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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

It's beginning to look a lot like...

It's beginning to look a lot like Thanksgiving Christmas, everywhere you go, and especially in Pleasanton where downtown and Stoneridge Shopping Center merchants have been jumping the marketing gun for quite some time. This weekend alone, the Pleasanton Downtown Association is sponsoring major holiday shopping events. Over at Stoneridge, Santa Claus has been greeting hopeful children all month. At the Fairgrounds, they're already unwrapping the first bundle of Christmas trees.



CAMMIE CLARK

These animated Christmas carolers are part of the Bob's World annual display at 2612 Calle Reynoso in Pleasanton.

Then in the afternoon, the PDA-sponsored inaugural Holiday Spirit Stroll will take place from 4-7 p.m., with 15 downtown merchants open for a festive night of sampling beer, wine and cocktails, all while shoppers also help ring up sales on the cash registers. Tickets are available for \$30 online at instagift.com/pda as well as at Studio Seven Arts, 400 Main St.; Clover Creek, 670 Main St. and Berry Patch, 350-A Main St. through today, Nov. 22. Tickets can be redeemed from 3:30-6 p.m. tomorrow at the Museum on Main.

If available, tickets will be on sale at the event for \$35 cash. Ticket price includes wine, beer or cocktail tastings at 15 downtown locations and tasting map. Approximately 500 tickets will be sold. The PDA is to be commended for designated-driver tickets for \$5 cash during tomorrow night's Spirit Stroll and for including taxi contact information in its programs.

This Stroll will coincide with Magical Holiday Evening from 4-7 p.m., a popular annual shopping event in downtown Pleasanton. So far, 23 downtown merchants have signed up to participate. Downtown streets will come alive with live music, special offers, refreshments and an early visit from Santa Claus. Children, including those who may have already gone over their Christmas wish list with Santa at Stoneridge Mall, can see him again and even have their pictures taken with Jolly St. Nick in front of the museum from 4-7 p.m.

Then there's the annual holiday parade in downtown Pleasanton from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 7, with the lighting of the holiday tree following in front of the museum. I'll be there along with Gina Channell-Allen, our publisher, riding in a Model A Ford to promote the Pleasanton Weekly's 2013 Holiday Fund.

We'll be waving happy holiday and Merry Christmas wishes then. For now, since it's still November, let me say Happy Thanksgiving. ■

About the Cover

The focus this week is on ValleyCare, where Pleasanton Weekly 2013 Holiday Fund contributions will help support the medical center's Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Program, The Women In Need Fund and breast cancer education. Cover photo provided by ValleyCare shows specialist conducting mammogram procedure. Cover design by Kristin Brown. Vol. XIV, Number 43

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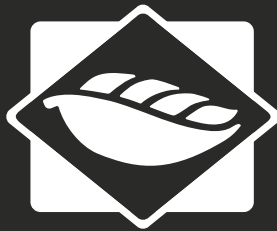
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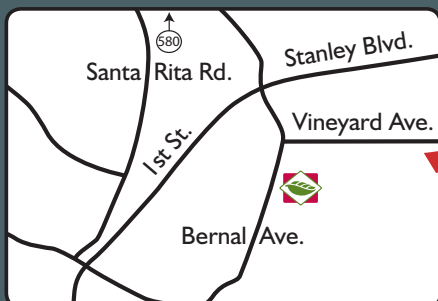
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is something that many people believe in that you just don't subscribe to?



Ariella Sonsino
Middle School Student

Something that a lot of people believe in is luck. In my opinion though, luck is just a big myth. I think that everything you do comes from your own efforts and integrity, and not because you get lucky or unlucky.

Ed Arndt

Director, Clinical Services, Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

I don't believe there is an 'afterlife', although many people believe that there is. I think all that matters and is important is what we do here during our time on earth. I don't need the thought of an afterlife to motivate me to be a good person during my current life. I prefer to be that way purely for the sake of itself.



Carrie Arndt

Director of Medical Device Development Company

I don't subscribe to the notion that people need to continue working in order to keep their minds sharp. I think that as long as people stay active and pursue their interests in life, and spend time with the people they love, they can still be plenty sharp and with it even once they retire.

Sharif Naim

Chip Designer

I don't believe in Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny. I believe they were created purely for commercial profit and that they have nothing to do with the true significance of the Christmas or Easter holidays.



Bob Bransfield

Diesel Mechanic

Well, it would have to be Karma. You know, that notion that if you put a lot of good out into the universe, good will come back to you. A lot of people believe that, but I don't buy it. In my own personal experience, it's been more like no good deed goes unpunished.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Code kids

Some middle school students are getting a jump start on programming with help from a team of high school students.

The same team that held a series of fun science sessions over the summer has moved into classrooms at Pleasanton and Harvest Park middle schools and into the library, teaching kids to write software code.

The group meets Wednesdays at the library, Tuesdays at PMS and Mondays at Harvest Park. It also has a website: www.acecoding.org, that offers online lessons at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The courses at the library are open to any age group.

Fair friends

The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association has named three new board members. Craig Smith of Pleasanton, Timothy Weaver of Livermore and George Pacheco Jr. of Castro Valley will join 23 other board members as they gear up for the 2014 fair.

Smith is chief operating officer for Dorhmann Insurance, with experience in business and livestock. He's been raising and showing livestock at the Fair since he was 9.

Weaver, president of Weaver & McCartney Accountancy Corp., has over 40 years experience as a CPA working with nonprofit organizations and hopes to work on long-range planning. Pacheco, president of Pacheco Brothers Gardening, offers expertise in business, horticulture and construction.

Fall gleaning

Students from Foothill High School and local realtor Pam Silliman are organizing a harvest of neighborhood fruit trees.

Foothill students will be hitting neighborhoods to pass out fliers, pick up fruit and harvest for those who can't. Fruit will be distributed to families in need through Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven. They're hoping to harvest the fruit before the first hard frost.

People with orange, grapefruit or lemon trees who would like to donate the fruit are asked to contact Silliman at 998-1522 or at pamsilliman@yahoo.com.

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Thorne launches bid for re-election as mayor

Cites housing accord with state as major accomplishment

By JEB BING

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne launched his bid for re-election last week before a crowd of nearly 200 supporters at a Fairgrounds breakfast.

Thorne, who was elected mayor last year, is ending a two-year term in an office where four terms, or a total of eight years, are allowed.

In reviewing accomplishments during his first two years, and before that as a member of the City Council for seven years, Thorne cited the completion of rezoning measures that fully satisfied the demands of a court order and the state housing authority to provide opportunities for more workforce and medium-to-low income housing in Pleasanton.

"It has been a long and expensive road and it has included the efforts of past councils and mayors, but now for the first time in 10 years the city of Pleasanton has a certified housing element," Thorne said.

"In order to achieve certification and comply with court orders, we had to give up our voter-

approved housing cap and immediately rezone approximately 70 acres of land within the city for high density housing," he added. "With that done, projects have come forward that will provide us with much needed workforce housing for our working families and young professionals."

He said the council and city staff were able to "turn lemons into lemonade" by putting development standards and guidelines in place that will ensure "a Pleasanton feel" to these projects while providing the housing required.

These projects, Thorne said, included approval for 210 apartments and 97 single family homes near the Pleasanton Gateway shopping center at Bernal and Valley avenues, to be developed by South Bay Development.



E.S. Ring Corp. also received the council's approval two months ago to build 345 condo units and a 38,000 square foot retail center on Bernal Avenue at Stanley Boulevard.

Several other major high density apartment developments also won approval during his first term as mayor, Thorne said.

Just this month, Thorne reminded his supporters, he cut the ribbon for the long-awaited completion of Stoneridge Drive, which now connects the roadway from its western terminus at Foothill Road to El Charro Road and Jack London Boulevard in Livermore.

Shortly after that, he helped open the Stoneridge Creek retirement homes, where 870 apartments and single family homes will give those choosing to spend their retirement years in Pleasanton a chance to stay in the city, Thorne said.

"A year ago I promised you that I would establish a system of performance measures and

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NICOLE STEWART

Kevin Johnson, senior director of Pupil Services (r), gets his pulse monitored by Foothill High BioMed students Jordan Brown (l) and Farah Rahhal, while Glen Sparks, coordinator of Career Technical Education & Apprenticeship Programs, looks on. A ribbon-cutting was held Nov. 13 to mark the official opening of the new BioMed program.

Council OKs Pleasanton Ridge expansion

231 acres slated for acquisition Dec. 1

The Pleasanton City Council Tuesday approved a plan that will allow the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire the 231-acre Castleridge property in the Pleasanton hills and add it to the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

The council adopted a resolution authorizing a grant from the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility of \$1 million to make the purchase. Although the Landfill's Open Space Advisory Committee had already approved the grant, both Pleasanton and Alameda County governments need to endorse the plan as well.

Together with this grant and funds from the park district's 2010 bond issue, the land

will be purchased from Castleridge Property for \$2.2 million, \$200,000 less than the property's valuation.

"This is great news," said Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho. "We've been working with EBRPD for several years to see this accomplished."

The property is directly adjacent to the Alviso Adobe and will provide direct access to the Pleasanton Ridge.

The topography of the property is rolling to steep and elevations range from 440 feet along Old Foothill Road to almost 1,500 feet along the ridge tops. From the highest vantage points, hikers will be able to see the

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Cody Hall deemed 'potential threat to human life'

Enters plea of not guilty to all charges, remains held without bail

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The young driver who ran down and killed a bicyclist on Foothill Road will remain in jail without bond after a judge ruled at a Nov. 14 bail hearing that the teen posed "a potential threat to human life."

Cody Hall's attorney had asked for a bail of \$150,000, but the prosecution argued that the threat existed based on a history of speeding. In one case, Hall was cited by police after being clocked at 70 mph on Foothill Road, the same place the fatal crash occurred, according to assistant District Attorney Sharon Carney.

"He also had been in a collision in August, 2011," Carney told Alameda County Superior Court Judge Jacob Blea III. "He was fully aware of the speed limit."

