 22-year board member

Norm Guest, another co-founder honored for work in helping adult needy

By JEB BING

REACH, a Tri-Valley nonprofit that provides housing and other services for developmentally disabled adults, has dedicated one of its homes to Norm Guest for his many years of service to the organization.

Guest, a retired Castro Valley High teacher, is stepping down from serving on the REACH board for the last 22 years.

REACH (standing for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) offers resources, education, activities, community participation and housing opportunities that enable adults with developmental challenges to live full and independent lives.

Members of the Guest family were present from Connecticut, Oregon and Texas as he was honored.

The REACH board also honored Lloyd Hanson, who retired from the board a few years ago. Guest and Hanson were founding members of the organization.

"It's almost exactly 25 years ago that our founders first met with the purpose of creating our organization," said Kay King, the board's current co-chair.

REACH currently supports 26 special needs adults in its six



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Lloyd Hanson (left) and Norm Guest, founders of REACH, honored by organization's board of directors for their work in helping adult needy.

Pleasanton and three Livermore homes. It also sponsors other services for the developmentally disabled adults, including athletic teams, nutrition programs, dances and educational opportunities.

The organization is holding its annual golf fundraiser on Monday, July 27, at Castlewood Country Club. For more information, visit [www.trivalleyreach.org/events](http://www.trivalleyreach.org/events). ■

## 35 new stores opening as Livermore's outlet center expands

Now called San Francisco Premium Outlets, center is adding 185,000 square feet

Livermore's outlet center at El Charro Road and I-580, now renamed San Francisco Premium Outlets, will open a new 185,000-square-foot addition Aug. 13, with 35 new stores coming to the new section before the Christmas holidays.

The expansion will boast additional luxury and designer names, including the first outlet location from international fashion house Dsquared, as well as A/X Armani Exchange, CH Carolina Herrera, Ermenegildo Zegna, Jimmy Choo, Rag & Bone New York, Scotch & Soda, Ted Baker London, Tory Burch, UGG Australia, Versace and Vince.

As a result of the center's growth, existing retailers Armani Outlet and Michael Kors will relocate to larger retail space.

"We're thrilled to welcome this wonderful group of iconic brands and luxury names to San Francisco Premium Outlets this summer," said Dave Ackerman, director of marketing and business development.

"The local community has expressed its excitement and antici-

pation about what the expansion means for the center, and we're delighted to reveal this first list of new stores," he added. "Each addition complements our current retail mix, and we're so looking forward to sharing even more updates as we near completion of the project."

The shopping center, originally called Livermore Premium Outlets, opened in 2012. Its marketing area has grown to include the entire Bay region, including the Peninsula, Silicon Valley, North Bay and all of the East Bay, Ackerman said.

In addition, shoppers from more than 50 countries are visiting the center every month, he said.

The outlet mall currently employs 2,000 full- and part-time employees and will add approximately 750 retail positions with the opening of its expansion.

For ongoing updates and to learn more about the outlet stores, read the Pleasanton Weekly or also sign on to [www.premiumoutlets.com/sanfrancisco](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/sanfrancisco). ■

—Jeb Bing

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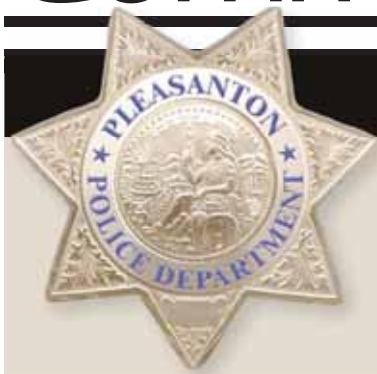


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# Community Pulse



## POLICE BULLETIN

### Care home employee arrested on suspicion of forgery

A 22-year-old employee at Valle Verde Home Care, located in the 6500 block of Via San Blas, was arrested last Friday for allegedly forging personal checks belonging to one of the home's residents.

Police allege Patrick Prieto wrote two \$6,000 checks to himself using the victim's personal checks.

The victim's sister noticed the bank account was "unusually low," reviewed the checking

account and saw the two checks issued to the Pleasanton resident, said police.

When confronted by police, Prieto allegedly admitted he forged the checks. He was arrested on suspicion of forgery, elder abuse and grand theft.

In other police reports:

- One person died Wednesday morning after being found under a BART train at the West Dublin/Pleasanton station, which was closed for part of the morning.

BART officials said the West Dublin/Pleasanton station reopened around 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, more than

three hours after no trains were stopping at the station but some were traveling through on a single track.

Service at the station had been closed from about 7:30 a.m. until an Alameda County coro-

ner could complete an investigation into the death.

The person's identity has not yet been released to the public.

- A house located on Gulfstream Street was reportedly burglarized while its owners were away on vacation, resulting in over \$5,500 worth of items stolen.

Police reports said a landscaper noticed the home's rear door shattered and alerted a neighbor, who was watching over the house while the owners were gone.

The culprit or culprits entered the residence, ransacked the master bedroom and stole a firearm and two rings, police said.

The incident occurred some time between June 18 at 9 a.m. and June 19 at 7:30 a.m., according to police.

- A motorcyclist was critically injured Tuesday night after crashing into a vehicle at the intersection of Stoneridge and Chabot drives.

Pleasanton police officers responded to the area around 6:10 p.m., and all involved parties were on scene.

The motorcyclist was provided medical care by Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, and then transported to Eden Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

Police said the driver of the vehicle is cooperating with the investigation. The names of the driver and motorcyclist have not been released.

As of 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, the motorcyclist was reported to be in "stable but critical condition," Sgt. Joe Leonardo said. Anyone with information about the crash can call 931-5100.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

### The victim's sister noticed the bank account was 'unusually low'

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 7

#### Theft

- 11:28 a.m. in the 4300 block of Entrada Drive; theft from auto
- 12:18 p.m. in the 4400 block of Entrada Drive; theft from auto
- 2:27 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

### June 8

#### Criminal threats

- 8:27 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Missing person report

- 6:08 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Fraud

- 3:41 p.m. in the 6000 block of Laurel Creek Drive

#### Vandalism

- 2:53 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive

#### Residential burglary

- 2:35 p.m. in the 4400 block of Yuma Court

### June 9

#### Embezzlement

- 1:23 p.m. in the 5200 block of Franklin Drive

#### Commercial burglary

- 7:01 a.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

#### Theft

- 7:09 a.m. in the 4400 block of Muirwood Drive; theft from auto
- 9:27 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

### June 10

#### Sex offenses

- 10:14 a.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

### June 11

#### Child abuse

- 11:03 a.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Fraud

- 12:03 p.m. in the 3200 block of Colebrook Lane

#### Theft

- 6:23 a.m. in the 00 block of Mission Drive; theft from auto

- 10:37 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure
- 10:39 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

### June 12

#### Domestic battery

- 6:48 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Vandalism

- 7:45 a.m. in the 4800 block of Pipit Court
- 9:47 a.m. in the 4800 block of Pipit Court

### June 13

#### Theft

- 1:29 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:59 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 5:56 p.m. in the 200 block of Rose Avenue; auto theft

#### Domestic battery

- 8:42 a.m.; street information not disclosed
- 11:18 a.m.; street information not disclosed
- 1:55 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Embezzlement

- 10:15 a.m. in the 6200 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Sex offenses

- 1 p.m. on Dublin Canyon Road

### June 14

#### Burglary

- 3:41 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 10:49 p.m. in the 4400 block of Comanche Way; residential

#### Domestic battery

- 2:59 a.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Fraud

- 10:28 p.m. in the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle

### June 15

#### Theft from auto

- 10:56 a.m.; intersection of Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road
- 9:11 p.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Fraud

- 9:28 a.m. in the 3100 block of Busch Road
- 1:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Deer Creek Court

### June 16

#### Theft

- 4:29 p.m. in the 7500 block of Rosedale Court; auto theft
- 5:59 p.m. in the 1300 block of Whispering Oaks Way; theft from auto

#### Embezzlement

- 2:57 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

- 11:07 a.m. in the 5900 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 2:41 p.m. in the 4000 block of Crest Court
- 2:43 p.m. in the 3900 block of Blacow Court

### June 17

#### Rape

- 12:21 a.m. on Bacon Court

#### Robbery

- 6:52 p.m.; intersection of Golden and Hopyard roads

### June 18

#### Missing person report

- 11:20 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Assault/battery

- 7:52 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

### June 19

#### Vandalism

- 9:29 a.m. in the 1600 block of East Gate Way
- 6:19 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive

#### Embezzlement

- 5:22 p.m. in the 6500 block of Via San Blas

#### Theft

- 7:57 a.m. in the 4900 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 6:02 p.m.; 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 6:08 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

## Alan Hugunin

April 22, 1945-June 10, 2015

Alan Godfrey Hugunin, 70, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at his home in Pleasanton, CA. He was born on April 22, 1945, in Janesville, WI, to Roy John and Eva Godfrey Hugunin.

Alan grew up on the family farm in Janesville, WI. He graduated Janesville Senior High School where he was the captain of the football team and won many horse pulling competitions. Alan attended the University of Wisconsin and received a BS, an MS, and a PhD in Agricultural and Food Science. While attending the University, he would meet and marry his wife, Jo Anne Merwin in Madison, WI in 1967. Alan served in the Army at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

In 1975, Alan and Jo Anne moved to Pleasanton, CA. He attended the University of California, Berkeley and received an MBA. Alan worked for several companies throughout his career in various executive roles; specializing in food technology and technical services. Alan eventually started his successful consulting business, Hugunin & Associates; serving clients throughout the world, especially in Asia and Latin America. He would finish his career working for Cargill, Inc. Alan enjoyed travel, sports, reading, animals, and work. For many years, he volunteered his time as a youth league soccer coach and referee.

