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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton hosts its annual fundraising run next Sunday, June 18.

## Ready for Rotary's 24th Father's Day Spirit Run

Please join me and my fellow Rotarians in registering today or during the coming week for the 24th annual Father's Day Spirit Run to be held next Sunday, June 18, in downtown Pleasanton.

More than 1,500 runners (and walkers like me) are expected to participate in this popular event that serves as a fundraiser for college scholarships and community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

This Father's Day tradition has continued to grow as runners, their children and families participate in a 10K run or 5K walk or run, as well as three Kid's Challenge races. The three separate Kid's Challenge Races, for children ages 2-8, include a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the Arch.

The 10K run will start promptly at 8 a.m. under the Pleasanton Arch, followed by the 5K run at 8:20. The courses wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods, around the fairgrounds and on trails along the Arroyo del Valle.

Event T-shirts will be given to all 5K and 10K participants, with "Finisher" ribbons handed out to all Kid's Challenge participants. Trophies will go to the top male and female finishers in designated age groups.

Post-race refreshments will include fresh fruit and ice cream. Rotarians on the race preparation work crew, who must be there starting at 6 a.m., will share free donuts and coffee.

Check-in and on-site registration will be held in the Workbench True Value Hardware store at 652 Main St. starting at 6:45 a.m. Participants can also register online at [www.spiritrun.com](http://www.spiritrun.com). Those who register by Tuesday can pick up their race packets and T-shirts at Fleet Feet Sports, 234 Main St. next Friday between noon and 7 p.m. or next Saturday, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Race-day registration fees are

\$45 for those 18 years old and older, \$40 for youths under 18 and \$15 for the Kid's Challenge. Deduct \$5 if registering in advance by Tuesday. A special rate of \$130 is available for families of four, with an additional \$37.50 for each additional family member.

Proceeds from the Father's Day Spirit Run will support scholarships for Pleasanton students and charitable projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. Past events have helped Rotary raise more than \$900,000 towards college scholarships, including \$31,950 raised in last year's Spirit Run that has been given to selected 2017 high school graduates.

"The Rotary Club of Pleasanton celebrated its 50th year in Pleasanton in 2016," noted Todd Utikal, chairman of this year's Spirit Run. "This year marks the 24th anniversary of the Father's Day Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton. For 20 of these years, funds were raised exclusively for college scholarships for graduating Pleasanton students. In the last four years, our foundation has expanded its giving, but still keeping an emphasis on scholarships."

Even on Father's Day, Utikal continues to head up the event. He arrives downtown at 5 a.m. to join the set-up crew while his wife Erika and their two daughters sleep. As the emcee of the event for the last seven years, he'll at least have family company this year with his 9- and 7-year old daughters now participating.

"The music from Don Lewis and the African drums of the Cheza Nami Foundation will also be a great way to start the day," Utikal said. "We hope to raise \$50,000 that our Rotary Foundation will turn around and give back to the community next year."

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Pleasanton resident Miguel Jara, owner of famed Mexican restaurant La Taqueria in San Francisco, recently took home a James Beard Award in the "America's Classics" category. Photo by Daniel Kim. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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## How will you feel on your next birthday?



**Brendan Paull**  
*Engineer*

I'm OK with it. I'll be turning 33, and I feel I'm where I feel I need to be in my life. I also have my entire future ahead of me, so there's still time if I've really screwed up, I should be able to figure things out and make everything right.



**Rebecca Rowles**  
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I am soooooo looking forward to it. I'll be finally at the age of majority where I can drink legally, even if I get carded.



**Debra Strombler**  
*Homemaker*

I'm actually sad when I think about this upcoming birthday because it will be my first birthday since my mother recently died. I'm happy to have the opportunity to grow older, but at the same time I feel awful that my mom is not here to celebrate this mutual milestone with me.



**Max Walker**  
*Filmmaker*

I'm looking forward to my birthday. I'll be turning 24 and able to rent a car in my own name and to do all sorts of other things that I will be held entirely accountable for, whether good or bad. What could possibly be bad about that?



**Brian Walker**  
*UX designer*

I'm a bit ambivalent about it. Turning 30 last year was a huge milestone. I really made the transition into adulthood when I reached that milestone of my life. Turning 31 though, is just not as big a deal in any way.

— Compiled by Nancy Lewis, who is on vacation in Hawaii this week.

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

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### Transit survey

Pleasanton and Tri-Valley transit officials are looking for community input on ways to improve paratransit services for seniors and people with disabilities.

The city and LAVTA/Wheels have launched the “Mobility Forward: Tri-Valley Paratransit Study,” which includes an online survey available through June 15.

Residents of Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin and Livermore are encouraged to complete the five- to seven-minute survey about where and how they travel and improvements they believe are needed for transit access in the Tri-Valley.

The survey, available at [www.trivalleysurvey.info](http://www.trivalleysurvey.info), is offered in English, Spanish and traditional Chinese. Five survey participants will be chosen at random to each win a \$50 Visa gift card.

Residents will also be invited to a series of yet-unscheduled community forums this month to discuss priorities for paratransit, officials said.

### Navigating health care

Hope Hospice is holding a class this weekend to help family members and caregivers understand their rights and how to communicate effectively with health care professionals so they can successfully advocate for their loved ones.

“Navigating the Healthcare Environment: Becoming an advocate for your loved one,” scheduled for 9:45 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Hope Hospice offices on Clark Avenue in Dublin, is offered as part of the end-of-life nonprofit’s Family Caregiver Education Series.

Topics for the free session include effective communication skills, interacting with health care professionals, organizing and managing personal healthcare information, handling hospitalizations and emergency visits and hospital discharge planning.

Register online at [HopeHospice.com](http://HopeHospice.com) or email Debbie Emerson at [debe@hopehospice.com](mailto:debe@hopehospice.com).

### Resource fair

Ridgeview Commons in Pleasanton is hosting a free senior health and wellness resource fair on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the dining room of the residential community at 520 Case Ave.

Sponsored by the Tri-Valley Senior Roundtable and open to the public, the event will feature vendors covering a variety of issues relevant to seniors, including home care, assisted living, legal help, nursing and end-of-life services, organizers said.

For more information, call 484-5131. ■

## School board expected to vote on superintendent appointment Tuesday

### Santa Ana Unified deputy identified as finalist for PUSD vacancy

By JULIA REIS AND JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton school board is slated to vote Tuesday night on the contract and appointment of Santa Ana schools administrator David Haglund, Ed.D., as PUSD’s next superintendent.

Haglund, a 29-year educator who currently works as deputy superintendent of educational services and chief academic officer for the Santa Ana Unified School District, was announced as the school board’s finalist for the vacancy last week.

“I am pleased to have had the

chance to engage with the PUSD board of trustees during their search process, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the students and families of the Pleasanton community once the board completes their process,” Haglund said in an email interview this week.

The board was scheduled to talk in closed session about the proposed contract for Haglund on Wednesday evening, days after trustees, district administrators and union representatives interviewed community members and colleagues about Haglund

in private meetings in Santa Ana.

The final proposed contract is expected to be released for public review before the board’s regular meeting Tuesday night at the district headquarters at 4665 Bernal Ave. The board’s goal has been to appoint a new superintendent in time to start work July 1 — the beginning of the new fiscal year.

In announcing Haglund’s selection as the finalist, PUSD officials called him a “proven instructional leader” with a passion for “nurturing personalized learning environments

to help all students achieve their unique potential.”

“From this wide range of experiences, he demonstrates genuine respect and empathy for all functions throughout the district,” school board president Joan Laursen said last week. “We believe that his warm and personable nature will help him connect with the staff, students, parents and community leaders throughout our district who work together to make education a great experience for all students.”

Asked about PUSD’s site visits to Santa Ana last Friday and Monday, school board member Steve Maher — who spent Monday in Santa Ana — said he “had a great visit.”

“It was a good experience,” Maher said. “Certainly met a lot of

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Amador Valley High science teacher Eric Thiel received numerous accolades over his teaching career, including the Claes Nobel Educator of the Year award in 2014 (shown). FILE PHOTO

## Remembering Mr. Thiel

### Longtime Amador teacher dies one day after retirement

By JULIA REIS

Eric Thiel, a science teacher at Amador Valley High School who had been with the Pleasanton school district since 1985, died Saturday from an unspecified medical issue.

Thiel had just retired from teaching after a nearly four-decade career, with last Friday serving as his last day at Amador, school district spokesman Patrick Gannon said. He was 65 years old.