Carney said in that crash, Hall rear-ended another vehicle as it neared Foothill High School. The prosecutor also cited three instances in which Hall, who turned 19 while in custody, posted on social media accounts, including one in which he claimed to be driving 140 mph on Interstate 5 and said, "I can't control myself."

In another post, Hall said he was driving 100 mph on W. Las Positas Boulevard, Carney added.

In addition, Carney noted that the investigation had turned up two vehicles that were totaled but were not reported to police.

Hall was originally arrested for vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and reckless driving with serious injury following the June 9 crash that killed bicyclist Diana Hersevoort, 58, of Dublin and left her husband, another rider, with a broken leg.

Carney told the court that Hall had crossed a double-yellow line to pass two cars, both times causing oncoming traffic to slow down.

In the second incident, court documents show, Hall was traveling 83 mph, more than twice the speed limit, when he lost control while pulling back into his lane, where he fatally

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Mayor's daughter weds in Ireland

Keri Thorne marries David Peter Gough

By JEB BING

Keri Elizabeth Thorne, daughter of Sandra and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, and David Peter Gough were married recently in St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Castelyons, County Cork, Ireland.

David Gough is the son of Peter and Geraldine Gough of Ballybrack, Ireland.

A reception was held after the ceremony at Ballyvolane House in Castelyons.

Keri was attended by Amelia Shannon as maid of honor and Carys Shannon served as the flower girl. David was attended by Carl Hampus Lofkvist and Mathew Mead.

Keri graduated from Amador Valley High School,

Villanova University with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics, and, in 2006, from the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology with a master's degree in sports administration.

David graduated from St Laurence College High School, the University College of Dublin and, in 2005, from the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology, also with a master's degree in sports administration.

Both Keri and David are employed at the Union of European Football Association in Nyon, Switzerland.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the Greek Islands and now reside in Lausanne, Switzerland. ■



Keri Elizabeth Thorne and David Peter Gough

Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery under review

Historic cemetery lacks irrigation, park-like care

By JEB BING

The City Council Tuesday approved the formation of a seven member committee to consider possible improvements to the city-owned Pioneer Cemetery on Sunol Boulevard.

Called the Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan Oversight Committee, the group is expected to take 12 months to complete its research on the old cemetery, which the city bought from the International Order of Odd Fellows for \$1. The cemetery has no in-ground irrigation system and the intent at the time of acquisition was to leave it as a historic site with little attention to be paid to improvements.

However, a citizens' group has urged the city to reconsider its "hands-off" policy and improve the grounds along the lines of other Pleasanton-owned parks.

Appointed to the new committee were members of the city's Parks and Recreation and Civic Arts commissions, representatives of a veterans organization and the citizens' group, and a representative from the Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, which handles cemetery affairs, and one alternate.

They are Brad Hottle, Deborah Wahl, Heidi Massie, Stephanie Wedge, Doug Miller, Frank Capilla, Jayne Archer and Carolanne Montgomery. ■

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Mount Diablo Range, San Francisco Bay and the entire Tri-Valley.

The landscape is dominated by the oak woodland plant dotted with patches of shrubs and grassland. The site also boasts native bigleaf maples, California sycamores and Pacific madrones.

The acquisition gives the site permanent protection and allows

EBRPD to expand the Pleasanton Ridge park, adding to the more than 8,800 acres that have already been preserved in the Pleasanton hills by the park district.

Robert E. Doyle, general manager of the EBRPD, said the proposed funding date for the acquisition will be Dec. 1 with the land to become part of the Pleasanton Ridge park on March 3, 2014.

—Jeb Bing

HALL

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struck Hersevoort and her husband before hitting a pole.

Charges against Hall were upgraded to murder in August. At an

a no-bail hold only applied in specific cases.

"This is not a capital case," Rein told the court. "It would appear that bail would be permissible."

In making his ruling Thursday,



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Cody Hall and attorney Timothy Rein talk outside Superior Court in Pleasanton after Hall's first appearance on felony vehicular manslaughter and reckless driving charges. The charges were upgraded to murder in August.

initial hearing, Judge Hugh Walker said Hall had "dug a hole so deep, I don't think he can get out of it," and ordered that he be held without bail.

Defense attorney Timothy Rein attempted to have the bail lowered, claiming that the evidence was available when the initial charges were filed, when Hall was released on a \$100,000 bond. Rein also said

Blea said "the persuasive evidence of speed" qualified Hall as a threat.

Hall entered a plea of not guilty to all counts. He's set for a preliminary hearing on Feb. 5.

Hersevoort's two daughters were at the bail hearing Thursday morning in Pleasanton, but declined to comment. About a half dozen of Hall's friends and family members also attended the hearing. ■

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Bowser to run for county school superintendent

Promises accountability and transparency

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Pleasanton School Board President Jeff Bowser will officially announce his run next week for a little-known elected position as Alameda County Superintendent of Schools.

The county superintendent is an elected position, heading the Alameda County Office of Education, which serves the 18 school districts and more than 400 schools in the county.

The mission of county school superintendents is to support the financial and academic stability of every district and school in Alameda County.

Bowser, elected to the Pleasanton School Board in 2010, said his aim as county superintendent would be to "return the county Office of Education to a service agency."

"It's been a long time since the county Office of Education has served in that function for the entire county," he added.

Bowser said his main goal is to achieve equity for all Alameda County students.

"What is needed is equity in opportunity and education throughout the county. That equity can happen through innovative approaches to educating our kids," he said.

He said that's especially important with the new state funding model that distributes money to school districts who get to decide their own priorities.

"With the change in funding in the state called (the) Local Control Funding Formula, the county superintendent plays a pivotal role in approving each district's Local Control Accountability Plan, LCAP," Bowser said. "I want to ensure that our under-served students are receiving the benefits of the added dollars that these districts are receiving. The districts need to be held accountable."

He's also promising greater transparency and accountability for the county Office of Education.

"I would conduct and publish satisfaction surveys from all of the districts. I would use those surveys to develop a plan to serve those districts and publish the results," Bowser said.

He said the county Office of Education receives \$45 million in state funding from taxes and "no one knows what it does."

Current Superintendent Sheila Jordan is expected to retire at the end of her term. Two other candidates are already in the race for

the 2014 election, including the county superintendent's second in command.

Karen Monroe is the county's associate superintendent and a former teacher in Oakland.

Ursula Reed is a city councilwoman in San Leandro who's already picked up the endorsements of dozens of elected and appointed officials across the county.

But Bowser said he's uniquely qualified for the job.

"I intend to take my background and experience and leadership and working as the president of a high-achieving school district to benefit other districts throughout the county," he said. "I am in a unique position to achieve these goals because I have been a teacher, a school site administrator, a district office administrator and an executive director at the county Office of Education."

"This is my passion. This is where my heart is," he continued. "Not too many people have an education leadership background combined with a political background."

Bowser's campaign kickoff event is set for 6 p.m. Monday at Bijou Restaurant, 1036 B Street, Hayward. Tickets start at \$50. ■



Hometown Holiday parade Dec. 7

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday celebration will be held starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 with a parade on Main Street that will include floats, marching bands and, of course, Santa Claus making an early visit to the city. The free, family-friendly event will be capped off at about 7:15 p.m. with the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main. The lead off high school band will be followed by a wide array of holiday-inspired entries, including Pleasanton's own Balloon Platoon, the Pleasanton City Council, hundreds of Cub Scouts and Brownies, local car clubs, performing arts groups, and more. The Pleasanton Weekly team will again be in the parade, riding in a 1929 Model A Ford to promote the Weekly's 2013 Holiday Fund. Main Street will close to vehicular traffic at 4 p.m. on Dec. 7. Those interested in volunteering to help in the event are encouraged to visit www.hometownholiday.com. In the event of rain, a parade cancellation telephone hotline at (925) 931-5352 will provide information on the status of the parade after 2:30 on parade day. ■

THORNE

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metrics so that you could better evaluate the performance of your City Council and city management and staff," Thorne told the breakfast group. "This week we are completing a customer satisfaction survey which will give us baseline data for that evaluation."

Thorne said he and the council will hold public meetings early next year on the plan and how the public can participate.

Thorne said that going forward, he plans to look at the economics of having several water and sewer agencies serving the people of Pleasanton to be consolidated to provide more efficiency and less expenses. Although Pleasanton staff has been working with representatives of these agencies to develop a long-range consolidation plan, merging or eliminating some of these will face political hurdles.

"Unfortunately, the next level is a political level and we are more likely to encounter more parochialism as we move forward," Thorne said.

He also said the city needs to work as closely with the school district as laws allow to keep the quality of education Pleasanton enjoys.

"As you are aware, city government is quite limited in terms of what we can do to support the school district," Thorne said. "We already share facilities, maintain sports fields at middle schools, make low interest loans available to the district, furnish crossing guards and police resource officers in schools and at athletic events."

"However, I think we have to

accept the challenge of finding new and better ways to help support our school district," he added. "A deterioration of the quality of our schools will ensure a loss of property values, fewer people and businesses wanting to locate here and a loss of city revenue."

Asked about improvements at the city-owned Pioneer Cemetery,

Thorne said a seven-member committee has been formed to study conditions there and recommend changes.

"I will continue to support the upgrade of our cemetery to Pleasanton park standards," Thorne said. "Our cemetery is more than just a cemetery. It is a part of our history." ■

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Firm provides workers' compensation insurance

The board of directors at State Fund Compensation Insurance, which has offices in Pleasanton, this week approved a \$100 million dividend to qualifying policyholders for the 2013 policy year.

The dividend represents approximately 8.6% of policyholders' 2012 estimated annual premium and demonstrates the effectiveness of the business improvements and operational efficiencies implemented by the organization, according to Larry Mulryan, board chairman.

"State Fund has made significant progress this year by improving efficiency and establishing a new rate structure to provide fair-

ly-priced workers' compensation insurance," Mulryan said.