Alan is survived by his wife Jo Anne; two children, Sean Hugunin of San Francisco, CA, and Nicole Hugunin of Livermore, CA; granddaughter, Shayla Hugunin-Miller; his sister Marilyn Hydrick of Pleasant Hill, IA; niece Jenny (Kevin) Sinclair of Carlisle, IA; nephew Jeffrey (Jennifer Plitsch) Hydrick of Arlington, VA; sister-in-law Lori Merwin of Monterey, CA; brother-in-law Ralph Merwin of Wausau, WI; nephew Paul (Janelle Beitz) Merwin of St. Paul, MN; along with many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws Archie and Adeline Merwin; brother-in-law Herb Hydrick; sister-in-law Jane Merwin; and nephew Philip Merwin. His generosity and kindhearted spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015, with visitation at 10 a.m. and service at 10:30 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, CA. (925) 846-5624. A Celebration of Life will occur immediately after the service from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the outdoor patio at Handles Gastropub (located in the old Pleasanton Hotel), 855 Main St., Pleasanton, CA. (925) 399-6690.

If you would like to make a charitable donation in Alan's name, we have chosen the Autism Research Institute. Donations can be made online via: <https://www.autismdonations.com> or by mail: Autism Research Institute, 4182 Adams Ave., San Diego, CA 92116

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Council takes bold step in \$17.7 million pay-down of pension liabilities

The Pleasanton City Council took a bold step this month in voting to pay down the city's total unfunded pension-related liabilities by \$14.2 million. Combined with the approximately \$3.5 million included as regular line-items in the city's 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal year budgets, the pay-down totals \$17.7 million in pre-payment pension liabilities.

That is greater than a 10% reduction and will result in a savings total of \$37.5 million in payments to CalPERS over the next 30 years.

Pleasanton's unfunded pension and retiree health liabilities as of June 30 are estimated to be \$157.8 million. That's considerably higher than Livermore's, which managed to slash its unfunded pension liability from \$101 million in 2012 to a projected \$58.5 million by the end of 2016. But it's less than many other similarly sized California cities, many still struggling even in an improved economy to meet their current payment schedules to CalPERS.

Pleasanton's goal is to reduce its pension liabilities by at least another 10% by FY 2018-19 by allocating a portion of year-end General Fund surpluses for additional payments. The city currently makes payments to CalPERS to cover its unfunded liabilities on a 30-year amortization scheduled at a 7.5% annual interest rate. CalPERS updates its calculations of the city's liabilities and amortization schedule every year based on its investment earnings as well as other assumption changes such as the expected mortality rates of the city's retirees.

During the late 1990s through the early 2000s, because of unusually high investment returns, CalPERS did not require Pleasanton to make annual contributions. The city conservatively put the amount it normally would have sent to CalPERS into a special Internal Services fund to use toward future retiree health benefits.

This month, that fund totaled \$25.7 million, which is earning less than 1% in interest. By appropriating \$12.7 million of that with year-end budget surpluses to pre-pay CalPERS \$14.2 million, the city will save most of the 7.5% interest CalPERS would otherwise charge on that amount.

With sales, property and business taxes increasing, the council made a wise financial decision to reduce unfunded pension liabilities without endangering the city's finances or reserves. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Lehigh's lady:** The Finney family visited Monticello, Williamsburg, Washington D.C., Philadelphia and Liberty Island to see the historic sites and visit colleges. Here, Betsy Finney read the Pleasanton Weekly to sculptor George Segal's "Lady on a Park Bench" at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

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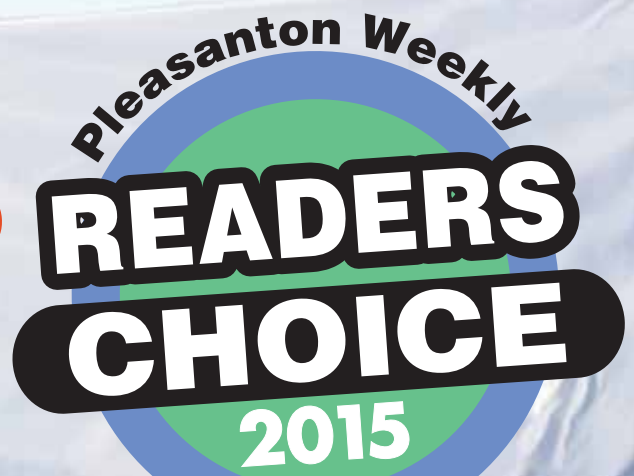
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## **Readers Choice 2015 Winners**

**BY CIERRA BAILEY**

The balloting is completed, the votes are counted and we're ready to reveal who Pleasanton Weekly readers chose as their favorite local shops, services, restaurants and more in the 2015 Readers Choice contest.

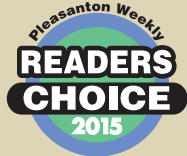
With 29,764 confirmed votes in this year's contest, our loyal readers gave their input about which businesses, professionals and places are the best of the best in categories within beauty and style, epicure, health and fitness, home and vehicle, kids and pets, rest and recreation, and services.

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

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



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## Beauty & Style

**Best Clothing Store — Prim.** Snagging its first Readers Choice win, Prim is the place to go for chic, vintage clothing and accessories at reasonable prices. This women's apparel boutique located downtown carries unique garments and locally handmade items.

**Best Day Spa — Allure Skin Care.** Whether you're looking for a facial, massage or hair removal, Allure Skin Care has you covered. Allure staff makes sure customers experience a relaxing, pampering experience while advising appropriate products for all types of skin.

**Best Hair Salon for Men — Hairlights.** Hairlights has been a Readers Choice favorite for women in previous years, but this is the first win for the popular downtown salon in the men's category. Coming in at a close second was last year's winner, Cosmo's Barber-shop.

**Best Hair Salon for Women — Hairlights.** For the fourth consecutive year, women around town are loving Hairlights, which satisfies a variety of hair and cosmetic needs while creating a fun and relaxing salon experience.

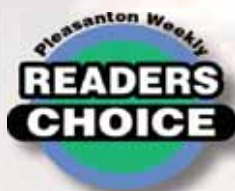
**Best Jewelry Store — Pleasanton Jewelers.** Pleasanton Jewelers prides itself on keeping up an excellent reputation with the community, which owner

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Farmers markets are a popular draw to downtown Pleasanton. Main Street again won Best Place to People Watch.

Scott Pfefer maintains by offering quality services including appraisals, jewelry repair and engravings.

**Best Medical Spa — MD Laser Spa.** MD Laser Spa is Pleasanton's center for facial cosmetic surgery and laser skin care. Primary surgeon Dr. Robert Gray and his staff provide professional service with spa-like treatment.

**Best Nail Care — Bollinger Nails.** Bollinger Nails has won our readers over for the fourth straight year with its upscale mani and pedi services. In addition to nail care and waxing services, Bollinger Nails offers a comfortable and inviting atmosphere in a hygienic environment for a most-pleasant pampering experience.

**Best New Retail Store — Drift Co.** Brand new to Pleasanton, Drift Co. is a boutique-like store offering a collection of the best brands in swim, active and travel wear. Customers who have visited the downtown newcomer say the merchandise is stylish and unique, and the atmosphere inside is like you've drifted away on a beach vacation.

**Best Place to Buy a Gift — Milfleur.** Recently relocated to downtown, Milfleur adds to the diverse shopping experience on Main Street by bringing its many treasures including candles, jewelry, cards, home decor and other items to help you find a special gift for nearly any occasion.

## Epicure

**Best American Food — Eddie Papa's.** Eddie Papa's American Hangout brings the whole U.S.A. right here to Pleasanton with its diverse menu, including New Orleans Jambalaya, Kansas City Barbecue, and Hawaiian Ahi. It's four years in a row for Eddie Papa's in this category.

**Best Bakery/Desserts — Primrose Bakery.** Edible flowers and figurines along with cakes for any occasion can be found at Primrose Bakery. Customers say that not only are the cakes from Primrose decorative and beautiful, but also baked to delicious perfection.

**Best Barbecue — Dickey's BBQ.** For quick, reasonably priced barbecue, our readers look no further than Dickey's Barbecue Pit. Customers say the food is consistently tasty and the staff maintains great customer service skills.

**Best Burger — In-N-Out Burger.** That's three in a row for In-N-Out Burger, as this local hotspot continues to make the best burgers around. Maybe it's the

special sauce or the grilled onions or its convenient location right off I-580? Whatever it is, our readers just can't get enough.

**Best Chinese Restaurant — Chinese Szechuan.** Serving Pleasanton since 1987 and voted best Chinese restaurant four years in a row, Chinese Szechuan customers rave about the reasonable prices and freshness of the food. Some of the most praised dishes include the hot and sour soup, vegetable chow mein and walnut prawns.