“Our hearts go out to the Amador Valley High School community, Eric’s family, and to all those who knew and loved him over his incredible 38-year teaching career,” Gannon said Monday. “Eric reminded us that great educators are not just teachers;

they are also leaders, mentors and friends to their students and fellow colleagues.”

Thiel, who was a resident of Livermore, had taught at Amador since 1992. He joined PUSD in 1985 as a teacher at Foothill High until moving over to Amador.

He received numerous accolades over the years, including PUSD Teacher of the Year, the PTA Excellence in Education Award and the Bank of America Local Hero Award.

In 2014, Thiel was recognized as Claes Nobel Educator of the Year by the National Society of High School Scholars, which presents the award to the “best of the best” in education in the country.

NSHSS officials lauded Thiel

for helping launch the district’s AP Biology program as well as co-creating the “Project Creek Watch” program.

“Exciting students about biology is my ultimate goal and if I can do that while adequately preparing them for state and national exams, then and only then do I have some sense of accomplishment,” Thiel told the NSHSS three years ago. “Increasing numbers of students selecting biology as their major accompanied by email messages from past students currently in college thanking me for properly preparing them is the greatest reward.”

Gannon said that Amador staff

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## County fair opens next week

### Cattle drive downtown kicks off opening day

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Fair is set to open its extended 2017 run next week, ushering in the opening day with a cattle drive and other cow-poke activities on Main Street from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday as part of Western Weekend at the fair.

Held at the Pleasanton fairgrounds at the corner of Valley and Bernal avenues, this year’s fair runs from next Friday to July 9 — except for closed days on June 19, 20, 26, 27. It’s open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.

Themed “Best. Summer. Ever.,” the 2017 fair is filled with summertime favorites including carnival rides and games, classic fair food and drinks, vendor booths, arts and culinary exhibitions, livestock displays, monster trucks, extreme rodeo, the Demolition Derby and the Red, White and Brewfest.

The Big O Tires Concert Series, with shows every night of the fair, begins with Sugar Ray on opening night followed by Con Funk Shun and Plain White T’s that Saturday and Sunday, respectively. With general seating free as part of fair admission, each concert begins at 8 p.m. and runs until 9:15 p.m., immediately followed by fireworks on the concert lawn.

The aerial displays reach their peak

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# City Council adopts Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan update

West Las Positas Boulevard, Santa Rita Road are top two priorities

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton now has a new set of strategies to guide future improvements to the city's bike and pedestrian network.

The City Council unanimously Tuesday adopted the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan update, a roughly 270-page document that culminates nearly 18 months of work among city staff, consultant Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants, the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trails Committee and local residents.

"It's been a very transparent process. It's been a good government process, and this is a great document," Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin said toward the end of the nearly hour-long discussion in the council chamber Tuesday night.

"This I think actually gives us a place to go and make the accomplishments we want," added Pentin, a self-proclaimed "bicycle guy." "Moving forward, I think we really have things that we can all look at, we can all talk about and we can all weigh in as each of these (projects) come forward."

First adopted in 2010, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan calls for updates every five years to keep the city competitive for funding opportunities and to make sure

the city is meeting the needs of the community, according to city traffic engineer Mike Tassano.

Key components of this first update include reducing gaps in the city's bicycle networks, improving comfort levels for cyclists and pedestrians, and a new priority-ranking system. It also incorporates two new goals: creating a low-stress bicycle network for all ages and abilities and completing corridors in the near-term network.

The city's bike network was broken down into 16 corridors, each with its own list of projects or studies, and then ranked based on criteria of safety, connectivity, demand, feasibility and safe route to school.

The top-priority corridor is West Las Positas Boulevard, followed by Santa Rita Road at No. 2 — major east-west and north-south routes, respectively.

Rounding out the top six, in order, are the interstates 580 and 680 overpasses, Foothill Road, Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue. Tassano said his goal is to complete as many projects within the top six corridors as possible in the next five years.

City staff recommends that 80% of available funding go toward projects in the top-ranked corridors while the remaining 20% be

available to key individual projects in other areas.

The updated plan suggests strategies for bicycle and pedestrian improvements the city could explore, but individual projects would return to the City Council for approval once designed and vetted by the public, Tassano said.

The council and city staff attempted to allay concerns from some residents who contacted them thinking the plan update adoption meant certain projects were already being approved, such as possibly converting driving lanes on West Las Positas Boulevard into enhanced bike lanes.

For bicycle improvements overall, the plan update suggests new strategies including protected bike lanes, buffered intersections, bicycle boulevards and bicycle boxes, sometimes in conjunction with two-staged left turns at major intersections.

New recommendations for pedestrian facilities include a pedestrian hybrid beacon — similar to pavement flashing crosswalks but with a red signal requiring drivers to stop — and reducing or eliminating so-called "slip lanes" for right-turning vehicles at some major intersections to reduce speeds and enhance safety.

More than two-dozen cycling enthusiasts attended the meeting at

the Pleasanton Civic Center, and the council heard comments from 10 residents, all of whom spoke highly of the master plan update, praising it as comprehensive and forward-thinking.

"This Bike-Ped Master Plan is progressive, it will improve safety, sustainability and livability in Pleasanton, and it really does lay out an impressive vision for an all ages and all abilities network," said Susie Hufstader, of Bike East Bay.

"Today's Pleasanton was built for cars, with little thought to other types of transportation," resident Sharon Piekarski said.

"I believe that if we make our streets safer for bicycles and pedestrians, then more people will choose to leave their cars behind when traveling to school, to work and on errands, which will in addition to reducing pollutants also relieve traffic congestion and parking issues," she added in support of the plan update.

Other than suggesting some additional short-term fixes or urging the council to find funding for more bike projects, the lone criticism came from BART representative Rachel Factor.

She said the transit agency was impressed by the plan but "slightly disappointed" it didn't prioritize

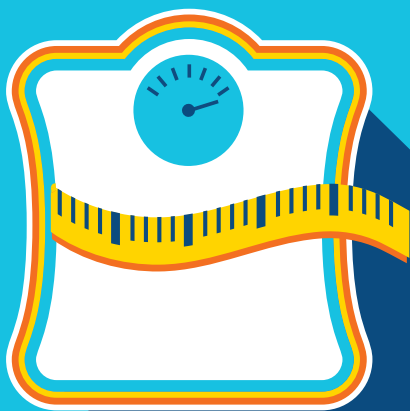
better bicycle improvements on Stoneridge Mall Road to connect to the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station.

Pentin responded by questioning whether BART officials were looking to improve bike-access problems on its property at the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton station. Factor said efforts there are in line for Measure RR funds.

To get the ball rolling on the city's new efforts, staff recommends allocating \$900,000 for West Las Positas Boulevard work and \$200,000 for various other bike projects as part of the latest capital improvement program, set to be adopted by the council later this month.

Tassano acknowledged the city will need to seek out grants and other funding sources, internally and externally, to complete its bike and pedestrian improvement goals. The master plan identifies nearly \$70 million in projects — the vast majority being bike projects.

"This (plan) opens the door for us to go out and get grant funding," Councilman Arne Olson said. "Unfortunately, money is the object here, and we need more of it. I think grants are a way to go after that and hopefully speed up some of this implementation." ■



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The Pleasanton delegation joins local representatives outside the Tulancingo city offices during the recent cultural exchange visit to Mexico. PTSCA

## Pleasanton delegation visits Tulancingo

Five-day trip part of longtime sister city relationship

A delegation of Pleasanton residents as part of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association recently traveled to the Mexican sister city for a semi-annual exchange visit, interacting with local officials and checking out sites in and around Tulancingo.

"Friendships were renewed and many cultural experiences were enjoyed over the five-day visitation," PTSCA spokeswoman Margo Tarver said.

"This experience is very unique as many close bonds have developed over the years between the members in both cities during the adult delegation visit and the student exchange program. Adults and students alike feel their lives have

been forever changed and enriched through this experience," she added.

The delegation visit included a trip to a local university where students learned how to run a dairy in a working environment, a day at a hacienda in Acaxochitlan featuring food and dancers from the Vera Cruz region and a tour of a factory in Tulancingo that processes wool into fine fabrics used by some of the most expensive garment makers in the world, Tarver said.

Attendees also traveled to a Tulancingo orphanage for disadvantaged girls run by nuns, which has become a tradition at Pleasanton members' request, she added.

Additionally, the trip featured a tour of Tulancingo City Hall and

luncheon with the Mayor Fernando Perez Rodriguez.