"We are committed to being a competitive workers' compensation insurance provider that brings value to California employers," he added. "Part of that value is the ability to return funds to our policyholders in the form of a dividend."

This action brings total dividends declared since 2011 to \$250 million. Since its inception, State Fund has paid more than \$5 billion in dividends to policyholders, a record unparalleled among all California workers' compensation insurance carriers, Mulryan said. ■

Don't let cyber grinch ruin your holidays

By JASON ALDERMAN

I'm usually in too much of a Thanksgiving food coma to hit the sales on Black Friday, but millions of other Americans somehow find the energy.

Last year, 89 million people took advantage of Black Friday sales (57 million of them online), while an estimated 247 million shopped throughout the four-day weekend as stores increasingly have opened their doors on Thanksgiving itself (see "Around Pleasanton," p. 3). In addition, millions of bargain hunters spent another \$2 billion on Cyber Monday, so it's clear that online holiday shopping is here to stay.

Unfortunately, cyber criminals have zeroed in on this trend and are redoubling their efforts to separate shoppers from their hard-earned cash. Whether you're shopping online by computer, smartphone or tablet, here are some common cyber scams to watch out for and security precautions to take:



Jason Alderman

Tips for buying gift cards:

- Only buy from secure websites of trusted retailers (look for an "s" in the "https://" web address and a lock symbol).

- At walk-in stores, only purchase cards from employees who have them locked up. Avoid cards at unattended display racks, since thieves can scan the card's unique serial number; then, after you've loaded it with cash, drain its value with online purchases before the recipient has a chance to use it.

- Never purchase deeply discounted cards or event tickets from online marketplaces like eBay or Craigslist, chances are good that the cards are counterfeit or were stolen.

Most retailers offer holiday sales as a way to boost their year-end bottom line. If you've "liked" a product or store on Facebook or Twitter, or have signed up to receive their emails, you may well get genuine offers for steep discounts or last-minute sales. But beware of bogus offers from sites that mimic those of legitimate retailers. They could be:

- Trying to harvest your credit card number and other personal information to make illegitimate charges to your account or open

new accounts in your name.

- Attempting to sell you counterfeit or stolen goods.

- Trying to gain access to your social media profile to log into other accounts tied to it, or to post illegitimate offers purportedly endorsed by you to lure in your friends.

Another common scam is to send an email claiming a courier is trying to deliver a package or there's a problem with your order. You'll be told to click on a link to get details and will likely be asked to reveal account or other personal information to verify. Unless you previously provided them your email address, this is probably bogus.

A few additional holiday-related security tips:

- When shopping online, avoid pop-up ads touting incredible deals. If you think it might be real, log into the retailer's website yourself to see whether the deal is posted.

- Hackers create realistic-looking web addresses that, when clicked, take you to a bogus site that can infect your device with malware or install a Trojan Horse program to steal your personal information. To be safe, let your cursor hover over web addresses you didn't type in yourself and look for misspelled or weird-looking sequences of characters.

- Before completing an online order, visit the site's "Contact Us" and "Terms and Conditions" pages for their phone number, mailing address, return policies, etc. Phony sites often either don't have such pages or they're filled with easy-to-spot errors.

Don't let the prospect of getting a great deal on Black Friday allow you to drop your guard against scammers who would love to fill your stocking with coal.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney

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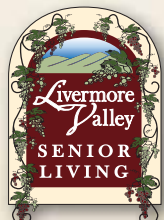
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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



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Remembering Karin Mohr

City Councilwoman and Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio closed Tuesday night's meeting with a tribute and moment of silence for Karin Mohr, a Councilwoman from 1980 to 1996 who died Nov. 11. And with good reason.

Mrs. Mohr, who was 74, was the first woman elected to the council and a city, civic and women's leader until the end. One of Cook-Kallio's favorite photos of Mrs. Mohr is the one on this page showing her at a meeting of an organization she founded and named "Elected Women's Lunch." It started as a small group of regionally-elected women, who Mrs. Mohr mentored in the ways of politics and public service, and continues today with more than 175 members. In the photo above we see Mrs. Mohr as barely visible (third from the front next to the stairs, wearing a sleeveless white top) with other women also well-known in the Tri-Valley. They are Karen Stepper, Pat Kohnen, Jennifer Barton, Jennifer Hosterman, Mary Warren, Sue Stephenson, Donna Kerger, Jill Buck, Juanita Haugen, Julie Yim, Anne White, Sheila Jordan, Marjorie Leider, Georgan VonHeeder-Leopold, Jan Batcheller and Erlene DeMarcus, who provided this photo.

Karin Mohr served on the City Council for four consecutive four-year terms before term limits were instituted. Those were years of significant growth in Pleasanton. She was instrumental in bringing BART into the Tri-Valley and to Pleasanton, as well as in the planning and development of Hacienda Business Park, other business complexes and Stoneridge Shopping Center. She was also at the decision-making helm for the redesign of Pleasanton's historic Main Street in the 1990's to better emphasize pedestrian traffic and outdoor dining.

She contributed greatly to the Pleasanton that we know today. Her vision and hard work, Mayor Jerry Thorne said, were instrumental in the development of our transportation infrastructure, economic success and high quality of life. Perhaps one of her most momentous acts on the council was to ban gravel trucks from using First Street between the quarries and I-680, forcing them to use Hwy. 84 in a circuitous route the gravel companies opposed. Tom Richert of the lumber company on Sunol Boulevard that bears his name recalls that there were many times he and a customer had to stop talking because of the loud noises those trucks made passing by.

Mrs. Mohr also was actively involved in many of the amenities the city enjoys today. These include the Wheels bus system, Pleasanton Sports Park, the Pleasanton Senior Center, public library and the gymnasiums at the middle schools that are in shared use by the school district and the city.

As Councilwoman Cook-Kallio said Tuesday night, Karin Mohr's imprint on Pleasanton can be seen all around town. Pleasanton has lost a great civic leader and many of us have lost a friend. ■



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GUEST OPINION

By Rabbi Raleigh Resnick

Jews to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner adorned with lights of Hanukkah menorah

It hasn't happened since 1918 and it's not scheduled to occur again until 2070. This year, American Jewry will enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner adorned with the lights of their Hanukkah menorah marking a historic convergence of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving. While the Jewish calendar is slightly shorter than its Gregorian counterpart, rarely does it linger so far behind as to offer us a November flavored Hanukkah. So let's welcome Thanksgivukkah.

Of course interesting dinner combinations for the evening are already flurrying across the Web. The traditional Hanukkah fried dishes of potato latkes (pancakes) and jelly doughnuts might get a slight makeover this year and turn into sweet potato latkes and cranberry-sauce-filled deep fried pastries. Yet more than cute culinary opportunities, there is in fact a deep and profound common thread that weaves these two holidays together.

In 167 BCE the Seleucid Greeks defiled the holy Temple in Jerusalem and brutally sought to crush the Jewish spirit and eradicate religious observance. In their effort to smother the flame of Judaism, the Greeks tampered the seals on all the flasks of olive oil used to kindle the Temple's candelabra (the Menorah) rendering them spiritually unfit for use. A small group of Jews called the Maccabees would not allow the Jewish spirit to be extinguished and, against all odds, they triumphantly overcame this oppression. Upon rededicating the Temple, the Maccabees unearthed one lone flask of undefiled oil, enough to burn only one day. Miraculously this one flask burned brightly for eight days until new, pure olive oil was produced.

As taught in the Talmud, the ancient compendium of Jewish wisdom, the following year an eight day holiday was enacted. Culled from the Hebrew word "to dedicate", Hanukkah was established as a time for every Jewish home to kindle a menorah and uniquely designated as an occasion to recite prayers of "praise and thanksgiving" to God Almighty.

Almost 1800 years later another group of individuals seeking to escape religious persecution and in search of religious freedom journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1789, President George Washington proclaimed Thursday the 26th of November a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God" and devoted to "the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be - that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks".

This year, two arduous journeys to overcome religious persecution and two stories wherein spiritual strength and light defied brute force and darkness; two holidays established to thank the Almighty for the bounty He bestows upon us will coincide. How fitting.

In this spirit let us appreciate and take full advantage of the freedoms this great country affords us; the freedom to live with the deepest sense of purpose and commitment to God and the freedom to act morally with goodness and kindness and create a Godlier universe.

Rabbi Raleigh Resnick is the director of Chabad of the Tri Valley, a Pleasanton-based Jewish center for life, community outreach, prayer, and education (founded 2005). He can be reached at atrabbi@JewishTriValley.com.



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Rabbi Raleigh Resnick joins his family (from left, front row) Malka, Yaakov and Shimi, and (from left, back row) his wife Fruma and Mendel.

What's your opinion?

Write a Letter to the Editor at Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com or put your opinion on Town Square at www.PleasantonWeekly.com. Letters must be 250 words or less.

MIKE CONKLIN, friend to wounded soldiers



TRI-VALLEY
HEROES

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Army Spc. Jake Brown faced a tough future in 2002 after his Humvee crashed head on with a tank during a training accident overseas, shattering one wrist and crushing his spleen. Twenty-six surgeries later, the 20-year-old was ready to return home to Danville.

When Mike Conklin, a Realtor and father of three sons who knew Brown, heard that the young man had no support system locally, he gathered business associates and asked who would help. Every person in the room raised a hand, Conklin recalls.

Conklin traveled to Walter Reed hospital in April 2003 to learn more about the needs of wounded soldiers. His oldest son Kris, an Army Ranger, was wounded in Iraq in 2003, and Conklin was impressed by the care his son received.

"The visit to Walter Reed was a real eye-opener," Conklin said.

Busloads of soldiers were arriving, with missing limbs, brain injuries, burns and other life-altering wounds. Conklin knew he had to help, and the Sentinels of Freedom was born, to welcome recovering wounded servicemen and women into the community with housing, jobs and education to help them become self-sufficient.

"They serve us, and when they come home and they're broken and bent, it's our turn to help them on the road to success," said Conklin, 59, a San Ramon resident. "The (Department of Veterans Affairs) is good at a lot of things, but it's not very personal."