**Best Deli/Sandwich Shop — Mr. Pickles.** Located on Hopyard Road, the local Mr. Pickles Sandwich Shop has won our readers over for the first time in this category with its deliciously fresh Dutch crunch bread served among the variety of bread choices, the friendly service from the staff and the complimentary cookie that comes with your sandwich purchase.

**Best Family-Friendly Restaurant — Eddie Papa's.** Eddie Papa's kid-friendly atmosphere, wide variety of menu items and complimentary cotton candy dessert are a few of the reasons our readers choose the American hangout for family nights.

**Best French Fries — McDonald's.** With three Pleasanton locations, McDonald's is an easily accessible stop for burgers and fries in addition to many other menu items. The skinny-cut golden fries served at Micky D's have just the right amount of salt and just the right amount of crunch making them a top choice for our readers.

**Best Grocery Store — Gene's Fine Foods.** The attentive staff, fresh food items and competitive pricing are just a few of the reasons Pleasanton residents say they love Gene's Fine Foods. In addition to groceries, Gene's hosts tasting events and the staff provides monthly recipe suggestions to customers for fresh, quick and convenient meals.

**Best Health Food Store — Valley Health Mill.** The staff of nutritionists at Valley Health Mill strives to keep customers educated about the foods and supplements they put into their bodies. Valley Health Mill has taken this crown each year since 2007, sharing the spotlight only once in a tie with Trader Joe's in 2012.

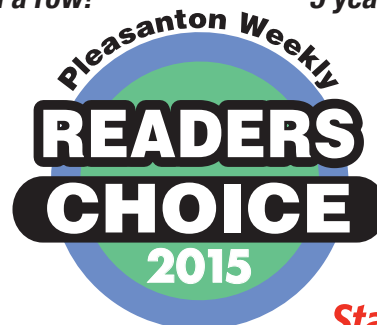
**Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt — Meadowlark Dairy.** Voted by our readers as the best ice cream for the fifth year in a row, Meadowlark Dairy is a community staple and hometown favorite. Our readers love the flavor selections at Meadowlark and the convenient drive-thru service.



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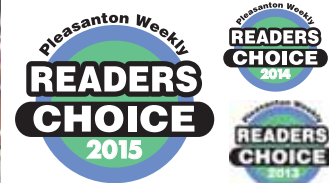
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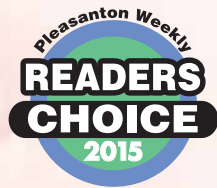


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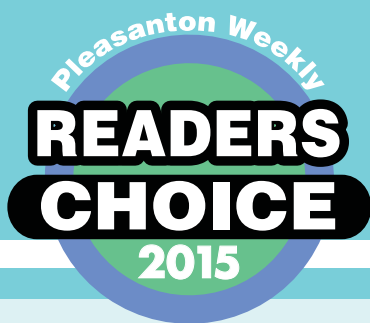
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**Best Indie Coffeehouse — Tully's.** Located in the heart of Main Street, Tully's Coffee provides a variety of flavored coffee drinks along with tea, shakes, fruit smoothies and free WiFi. This is the second consecutive win for the popular downtown coffee shop.

**Best Italian Restaurant — Fontina Ristorante.** Fontina Ristorante offers fresh, quality, made-to-order meals for just about any occasion. Some menu favorites for customers include the lamb shank, blackberry salmon and calamari steak. This Italian hotspot has been voted best by our readers four times in the last five years.

**Best Meal Under \$20 — Café Main.** For the second year in a row, Café Main has been voted best meal in town under \$20. Whether it's dine-in, take-out, or delivery, look no further than Café Main for some gourmet pizza and comfort foods and a welcoming atmosphere.

**Best Mediterranean Food — Oasis Grille.** Described as "Mediterranean Cuisine with a modern flair," Oasis Grille offers juicy kabobs, exotic cocktails and vegetarian options among several other authentic dishes. This is the eighth win for Oasis in this category since 2007.

**Best Mexican Food — Casa Orozco.** Casa Orozco brings all the traditional favorites to the Tri-Valley with homemade recipes and hand-crafted cocktails. Casa Orozco offers lunch, dinner and catering options. This Tri-Valley favorite has been named the best by our readers six times since 2007.

**Best New Restaurant — Blossom Vegan.** Blossom Vegan prides itself on using no MSG, dairy or eggs in any of its menu items to provide fresh vegan meals. Customers say they love the Vietnamese coffee, the kale drink and a number of entrees including spicy Szechuan, tropical papaya salad and the spicy fried rice.

**Best Pizza — Gay Nineties Pizza.** Any doubt? Gay Nineties Pizza has again been voted the best for the eighth time since 2007. Gay Nineties is a hotspot in downtown Pleasanton operating out of one of the city's oldest buildings. Customers rave about the thick pizza crust and fresh toppings, along with the vintage decor and courteous staff.

**Best Seafood — Strizzi's.** Our readers can't get enough of the seafood options at Strizzi's on Main Street, which has won this category for four years straight. Bringing the flavors of old Italy to Downtown Pleasanton, Strizzi's offers a variety of pastas, salads and meat dishes in addition to its lauded seafood options.

**Best Sunday Brunch — Nonni's Bistro.** A variety of soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches and some vegetarian dishes make up the brunch menu at Nonni's Bistro. In addition to the flavorful food items and generous portions, Nonni's customers also say they love the bottomless mimosas offered during brunch.

**Best Sushi/Japanese Food — Sozo Sushi.** Located on Hopyard Road, Sozo Sushi is a local favorite for their fresh sushi and pleasant service. For four consecutive years, our readers have chosen Sozo Sushi as their No. 1 spot for a good sushi lunch or dinner.

**Best Take-Out Restaurant — In-N-Out Burger.** Pleasanton residents say they love their hometown location for the excellent customer service the staff offers in addition to the fresh, flavorful, made-to-order burgers. It's no wonder In-N-Out has been voted best take-out seven times since 2007.

**Best Thai Food — Little Home Thai.** Beef Satang, Pad Thai, Tom Yum seafood soup, and many more tastes of Thailand make up the menu at Little Home Thai, which has been voted to the top spot for the second year in a row.

**Best Vegetarian Cuisine — Blossom Vegan.** Snagging its second title this year, Blossom Vegan has



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ClubSport Pleasanton is our readers' top choice for a local workout, including a climb on the rock wall.

received a dual stamp of approval from our readers. Serving flavorful dishes, providing excellent customer service and using recognizable and pure ingredients are just a few of the ways Blossom Vegan keeps its customers coming back.

## Health & Fitness

**Best Acupuncture — Eastern Medical.** For three consecutive years, the father-daughter team of Drs. Mason and Theresa Shen and staff at Eastern Medical have been our readers' top pick. Serving Pleasanton since February 2013, the professionals at Eastern Medical practice traditional Chinese medicine to help patients relax and release stress.

**Best Chiropractic Office — Fratellone Family Chiropractic.** Dr. Danielle Fratellone, or "Dr. D" as many patients call her, is known for her healing hands that relieve pain and tension. She also takes her time asking questions to figure out the best way to fix a problem, and then educates her patients on how to prevent issues from returning or progressing.

**Best Dentist — Pleasanton Family Dentist.** Dr. Sara Soleimani and her team at Pleasanton Family Dentist provide prompt and friendly service to their patients. They offer a variety of dental services, and Dr. Soleimani carries out procedures gently and with care.

**Best Health Club — ClubSport Pleasanton.** For the ninth year in a row, ClubSport has won our readers' hearts. From its top-notch fitness classes to a variety of activities including racquetball, tennis, climbing walls, basketball and swimming pools to its well-maintained exercise equipment, ClubSport has residents enthusiastic about health and fitness.

**Best Home Healthcare Service — Hired Hands Homecare.** This family owned and operated facility prides itself on offering trustworthy and compassionate services along with passionate caregivers to provide peace of mind to clients and their families.

**Best Massage — Healthy Necessity Massage.** Established in 2006, Healthy Necessity Massage on Main Street has provided our readers excellent service by customizing massages to suit individual needs.

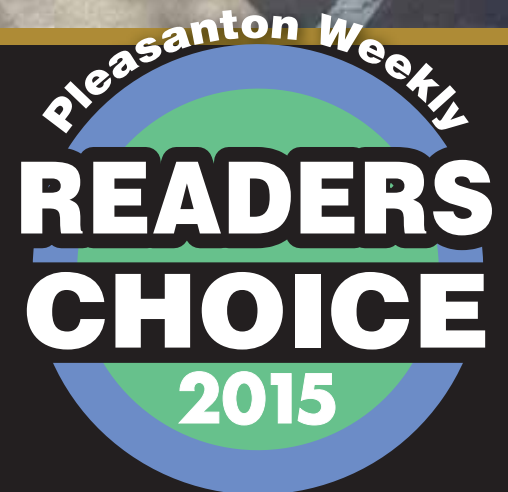


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(From left) Moses Garcia, Julia Roberts and Angelina Garcia enjoy their first visit to Gay Nineties Pizza.

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**Best Martial Arts Studio — Jue's Tae Kwon Do.**

Snagging this title for the first time since 2011 when it tied with Crispim BJJ Barra Brothers, Jue's Tae Kwon Do offers 35 lessons each week including cardio kick-boxing, low impact aerobics and other programs along with traditional tae kwon do.

**Best Optometrist — Foothill Optometric Group.**

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**Best Orthodontist — Schlicher Orthodontics.** Patients say Dr. Will Schlicher really knows his practice and can relate well to youth and teens needing braces. Schlicher is described by patients as professional, energetic and helpful.