An oak tree was planted at the City Hall with a plaque in dedication to the sister city association, and there was a celebration with the fire department as officials unveiled fire trucks donated by the city of Pleasanton that they had refurbished and are now in use by their fire department.

Events and meals during the visit were sponsored by the Soroptimists, the Lions Club, the Rotary, the city of Tulancingo, members of the organization and local businesses, Tarver said.

For more information on the alliance, visit [www.ptsca.org](http://www.ptsca.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## PPD releases mobile app

New offering allows residents to submit tips, get alerts

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton Police Department is now offering a mobile app that allows residents to submit crime tips, get alerts and access other important information.

Through the free app, users can also view the department's social media feeds, recruitment announcements, media releases and safety tips. They can also access a link to the department's online reporting system and log property, including photos, in the event of burglary or theft.

"Our goal is to encourage a deeper connection between the police department and the Pleasanton community," police chief David Spiller stated. "The app offers access to the police department in a way the community is most comfortable engaging — through their phones."

Residents can also use the app to send tips to police, including reports of abandoned vehicles, animal nuisances, graffiti and suspected drug activity that isn't in progress.

The department says residents should still call 9-1-1 immediately if there is an emergency or crime in progress.

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The opening page of the new Pleasanton Police Department mobile app. PPD

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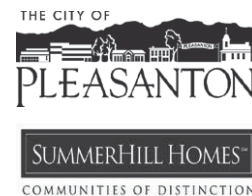
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# Brown named LAVTA board chair

Councilwoman to prioritize keeping new hybrid buses full, on-time

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton City Councilwoman Karla Brown will serve the next year as chair of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Board of Directors, which oversees operation of the Wheels and Rapid bus services.

A LAVTA board member representing Pleasanton since 2013, Brown was unanimously elected by her board colleagues to hold the leadership position for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Brown, who also sits on the authority's Projects and Services Committee, served as board vice chair for the past year.

Brown said she was proud of her unanimous selection as board chair and looks forward to accomplishing key transit goals during the next year.

"Over the past four years, I have stressed the need to increase ridership by providing better on-time service, improved routes for fixed-route



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Pleasanton Councilwoman Karla Brown.

bus service and increased connectivity with BART and ACE trains," she said in an email interview.

Brown has also supported LAVTA partnering with Las Positas College for students to ride to and from campus with reduced fees paid at registration as well as advocated for the recent purchase of new hybrid

buses for the Tri-Valley made by Gillig in Livermore.

"My focus as chairman will be to ensure our Gillig clean-air buses are full and on-time throughout the Tri-Valley, safely serving students, professionals and all riders," Brown added. "With our excellent LAVTA staff and experienced Board of Directors, I am confident we will achieve these goals."

The transit agency serves the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin along with unincorporated Alameda County in the Tri-Valley, and its governing board consists of elected officials from those communities.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will serve as board vice chair during Brown's tenure as chair. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin also represents Pleasanton on the seven-member LAVTA board, with Councilwoman Kathy Narum as the city's alternate. ■



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## Sarah Dessen at library

Bestselling young adult author, Sarah Dessen, will be at the Pleasanton Public Library at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday to promote her 13th novel, "Once and for All," which Towne Center Books will be selling at the free event. Dessen's books have been on the New York Times bestseller list, and, most recently she was awarded the Margaret A. Edwards Award for her outstanding contribution to young adult literature. No registration is required, but space is limited to the first 200 visitors.

## FAIR

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with the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular featuring the Oakland East Bay Symphony at 9:30 p.m. on Independence Day.

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PUSD

David Haglund, finalist for PUSD superintendent.

## SUPERINTENDENT

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people and came away with some very good thoughts about our potential superintendent."

Haglund began his career as a social science teacher in the Rialto Unified School District in San Bernardino County, teaching there for 11 years.

He then moved to the Riverside Unified School District, where he worked for more than 16 years, starting as a classroom teacher before becoming instructional services administrator for kindergarten through sixth grade, then founder and principal of the Riverside Virtual School, director of educational operations and assistant superintendent of instructional support.

Haglund transitioned to his current role in the Santa Ana school district in 2013. He also earned a Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California.

The new superintendent will be PUSD's fifth leader since spring 2015, following Parvin Ahmadi (who left to become Castro Valley's schools superintendent after 2014-15), PUSD's 2015-16 interim superintendent Jim Hansen, six-month superintendent Rick Rubino who was fired without cause in January and current interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa. ■

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## Students at center of SRVHS bullying case won't attend same school anymore

SRVUSD officials revisit matter after victim's parents criticize original punishment

By ERIKA ALVERO

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District announced last Friday that district officials have taken action to make sure the two students involved in a recent high-profile case of cyberbullying at Danville's San Ramon Valley High School would never be enrolled at the same district campus again.

District officials declined to elaborate further on the student discipline in the case, saying federal and state laws protecting all students prohibited them from revealing any other details.

The incident in question concerned a San Ramon Valley High student videorecording a sophomore who was urinating in a locked bathroom stall on campus during an athletic practice earlier in the year, with some of the footage later posted on social media.

The sophomore's parents, Denise and Sean Lynch, voiced their outrage to the school board May 23, saying that the punishment given to the offender was too light, including being allowed back on the sports team, and that their daughter shouldn't still have to go to the same school as her videotaping bully.

The Danville Police Department was notified of the incident and the student who posted the video was arrested and charged with

invasion of privacy, with the case forwarded to Contra Costa County Juvenile Probation.

In the wake of the Lynches' commentary to the board and the bullying incident garnering media attention across the state and country, the school district reopened the investigation into the situation, with officials announcing the new decision Friday afternoon — the last day of class for the school year.

**'I just want to express my gratitude to the community.'**

**Denise Lynch,**  
SRVHS mother

"The Board of Education's concern regarding this incident resulted in further review of the matter. As a result, the district took action to ensure that the two students involved will never be enrolled at the same San Ramon Valley Unified high school campus again," the district announced in a statement signed by all five school board members and superintendent Rick Schmitt.

Schmitt made the final determination in the case earlier Friday, according to district officials.

The district's statement Friday also said officials would be providing

additional mandatory training for administrators on the district's reporting requirements, as well as on ways to handle bullying and harassment, in time for the 2017-18 school year. It also stated that the district would "review and improve the policies related to student discipline and participation in school-sponsored extra-curricular activities."

The notice closed by saying, "We remain committed to continuing ongoing education and dialog for students and staff on bullying and harassment prevention, reporting and resolution so that every child feels safe at school."

Denise Lynch said that she received a phone call informing her of the superintendent's decision and letter right before it was released to the public.

"The letter seems very promising," she said Friday. "But we need further details from the school district." She said she assumes that her daughter will be allowed to stay at SRVHS but was told that the district couldn't release that information to her at this time.

"I just want to express my gratitude to the community," Denise Lynch said. "When this happened, when this did go public, I had so many people that contacted me, thousands. I just want to say thank you to them." ■

## William (Bill) Arthur Mulhearn

November 2, 1924 – April 13, 2017

William (Bill) Arthur Mulhearn, formerly of Pleasanton, California, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2017 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Mulhearn. He was born in Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire, UK to William and Catherine Mulhearn. As a young man, he travelled extensively as a merchant seaman in Asia, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. While working in New Zealand, he met and married his wife, Elizabeth in 1950. In 1953, they settled in San Francisco, moving in Pleasanton to raise their family in 1969. Bill worked for 20 years for Coca-Cola in San Francisco and San Jose, and later managed Universal Cinema Systems in Pleasanton. He received great joy from his garden and shared his flowers and produce freely with friends and neighbors.

Bill was a wonderful father and very proud of his three daughters, Kathleen Schultz, of Adelaide Australia, Maureen Craig, of Winston-Salem, NC, and Colleen Griggs of San Jose, CA. Also his four grandchildren, Elizabeth Broughton, of Winston-Salem, NC, Kyle Griggs of San Jose, CA, Ian Coonen, of Winston-Salem, NC and Caty Coonen (deceased) of Winston-Salem, NC.



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## THIEL

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had a get-together Sunday night to support one another, and counseling was offered for students and staff at the school Monday. Friday was the last day of the school year, and Thiel had attended the school's graduation that evening.

Amador principal Mike Williams informed parents and students of Thiel's death in an email to the school community late Sunday night.