Due to cutting-edge medical care, more severely wounded are coming home than any other time in history and faced with the challenges of putting

their lives back are together, Conklin noted. He believes that communities and corporations must do their part to help.

"We want to focus on the investment and the potential of these young men. We don't focus on their injury," Conklin said.

The Sentinels carefully pick recipients for their attitude and aptitude, extensively interviewing them as well as their commanders, doctors and families. Recipients' "life scholarships" usually last four years, as they work, study and adjust to civilian life.

"Reality hits them in face," Conklin explained. "Every day in the military they were told when to get up, when to go to bed, when to eat. (In the civilian world) it's a lot tougher, especially with a physical disability."

A doctor, lawyer, financial planner, career counselor and a recently retired soldier all help with the transition.

"People started to volunteer their time to advise

them, to develop a close personal relationship," Conklin said.

Since 2003, Conklin and his foundation have assisted more than 100 veterans along with the 15 or so who have received full scholarships.

"Now we're starting to see guys who have been out in the work force, and they still stay in close contact," Conklin said. "Which is why it is called a 'life scholarship' -- we don't lose that connection."

Jay Wilkerson was helped by the people and city of Pleasanton.

"He had a brain injury and an injury in his eye," Conklin said. "They nursed him back, the city gave him a job, he went to school and just did great. He was able, after four years, to save money and buy a home in Savannah. He just needed to get his self-confidence back. He's a wonderful, wonderful young man."

Jake Brown, the original Sentinels of Freedom scholarship recipient, now 31, has earned bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, East Bay and reported, "I now have a fulfilling job and am grateful to be alive."

The Sentinels of Freedom, whose small staff works out of an office in San Ramon, went national in 2007; now there are teams in 14 states and Washington, D.C. It holds two major fundraisers each year, a golf tournament and gala, and a bicycle ride. To help or to learn more, go to www.sentinelsoffreedom.org, or call 380-6342.



COURTESY SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

Mike Conklin (right) presents Brig. Gen. Rueben Jones with a Sentinel of Freedom Award in Washington, D.C.

Hero FYI

▲ Mike Conklin graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1972.

▲ Conklin was a longtime Realtor with RE/MAX but is now board chairman and CEO of the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation.

▲ Mike and Peggy Conklin have three sons and five grandchildren, ages 1-1/2 to 8.

▲ Although Conklin was never in the armed forces, his brothers served in Vietnam and all three sons were/are Army Rangers.

▲ Son Kris, 32, graduated from San Ramon Valley High

in 1998 and joined the Army Rangers. His two brothers, Curt, 30, and Casey, 27, followed him. Curt is currently serving in Afghanistan.

▲ CNN named Mike Conklin its Hero of the Week on Oct. 4. See its video on Conklin and the Sentinels of Freedom at www.cnn.com.

▲ Mike Conklin notes that airports are emotional places: That's where we welcome home our returning loved ones but also where we say goodbye, never knowing for certain we will see them again.



The Conklin family, (l-r) Mike, Kris, Casey, Curt and Peggy, at Fort Benning for the Ranger School graduation of Sgt. Casey Conklin in 2009.

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BOB WILLIAMS, keeps the Pleasanton band busy



JEB BING

Above: Bob Williams conducts the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at Veterans Day ceremonies in the Veterans Memorial Building in Pleasanton. At left: Pleasanton Community Concert Band director Bob Williams.

By Jeb Bing

... and the band plays on

Bob Williams learned about music when his mother Hannah Louise, a school pianist, taught him how to play the piano. Now 81 and the conductor of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, he's not about to stop.

"As long as I can stand up straight and wave both arms, I'll be at the front of this wonderful band," Williams said.

To Pleasanton's good fortune, that could be quite a few more years. Williams swims and walks every day and says he's remarkably healthy. Hannah was 99 years old when she died last year.

Williams has been with the band since it started 38 years ago when it was formed to celebrate the country's bicentennial. From a group of 35 musicians, the all-volunteer band has grown to 70 members although only 40 or 50 play at most of the concerts. These include performances at Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances, at Farmers Market and at the Firehouse Arts Center, where the band will hold its annual free Christmas concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

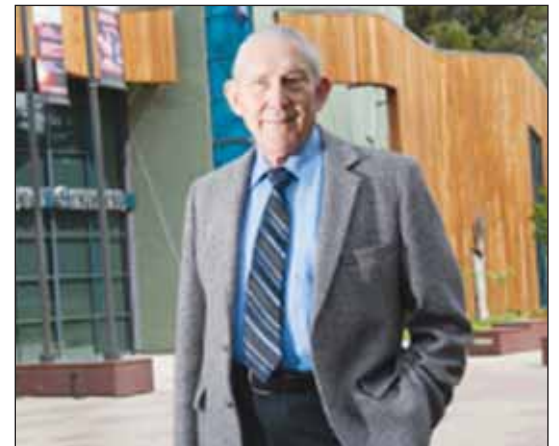
Although known these days as the Pleasanton band's conductor, Williams was a teacher for 22 years after graduating from Westchester State Teachers College near Norristown, Pa., where he grew up. He'd still be teaching (or would be a retired teacher) in the Oakland school system if a budget crisis there in 1979 hadn't caused the district to cancel all elementary and middle school music programs.

Suddenly out of work, he mentioned his plight that Thursday night at one of the regular practice sessions of the recently formed Pleasanton Concert Band when fellow musician and former Pleasanton mayor Bob Butler suggested he apply for an opening at the General Electric research lab on Vallecitos Road, just south of Pleasanton, where Butler worked. Williams was hired and embarked on a second career in metallurgy for another 17 years. All the while, Williams and Butler, who is the band's percussionist, made the Thursday night practices and frequent concerts, including 14 performances this year.

Williams honed his music skills after college during a two-year stint with the Army, assigned to train musicians at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., and then sending them on their way to serve in Army bands at military bases around the world. When offered the chance to lead one of those bands within the next six months if he re-enlisted for four years, Williams opted to take the California opening with the Oakland school

district, where he had his own band in just six weeks.

The Army bands, started in the early 1800s, are all brass, which is the formula for the Pleasanton Concert Band as well. Violins and other string instruments don't mesh well with bands like Pleasanton's, which is similar to the town square bands that used to play



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in small towns across America. But then the band Williams conducts doesn't march either. It did once at the request of a Livermore parade organizer "and we were a disaster," Williams recalls. "We ended up marching down First Street in Livermore single file because no one could stay in any kind of a formation. The band members told me after that experience, never again!"

That's when "Concert" was inserted in the band's name, so no one would think otherwise.

For Williams, conducting the Pleasanton Community Concert Band is his main activity. His wife Bernadine died on Christmas Eve seven years ago. His son Rob hosts a talk radio show from 5-10 a.m. weekday mornings on Sacramento station KFRQ, 92.5 on the FM dial, a program that Rob owns and is also aired on stations in Modesto, Fresno, Reno, Red Bluff and Anchorage, Alaska.

Williams and other band members will take a break after their Dec. 1 concert, resuming Thursday night practices in January for another year of community performances that start with the Veterans Hospital in Livermore in January and the Masonic Hall in Union City in February.

"The year 2014 is shaping up to be even busier than this one, and that's good," Williams said. ■



Hero FYI

- ▲ Bob Williams was 5 years old when his mother Hannah taught him to play the piano.
- ▲ At 81, he now plays multiple instruments and is the conductor of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band organized 38 years ago.
- ▲ He taught music in Oakland schools for 8-1/2 years, worked at GE's research lab on Vallecitos Road for another 17 years.
- ▲ His wife Bernadine died seven years ago. Their son Rob hosts a talk radio show weekday mornings, aired on stations in Sacramento, Modesto, Fresno, Reno, Red Bluff and Anchorage, Alaska.
- ▲ In the Army, Williams trained musicians at Fort Jackson, then sent them on their way to serve in Army bands at military bases around the world.
- ▲ Pleasanton Community Concert Band played at 14 different events this year, with final performance of year on Sunday, Dec. 1, in the Firehouse Arts Center.
- ▲ Williams recalls only time all-volunteer Pleasanton band marched was a "disaster." That's when "Concert" was inserted as part of its name.



Holiday happenings



on Main, 603 Main St., include admission to the event, an event map, and 15 beer, wine and cocktail tastings at participating downtown locations. Designated driver tickets will be sold for \$5 on the night of the Holiday Spirit Stroll. For information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net, call 484-2199, or email Julie Vlahon at Events@PleasantonDowntown.net



Magical Holiday Evening

Celebrate the holidays at Downtown Pleasanton's Magical Holiday Evening, the annual family-friendly downtown open house, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday,

Nov. 23. Downtown shops, restaurants and businesses will be decked out in holiday lights, and Santa will come by for an early visit.

December 5

VREN's Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund party

Valley Real Estate Network's annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund party will be from 6 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Marriott Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Enjoy music and dancing, appetizers, drawings, a live auction and no host bar. Proceeds benefit the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, which will provide thousands of dollars in non-restricted funds to 10 local charities again this year. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling 548-1980, or at the Pleasanton Weekly office, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100.

30th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dublin will hold its 30th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. There will be entertainment and caroling, cookies and hot chocolate. For information, visit <http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us/> or call 556-4500.

December 7 Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree-Lighting Celebration

Floats, marching bands, drill teams, and more will celebrate the season as Pleasanton's unique Hometown Holiday Parade marches down Main Street on Saturday, Dec. 7. The one-hour parade begins at 5 p.m. and the tree lighting follows directly after at the Museum on Main Street. For information, visit the City of Pleasanton's



website, www.cityofpleasanton.gov.

December 14

December People Holiday Rock 'N' Roll

Firehouse Arts Center will present December People Holiday Rock 'N' Roll at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14, at the theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$30 to \$40 each. This high-powered quintet, made up of some of the world's biggest bands — including Boston's lead guitarist Gary Pihl — presents a family-friendly classic rock Christmas show for all ages. December People plays familiar Holiday songs in the styles of all the top bands of our time. Go to <http://www.firehousearts.org/events>.