**Best Sporting Goods & Apparel — Sport Chalet.**

Sport Chalet has been named the best sporting goods store around for its unique in-store selections and excellent service. Customers also appreciate the variety of sporting goods available and the reasonable prices.

**Best Place to Walk, Jog or Bike — Pleasanton Ridge.**

Overlooking Pleasanton and the Livermore Valley to the west, the 5,271-acre regional park has been chosen in this category for the past nine years.

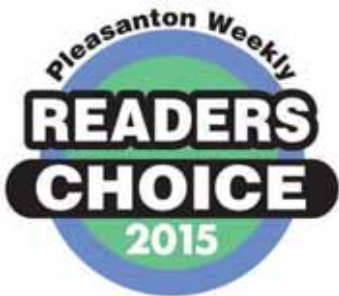
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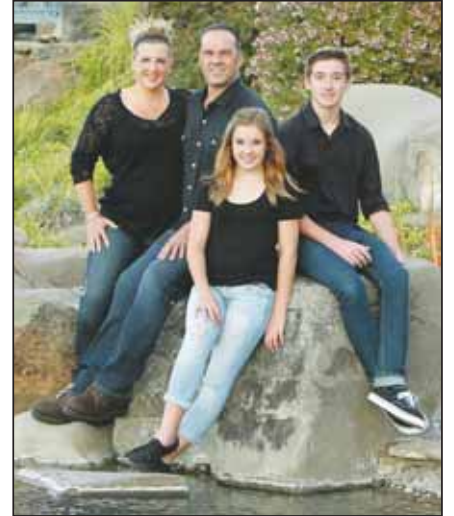


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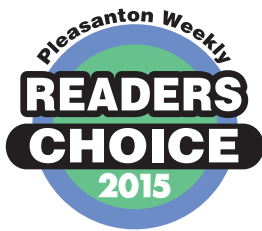


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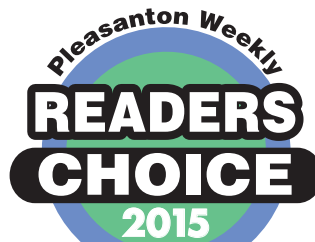
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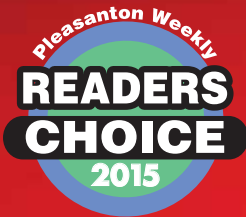
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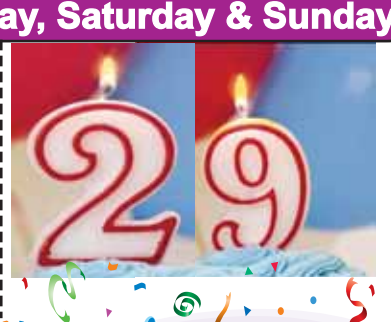
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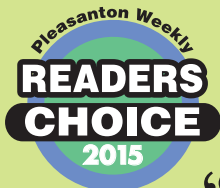
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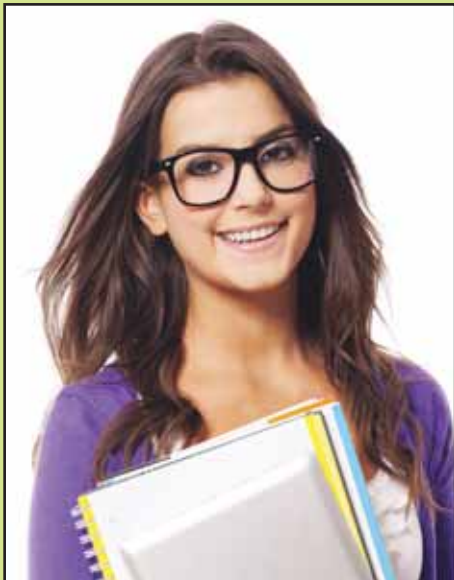
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Noreen and Daniel Senner and Sara Campbell (shown left to right) peruse plants at Western Garden Nursery last week.

ments and reliable delivery can be expected from the staff at Alexandria's Flowers on Hopyard Road. It's no wonder Alexandria's has won this category seven times since 2008.

**Best Foreign Car Repair — Precision Auto Repair.** This family owned and operated business has snagged this title every year since 2011. Established in 1979, Precision Auto Repair prides itself on taking personal care of their customers and providing quality work and reasonable prices.

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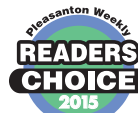


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Instructor Pamela Dannels (right) leads a lesson for the "Fairy tale dance" class at Jazz N Taps, a nine-time winner of Best Place for Dance Lessons.

**Best Heating & Air Conditioning Service — Richard's Heating & Air.** Helping Richard's Heating & Air to a second straight win, clients rave about owner Richard Westwood's customer service skills and friendly demeanor. Richard's prides itself on supplying fast, reliable service that customers can trust.

**Best Home Decor & Furnishings — Clover Creek.** For a unique gift or decorative trinket, our readers look no further than Clover Creek. Locally owned and located conveniently in downtown Pleasanton, the gift-and-decor store offers a variety of home accents and a quaint shopping environment.

**Best Landscaping Service — Outer Visions Landscape Design.** Serving the greater Tri-Valley area and neighboring cities, Outer Visions Landscape Design treats landscape like art to add value to your outdoor spaces. Owner Lynda Meikle is a certified horticulturist and her clients say she impresses with the time and care spent creating perfect designs for her projects.

**Best Nursery/Garden Center — Western Garden Nursery.** This full-service gardening center offers a diverse selection of plants along with fertilizers, environmentally friendly pest controls, and decorative garden accessories. Western Garden Nursery has served the Pleasanton area since 1999 and commits to providing quality products to customers.

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**Kids & Pets**

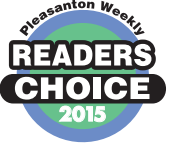
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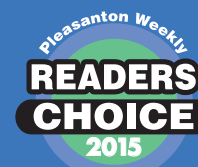
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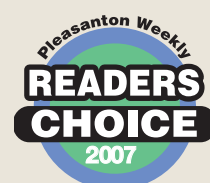
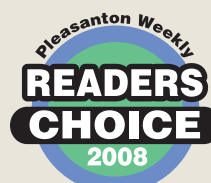
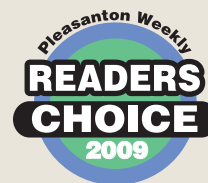
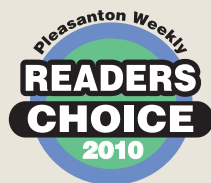
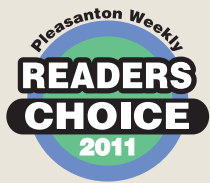
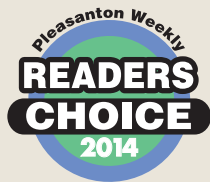
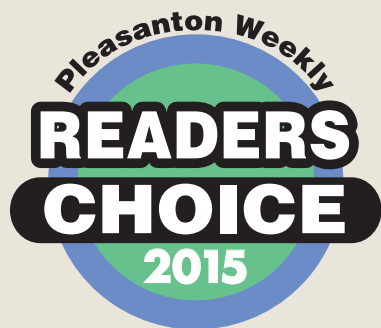
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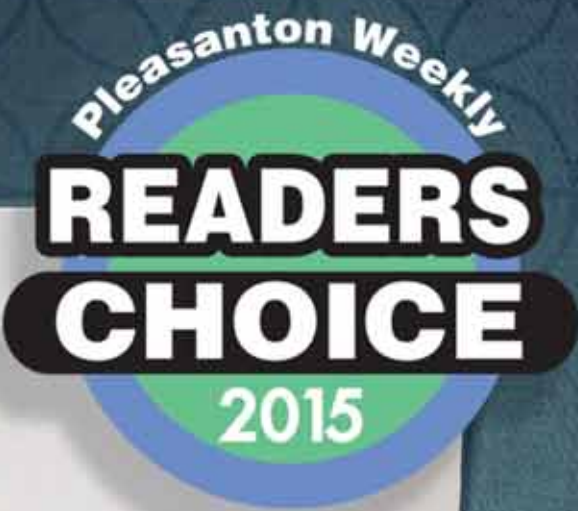
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## Pleasanton Weekly Readers Choice 2015



CIERRA BAILEY

Jackie Fernandez grooms Misty at Dog Dynasty, our readers favorite for Best Pet Groomer in Pleasanton.

**Best Place for Dance Lessons — Jazz N Taps.** For the ninth straight year, Jazz N Taps has been our Readers Choice. The instructors at Jazz N Taps pride themselves on their professional training that focuses on developing coordination, confidence, teamwork and a love for the art of dance with their 300-plus students.

**Best Place for a Kids' Playdate — One of Pleasanton's Parks.** Whether kids are coming together after school to play a game of catch, take a bike ride, hop on a swing or even a slide, they are sure to have a blast at any one of Pleasanton's 44 spacious and well-maintained community and neighborhood parks.

**Best Toy Store — Golden Apple Learning Center.** Golden Apple Learning Center is one of few educational toy stores around. Residents are so enchanted by the locally owned store that when it faced potential closure earlier this year, children donated money from their own pockets to help keep the business running. With so much community support, it's no surprise that this marks Golden Apple's seventh win.