"It is with sadness that I inform you that Amador Valley High School teacher, Eric Thiel, passed away on June 3rd from a medical complication. Our hearts go out to the Amador Valley High School community, Eric's family, and to all those who knew and loved Eric over his incredible 38-year teaching career," Williams said.

"Please keep our Amador community, and Eric's family and friends, in your thoughts," he added.

The Pleasanton City Council also paid tribute to Thiel this week, holding a moment of silence in his honor at the end of their meeting Tuesday.

Thiel is survived by his wife Kelly Sheridan-Thiel, a Pleasanton Middle School teacher, and children Jolie, Noah, Ryan and Zach. His previous wife Leslie died in 2003.

A GoFundMe has been set up to raise funds for Thiel's family. It had raised more than \$30,000 as of Wednesday afternoon.

This is the second time a PUSD

teacher has died in the past two months. Carla Boerman, a Pleasanton Middle School English teacher, was killed in a car crash in Pleasanton on April 4. ■

## Tomislav (Tom) Turkalj

September 24, 1954 – May 22, 2017

Tomislav passed away peacefully in his home on May 22nd, 2017. He grew up in Zagreb, Croatia and was a resident of Pleasanton for 21 years. He was a proud father of three children, an amazing husband and grandfather. He was dedicated to providing the best for his family. Tomislav was loved by his many friends and colleagues, who will dearly miss him. His departure leaves a big hole in the hearts of his loved ones, but his memory will forever carry on.



He is survived by his wife Nada, sons Matija and Gordan, daughter Mathea, granddaughter Mikaela, brother Dusko (Lilljana), brother-in-law Dragutin (Marta), sister-in-law Cvetka and the rest of his extended family.

At his request, there will be no memorial service.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton man shot after allegedly trying to run over ranch owner

A pickup truck driver from Pleasanton accused of trying to run down a ranch owner in unincorporated Alameda County far outside Livermore on Sunday was shot by the rancher, sheriff's officials said.

Scott Hagan, 55, who is suspected of driving the truck, was taken to a San Jose hospital with a sheriff's hold on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandalism, Alameda County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

The sergeant alleged Hagan smashed his truck into a barn, the rancher's home, a truck and a propane tank. It was not immediately reported what precipitated the ramming incident.

The rancher armed himself and told Hagan to stop, but Hagan allegedly began driving toward him. The rancher then fired several rounds at Hagan, who suffered gunshot wounds to his upper torso and hand that are not life-threatening, Kelly said.

According to Kelly, the rancher

called 9-1-1 just after 9 p.m. to report the incident.

"The incident was in a very remote part of Alameda County in the 18000 block of Mines Road," Kelly said.

#### In other police news:

- Stolen vehicles continue to be a problem for Livermore, with nearly 300 stolen last year alone, and police are urging the public to take steps to minimize the risk of becoming auto theft victims, police said.

According to police, in 2016, 292 vehicles were stolen in Livermore, and in the first five months of this year there were 165 vehicles stolen.

Of the vehicles stolen this year, 48 were recovered in the city of Livermore and 98 were recovered elsewhere in the Bay Area or in the Central Valley, police said.

This year, Livermore police have arrested 13 people for auto thefts or possessing stolen vehicles, including one suspect linked to the theft of at least 10 Ford trucks that were stolen over a period of 16 days, police said.

Despite these arrests and efforts to combat theft, police said vehicles continue to be stolen in

Livermore.

Police are urging the public to never leave vehicles running and unattended, to keep vehicles locked at all times, to park in busy, well-lit areas and not leave valuables inside vehicles. Vehicle owners are also urged to not label keys with names or addresses, police said.

For extra protection against theft, police recommend using a mechanical locking device on a steering wheel or brake pedal, installing an alarm or ignition cut-off system that prevents a car from being started, or investing in a GPS system that will track a vehicle's location.

The Livermore Police Department is offering rewards of up to \$500 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest of any person involved in auto thefts in Livermore.

- Police patrolling a park in Dublin last week arrested a man they found with burglary tools, city officials said.

At 1 p.m. June 1, Dublin Police Services detectives were at the Emerald Glen Park when a citizen informed them of a suspicious man in the park.

The detectives contacted the man, identified as 25-year-old Dwayne Grady from Salida.

An investigation revealed that Grady was on probation. The detectives searched the duffel bag he was carrying and found gloves, a window breaking device, lock

picking equipment and a loaded sawed-off shotgun, city officials said.

Grady was arrested on suspicion of multiple felony charges and booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

This case is under investigation, and anyone with information can contact Lt. Victor Fox at 833-6689.

- A Dublin financial analyst was arrested and brought to federal court in Oakland last week on charges of an insider trading securities fraud that allegedly generated \$8.2 million in illegal profits.

Saleem Mohammad Khan, 53, was charged in a May 25 grand jury indictment with one count of conspiring to commit securities fraud and seven counts of engaging in securities fraud by trading in Ross Stores Inc. stock on the basis of inside information between 2009 and 2012.

The inside information was allegedly provided by a colleague who was a manager in the discount store chain's finance department and had advance knowledge of sales figures before they were released publicly.

Khan had an initial appearance in Oakland on May 31 before U.S. Magistrate Kandis Westmore, who released him on \$300,000 bond. He was scheduled for an arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Donna Ryu this week.

The indictment was issued under seal and was unsealed after

Khan's court appearance May 31.

If convicted at a future trial, Khan could face up to 25 years to life in prison on each count.

At the time of the alleged fraud, Khan was working as a financial manager at a nonprofit health care company, according to a separate civil lawsuit filed against him in federal court in San Francisco in 2014 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Khan had previously worked as a securities broker, a financial analyst and financial manager for various companies and worked for four months as a contractor in the finance department at Ross Stores Inc. in 2007-2008.

The inside tipster in the Ross finance department was not named in the criminal indictment, but was identified in the SEC lawsuit as Roshanlal Chaganlal.

Last September, the SEC announced a settlement of the civil fraud lawsuit. Under the settlement, Khan was ordered to pay \$7.5 million in illegal profits, another \$7.5 million in penalties and \$847,000 in interest.

Chaganlal was ordered to forfeit \$130,000 — the amount Khan allegedly paid him for the inside information — and pay another \$130,000 in penalties and \$15,000 in interest.

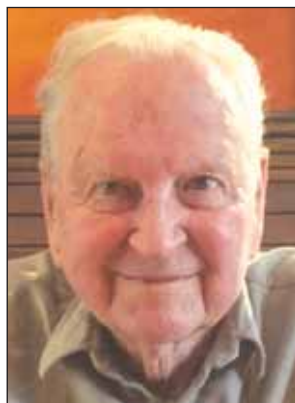
While agreeing to the settlement, the two men did not admit to any wrongdoing. ■

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## Donald Streit

June 21, 1927 – February 27, 2017

Don Streit, former resident of Pleasanton, passed away at his home in Hendersonville, NC on February 27, 2017. Born in Madera, CA on June 21, 1927, he grew up in Livermore and graduated from Livermore High School. He met and married Bonita Jean Wheeler in 1948. They settled in Pleasanton in 1952 and were married for 28 years. He worked at Kaiser Sand & Gravel for over 30 years and was a proud member of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 for almost 72 years. His last 16 years were spent in North Carolina as a content homeowner who had the great good fortune to find true friendship and camaraderie with several longtime local residents. Don and his children shared a great affection for his adopted hometown and for his wonderful housekeeper and friend, Ginny.



Don was a man of many talents and supremely ingenious. Always mechanically inclined, he had a lifelong love of collecting and tinkering. He also enjoyed reading and learning about new and varied subjects. He was never afraid or hesitant to help a stranger in need. His children will always remember how gracefully he moved, how hard he worked, and his years of extraordinary vitality. It can be said that he heard and followed a different drummer; his struggles became our lessons, his talents and innate goodness remain our treasured heirlooms. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his son, Steven of Sun City CA, daughters, Kay of Oakland and Dana (Ford) of Danville, his granddaughter, Phaedra Wilson and great-grandchildren Alexander and Isabelle of New Brighton, MN. He is also survived by his brother Robert Streit of Elk Grove, CA and good friend Brad Johnston of Berkeley, CA.