December 14

Impressions of the Nutcracker

San Ramon Valley Dance Academy will present "Impressions of the Nutcracker" at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14; and at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon.

San Ramon Valley Dance Academy's production of "Impressions of the Nutcracker"

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Navigating breast cancer care

ValleyCare benefits from Holiday Fund

BY JEB BING

ValleyCare Health System is a major beneficiary of the Pleasanton Weekly's 2013 Holiday Fund, with donations going to support the medical center's Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Program, The Women In Need Fund and breast cancer education.

"Cancer touches each of us in some way and with one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the U.S., we are targeting funds toward our Breast Cancer Program at ValleyCare," said Denise Bouillerc, director of ValleyCare Marketing/Public Relations and its Charitable Foundation.

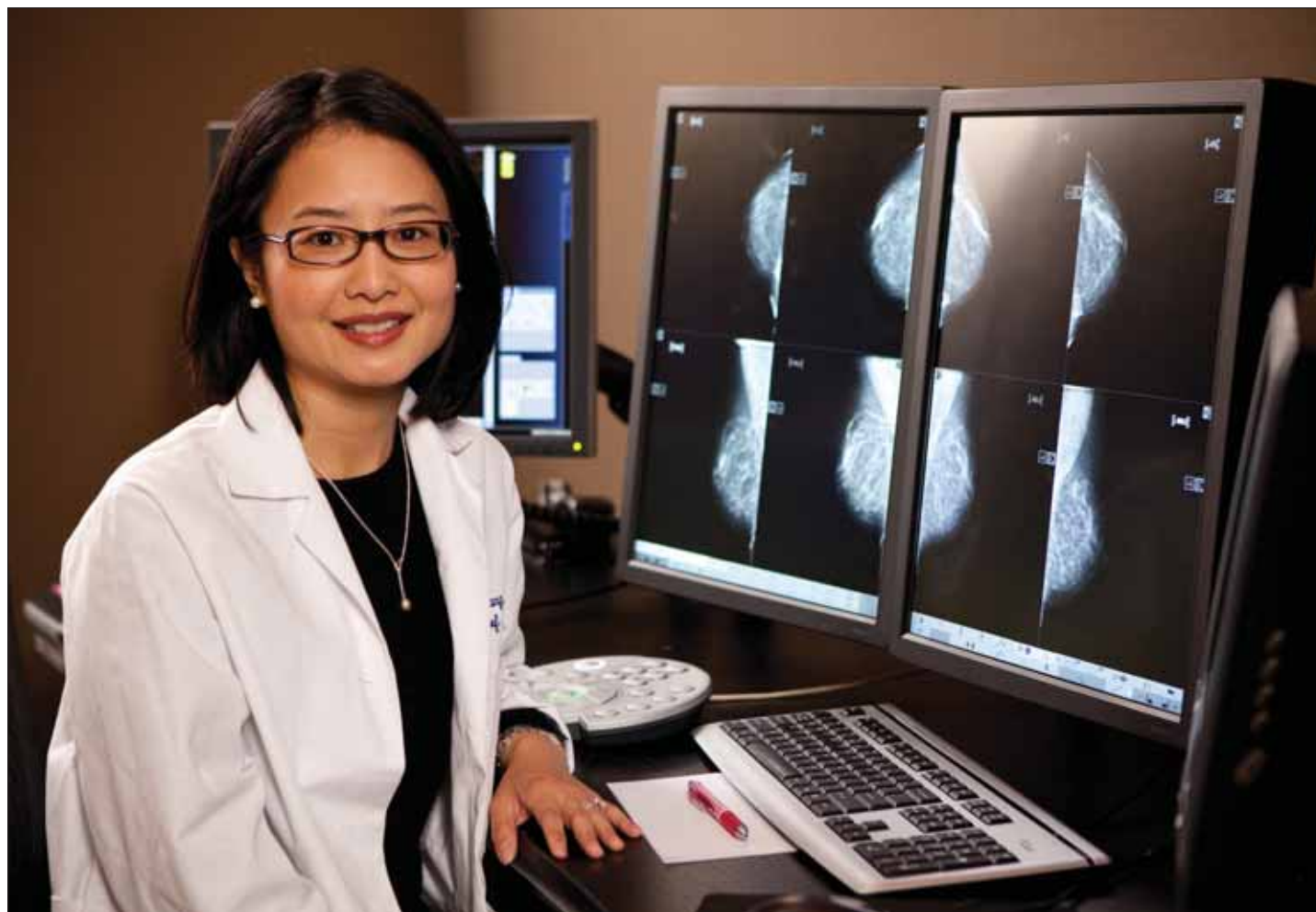
ValleyCare's breast cancer patient navigator is Sherry LaSalle, a registered nurse with special certification in helping women with breast cancer.

"Being diagnosed with breast cancer can be quite scary and confusing," Bouillerc said. "Sherry helps these women navigate the entire process from diagnosis, through treatment and follow-up, providing support, education, guidance and compassion all along the way."

The "Women in Need" fund began in 2010 and allows ValleyCare to provide financial assistance to underinsured and underprivileged women in need of a diagnostic mammogram if their screening mammograms show areas of concern. It also can help defer costs for wigs, post-surgical compression sleeves, bras and swimsuits for breast cancer patients during and after treatment.

Through the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, ValleyCare provides breast cancer educational material, assistance in research and support to anyone in need of this information.

"As a not-for-profit health system, any donations given to ValleyCare assist us in providing these specialized health services



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Dr. Ruby Chang, medical director of Diagnostic Imaging at ValleyCare Medical Center and co-chair of the hospital's Breast Program, analyzes images of patient's mammogram.

to people right here in our community," Bouillerc said. "We are grateful to all who give so generously."

ValleyCare, which opened its first medical center 50 years ago in Livermore, is now rated one of America's top 100 hospitals and a medical technology leader as it starts its second half-century.

Incorporated as ValleyCare Health System (VCHS), the organization's roots go back to the 1950s when the 18-bed St. Paul's Hospital proved too small for the fast-growing Livermore/Pleasanton communities.

Local residents, weary of traveling to Oakland or Hayward for health care, banded

together and raised enough money, along with state funds, to build Valley Memorial Hospital in 1961. The 46-bed facility was built on land donated by Kaiser Paving, with a third floor added in 1969, raising the total to 110 beds.

Needing more room in a building that would meet California's increasingly strict earthquake protection requirements, ValleyCare purchased a 23-acre parcel at Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard in 1974, opening its new ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton in 1991.

Today, with a two-campus health system and 242 beds, a medical staff of 400 and numerous hospital and outpatient services, ValleyCare is still the unique, fiercely independent health care facility in the Bay Area that is locally controlled just as its founders envisioned more than a half-century ago. Its board of directors includes ValleyCare doctors and members from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, ValleyCare's primary marketing and service area.

Its current chairman, John Sensiba, has just been reelected for a third term as managing partner of the leading regional CPA firm, Sensiba San Filippo. He also serves on the board of Innovation Tri-Valley.

In addition to offering convenient medical care and services, ValleyCare also provides more than \$14 million in charity care. So it's a local asset that not only serves the Tri-Valley, it also gives back to the communities it serves.

As a not-for-profit independently operated health care system, ValleyCare relies on community support from contributions made through the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and also its own fundraising campaigns.

In fact, its signature fundraiser Christmas Tree Lane and holiday boutique are underway now in Pleasanton. Called a "Midwinter Night's Dream," the benefit has transformed the Palm Event Center into a Christmas wonderland with decorated Christmas trees and offering gourmet fare.

"Tinsel Teas" are scheduled for today, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a "Silent Night Soiree" starting at 6:30 p.m. That event features a silent auction, sit-down dinner and entertainment by Special Blend and dancing to a DJ. Tickets for the evening event are \$90.

While medical care and its medical centers in Livermore and Pleasanton remain a top focus, ValleyCare has become much more.

It also operates urgent-care facilities in Dublin and Livermore. Its Meals on Wheels program has served home-bound seniors and low-income children more than 1.5 million hot meals over the last 14 years. People without health insurance or those underinsured gain access to primary care through ValleyCare's mobile health unit, which operates in partnership with the Livermore Rotary Club. ValleyCare also operates a clinic at Walmart's store on Las Positas Road in Livermore.

Over the years, the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund has contributed more than \$100,000 to ValleyCare with donations used to support its ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Resource Center in Pleasanton and the expansion program of its emergency room operation.

More services are coming at ValleyCare and Holiday Fund donations will be there to help. ■

"Cancer touches each of us in some way and with one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the U.S., we are targeting funds toward our Breast Cancer Program at ValleyCare."

Denise Bouillerc,

Director of ValleyCare Marketing/Public Relations and its Charitable Foundation





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The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund was created to provide financial support from our readers for a select group of local nonprofit organizations to help alleviate the needs that exist, despite our community's prosperity. It provides an opportunity to aid local groups at a time when the numbers of those without jobs or with low-paying jobs and few, if any, health benefits have increased.

We are pleased to announce that we will again partner with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which will provide all the administrative support for the campaign at no cost. As before, the Pleasanton Weekly will donate marketing services, as well as advertising space. This means that all money raised can support the people in our community.

We appreciate your support of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and these worthy nonprofits.



The following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund:

Scheduled to receive 75% are:

- Axis Community Health
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation
- Valley Humane Society
- ValleyCare Health System

Receiving the other 25% are:

- Hope Hospice
- Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council
- REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) for special adults of the Tri-Valley
- Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation
- Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley



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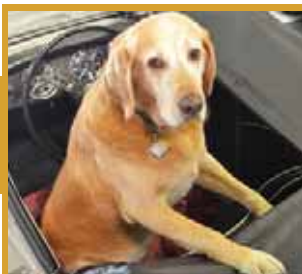
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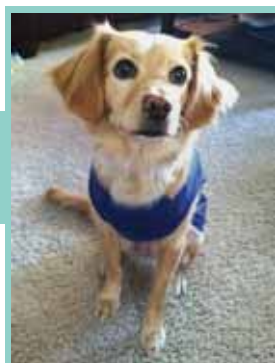
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Holiday Happenings

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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incorporates multiple dance styles in a fast-paced production that follows the traditional story line of the Nutcracker. In just over an hour, this popular story ballet performance will delight and entertain the whole family. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$19 for youth and seniors. For more information, visit www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/parks/theater.