**Best Tutoring School — Pleasanton Tutoring.** Since its founding in 2009, Pleasanton Tutoring has built its reputation in the community by carrying out its goal to inspire life-long learning and provide knowledgeable tutors to local students.

**Best Veterinarian — Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital.** Our readers say there's no better place in town to bring your pet for check-ups and other medical needs. The team of vets at Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital is caring, well-trained and dedicated to serving furry friends and their families.

## Rest & Recreation

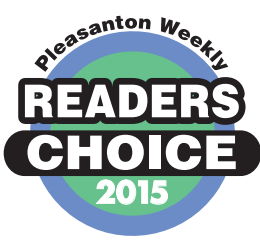






**Best Bookstore — Towne Center Books.** This year marks the ninth straight win for Towne Center Books. Perhaps it's because of its convenient downtown location or its wide selection of books from fiction and mystery to children's books. Either way, Towne Center Books the No. 1 stop to pick up a good read.

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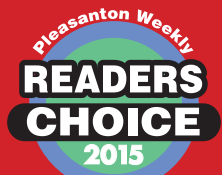
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AMANDA AGUILAR

Logan Harder (left) and brother Caden beat the Pleasanton heat by stopping at Meadowlark Dairy.

**Best Golf Course — Callippe Preserve.** Callippe Preserve is one of the area's most premier golf courses, offering breathtaking views and a peaceful atmosphere. Frequent visitors to the course at Callippe Preserve say it's challenging enough for experienced golfers and is always well-maintained. No wonder it's been voted best in town nine years in a row.

**Best Happy Hour — Lokanta.** One of downtown Pleasanton's many great restaurants, Lokanta offers its happy hour specials every day from 3-6 p.m. and again from 9:30-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with great food, pleasant atmosphere and friendly servers.

**Best Kept Secret Treasure of Pleasanton — Pleasanton Ridge.** The secret is out about the beauty of Pleasanton Ridge because this is the third straight win for the scenic regional park in this category. The multi-use trail system at Pleasanton Ridge accommodates hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and those just seeking some fresh air and leisure.

**Best Local Winery — Wentz.** Quality wines, full service restaurant, upscale golf course and picturesque views ... what more could anyone ask for in a Tri-Valley winery? It's no surprise our readers head over to Livermore for this great wine-tasting experience close to home.

**Best Place to People Watch — Main Street.** Some of Pleasanton's most beloved establishments are housed on Main Street, including several restaurants with outdoor seating where patrons can relax, catch some rays and watch as others stroll down Main Street exploring the various businesses. Popular street fairs, parades and farmers markets also draw crowds on Main.

**Best Place for Live Entertainment — Concerts in the Park.** For the ninth consecutive year, Concerts in the Park retains the top live-entertainment spot. The free, weekly event occurs every summer at Lions Wayside Park and features a diverse lineup of bands and musicians for residents of all ages to enjoy.

**Best Sports Bar — The Hop Yard.** The Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill serves up delicious comfort foods in addition to specialty entrees. It also offers a wide selection of beers and spirits while still maintaining a family-friendly atmosphere. And no matter what sport is in season, Hop Yard is sure to be playing "the big game."

## Services

**Best Bank — Wells Fargo.** With three Pleasanton locations, Wells Fargo snags this title for the fourth year in a row. Wells Fargo customers say the bankers in the local branches are consistently knowledgeable, helpful and kind.



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## Pleasanton Weekly Readers Choice 2015



MIKE SEDLAK/MIKE@DIGITALSIGHT.COM

Our readers love to go to Concerts in the Park for live music. The summertime series was again named Best Place for Live Entertainment.

**Best Credit Union — Patelco Credit Union.** For the third straight year, Patelco's financial services have received our readers' stamp of approval. Patelco prides itself on providing its members with relevant, accessible and high-value products and services.

**Best Dry Cleaners — D&D Dry Cleaners.** This community cleaner is a one-stop-shop for clothing needs. D&D reps specialize in alterations, repairs and laundry, in addition to dry cleaning. They are skilled at handling various fabrics including sheer silk and leather.

**Best Hotel — The Rose Hotel.** Downtown Pleasanton's European-style boutique hotel combines the convenience of a motel, friendliness of a bed and breakfast, and the luxury of a fine hotel to provide the best overnight stay to visitors.

**Best Non-Brokerage Financial Planning — Wealth Management & Associates.** Whether you need a consultation for wealth management, insurance services, retirement planning or college planning, Wealth Management & Associates located downtown is there to assist and uphold its mission to help families and individuals meet their financial goals.

**Best Local Insurance Agent — Renee Huber, State Farm.** It's three in a row for Renee Huber, who says she strives to provide quality service with a smile and remain knowledgeable about her profession. Clients say she gives great advice from a professional and personal perspective to help them make important policy decisions.

**Best Mortgage Company — Vintage Mortgage Group.** Vintage Mortgage Group is a two-time winner in this category, offering services such as FHA loans, FHA 203k construction loans, VA loans and home-path financing.

**Best Photographer — Bella Luna Studios.** Bella Luna Studios has snagged this title for eight years straight. Since 2004, owner and principal photographer Christina Gray has provided personalized service to her clients and captured their most memorable moments with care.

**Best Real Estate Agent — Gina Piper, Better Homes & Gardens.** For four years in a row, voters have selected Gina Piper, who is very familiar with the city of Pleasanton and the surrounding communities as she is a longtime resident. Her professional approach to her practice, coupled with her courteous attitude, leave clients satisfied with her service.

**Best Real Estate Team — Fabulous Properties.** Sisters Donna Garrison and Susan Schall have once again snagged the title. The dynamic duo use their individual talents and knowledge to create the best home-buying experience for their clients.

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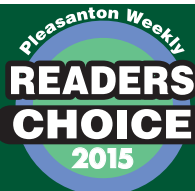
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Scott Pfefer, owner of Pleasanton Jewelers, shows a display of his handmade rings.

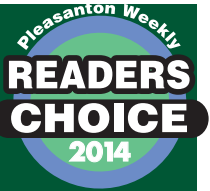
**Best Real Estate Office — Venture Sotheby's International Realty.**

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**Best Travel Agency — Pleasanton Travel.** Teri and Nancy of Pleasanton Travel strive to make the travel-arrangement process stress-free and smooth throughout each stage of planning. Our readers trust Pleasanton Travel for their getaways and family vacays. ■



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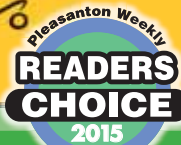
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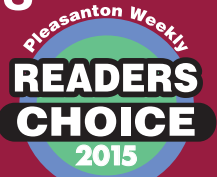
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## Presenting 'Shakespeare in the Park'

Message of *'Romeo and Juliet'*  
is relevant today, director says

### Wherefore art thou? Here!

What: Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"  
Who: Free Shakespeare in the Park  
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, June 27 to July 12 (except July 4); Thursday, July 2  
Where: Amador Valley Community Park, corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue  
Information: [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org)

GREGG LE BLANC

Carl Holvick-Thomas and Lauren Spencer star as Romeo and Juliet in Free Shakespeare in the Park, which begins tomorrow and runs through July 12.

### By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Love, prejudice and violence. These are the hallmarks of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," which is this year's Free Shakespeare in the Park production. The annual theater under the stars is offered in partnership with the city of Pleasanton at Amador Valley Community Park for a couple of weeks each summer.

As Romeo and Juliet fall deeply in love, their families maintain their deadly prejudices against each other and the culture of violence prevails — themes that remain timely today, noted returning artistic director Rebecca J. Ennals.

"While the doomed young lovers will always be remembered for their romantic devotion, this tale of five young lives needlessly wasted could have come straight from today's Twitter or Facebook feeds," Ennals said.

Although the Bard's tales are often tales of doom and gloom, Free Shakespeare in the Park offers a friendly approach, with humorous twists and turns added to delight all ages. Each performance is preceded by a 15-minute Green Show that begins a half-hour before show time, featuring the Intern Company. The lively, family-friendly show provides background on Shakespeare and the play about to begin.

The productions are put on by the professional San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, which is in its 33rd season of presenting Free Shakespeare in the Park, making theater accessible for anyone who wants to come, and it has been performing in Pleasanton since 2000. The troupe last performed "Romeo and Juliet" in 1992.

This year's play stars Carl Holvick-Thomas as Romeo and Lauren Spencer as Juliet as well as Bay Area favorites Sean Garahan, Phil Lowery, David E. Moore, Carla Pantoja and Valerie Weak. Newcomers to the Free Shakes stage are

Michael J. Asberry, Gwen Loeb, Regina Morones and Mohammad Shehata.

This production has a hometown connection with Pleasanton, too.

Weak, who plays Lady Capulet, grew up in Pleasanton, attending Alisal and Walnut Grove elementary schools, Harvest Park Middle School and graduating from Amador Valley High. She performed in a variety of community theater shows, including with the Children's Theater Workshop, founded and directed by Andy Jorgensen, Pleasanton's former civic arts manager.

Families and friends are encouraged to bring picnic suppers to enjoy the production in the

park meadow behind the aquatics center. No seating is provided, but blankets and low chairs are permitted. A Free Shakes Concession Stand will have snacks and beverages for sale, with proceeds going to support the program.