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 3

#### Residential burglary

- 12:13 a.m. in the 400 block of Trebbiano Place

#### Theft

- 7:02 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 9:02 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 12:39 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court
- 1:38 a.m. on the 00 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Alcohol violation

- 2:33 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### DUI

- 2:02 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway

### June 2

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:11 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Commercial burglary

- 6:32 p.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Theft

- 10:55 a.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:42 a.m., 2700 block of Solandra Court; auto theft
- 2:24 p.m., 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 8:14 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### DUI

- 1:24 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Kottinger Drive

### June 1

#### Drug violation

- 7:38 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

#### Theft

- 7:26 a.m., 4800 block of Pipit Court; theft from auto
- 8:20 a.m., 4800 block of Pipit Court; theft from auto
- 8:57 a.m., 2400 block of Minivet Court; theft from auto
- 1:56 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 11:46 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road

### May 31

#### Shoplifting

- 11:20 a.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:47 p.m. on the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 6:30 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Trespassing/prowl

- 6:50 a.m. on the 4300 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

### May 30

#### Alcohol violation

- 12:03 a.m. on the 4300 block of Mirador Drive

- 9:47 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Theft

- 8:59 a.m., 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; auto theft
- 4:28 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:50 p.m. on the 4100 block of Georgis Place

#### Fraud

- 11:51 a.m. on the 1700 block of Spumante Place

#### Graffiti

- 12:50 p.m. on the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- 3:01 p.m. on the 3200 block of Stoneridge Creek Way

#### Domestic battery

- 10:03 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

- 9:45 a.m. on the 5000 block of Johnson Drive

### May 29

#### Warrant arrest

- 3:48 p.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

#### Theft

- 7:06 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft
- 9:20 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft
- 3:10 p.m., 3300 block of Rosada Court; theft from auto
- 5:57 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

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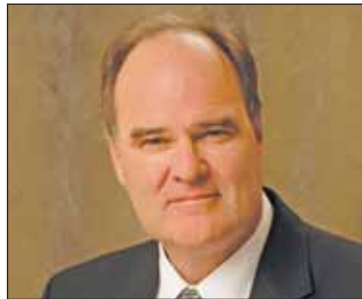
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## GUEST OPINION

BY MATT SULLIVAN

# Pleasanton Weekly gets it wrong on Costco



Ex-Councilman Matt Sullivan sounds off on last week's Pleasanton Weekly editorial.

The Pleasanton Weekly has always had a difficult time reporting the facts, but your June 2 editorial, "Voters want a Costco, so let's move forward," was stunning in its misrepresentation of events and a shameless attempt to promote the project.

For example:

- There is no council-appointed "Johnson Drive Task Force" planning the project. Unless you consider the city staff, Costco and project developer Nearon as the task force. There is certainly no public representation involved.

- It's true that No on MM won by 62% last November. But from the many people I talked to during the campaign, there was a lot of confusion about what Yes or No meant. Does voting "No" mean no to Costco? I'm not so sure that the results represent resounding support for Costco.

- The city was conducting secret negotiations with Costco over taxpayer subsidies for the project prior to and throughout the election campaign and provided no information to the public. Do you think the results might have been different if it was widely known that the taxpayers would be footing the bill to the tune of tens of

millions of dollars for the project infrastructure as was revealed by a public records request at the time?

- You characterize the taxpayer subsidies for Costco as "commonly used by cities around the country to finance such public infrastructure costs associated with development." In my over 20 years of civic participation in Pleasanton, including eight years on the City Council and six years on the Planning Commission, this never occurred. Development was always required to pay its own way. In addition, experience has shown that taxpayer subsidies provided by cities for Costco and other big box stores usually ends up as a bad fiscal deal for those cities.

- Your simplistic example of how the subsidies would work is laughable. An analysis performed by Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth based on data obtained through the records request showed that the project wouldn't break even for 20 years. That analysis was sent to the Pleasanton Weekly during the campaign, but of course you ignored it because it didn't fit your chosen narrative.

- Finally, you are using the scare tactic that if we don't permit Costco we will end up with more high density housing on the site. This is highly unlikely as the site was not rezoned for housing during the last Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) cycle and there is no need for additional rezoning until 2020 at the soonest. Fear-mongering by a newspaper to achieve a desired result on behalf of business is ethically reprehensible.

Based on the delays of the subsidy negotiations — still being conducted in secret — it appears that the city and Costco are having difficulty

coming to a final agreement. We can only hope that the city staff is not willing to completely give away the store to a \$80 billion corporation and is looking out for our best interests.

We should just be thankful that the Pleasanton Weekly is not

negotiating this deal on our behalf! ■

*Editor's note: Matt Sullivan served on the Pleasanton City Council from 2004 to 2012 and is a former Pleasanton Planning Commission member. He has been active in civic issues locally for more than 20 years.*

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Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUD-93-02-16M/PUD-122, Hakam Misson, Palazzo Hospitality Center**

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- Select Replacement Planning Commission Representative for the Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force

#### Housing Commission

Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Overview of the City of Pleasanton Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (IZO)

#### Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, June 15 2017 at 7:30 a.m.  
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## LETTERS

### BART-ACE link

Dear Editor,

Assembly Bill 758 (amended April 18) would give legislative blessing to a new agency planning a connection between BART and ACE. It conceives extending ACE in a widened freeway median from Greenville Road to a BART connection (Dublin or possibly Isabel).

Livermore's General Plan (per 2011 initiative petition) favors extending BART initially to Isabel, and then along Interstate 580 to a Greenville/I-580 station. BART is about to release its project EIR for the extension to Isabel.

Extending BART from there about

0.7 miles in the median and on to the former SP railroad grade under the westbound I-580 lanes would reach the high UP/ACE trestle, no longer in the constricted freeway median. A West Altamont intermodal station and nearby train yard there would achieve the goal of AB 758 (connecting BART and ACE), but better and at much lower cost.

An immediate answer to clogged traffic over the Altamont would be HOV lanes over the pass, and a massive park-and-ride facility at Grant Line/I-580 in far eastern Alameda County.

—Robert S. Allen  
BART Director, 1974-1988

# An American classic

Pleasanton man behind SF's La Taqueria takes home coveted James Beard Award

BY JULIA REIS



ASHLEY CLAYTON

Pleasanton resident Miguel Jara is the owner of San Francisco's La Taqueria, which was recently recognized with the "America's Classics" award from the James Beard Foundation.

Some have called him "The General." Others, "The King of Tacos." But now, Pleasanton resident Miguel Jara has a new moniker — James Beard Award winner.

Jara, 74, is owner of San Francisco's famed Mexican restaurant La Taqueria, which he opened in the Mission district in 1973.

Forty-four years and countless burritos later, the James Beard Foundation last month named La Taqueria one of "America's Classics," a distinction bestowed upon select locally owned restaurants that have been in business at least a decade.

Jara's restaurant is the sixth in the Bay Area to receive the America's Classics award since the foundation began giving out the recognition in 1998.

"The wait to place an order at the counter and score a

weathered wooden table at La Taqueria gets more and more absurd as time goes by, but the quality stays remarkably high," James Beard officials said of Jara's restaurant.

The James Beard Award, which honors the best of the best in U.S. culinary achievements annually, is the latest in a series of accolades racked up by La Taqueria over the years.

The Mission mainstay saw business spike after the website FiveThirtyEight in 2014 declared the restaurant home to the best burrito in the country — so much

so that this spring, Jara decided to start closing the busy taqueria on Mondays to give employees a break.

It's those employees, 23 in all, who Jara credits for the America's Classics award.

"I'm so grateful to my mom and the employees," Jara said. "If it wasn't for (them), I wouldn't be receiving these kinds of awards."

Jara took an unconventional

path into the culinary world.

Born in 1942 in the small town of Villa Guerrero in Jalisco, Mexico, Jara grew up on a ranch, looking after their cows from the time he was 5 years old.

When he was 8 or 9, his family moved to Tijuana where Jara would finish primary school, which proved to be the end of his formal education.

While Jara considers his youth in Tijuana "wonderful years of my life," his family didn't have a lot of money. When he was 16, Jara's cousin

offered to take him to the United States to work.

"We didn't have no food, we had shoes with holes in the bottoms, my pants were patched," Jara recalled during a recent interview from his house in Pleasanton.

So Miguel moved to Temple City, southeast of Pasadena, where he earned \$100 a week — "a lot of money back in 1958," Jara said — working for a swimming pool company.

He stayed there until 1959 when his father, who by then had moved to San Francisco, asked him to move up north to work with another cousin at their body shop in the city.

"It was great because I



ASHLEY CLAYTON

La Taqueria, a popular spot for Mexican cuisine in San Francisco's Mission district, opened in 1973. Jara's restaurant has become a household name regionally and nationally, including earning the title of best burrito in the country after a March Madness-style bracket competition organized by ESPN-owned website FiveThirtyEight in 2014.