Breakfast with Santa

"Breakfast with Santa," a popular Dublin tradition, will be on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Families are invited to enjoy a pancake breakfast, served with sausage, fruit, coffee and juice, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. There will be three seatings: 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tickets are \$11 for residents, and \$13 for non-residents. This event benefits the Dublin High School Irish Guard and Band.

20th annual Breakfast with Santa

Bethel 247 of Job's Daughters International will host the 20th Annual Breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road, Danville. Tickets are \$8 per person, with children 3 and under free. Cost includes breakfast and a photo with Santa. Crafts for children, a craft boutique, a bake sale and live entertainment will also be featured. The pancake breakfast is a fundraiser for Job's Daughters, a nonprofit Masonic youth group for girls between 10 and 20 years old which teaches skills such as organization, leadership, communication and financial planning.



December 22

Sing-Along Messiah

The San Ramon Arts Foundation will present San Ramon's Annual Holiday Sing-Along Performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, at San Ramon Presbyterian Church, 12943 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$10; vocal score is \$10. Choral Workshops and ticket information are available at www.SanRamonArts.org. ■

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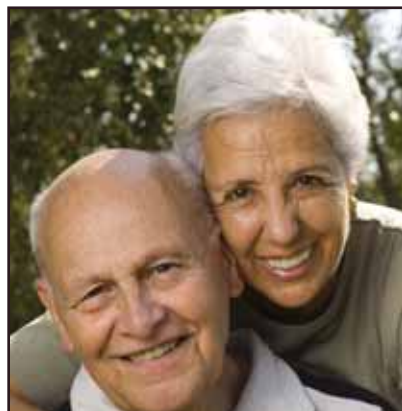
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Symphony begins 51st season

Director Barnes is responsible for funky Stanford band

Livermore-Amador Symphony (LAS) opens its 51st season with "Gems from the Past and Present" on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. This performance kicks off a yearlong festival honoring Dr. Arthur Barnes' 50th season as music director.

The first concert will include Beethoven's Symphony No. 2, Benjamin Lees' Concerto for Woodwind and Orchestra, Concerto for Trumpet written by Barnes, and Gershwin's "An American in Paris."

Benjamin Lees' Concerto for Woodwind and Orchestra will feature Avanti Winds, which was formed in 2006. This quintet, whose members hold day jobs as engineers and teachers, is comprised of Ellen Crawford, flute; Audrey Gore, oboe; Jeffrey Wolfeld, clarinet; Liane Sharp-Fuccio, horn; and Jennifer Barnes Wolfeld, who is Dr. Barnes' daughter, on bassoon.

Arthur Barnes pursued his doctorate in orchestral conducting at Stanford University. He arrived in 1963, the year that the Leland Stanford Junior University Marching Band went on strike to protest the dismissal of the band director during a reorganization of the music department. Stanford offered Barnes



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Dr. Arthur Barnes has served 50 years as the music director for the Livermore-Amador Symphony. The symphony's 51st season, which kicks off with a performance Dec. 7, will be a yearlong festival honoring Barnes.

the director position and he went on to win the hearts of the students by arranging popular songs into two-minute pieces for the band to perform, and by allowing band members a great deal of autonomy during performances. These changes transformed the Stanford

band from a traditional marching unit into the lively student-led ensemble that remains to this day.

While at Stanford, Barnes, who was on the faculty for 35 years, charted more than 300 selections of popular music into two-minute pieces for the band. Last month, he was honored by the Band and Band Alumni Board for "his incomparable contributions to all the great things the Band is and does."

Barnes' Concerto for Trumpet was written in 1991 in celebration of Stanford University's centennial. Joyce Johnson Hamilton, who will perform the trumpet concerto, conducted the Diablo Symphony Orchestra from 1980 until 2011, in addition to others.

The Dec. 7 concert begins at 8 p.m. with a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. Ticket information is available at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

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* Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country during one of the busiest shopping times of the year. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.



POLICE BULLETIN

Bomb threat leads to Walmart evacuation

A called-in bomb threat led to the evacuation of Walmart last week, but nothing suspicious was found.

Police were notified of the threat at about 1:06 p.m. Nov. 14. By the time officers arrived on the scene, Walmart had already been evacuated. The store manager and management staff went though the store and didn't find anything suspicious.

In other police reports:

- Two people from Oakland were arrested after an incident at Wells Fargo in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road.

- Bobby T. Williams, 55, was arrested at about 2:49 p.m. Nov. 14 for fraud after trying to cash a fraudulent \$6,500 check. Williams was arrested after a call from a cashier to verify the check was good. He was also wanted on a felony warrant for grand theft with prior arrests and misdemeanor theft.

- Outside the bank, Brenda Joyce Green, 52, was arrested in the same incident on felony warrants for controlled-substance possession and failure to appear in court out of Alameda County. A records search turned up Green's outstanding warrants.

- Four homes were hit by burglars in recent days.

- In one, 10 pieces of jewelry worth nearly \$9,500 — including a ring valued at \$5,000 — were reported stolen from an unlocked home in the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle between 7:40 a.m. and 11:35 p.m. Nov. 11.

- In two reported on Nov. 12, residents returned home after work to find items in their home had been moved. One took place in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and \$300 cash was stolen.

- The other occurred between 9 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive. A resident reported items had been moved, with possible entry through a sliding glass door on the second floor. A video game console, a game, \$10 in coins and about \$50 cash were taken, along with two pairs of sunglasses worth \$180 and a \$20 case.

- A fourth break-in was reported at about 10:06 a.m. the same day. A resident of the 3400 block of Andrews Drive reported an unlocked bicycle and stroller had been stolen from his garage.

- A firm that monitors for identity theft wasn't enough

to secure the account of a resident of the 8200 block of Fondray Court. The firm called a resident to alert him that someone opened a credit card account using his information, but by the time it called, a charge for \$1,342 had already been made in the incident, reported at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 14.

- A resident of the 600 block of Division Street reported felony identity theft after receiving a call from a car rental firm saying she hadn't returned a car rented with her information. The car had been rented in Burbank. The incident was reported at about 3:38 p.m. Nov. 14.

- Fifteen brassieres worth a total of \$825 were stolen in a grab-and-run burglary at Victoria's Secret in the Stoneridge Shopping Center between 3:34 and 3:47 p.m. Nov. 15. A Hispanic male distracted a store employee while the woman, also Hispanic, made off with the bras.

- Yeounja Kang, a 40-year-old woman from San Ramon, was arrested for felony shoplifting in an incident that occurred at about 2:02 p.m. Nov. 13 in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. Loss prevention at Macy's caught Kang with four purses and a sweater worth a total of more than \$400 after entering the store with an empty shopping bag and a pair of wire cutters.

- A wallet and credit cards were reported stolen from a purse of a diner at Sweet Tomatoes in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road on Nov. 13. Two charges, one for \$1 and another for \$15.44 were made, but a charge for \$40 was denied in the theft, reported at about 1 p.m.

- Kevin Jeffrey Dachauer, 24, of San Bruno was arrested at about 9:55 a.m. Nov. 18 in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive for possession of 2.7 grams of heroin and drug possession as well as a felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance out of San Francisco. The arrest followed a pedestrian stop after police spotted Dachauer with his pants around his knees at a bus stop near Walmart. Because Dachauer is on probation, police were permitted to conduct a search.

- Someone tried to open charge accounts in the name of a resident of the 3600 block of Ashwood Drive in an identity theft attempt reported at about 3:43 p.m. Nov. 15. While the attempt failed, the resident told police she'd received a notice from Sutter Health saying a number of people had their information compromised.

- Charles Warren Trevor, 24, of Concord was arrested at about 2:21 a.m. Nov. 14 in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road on a felony warrant for drug possession out of Tracy.

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

WEDDINGS

Christopher Testa and Carolyn Berry

Christopher Tyler Testa, son of Nick and Julie Testa of Pleasanton, and Carolyn Rae Berry, daughter of Tom and Terri Berry of Camarillo, were married Aug. 31 at the beautiful, historic Santa Margarita Ranch near San Luis Obispo, Ca.

Chris Testa grew up in Pleasanton, and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2003.

The couple met at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where Chris received a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Carolyn received a Masters degree in Bio-medical Engineering.

The bride was attended by her two sisters as her co-maids of honor, Diana Berry and Noelle Berry. Other bridesmaids were Kristin Schmittel, Heather Veliz, Ashley Bliss, and Rae Boghossian.

His two brothers as his co-best men, Matthew Testa and Kendall Testa attended the Groom. Other Groomsmen were Nick Johnson of Pleasanton, Mark Berry, Grant



Zanini, and Collin Hamilton.

The couple was also attended by three delightful flower girls: Sonja Testa, Mari Testa, and Mattie Nielsen; three year old cousin Gabriel Ryan rocked the house as ring bearer.

Chris and Carolyn spent their honeymoon in Thailand, and currently reside in Newport Beach, Ca. as they pursue careers in their professions.

OBITUARIES

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Randall Lee Eicher

Jan. 26, 1940-Nov. 15, 2013

Randall Lee Eicher passed away on Friday, Nov. 15 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He has touched the lives of many with his determination, strength of character, gentle spirit and positive outlook on life.

Randall was born in Connelville, PA. He graduated from East Huntingdon High School and later attended Antelope Valley Community College in Lancaster, CA. After serving in the Air Force for 4 years, Randall enjoyed a 35 year career with the Federal Aviation Administration, working at the Los Angeles and then the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Centers. He retired in 1998. He enjoyed playing golf, watching football, jewelry making, playing with his many slot machines, spending time with his grandchildren, and traveling the globe with his wife of 55 years.