Outdoor performances mean actors' voices compete with other sounds — birds in the trees, children at a nearby playground, sirens in the distance. But in the theater area, Shakespeare commands everyone's attention as it did in his original performances at the Globe Theatre, which had no roof so performances were held during the day under natural light.

Although Shakespeare wrote comedies and tragedies, "Romeo and Juliet" does not stick to

either genre, beginning as a romantic comedy then plunging into heartbreak. As could happen today, the younger characters have secret lives unknown to their parents; they love, kill and die without most of the older generation knowing why.

Director Ennals also reminds us that despite its tragic ending, "Romeo and Juliet" leaves the audience with a message of hope.

"So how does a community recover from this 'culture of violence' mode? Shakespeare leaves us with the possibility of hope and healing, a message much needed today," she said.

Learn more about the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org). ■

## An Evening with Laura Ingalls Wilder

Museum presents 'life on the prairie' lecture

The name Laura Ingalls Wilder is synonymous with settler life in the 1800s and life in a simpler time. Museum on Main in Pleasanton welcomes historical actress Judith Helton as the 1800s author of the "Little House" book series in "An Evening with Laura Ingalls Wilder" at the Firehouse Arts Center at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 14.

The American author, who was born in 1867, wrote books that have spanned generations, taught us about pioneer life, and inspired the 1970s-80s television show, "Little House on the Prairie."

Helton portrays Wilder in this one-woman program presented by arrangement with the Little House Heritage Trust.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$7 seniors (65+)/students (with valid ID); and \$5 members. To purchase tickets — or for more information about the Ed Kinney Speaker Series — go to [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), the Museum on Main at 603 Main St., or call 462-2766. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Judith Helton as author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CITY OF PLEASANTON

### Smooth sounds of summer

The Dave Rocha Jazz Quintet will bring the smooth sounds of the swing era to Pleasanton during a free performance this weekend. The quintet will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information, visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library) or call 931-3410.

### Civic Meetings

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

### Classes

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### Clubs

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more.

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**SENIOR MENS SOCIAL CLUB** Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge, travel, photography, etc. We meet for lunch first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Rich Osborne at 785-3549 or [trivalleysir@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleysir@gmail.com). Go to [branch34.sirinc2.org](http://branch34.sirinc2.org).

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENT PETER FRIEDMAN** The TVRWF will host Peter Friedman, who has studied Islam and the Koran for over forty years, worked with the DOD and FBI, and is a Training Counselor and Law Enforcement instructor, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9 at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for non-members. RSVP by July 6. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or [krikorian-publishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorian-publishing@yahoo.com).

### Concerts

**CONCERT IN THE PARK: RUCKATAN LATIN TRIBE** Enjoy the Pleasanton Downtown Associations Concert in the Park series with Ruckatan Latin Tribe, latin rock, at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 3 at Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks. Sponsored by Handles On Main. Call 484-2199 or go to [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

### Events

**'CONSERVE WATER!' VIDEO CONTEST** SoundPost Youth

Foundation, along with a group of 20 high school students, will hold a video contest to raise awareness on the California drought. Open to anyone ages 14-18 in the Bay Area. The theme is "Water," and should be at most 2 minutes long. Due by July 10, voting will be July 15-Aug. 5. Winners will be announced at the award ceremony, held on Aug. 16 at the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Contact Pallas Wang at (510) 928-1799 or [soundpostyouth@gmail.com](mailto:soundpostyouth@gmail.com). Go to <https://soundpostyouth.org/conservewater-video-contest.html>.

**EAST BAY SPCA ADOPT A CAT MONTH** To celebrate adopt-a-cat month in June, visitors to the Dublin and Oakland Adoption Centers can adopt a kitten six months and younger for just \$75, and take home an adult cat one year or older with no adoption fee. For more information or to view adoptable cats, call 479-9670 or go to [www.eastbay-sPCA.org/adoptions](http://www.eastbay-sPCA.org/adoptions).

**FREE CONCERT AND PICNIC JULY 4 CELEBRATION** Celebrate our nation's birth from noon-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 at Lions Wayside Park, at the intersection of First and Neal Streets. With a performance by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band. Guest speaker will be Rob Williams, on "What We Learned from the Civil War." Free American flags for the first 200 people.

**LIVERMORE CENTENNIAL BULB 'A MILLION HOURS OF SERVICE'** The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will host a celebration of the first million hours of service of the Livermore Centennial Light Bulb from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at Fire Station 6, 4550 East Ave., Livermore. With

a BBQ, books and t-shirt sales, music, history, and more. Proceeds go to the Firefighters Foundation. Go to [www.centennialbulb.org](http://www.centennialbulb.org).

**PLEASANTON'S ANNUAL SUMMER WINE STROLL** Over 30 downtown locations will become tasting rooms from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, July 18th for Pleasanton's Annual Summer Wine Stroll. Each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map. Tickets available now for \$35 at [PleasantonDowntown.net](http://PleasantonDowntown.net), Red Coats, and The Rose Hotel; \$40 after July 10; \$45 the day of the event (if not sold out) at the Firehouse Arts Center.

### Exhibits

**'REPURPOSED'** "Repurposed," an exhibit featuring creative re-use of otherwise discarded items by four northern California artists using diverse processes, motivations, and materials, will run June 24-July 23 at the Harrington Art Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. Call 931-4849.

**50 YEARS OF ROTARY** The 50 Years of Rotary is a joint celebration of the Rotary clubs in Pleasanton, including The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, The Rotary Club of Pleasanton North, Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club, and Tri-Valley Rotary Clubs. This historical

exhibit features memorabilia from Pleasanton's Rotary Clubs, and runs now-Aug. 8 at Museum on Main. Go to <http://www.museum-monmain.org/>.

**JANET SEIFERT AND ABSTRACT IMPROVISATION PAINTING** San Francisco artist Janet Seifert will have a 15 painting installation, featuring her "abstract improvisation, gestural brushwork and the flowing elegance of fluid pigment to create spontaneous compositions to capture the freshness of moments in time" now-July 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Artist painting demonstration from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, July 17. Call 931-4849.

### Fundraisers

**BBQ AND PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER** Daughters of the British Empire (DBE) invites you to celebrate summer with a fun evening with family and friends from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at Castlewood Country Club. Enjoy Bocce Ball, darts, swimming and more. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for 12 and under. Proceeds benefit DBE established British Home and local charities. Contact Edith at 998-3500 or Jenny at 484-1273.

**PLEASANTON CRAFT FAIR** The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center are seeking vendors to par-



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ticipate in their upcoming Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 17. For more information or to print a vendor application visit [www.seniorcenterfriends.org](http://www.seniorcenterfriends.org). Deadline for vendor application is July 18.

**SLEEP TRAIN'S SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** For California's foster kids, going back to school often means starting at a new school. To ease their first-day jitters, Sleep Train is hosting its School Supply Drive for Foster Kids now through Aug. 9 at any Sleep Train location.

## Kids & Teens

**'FUN WITH SCIENCE' SUMMER SERIES** Come explore the Discovery Center and take part in the "Fun With Science" program designed for 5th graders, a fun way to see and participate in science experiments that explain states of matter, air pressure, density, electricity, light and chemistry. Held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 1, 15; Aug. 6, 12 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Discovery Center.

Registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Email completed registration form, found at <https://www.llnl.gov/sites/default/files/summerfunwithscienceform2015.pdf>, to [superscience@llnl.gov](mailto:superscience@llnl.gov).

## Lectures/ Workshops

**GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS** Many homeowners want to reduce their outside water use. Come hear Lesley Hunt from the California Native Plant Society speak about techniques for removing your lawn, then replacing it with native plants, from 2-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at the Dublin Library. Go to [www.aclibrary.org/](http://www.aclibrary.org/).

## Live Music

**EVENINGS ON THE GREEN** Enjoy "Evenings on the Green," free concerts presented by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Bankhead Theater, at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, June 9--Aug. 25 in

Livermore Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Jazz, blues, ethnic dancing and drums, hit songs from past decades, and Americana marches and show tunes.

## On Stage

**'ROMEO AND JULIET' FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK** See Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," the tale of young lovers doomed by their families' meaningless prejudices and violence, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays-Sundays, June 27--July 12 at Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave. Special performance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. No performances on July 3-4. Go to [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org).

**'SENSE AND SENSIBILITY'** Shakespeare's Associates presents Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" from July 2-19 at Wente Vineyards. Days and times vary. Tickets are \$25-\$50. Go to [livermoreshakes.org](http://livermoreshakes.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/).

## Seniors

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

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

**CORE STRETCH AND BALANCE** Increase your general sense of well-being through a series of stretches that will strengthen your core and increase your flexibility, ultimately improving overall balance, at 8:45 a.m. on Mondays, July 6-27 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$18 for residents, \$21 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or go to [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

**DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER FOUNDATION MEETING** The Dublin Senior Center Foundation meets at

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9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

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

**OVERVIEW OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS** Come learn more about Legal Assistance for Seniors, a free service offered the second Monday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. LAS educates seniors, providers and caregivers on various legal subjects. Call 931-5365 or go to [pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

## Spiritual

**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/>.

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** Lynnwood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Their summer worship service is at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at their church, 4444 Black Ave. Childcare provided. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org). Go to [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**SUMMER AT CENTERPOINTE CHURCH** During the summer months, Centerpointe Church will hold a worship service at 10 a.m. Sundays, now through Aug. 16 in the worship center, 3410 Cornerstone Court. Two worship services will resume on Aug. 23. Sunday school and a full range of youth programs will be held each Sunday. Call 846-4436 or go [www.centerpointe-church.org](http://www.centerpointe-church.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/>.