DANIEL KIM

Jara, pictured with his award from the James Beard Foundation, says he didn't know how to cook when he decided to open a taqueria decades ago.

learned how to repair cars, paint, do framework," Jara said.

He later opened his own auto repair business and had been in operation over a decade when he had to go to Mexico City on business.

Jara stayed for nearly three months. When he was about to head back to San Francisco, he had lunch at a taqueria with a friend of his who was an engineer.

"He said to me, 'You know, you come over here and the only thing you want to do is eat tacos,'" Jara recalled. "I told the engineer, 'I'm going to go back and I'm going to open a taco place.'"

With the help of his friend, Jara found a suitable location for his business in San Francisco's Mission district. The only problem? He didn't know how to cook.

"I never worked in a restaurant," Jara recalled. "I had no idea what I was going to do but (the engineer) told me I could do anything I want in this life."

So Jara ventured back to Mexico for some hands-on training in how to make carnitas.

With his new-found knowledge in hand — along with his mother's hot sauce recipe — Jara opened La Taqueria in 1973. They ran out of food at 2 p.m. on their first day.

As Mexican restaurants began multiplying in the Mission, Jara's remained a mainstay known for its tacos and burritos.

It was the latter that caught the eye of FiveThirtyEight, an

ESPN-owned outlet that in 2014 had set out to find the best burrito in the country. In a March Madness-style bracket, 64 burrito

purveyors across America were whittled down to one champion — La Taqueria.

"I didn't even know they were having this contest," Jara said. "All of a sudden I get a call, 'You went to the next bracket, there are 16 of you,' and I said, 'Of what?'"

"They voted me best burrito of the United States, can you imagine

that?" he said. "It's just a hole in the wall."

Jara said La Taqueria uses choice or better meat and prepares their food fresh every day.

"The only thing left in the restaurant from yesterday is the employees and the building, because we cook in the morning every day, all fresh.

"In the afternoon we cook again so in the evening, the food is fresh again — I think that makes a lot of difference," he said.

The cuisine at La Taqueria impressed the judges with the James Beard Foundation, which presented Jara and the restaurant with the America's Classics award at a gala in Chicago last month.

"When they told me about this, I couldn't believe it," he said. "When it hit me, I felt really proud."

A medal from the James Beard Foundation now sits at the Pleasanton home where Jara and his wife Yolanda moved and raised three sons — Angel, Jesus and Ricardo, all Amador Valley High grads — 20 years ago. Pleasanton caught Jara's eye on drives out from San Jose to Modesto to visit his mother.

"I love it here — I love the weather, and people are really nice around here," he said.

Now nearing 75 years old, Jara no longer cooks at La Taqueria but can be found working there every Sunday and a couple additional days a week. In his spare time he works on old cars, a hobby harkening back to his first career.

Jara's sons, now helping out with the business, have tried unsuccessfully to coax their dad into opening a taqueria in the Tri-Valley.

"The kids want me to open a taco place over here so bad, but I'm going to be 75 in a couple months and I think I'm done," he said. "It's time to relax." ■



RICARDO JARA

Jara, shown here as a young adult years before entering the restaurant business, moved to Southern California from his native Mexico as a teenager.

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In her new book, Katie Lance explains social media and how to use it effectively to run or grow a business.

# Social media savvy

'#GETSOCIALSMART'  
TEACHES BUSINESSES  
HOW TO EFFECTIVELY  
USE TECH TOOLS

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

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irst there were paper-based media: newspapers, magazines, etc. Then came electronic media: radios, television.

Now, social media carries our messages, from news to advertising to communicating with our friends.

Pleasanton resident Katie Lance was already in marketing, working mainly with real estate agents, when social media exploded — and she immediately grasped the impact.

"Newspapers, postcards are one-way marketing," she explained. "Social marketing is a two-way conversation. I fell in love with the whole idea."

She noted that businesses need to blend the personal and professional part of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to build relationships because everyone likes to do business with people they know, like and trust. When it is done right, social media is

one of the best ways to build that trust, she added.

"The biggest mistake a lot of business owners make is just talking about business on social media," Lance said. "You can sell on social media but a lot is how you do it, how you come across. Be educational, provide value, use videos. Create great content."

**'The biggest mistake a lot of business owners make is just talking about business on social media.'**

**Katie Lance,**  
Pleasanton author

Lance recently published her ideas in the book, "#GetSocialSmart," which was named the No. 1 hot new release in marketing on Amazon.

"It's a pretty quick and easy read," Lance said. "I wrote it so you could sit down and read it from start to finish if you are looking to get your arms around social media. Or you can turn right to the section on Facebook or Twitter. That's how I like to read a book."

At the end of the book are a number of case studies, compiled from interviews she'd done with clients about how they used social media to generate business.

Lance travels frequently to make presentations at conferences, often as the keynote speaker. She said she was often asked if she also had a guidebook, so she decided to organize her material into this easy-to-use book.

"It is for any kind of small business owner, an entrepreneur, individual mom and pop stores, someone who's got their own service company," Lance said. "It is for small business owners trying to figure out how to use social media better for their own business."

She emphasized the importance of a business having a website, noting that she will do an online search for anyone she wants to engage, such as a contractor.

"If you don't have a presence online, there is a perception that you are not really in business," she said.

When she launched her business, Katie Lance Consulting, in 2012, she did so quickly and only had a Facebook page for about the first year.

"Then I worked with a marketing firm on designing my website," she recalled. "Having a website is important for a home base, for if you want to blog or have information about yourself."

Lance also blogs for Huffington Post, Social Media Examiner and Women 2.0.

Through Katie Lance Consulting, she helps business owners figure out how to use social media effectively, and she presents her strategies on effective use of technology.

"My husband (Paul) quit his corporate job a year ago, and we run the business together," Katie Lance said. "We also have two other employees, and five other

team members."

The business has worked well for her family, she said, as she and Paul are available for their sons, 9-year-old Owen and 6-year-old Luke, who attend nearby Donlon Elementary.

"It's great," Lance said. "It allows freedom and flexibility, we have a lot of quality of life, we are available for our kids."

She previously worked as chief strategist for Inman News, a publication for real estate professionals. Its founder, Brad Inman, remarked on Amazon.com: "Katie Lance leads the way in real estate, empowering an entire industry to get connected through their social relationships."

Others on Amazon observed her ability to break down the confusing matrix of social media into a simple strategy for its use.

"A lot of people get overwhelmed with social media and technology," Lance said. "I focus on helping business owners figure out how to do social media and how to get smarter about it."

"My big message is I really believe in helping people get more intentional about how to use social media," Lance said. ■

# Symphony performance set at Blackhawk museum

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres or seating onstage surrounded by musicians

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

California Symphony supporters are about to be surrounded by sound — and classic autos.

During a celebration of the orchestra's 30th anniversary at the Blackhawk Auto Museum next week, some guests will be seated onstage among the musicians for a three-course meal and a special performance conducted by music director Donato Cabrera with renowned violinist Anne Akiko Meyers.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. June 17 for pre-performance cocktails, hors d'oeuvres catered by Scott's Restaurant, and a chance to see the classic cars and bid on silent auction items. Tickets are \$135, which will include traditional theater-style seating for the concert.

Tickets for the three-course meal served onstage are \$500. The cost is from \$5,000 to \$30,000 to sponsor tables.

Call 280-2490 or visit [www.californiasymphony.org/surround](http://www.californiasymphony.org/surround).

"Symphony Surround" opens with "Attack Sustain Decay Release," written by Mason Bates, who was a young American composer-in-residence with the California Symphony from 2007-10. Meyers joins the orchestra for performances of Morricone's Love Theme from "Cinema Paradiso"; Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me"; Piazzolla's "Oblivion"; Gade's Jealousie "Tango Tzigane"; and Chaplin's "Smile."

The principal musicians of the California Symphony, many of whom have been with the orchestra since its inception 30 years ago, will perform in small chamber ensembles throughout the evening.

Proceeds from "Symphony Surround" benefit the orchestra's education programs, which include Sound Minds, Music in the Schools and its Young American Composer-in-Residence program. California Symphony's home is Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek although it is expanding its regional base in the greater Bay Area. ■



LINDSAY HALE

California Symphony members prepare for a special program at Blackhawk Auto Museum.