Randall is survived by his loving wife, Lois; devoted children Christine Raymond (John) of Livermore, Rebecca Hansen of Pleasanton, Richard Eicher (Isabel) of Ripon, and Craig Eicher (Kimberly) of Pleasanton; and grandchildren Jessica, Paul, and Brian Hansen; Joseph, Jillian, Elizabeth and John Eicher. His generous and loving nature will be missed by all who knew him.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service in his honor at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167

1st St., Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin, CA 94568; 829-8770. Contact Graham Hitch Mortuary at 846-9624.

Genevieve "Gen" Zavanelli

Nov. 12, 1925-Nov. 16, 2013

Genevieve "Gen" Zavanelli, devoted wife, loving mother, and dedicated nurse passed away peacefully at home in Pleasanton on Nov. 16. Gen is survived by her beloved husband, Dr. William "Bill" Zavanelli and children Barbara (Stuart) Zavanelli-Morgan, Mary (Dan Costa) Zavanelli, Tony (Pati) Zavanelli, Terry (Kevin) Koenig, daughter-in-law Karen Zavanelli and cherished grandchildren Nicole and Kevin (K.J.) Koenig and Steven Zavanelli. Her sons, Joseph and Andy Zavanelli, preceded Gen in death.

Born Genevieve Ida Tigges, she was from Wadena, Minnesota. She served as a nurse for the United States Air Force during the Korean War. She met and married Bill while working at the USAF base in Montana. They moved West settling in California. Her family gathered recently to celebrate her 88th birthday and Bill and Gen's 61st wedding anniversary. Gen will be greatly missed.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Gen's favorite charitable organization, Hope Hospice.



POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 11

Auto burglary

- 1:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:15 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violations

- 12:38 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; possession of a controlled substance

- 11:53 p.m. at the intersection of First Street and Neal Street; marijuana possession

Nov. 12

Theft

- 8:21 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 7:29 a.m. in the 1800 block of W. Lagoon Road

- 10:30 a.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Graffiti

- 2:25 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Yolanda Court

Possession of methamphetamine

- 12:28 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Nov. 13

Theft

- 8:32 a.m. in the 6600 block of

Owens Drive; auto theft

- 1 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:06 p.m. in the 4400 block of First Street; open container on public property

- 8:34 p.m. at the intersection of Tassajara Road and Dublin Boulevard; controlled-substance possession

Nov. 14

Theft

- 9:19 a.m. in the 5200 block of Clubhouse Drive

- 3:38 p.m. in the 600 block of Division Street; fraud

Nov. 15

Theft

- 5:48 p.m. in the 8100 block of Arroyo Drive; bicycle theft

Auto burglary

- 9:34 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

- 12:12 p.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

- 7:27 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

Alcohol violations

- 1:21 a.m. in the 5900 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI

- 12:04 p.m. in the 5900 block of Owens Drive; public drunkenness

Nov. 16

Theft

- 1:43 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Battery

- 10:33 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violations

- 1:20 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; minor in possession of alcohol

- 11:00 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road, public drunkenness

Nov. 17

Battery

- 2:49 p.m. in the 4100 block of Stanley Boulevard

Nov. 18

Theft

- 4:15 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall road; shoplifting

- 8:44 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Threats

- 10:10 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:55 a.m. in the 5700 block of Foothill Road; DUI

- 6:49 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue; under the influence of drugs

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Book Clubs

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

Concerts

PACIFIC CHAMBER SYMPHONY PRESENTS BRANDENBURG CONCERTOS Few works are as loved and as often individually performed as the Brandenburg Concertos by Bach. The Pacific Chamber Symphony will present these pieces from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Cost is \$25-\$25, students are \$10. Call 373-6800 or go to <http://www.bankheadtheater.org>.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND WINTER CONCERT Join the Pleasanton Community Concert Band for "International Holiday," featuring holiday music from around the world, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The show is free!

VITA VOCI PERFORMS Vita Voci, a Tri-Valley a capella ensemble, will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Works of the Renaissance and more modern eras will be presented. The Congregation Beth Emek Choir will join Vita Voci in Salamone Rossi's "Elohim Hashivenu." Small donation requested. Call David Yaffee at 455-8139.

Events

BACK YARD HARVEST Pam Silliman and students from Foothill High School are organizing a harvest of neighborhood fruit trees, like oranges, grapefruit and lemon trees. The group will pass out flyers and pick up fruit or harvest it for you. Fruit will go to Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry and more. They would like to harvest the fruit before the first

hard frost. Thank you for your generosity to our community. Contact Pam at 998-1522 or pamsilliman@yahoo.com.

BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to brunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 at Hilton Garden Inn, 2801 Constitution Drive, Livermore. RSVP to Ruby at 462-9636 or hsk-oog@comcast.net by Nov. 22.

THE GREAT TRAIN EXPO The Great Train Expo returns with buildings full of dealers with all sizes and scales of model trains, operating model railroads, trains kids can ride and more! From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$7. Free for kids under 12. Go to www.greattrainexpo.com/.

THOMAS COYNE WINERY OPEN HOUSE Join Thomas Coyne Winery for their Fall Open House from noon-5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. They will release five exciting new wines, including a 2009 Contra Costa MourvÉdre and 2010 Livermore Valley Zinfandel. Call 373-6541 or go to <http://thomascynewinery.com>.

Fundraisers

SLEEP TRAIN'S SECRET SANTA TOY DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS Sleight bells are ringing and Christmas lights are glowing, but for the more than 60,000 foster kids throughout California, the holiday season can be tough as many enter new and unfamiliar homes. Help ensure each foster child feels the magic of the holiday season and donate a toy to any Sleep Train location.

BREWS FOR A CURE Join for a benefit for Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. between noon and 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at Tap 25, 25 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. The event will feature beers from New Belgium Brewing, and a portion of each pint will be donated to CFRI! Call 727-3914 or go to www.brewsforacure.org.

CLOTHING DRIVE Donations of men's warm clothing and blankets will go to veterans at Operation Dignity. Donations of business attire for women and men (on wire hangers, if possible; larger sizes most needed) will go to Wardrobe for Opportunity, for job seekers re-entering the marketplace. Donate at Unity of Tri-Valley at 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. Or call Michelle or Ray Day at 829-1239 for other arrangements.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Enjoy an evening of wine and appetizers and help Foothill Boys Lacrosse! This fundraiser will be from 4-9 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9459 Blessing Drive. Cost is \$20 entry tax deductible donation. Door Prizes donated by local businesses. Interested in participating? Email dgplaster@gmail.com.

Holiday

9TH ANNUAL CHANUKAH WONDERLAND Come to the

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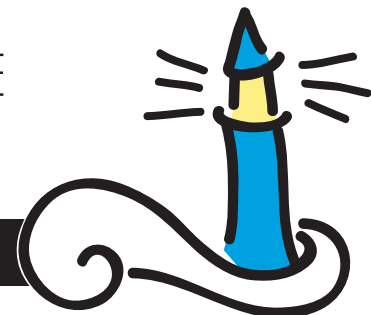
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Pleasanton a presence at NCS playoffs

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

After a successful fall season at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, sports teams headed into North Coast Section playoffs.

Football

Both Pleasanton high school football teams made it into the playoff, but lost in the first round last weekend. Amador Valley fell to Granada, 24-20; Foothill was defeated by Freedom, 55-17.

Tennis

Amador Valley and Foothill high girls tennis teams went on to NCS playoffs. Amador, with a 17-6 record during the regular season, beat San Ramon Valley High, 4-3, during the first round Nov. 12. In the second round Nov. 14, the Lady Dons fell to Monte Vista, 4-3.

The Foothill girls tennis team was seeded sixth in the NCS ladder after coming in second in the East Bay Athletic League behind Monte Vista, with an EBAL record of 12-2. Foothill, with a 16-4 record, prevailed 7-0 over Mission San Jose in the first NCS round and Miramonte, 6-1, in the second round, putting them in the NCS semifinals played at Albany High on Saturday. There they faced No. 2 seed Dougherty Valley, who won 6-1 and went on to win the NCS Team Championship.

Volleyball

Pleasanton girls also excelled in volleyball with winning seasons and went on to NCS playoffs. In the first round Nov. 13, Amador beat Deer Valley, 25-21, 25-10, 25-14; while Foothill beat Castro Valley, 16-18, 25-22, 25-22, 29-



KIM MULLER

The Foothill girls varsity tennis team – (front, l-r) Claire Heacox, Morgan Szymczak, Kelsey Ouyang, Danica Zierau, (middle) Melissa Muller, Kate Haskell, Valentina Bunnell, Alexa Hanson, Phoebe Lu, Karen Chang, Audrey Yin, Sadie Edwards, (back) coach Kendra Zierau, Jessica Chen, Kennedy Mahdavi, Caitlin Reid, C.C. Gerlach, coach Yvonne Hoppe and Alicia Yang – finished the season with a 12-2 EBAL record and reached the semifinals in the NCS playoffs.

27. In the second round, Foothill lost to Heritage, 15-25, 25-12, 25-19, 25-22; while Amador fell to Monte Vista, 25-10, 21-25, 25-19, 25-19.

Water polo

The Foothill girls water polo team made it into the NCS playoffs but lost in the first round, 8-3, to James Logan on Nov. 7. San Ramon Valley battled its crosstown rival Monte Vista for the champi-

onship Saturday, which ended in a 9-6 victory for San Ramon.