**YOGA AND MEDITATION CLASSES** Join for yoga and meditation classes: beginning levels 1-2 from 7:30-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, advanced levels 3-4 from 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays starting June 3 at Unity of Tri-Valley in Dublin. Series is \$112; drop-in rate \$16. Taught by Lorey Wallace. Contact Lorey at 556-3135 or [lorey@yogalightcenter.com](mailto:lorey@yogalightcenter.com).

## Sports

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SLOW-PITCH ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES** The City of Pleasanton offers Sunday through Friday evening slow pitch softball leagues for men and women of all skill levels. League play begins first week of August. Priority registration for returning teams (from Fall 2014) is June 1-22. Registration opens to new teams on June 25. Deadline is July 15. Contact 931-3437 or [pleasantonsports@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:pleasantonsports@cityofpleasantonca.gov). Go to [www.pleasantonsports.org](http://www.pleasantonsports.org).

## Support Groups

**BODY IMAGE ANONYMOUS (BIA/BDD)** Body Image Anonymous is a support group for those living with Body Dysmorphic Disorder or other related body image disorders. Our goal is to restore our "true selves," finding self acceptance and recovery. Meetings are 3-4:30 p.m. the last Sunday of the month at the Pleasanton Library. Contact Lon at (209) 513-2319, or Tim at (408) 771-6620.

## Volunteering

**LOOKING FOR DRIVERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR SENIORS** Pleasanton Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers to deliver meals to our seniors. Weekly and bi-weekly schedules available. If you can donate 2 hours every week it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Poonam at 931-5385 or [pkhiyara@spectrumcs.org](mailto:pkhiyara@spectrumcs.org).

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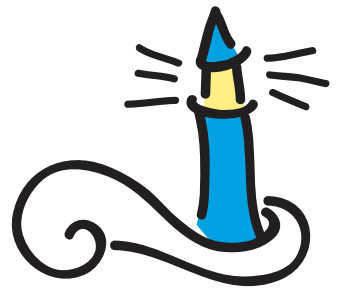



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#### Mature Singles Wine Event

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## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

HOLLEYDAY TRAVEL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 505248

The following person(s) doing business as: HOLLEYDAY TRAVEL, 856 ARAMON COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Holly Bishop, 856 Aramon Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun

### 152 Research Study Volunteers

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**Pleasanton, 7758 Forsythia Ct., June 27th, 8am-4pm**  
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GUANGTOU  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 506183

The following person(s) doing business as: GUANGTOU, 6500 DUBLIN BLVD. APT. 203, DUBLIN, CA 94568; 1807 SANTA RITA ROAD D-185, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hui Chuan Chen, 6500 Dublin Blvd. Apt. 203, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Hui Chuan Chen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/17/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 26, July 3, 10, 17; 2015)

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## Builder confidence hits yearly high in June

Highest reading across U.S. since September 2014

By JEB BING

Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes in June rose five points to the highest reading since September 2014.

"Builders are reporting more serious and committed buyers at their job sites and this is reflected in recent government data showing that new-home sales and single-family construction are gaining momentum," said NAHB chairman Tom Woods, a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo.

Added NAHB chief economist David Crowe: "Current and future sales expectations are at their highest levels since the last quarter of 2005, indicating a growing optimism among builders that housing will continue to strengthen in the months ahead. At the same time, builders remain sensitive to consumers' ability to buy a new home."

Results are derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has been conducting for 30 years with a NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index that gauges builder per-

ceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as "good," "fair" or "poor."

The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as "high to very high," "average" or "low to very low." Scores for each component are then used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index where any number over 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as good than poor.

All three HMI components posted healthy gains in June. The component gauging current sales conditions jumped seven points to 65, the index charting sales expectations in the next six months increased six points to 69, and the component measuring buyer traffic rose five points to 44.

Looking at the three-month moving averages for regional HMI scores, the South and Northeast each rose three points to 60 and 44, respectively. The West posted a two-point gain to 57 while the Midwest dropped by one point to 54. ■

## New home sales reach 7-year peak across U.S.

Builders seeing motivated buyers, release of pent-up housing demand

Sales of newly built, single-family homes rose 2.2% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 546,000 units in May, according to newly released data from the federal Housing & Urban Development Department and the U.S. Census Bureau.

This is the highest new-home sales rate since February 2008.

"Our builders are seeing motivated buyers and the release of

pent-up housing demand," said Tom Woods, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo. "However, builders are facing supply chain challenges, which is affecting the inventory of new homes."

David Crowe, NAHB's chief economist, added: "This month's new-home sales report is consistent with other government data

and rising builder confidence that indicate a continual recovery of the housing market. The uptick in existing-home sales bodes well for builders, as it shows that the sellers are able to buy a new home."

The inventory of new homes for sale was 206,000 units in May. This is a 4 1/2-month supply at the current sales pace. ■

—Jeb Bing

### SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during May 11-26

#### Pleasanton (May 11-14)

**Total sales reported:** 34  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$450,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,520,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$968,673

#### Dublin (May 11-14)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$533,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,762,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$847,028

#### Livermore (May 11-14)

**Total sales reported:** 22  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$375,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,075,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$719,988

#### San Ramon (May 18-26)

**Total sales reported:** 37  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$269,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,650,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$853,359

Source: California REsource



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Gina Piper

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Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Andrea & Earl Rozran

**7755 Fairbrook Ct. - Pleasanton - \$931,875**  
 Great single-level home on a court with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and just over 2,200 sq. ft. of living space. Freshly painted inside & out with new flooring, new stainless steel appliances, and newer composition shingle roof. Located on a large lot with two side yard access gates.



Meraj Khan

**2350 Galway Ct. - Tracy - \$580,000**  
 Gorgeous and stunning home nestled in the quiet community of Hidden Lake in Tracy. This two storied lavishly upgraded home features an open floor plan, a large sized gourmet kitchen, a formal living, a formal dining, a cozy family room, 2 downstairs bedrooms with full baths and a large pool!



Mia & Beverly Team

**4181 Georgis Pl. - Pleasanton - \$550,000**  
 Bright and sunny home with a great location! All living space is on one floor. Stunning hardwood floors and brand new carpet. Large kitchen opens to family/dining room combo. Lots of windows and privacy. A must see!



Katie Moe

**3942 Hampden Ct. - Dublin - \$899,000**  
 Court location in Dublin Ranch! This home offers soaring ceilings and fantastic floor plan! Hardwood floors in the living space, tile in the kitchen with loads of options for living! Spacious bedrooms, laundry upstairs and plenty of storage! Not to be missed!



Meraj Khan

**3268 Knightsbridge Way - San Ramon - \$1,390,000**  
 Gorgeous, stunning and lavishly upgraded Windemere home features an open floor plan, large sized gourmet kitchen, formal living, formal dining, cozy family room, 2 downstairs bedrooms with baths, spacious loft, large sized Master bedroom suite and large backyard for entertaining!



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Cindy Gee

**879 Mayview Way - Livermore - \$650,000**  
 THIS IS IT! QUIET STREET! SINGLE STORY, 3 BED 2BATH, Move in, Fresh Paint, Lovely Living/Dining, Open Floorplan/ Cozy Family room / Kitchen, Huge windows. Looking to beautiful backyard with fruit trees, close to LIVERMORE'S Historic Downtown and Winery's, Newer roof, Must see!! Close to schools.



Katie Moe

**116 Norris Canyon Pl. - San Ramon - \$485,000**  
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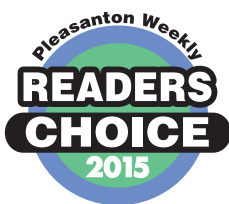
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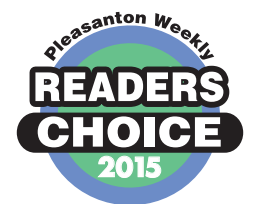
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**LIVERMORE**  
Open SUN 1 - 4 2710 ELSTON ST  
HOME BACKS TO VINEYARDS \$1,025,000  
4 BR 3 BA Gourmet kitchen w/stainless steel  
appliances & granite slab counters.Built-in 2006.  
Romar De Claro, CalBRE #01341138 925.847.2200



**PLEASANTON**  
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 2196 INVERNESS COURT  
GOLDEN EAGLE BEAUTY \$1,049,000  
3 BR 3 BA Formal Dining/living rm w/2 way fireplace.  
Kit w/granite counters,lrg island.Corner Lot.  
Mary Anne Rozsa, CalBRE #00783003 925.847.2200



**PLEASANTON**  
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4  
7815 CANYON MEADOWS CIRCLE #A  
STUNNING PLEASANTON CONDO \$449,900  
2 BR 2 BA Lower level condo.Open & bright,laminate  
flrs,updated kit w/granite,liv rm w/fireplace  
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### DUBLIN

Open SUN 1 - 4 8 8170 VIA ZAPATA  
BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED HOME! \$948,800  
4 BR 2.5 BA Over \$100k in upgrades.Remodeled  
kit.w/granite counters.Remodeled baths.3-car garage.  
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200