## Special school concerts: 'Peter and the Wolf'

Symphony introduces students to orchestra through Prokofiev classic

By **PATRICIA BOYLE**

Livermore-Amador Symphony brought a full orchestra to two elementary schools in Pleasanton in April, reaching more than 900 students in one day.

The performances at Vintage Hills and Valley View elementary schools featured Prokofiev's classic meet-the-orchestra piece, "Peter and the Wolf," in which different instruments portray each of the animal characters.

Music director Lara Webber conducted while Michael Wayne Rice, an associate artist with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival, narrated the imaginative tale of how a bright young boy outwits a big gray wolf

with the help of his animal friends.

"The music captivated the imagination of the kids, who enthusiastically answered questions and shared their ideas about the music they heard," Webber said. "They were particularly enthralled with the narration by Michael Wayne Rice. The program was tied into the Common Core curriculum, with an emphasis on critical thinking, imagery and storytelling through music."

Each performance opened with "The Star-Spangled Banner," sung by the students, and closed with them clapping and marching along to Sousa's "Washington Post March."

"Common Core seeks to integrate

creative and critical thinking into all subject areas, with a particular focus on students being able to demonstrate reasoning and understanding in multiple ways," Webber said. "Music does this inherently. Listening to music reinforces all kinds of basic academic skills, from memorization and pattern recognition to spatial reasoning and proportion, you name it."

"Most significantly, music taps directly into our emotions and engages the imagination and our innate human creativity," she continued. "As one child at Vintage Hills said to me after our performance, 'The music tickles my feelings.'"

Webber also noted that "Peter and the Wolf" is rich in emotion and well-suited to encourage children's thinking about musical expression.

The concerts were made possible by grants from the Pleasanton Arts Commission and the Pleasanton Youth Commission, with administrative



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Music director Lara Webber leads Livermore-Amador Symphony in a special performance of "Peter and the Wolf" at Vintage Hills Elementary while actor Michael Wayne Rice narrates.

help and support from the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

The Livermore-Amador Symphony also performed at assemblies in some Livermore schools during the 2016-17 season and plans to

continue to bring similar programs to schools throughout the Tri-Valley in the coming years. ■

*Editor's note: Patricia Boyle has been writing about the Livermore-Amador Symphony for three years.*



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The Chancel Choir of Lynnewood United Methodist Church has a fundraising performance next weekend.

## Rousing gospel songs

Concert to raise money for trip to Carnegie Hall

The Chancel Choir of Lynnewood United Methodist Church is taking the stage at Carnegie Hall in November, and Pleasanton residents can hear why at a concert next weekend to raise funds for the trip.

Director Donna Kirch and the

choir have been invited to perform with composer Mark Hayes and 200 other choristers in his New York premiere of the "International Carol Suite."

The local concert will take place at 5 p.m. June 17 at the church, 4444

Black Ave., featuring guest artists, the Lynnewood Horns — guitarist Grady Knowles, pianist Michelle Brown, trumpeter Don Kruse and soprano saxophonist Phil DeLand. They will perform rousing gospel favorites from their last season.

Admission is free but donations are welcome to defray travel expenses in November. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Visiting gospel singers

Oakland interfaith choir to perform at St. Augustine

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton is hosting the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir next week, whose "mission is to inspire joy and unity among all people through black gospel and spiritual music." Under the direction of the Emmy-winning Terrence Kelly, the gospel choir has more than 55 singers and four instrumentalists who embody a community of diverse races, cultures and faiths.

"We are very excited to host them," said Michael Harmon, director of communications for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. "It is a



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The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir.

very important concert for us."

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. June 17 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Suggested donations are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Steiner takes home equestrian championship

Rage U17 team qualifies for Champions League playoffs in Illinois

Katie Steiner has been riding horses since she was 8 years old, and the hard work recently paid off when Steiner won the Cacchione Cup, an event sponsored by the United States Equestrian Federation.

Steiner, a 2013 graduate of Amador Valley High School, was recognized as the event's most outstanding rider at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) championship, where she was representing Centenary University.

This year's championship was held at the Lexington Horse Park in Lexington, Ky., and was the first time Steiner had competed in the event.

"I had been to nationals my first three years, but it was more to help out," Steiner said.

Competing against the top collegiate riders from across the country, Steiner had set her goals for the event.

"I wanted to have solid rounds," she said. "I was hoping for top 10 or top 25, but I never thought I would win."

She built up a solid lead through the first part of the event and then closed strong to bring home the national title.

"I was in shock," Steiner said of winning. "There was a lot of disbelief."

A native of Pleasanton, Steiner was also provided with a grant from the United States Equestrian Federation to secure additional training from a professional rider of her choice.

Steiner, who graduated from New Jersey-based Centenary last month with a degree in equine studies, wasted no time getting into her field of studies.

Steiner is currently working as

an assistant trainer with Crystal Image Farms in Sunol. It's not the first time Steiner has worked at the farm, as she spent time during her high school years working and riding at the facility.

Getting the chance to work with Denize Borges at Crystal Image is right where she wants to be.

"I have such a good relationship with Denize," Steiner said. "It's like my career has come full circle."

#### Rage soccer

The Pleasanton Rage U17 Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) team has qualified for the Champions League National Playoff to be held in Rockford, Ill., from June 22-27.

There will be 32 teams from across the country competing for a chance to win a national title. The top four teams from the playoffs in Rockford move on to San Diego to play for the title July 7-9.

The ECNL is made up of 84 of the top girls youth soccer clubs (U14-U18) across the nation competing from September to June for the opportunity to play in the Champions League playoff and a national championship.

The U17 Rage club, led by coach Darin Preszler and made up of mostly high school juniors from across the Bay Area, automatically qualified by winning the Northern California division in ECNL. This is the first time since the inception of ECNL in 2009 that a Rage team has won its division against top teams from clubs like Mustang, De Anza and San Juan.

This is also the second time a

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Pleasanton native Katie Steiner celebrates Cacchione Cup title.

Rage team will be competing in the Champions League National Playoffs of ECNL. In club history, this will be the fifth opportunity for a national championship.

The playoff in Rockford is structured with eight brackets of four teams each with a round-robin set of three matches with the winner of each division moving to a knockout quarterfinal match. The quarterfinal winners then move on to San Diego in early July to compete for the championship.

#### Cross country

Nine middle schools from the Tri-Valley had their Track and Field Meet of Champions on May 23 at Dublin High.

Hope Bergmark from Harvest Park won the girls 1600-meter run with a time of 5:33. John Lester from Pleasanton Middle won the boys 400-meter run with a time of 56.11 and Aurelia Wojciechowska won the girls 400-meter run in 1:01.93.

Pleasanton's 4x400-meter relay team consisting of Lester, Kip Van Horn, Shawn Yeom and Euan Houston placed first with a time of 4:07. ■



CRICKET FOR CUBS Harvest Park's Ajay Immadi receives special recognition from Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Councilwoman Kathy Narum for earning Best Player honors.

### Harvest Park wins cricket tournament

Immadi earns Best Player, Surapaneni co-Best Fielder

By JEREMY WALSH

A team from Pleasanton's Harvest Park won the middle school division in the inter-school youth cricket tournament hosted by Cricket for Cubs through-out the Tri-Valley last month.

Harvest Park's Ajay Immadi earned Best Player honors among middle-schoolers and schoolmate Khilan Surapaneni shared in the Best Fielder award during the tournament contested over two weekends on cricket pitches in Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon.

Dublin's Amador Elementary School took home the title in the four-team elementary division. In all, the competition featured 180 young cricketers on 14 teams from schools representing the three host cities and Mountain House.

In the middle school division, Harvest Park's first team defeated the club from San Ramon's Iron Horse Middle School in the championship.

Other individual honors went to Shamith Pasula from Iron Horse (Best batsman), Vasu Gupta from Gale Ranch in San Ramon (Best bowler) and co-Best Fielder Shresta Talluri from

San Ramon's Windemere Ranch.

The division featured two teams from Harvest Park, Windemere Ranch and Fallon from Dublin, along with single teams from Hart in Pleasanton, Iron Horse, Gale Ranch and Mountain House.

In the elementary division, Amador defeated fellow Dublin school John Green in the championship. Mountain House Elementary and San Ramon's Hidden Hills also competed.

Individual honors went to Ayush Batghare from Amador (Best Player), Aarush Vaid from Mountain House (Best batsman), Prabhav Doma from John Green (Best bowler) and Amador's Anika Kolan (Best Fielder).

The two-weekend tournament benefited from the help of dozens of volunteers. The closing ceremony also featured representatives of the local city councils and school boards, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and officials from regional and national cricket organizations.

In addition to being honored at the tournament, the title-winning Harvest Park squad was honored by the Pleasanton school board at its May 23 meeting. ■



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### Hawks dominate Reno tournament

The Tri-Valley All Sports Hawks seventh-grade basketball team swept through the Jam On It Memorial Day AAU tournament in Reno over the recent holiday weekend, defeating the Capital Ballers from Sacramento 43-33 in the finale to win the Boys 7th, Division 2, Blue Level title. The team, mostly from Pleasanton and coached by Brian Atkinson, featured Adam Moore, Luke Atkinson, John Thalblum, T.J. Costello, Bryce Osaki and Ethan Daily in the back court and Noah Boedecker, Kai Burgermeister, Thomas LaBat And Colin Wallace in the front court.



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### Phillies complete championship season

After finishing the regular season with the best record, the Pleasanton Foothill Little League AAA Phillies recently won the playoff tournament to confirm their top spot in the division. The Phillies battled through the losers bracket in the double-elimination tournament after a tough extra-inning loss to the Pirates — that spanned two days and two ballparks. The Phillies got their revenge in the title game, beating the Pirates 12-2 for the trophy.

**PET OF THE WEEK**



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be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**Community Groups**

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**Seniors**

**FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME'** The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center is sponsoring a twice-monthly "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities, questions are welcome and will be answered, and light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe after, no reservations needed. Go to www.seniorcenterfriends.org. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**PHOTO CLUB** The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might

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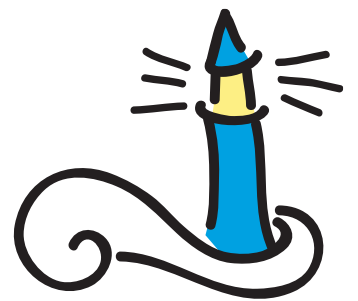
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## Keys to outfitting your first apartment on a budget

There's a lot you can do to make a space your own, but it doesn't happen overnight

By NATHANIEL SILLIN

Moving into a place of your own for the first time is a huge step.

I remember my first post-college apartment move. It was nothing special, but it was mine. It came with a few new challenges and responsibilities and all sorts of opportunities. For the first time, I was able to decide how to decorate an entire living area and turn a blank slate into a home.

Here's some advice for finding what you'll need on a budget and a few inexpensive ideas to make otherwise unimaginative rooms come to life.

**Look for hand-me-down and used furniture.** Furniture — tables, chairs, bookshelves etc. — often takes up the most space and can be the biggest drain on your budget. You could start by mapping out your home using online floor plan software and determining what might fit where.

When it comes to finding furniture, friends, family members and friends of family members may have something they want to get rid of and simply haven't had the time or energy to do so. Also consider marketplace websites' free sections and the nonprofit Freecycle Network, which hosts message boards where

you can find local people giving away their unwanted belongings.

To find used furniture that's for sale, head to consignment stores, garage sales and buy-sell-trade social media groups. There are even startups creating online marketplaces specifically for furniture, although they're generally limited to large cities.

**Get your kitchen in order.** Many kitchen essentials, such as silverware, can also be found for cheap at second-hand stores. But if you're looking for something new, you can save money by shopping at discount stores and online clearance sites.

Avid cooks who want to invest in a few kitchen appliances might consider waiting for large seasonal sales. For instance, standing mixers, slow cookers and other small appliances often go on sale every Black Friday.

**Brighten up the place.** While your apartment may have overhead lighting, a few standing lamps can set a much nicer mood. The good news is lamps often stay in the corner and won't necessarily show a lot of wear and tear. In other words, this is another great buy-used opportunity.

**Don't shop second-hand for everything.** There are a few things you don't want to buy used: towels and bedding. Add mattresses to that list as well if you'll be looking for a new one.

When it comes to sheets, ultra-high thread counts could be more of a marketing gimmick than an indicator of quality. Try to focus on how the fabric feels, find a weave that you like and you might be pleasantly surprised by the low-cost options at big box retailers. The same test works for towels.

Purchasing a new mattress can take a big chunk of your budget. Consider one of the new online mattress retailers that sell high-quality goods for less. Buying a mattress without testing it first may seem weird, but many offer free returns within the first few months.

**Add a few personal touches.** You've got the necessities covered, but how do you turn a generic apartment into a place that feels like home? Think walls, windows and floors.

Rather than painting, consider a cheaper (and easier) route by opting for removable wall decals or wallpaper. There are all sorts of shapes, designs, prints and even adhesive chalkboards for under \$20. You could also decorate with paper, canvas or metal prints of your favorite photographs. Windows can get a cover-up treatment as well, but rather than spending a lot of money on brand new blinds you can get curtains that add color or a pattern to your room.

An area rug can help tie a room together, but they can also be prohibitively expensive. This is another item that you might not want to buy used unless you know the seller. Luckily, home good stores and some big box retailers usually have at least a few inexpensive options.

**Congratulations on the move.** Outfitting a new apartment doesn't happen overnight. Especially if this is the first time you get to pick what to buy, it can take time to find your style and items to match. However, even with a limited budget, there's a lot you can do to make a space your own. ■

*Editor's note: Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. Follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter, @PracticalMoney.*

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**783 Bedford Street – Fremont - \$1,798,000**  
This home has it all. Recently remodeled in 2017 and is ready for move in!!! 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths with approx. 2541 sq. ft. on approx. 8277 sq. ft. lot! Gourmet Kitchen including stainless appliances, gas stove, new cabinets with gorgeous granite, newer paint, newer flooring and carpet.



**7635 Turquoise Street – Dublin - \$999,000**  
Exquisite 4 bedroom, 3-bath home located in desired Dublin Hills Estates neighborhood. Features remodeled kitchen with granite countertops, tumbled marble backsplash, stainless steel appliances, and recessed lighting. Updated master bathroom (6 weeks old), engineered wood floors. Spacious private backyard with paved patio and side yard access.



**4161 Georgis Place – Pleasanton - \$775,000**  
3-bedrooms, 2.5-baths townhouse in Siena. Great floor plan with approx. 1503 square feet of living, great commute location near BART, shopping and park.



**3001 Lusitana Drive – Livermore - \$1,575,000**  
Luxury home in a picture perfect neighborhood! The Corners neighborhood is located in highly desirable South Livermore. This beautiful home features a bedroom & Bathroom downstairs with additional outside access. Situated on a corner lot with an inviting & relaxing wrap around porch.



**4684 Black Ave – Pleasanton - \$925,000**  
This adorable Pleasanton Valley home has been completely remodeled. Features include custom kitchen cabinets, granite counters, stainless appliances, gleaming wood floors and much more. Walk downtown and to all 3 levels of schools.



**4909 Forest Hill - Pleasanton - \$1,268,000**  
This GORGEOUS Westside home has it all!!! Updated with an extended kitchen including large island overlooking the Park-like yard. Home is approx 2300 sq. ft. of living on approx. 9000 sq. ft. lot with side-yard access!!!



**4233 Mairmont Court – Pleasanton**  
5-bedrooms, 3-full bath home with great upside potential and great location. Remodel this home and make it the perfect place for you.



**4295 Bevilacqua Court - Pleasanton - Call for price**  
Wonderful remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath updated home boasting 1,805 sq. ft. of living space with lovely yard and sparkling pool. Close to downtown Pleasanton.

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Custom Home in Private Secluded Setting Adjacent to Designated Open Space! Located on a Quiet Private Court, This Upgraded Home is in excellent Condition and Has 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms (Downstairs Bed/Bath) with 3177 Square Feet. Fourth and 5th Bedroom (Possible Bonus Room) Have Shared Balcony and Views of Oak Studded Bonde Ridge. Spacious Gourmet Kitchen, Generous Master Suite with Retreat & Remodeled Bathroom, Upgraded Secondary & Guest Bathrooms. Three Fireplaces, Private Rear Yard with Mature Landscaping & Trees, Direct Access to Bonde Ridge, Hiking Trails and Mission Park. Country setting within Walking distance to Downtown's Main Street! Commute Friendly Location. Go to www.4871arlene.com for more details or For a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

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### NEW DOWNTOWN CUSTOM



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**4354 Addison Way Pleasanton**  
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**PLEASANTON \$929,000**

3585 Yellowstone Court | 4bd/2.5ba  
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**PLEASANTON \$795,000**

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**LIVERMORE \$729,000**

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