Open SAT 1 - 4 3360 MAGUIRE WAY #337  
IMMACULATE! \$276,130  
1 BR 1 BA Well maintained luxury condo w/  
granite counters/gas stove. Close to HWY, BART,  
Shopping,park  
Wendy Ma, CalBRE #01944039 925.847.2200

### LIVERMORE

1832 CORTE CAVA  
PORTOLA MEADOWS TOWNHOME \$650,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Lrg End Unit.Huge loft.Open flr plan.  
Light & bright.Gorgeous landscaped backyard.  
Andrew Andy Knuth, CalBRE #01896749  
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4421 BUCKSKIN CT  
COZY SPRINGTOWN HOME \$530,000  
3 BR 2 BA Eat-in Kit w/new SS dishwasher.Living rm  
w/fireplace.Lrg yard.Move in ready!  
Deborah Levine, CalBRE #01386245 925.847.2200

Open SAT 1 - 4 3188-1 CALIMANCO CMN  
CHARMING COPPER HILL CONDO \$449,800  
2 BR 2 BA Open flrpln w/kitchen/dining/living combo.  
Vaulted ceilings in mstr.Corner unit.  
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### PLEASANT HILL

137 TAYLOR BLVD  
GORGEOUS UPDATED HOME \$559,000  
3 BR 1 BA New tile flrs.Recess lighting.Duel pane  
windows.Updated kit w/walk-in pantry.Lots of light  
Annie Brown, CalBRE #01406757 925.847.2200

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541 JUNIPERO ST  
BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED HOME \$899,000  
3 BR 2 BA Open flr plan.New flring.New paint.New  
granite counters.SS Appl.Lrg Mstr.Close to park.  
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Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 564 SANTANDER DRIVE  
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Open SUN 1 - 4 3011 TAHOE PL  
CANYON LAKES HOME! \$790,000  
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### TRACY

Open SUN 1 - 4 483 RILEY CT  
HIGHLY DESIRABLE W.SIDE \$539,000  
5 BR 3.5 BA Marble Tiled flrs.SS Appl.Kit w/center  
island/breakfast bar.Main flr bd/ba.Close to FWY.  
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460 POMBO SQUARE DR.  
NEWLY REMODELED HOME! \$398,000  
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**3 BEDROOMS**  
**7705 Creekside Drive Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200  
**8797 Edenberry St. \$725,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kim Ott (510) 220-0703

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**8170 Via Zapata \$948,800**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200  
**11278 Creekside Court \$1,149,000**  
 Sat 1:30-4:30/Sun 1-4 Maureen M. Nokes 577-2700

Livermore

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**3188-1 Calimanco Common \$449,800**  
 Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**879 Mayview Way \$650,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee 963-1984  
**1943 Walnut St. \$479,950**  
 Thur 10-1/Sat/Sun 1-4 Karen Crowson 784-6208

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**2710 Elston St. \$1,025,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200  
**2377 College Ave. \$1,050,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Gina Huggins 640-3762

Pleasanton

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**7815 Canyon Meadows Circls #A \$449,900**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**4972 Muirwood Drive \$975,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Delores Gragg 989-6500  
**1128 Autumn Court \$899,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Jennifer Branchini 577-6113  
**2196 Inverness Court \$1,049,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**576 Trebbiano Place \$1,335,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Janet Cristiano 989-1200

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**7478 Ginger Court \$1,049,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 621-0680  
**7426 Stonedale Drive \$729,950**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 980-9265

**3014 Calle De La Mesa \$978,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore & Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 918-0986/980-9265

**464 Montori Court \$1,400,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**3099 East Ruby Hill Drive Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**1003 Zinfandel Court Call for price**  
 Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

**7755 Fairbrook Court \$931,875**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea & Earl Rozran 858-4198

**2620 Camino Segura \$1,288,888**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Joyce Jones 998-3398

**78 Castlewood Drive \$1,695,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**733 Vineyard Terrace \$1,639,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kevin & Bernetta Wess 290-8143

**4232 Brindisi Place \$1,940,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226/980-0273

**865 Piemonte Drive \$1,980,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**5732 Dalton Creek Way \$1,750,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Pamela Mays 997-8001

**6 BEDROOMS**  
**3558 Crespi Court \$1,999,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226/980-0273

**1712 Zenato Place \$2,095,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Debby Johnson-Abarta 989-6844

San Ramon

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**3011 Tahoe Place \$790,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**564 Santander Drive Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 11-26

Pleasanton

**2039 Calle Ricardo** Buteau Trust to X. Bai for \$1,285,000  
**6804 Corte Sonada** G. & S. Koehler to C. & L. Heffernan for \$885,000  
**1825 Crestline Road** Meincken Trust to P. Cowan for \$695,000  
**7971 Foothill Knolls Drive** Jouanicot Trust to R. Ceglie for \$1,906,000  
**3606 Gettysburg Court #S** D. & A. Green to H. Sukimin for \$838,000  
**1532 Greenwood Road** S. & E. Clark to Y. Liu for \$943,000  
**575 Gyles Place** Ponderosa Homes to A. & H. Wegrecki for \$1,003,500

**3397 Hadsell Court** Seuis Trust to R. & P. Girdhar for \$1,080,000  
**3786 Hawaii Court #N** D. & S. Schillaci to M. & C. Bass for \$795,000  
**5357 Mallard Drive** D. & B. Smith to C. Burke for \$935,000  
**6590 Mason Court** M. & G. Rice to B. Seshan for \$760,000  
**8035 Mountain View Drive #B** R. & S. McWilliams to G. Pattabhiraman for \$490,000  
**830 Oak Manor Court** Taffe Trust to B. & P. Levitin for \$2,107,500  
**11 Rogers Lane #3** Pleasanton 10 Limited to A. Wiguna for \$700,000  
**4129 Stanley Boulevard** M. & S. Bhuiyan to S. Venkatachal for \$665,500  
**3785 Thistle Way** M. Rodriguez to A. Kumar for \$512,000

**7268 Tulipwood Circle** P. Sankar to E. Berdahl for \$895,000  
**3550 Villero Court** Richards Trust to H. Gao for \$2,520,000  
**3859 Vine Street** Stone Trust to E. Lavey for \$450,000  
**3532 West Las Positas Boulevard** K. & W. Diridoni to H. Ye for \$925,000  
**4686 Cope Court** Ebersole Trust to D. & E. Brown for \$1,200,000  
**6804 Corte Sonada** G. & S. Koehler to C. & L. Heffernan for \$885,000  
**1825 Crestline Road** Meincken Trust to P. Cowan for \$695,000  
**2358 Crestline Road** Macauley Trust to S. Khow for \$935,000

**575 Gyles Place** Ponderosa Homes to A. & H. Wegrecki for \$1,003,500  
**582 Gyles Place** Ponderosa Homes to N. & A. Patel for \$1,002,500  
**1083 Harvest Circle** P. & R. Edge to E. & D. Bassin for \$1,008,000  
**3786 Hawaii Court #N** D. & S. Schillaci to M. & C. Bass for \$795,000  
**5357 Mallard Drive** D. & B. Smith to C. Burke for \$935,000  
**6590 Mason Court** M. & G. Rice to B. Seshan for \$760,000  
**8035 Mountain View Drive #B** R. & S. McWilliams to G. Pattabhiraman for \$490,000  
**404 Oak Lane** Gould Trust to V. & N. Veerapaneni for \$1,775,000

Source: California REsource



**7478 Ginger Court**  
 Amazing 4 BR, 2.5 BTH home on cul-de-sac shows like a model! Hardwood flrs, remodeled kit & baths, & more!  
 \$1,049,000



**829 Oak Manor Ct**  
 Fabulous 5 BR + Bonus Rm & Office on premium .69 Acre wooded cul-de-sac lot with gate  
 \$2,099,000



**860 Sycamore Road**  
 Luxury home, 6200 sq ft 5 BR + bonus, office & loft on premium private flat .93 Acre lot with outdoor kit  
 \$2,599,000



**356 Trenton Circle**  
 Charming upgraded 3 BR, 2 BTH single story close to downtown with updated kit, remodeled baths, & more!  
 \$719,000

What is REAL market value

So by now we all know that the Pleasanton real estate market is on fire. Inventory in most price segments is scarce, and buyers are seemingly everywhere. For some buyers, buying a house today has become a frustrating and nerve-wracking experience. And if that is not enough to confuse and aggravate even the calmest buyers, an over-heated market like this creates issues with valuation. The question every buyer has when they are lucky enough to find a house that is actually available in their price range is "what is it worth?". Great question, but hard to answer.



The problem lies with the definition of value, or more specifically market value. In a normal market (we haven't seen one of those in a while), inventory is abundant, and the pace of the market is calm. Buyers actually have time to carefully consider their options, and mull over their strategy. As agents, we can look at comparable sales to help determine what a reasonable price is for a given property, and we can take a calm, reasoned approach to arriving at the offering price. In this type of market, agents in essence assume the role of an appraiser... looking at recent sales, adjusting for various factors, and helping the client arrive at a fair price. Market value is strongly related to recent sales data.

However, when the market is unbalanced and overheated, things get more complicated. Yes, we still look at comparable sales data to get a picture of ... Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.

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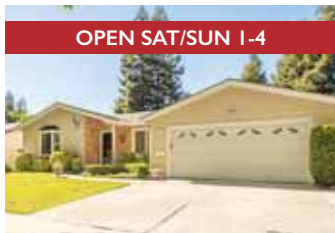


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