Both Pleasanton boys teams were in the NCS water polo playoffs. In the first round Nov. 7, Foothill lost to Monte Vista, 14-7. Amador defeated Clayton Valley, 12-10, in the first round, and then lost 16-12 in the second round to Campolindo, which went on to win the championship, 11-10, against Miramonte. ■

Rage White cap championship run

Rage White, Pleasanton U11 Team 3 finished their league play season with 10 wins and no losses. The girls capped their championship run in the Region 3-4 Silver division with a decisive 3-0 victory on Saturday



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against the Danville Mustang Stars. Rage White dominated their league, boasting six shutout victories to carry a plus-16 goal differential and a four-game win advantage on the second place team. Inclusive of state cup and tournament games, Rage White have not lost a game to any Silver level team. Rage will play for the top State Cup in the White Flight in December. Left to Right in pairs are head coach Jarreth Chan, Audrey Googins and Nicole Medina, Frankie Cardoza and Danielle Caccamo, Shyla Caponigro and Jenna Benner, Rylee Scanlon and Sammy O'Brien, Alex Lovelock and Eva Bull, and Emily Hunt and Peyton King, and assistant coach Ailsa Smith. Not pictured, Kyra Woodward.



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World Cup swimmers

Seahawks Senior Elite swimmers — Tony Shen, Iris Brand, Nick Silverthorn, Erika Brown, Maxime Rooney and Moriah Simonds — have just returned from Tokyo, after qualifying for and swimming in the 2013 FINA World Cup.



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End-of-season soccer action

Ca'trale Hart of U9 Deportivo dribbles down field at Saturday's game against Real Madrid, the final game of the season. Top offensive Deportivo players were Terrence Yu, who made a goal from the 6-yard line, Mathew Dickman and Nathan Ishaya; top defensive players were Kadin Sellami, Juliano Casentini and Ethan Jackson. Terrence Yu, and Derek Wang scored two goals, one from the 18-yard line. Ethan Jackson played defense and offense, scoring Deportivo's final goal of the season. Other team members are Andrew Weckwerth, Zidane Sellami, Dylan Gray and Joshua Young.

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State home sales drop in October

Realtors blame government shutdown, seasonal slowdown

By JEB BING

California home sales declined for the third straight month in October as economic uncertainty surrounding last month's government shutdown and a typical seasonal slowdown dragged down the state's home sales, although sales of condominiums and townhomes continued to be strong, the California Association of Realtors reported.

"As anticipated, the housing market was disrupted by the closure of the federal government in October, which prolonged the loan-approval process and led to the delay of many home closings, especially on FHA transactions," said 2014 CAR President Kevin Brown.

"That said, we are returning to a market that's more balanced than we've seen in recent years, with home price gains that are more sustainable and a sales pace that's characteristic of a normal environment," he added.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 401,170 units in October, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLSs statewide. Sales in October were down 2.7% from a revised 412,260 in September and down 11.1% from a revised 451,090 in October 2012.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2013 if sales maintained the October pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home edged down 0.3% from September's median price of \$428,740 to \$427,290 in October. October's price was 25.3% higher than the revised \$340,910 recorded in October 2012, marking the 16th straight month of double-digit annual gains.

The median sales price is the point at which half of homes sold for more and half sold for less; it is influenced by the types of homes selling as well as a general change in values.

"The recent jump in interest rates, coupled with the run-up in home prices since the beginning of this year, lowered housing affordability," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.



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 Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist, California Association of Realtors.

"As such, many buyers are considering more affordable options such as condos and townhomes, especially in the San Francisco Bay Area, where there is a greater abundance of these property types."

"As housing demand has cooled off in recent months, however, the statewide median price is finally showing some signs of stability," she added. "As we enter the slower home buying season, we expect home prices to be capped by seasonal factors and annual price gains to continue to taper off in the coming months."

Other key facts of CAR's October 2013 resale housing report include:

- The available supply of existing, single-family detached homes for sale dipped in October to 3.4 months, down from September's Unsold Inventory Index of 3.6 months.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home also increased to 33.1 days in October from 29.6 days in September, but was down from 38 days in October 2012.
- Mortgage rates declined in October, with the 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 4.19%, down from 4.49% in September but up from 3.38% in October 2012, according to Freddie Mac.
- Adjustable-mortgage interest rates in October averaged 2.63%, down from 2.67 in September but up from 2.59% in October 2012. ■

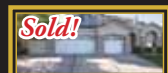
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 14-29

Livermore

- 1784 Altamar Way** L. Gonzales to S. & D. Duggirala for \$475,500
- 2927 Bresso Drive** M. & M. Wilcox to R. Modukuri for \$925,000
- 1430 Calvary Lane** M. & P. Miltner to N. & D. Hawkins for \$885,000
- 644 Canterbury Avenue** J. Plotz to S. & K. Medearis for \$590,000
- 1146 Essex Street** Rodes Trust to R. & J. Moore for \$555,000
- 6130 Forget Me Not** A. & S. Bhavsar to H. Gecox for \$378,000
- 3650 Glasgow Circle** Levin Trust to R. & C. Vince for \$830,000
- 2117 Hampton Road** D. Manrique to Y. & C. Miyagi for \$720,000
- 388 James Street** USA California Realty Fund to R. Arnold for \$435,000
- 1049 Miranda Way** G. Johnson to Banke Trust for \$525,000
- 490 North O Street** Norcal Homes Investment Group to M. Johnston for \$469,000
- 2114 Ponderosa Drive** Moy Trust to S. & D. Pollock for \$475,000
- 2278 Robinson Circle** Crowder Trust to M. & K. Rich for \$822,000
- 634 Stetson Court** T. & J. Luu to R. Delatorre for \$500,000
- 1384 Tulip Way** K. & T. Sturgill to J. & K. Santiago for \$562,000
- 1129 Ventura Avenue** C. Veach to M. Mangan for \$320,000

Pleasanton

- 5361 Black Avenue #4** V. Sasaki to Noack Trust for \$460,000
- 6040 Corte Montanas** Cain Trust to Gallagher Trust for \$577,000
- 4774 Del Valle Parkway** A. & K. Samman to S. Satish for \$882,000

- 5249 Genovesio Drive** E. Chu to A. & I. Ghouse for \$730,000
- 675 Hamilton Way** Bartelson Trust to Loquat Valley Limited for \$800,000
- 3512 Helen Drive** J. Meyer to GRA Associates for \$606,000
- 7441 Maywood Drive** T. & D. Davis to A. Miyamoto for \$574,000
- 4718 McHenry Gate Way** W. & E. Dye to J. & A. Lovell for \$685,000
- 7898 Medinah Court** Bautista Trust to Penner Trust for \$935,000
- 8040 Mountain View Drive #C** M. Johnson to A. Eyskens for \$300,000
- 434 Rose Avenue** Sanctify Inc. to R. Edwards for \$540,000
- 2572 Sanderling Drive** Nelson Trust to T. & S. Jenkins for \$916,500
- 2423 Via De Los Milagros** R. & E. Jandrisevits to K. & A. Smith for \$1,185,000
- 4177 Vineyard Avenue** S. Rudolph to P. & N. Downs for \$538,000

San Ramon

- 8975 Alcosta Boulevard #142** C. Munoz to E. Halim for \$205,000
- 8975 Alcosta Boulevard #165** J. Wray to N. Baez for \$325,000
- 8985 Alcosta Boulevard #175** Velasquez Trust to F. Yu for \$321,500
- 65 Ayamonte Court** Eyley Trust to J. & M. Bailey for \$625,000
- 2801 Bethany Road** D. & I. Chun to D. & A. Surpur for \$1,110,000
- 6337 Byron Lane** C. & X. Tam to B. Cai for \$690,000
- 2460 Canyon Lakes Drive** M. Diger to J. Sivaprasad for \$765,000
- 2664 Celaya Circle** C. Gaffey to M. & N. Knott for \$802,500
- 30 Eagle Lake Place #21** Mega Pro Limited to S. & C. Falk for \$695,000
- 260 Eastridge Drive #107** S. Lal to J. Maher for \$280,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

5027 WOODTHRUSH ROAD, PLEASANTON, \$900,000



This updated "Heatherspring" model features 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms with 2,147+/- square feet of living space. The remodeled granite kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, gas stove and a built-in microwave. Upgrades include oak hardwood floors, a gas fireplace surrounded by marble tile, new dual pane windows with plantation shutters, new paint, crown molding and 4" baseboards. The master bath features a remodeled dual vanity and the half bath has been updated with a pedestal sink. Other features include inside laundry, a new stamped concrete porch and side yard, as well as a private backyard with a covered patio and water feature.

Sold by Tim McGuire of Alain Pinel Realtors (925) 462-SOLD (7653).

SALES AT A GLANCE

Livermore (Oct. 14-18)

- Total sales reported:** 16
- Lowest sale reported:** \$320,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$925,000
- Average sales reported:** \$591,656

Pleasanton (Oct. 14-18)

- Total sales reported:** 14
- Lowest sale reported:** \$300,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$1,185,000
- Average sales reported:** \$694,893

Source: California REsource

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JUST SOLD!

2365 Foothill Rd Unit 3

Laguna Vista townhome, nicely updated 2 bedroom with new carpet and new paint, gas range, updated bath. Pool and play area. Great for investors! Excellent location! **Sold for \$295,000**



New listing! Open Sunday 1-4



6153 Saint Andrews Way Livermore

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JUST SOLD!

Exquisite Bridle Creek home with 4 BR plus office & bonus room, 4 BTHS, 4 car garage, hardwood floors, and .28 Acre private lot with pool, spa, & views! **\$1,575,000**



JUST SOLD!

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JUST CLOSED!

3701 HILLSIDE AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this beautifully upgraded home. This four bedroom, two and a half bath, 2,553 square foot home sits on a 8,940 square foot private lot with a three car attached garage. This open floor plan offers vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and entry. The kitchen offers granite counters, stainless steel appliances, breakfast bar and breakfast nook. The tranquil backyard is surrounded by covered fences and boasts trellises, a large grassy area and a concrete patio. Move in ready and easy freeway access! **OFFERED AT \$765,000 AND SOLD FOR \$765,000**



JUST CLOSED!

4075 W LAKESHORE DRIVE, SAN RAMON

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this Mediterranean-style townhome with lakefront patio! Three bedroom, two and a half bath, 1,769 square foot home with a 3,610 square foot lot and two car attached garage. The living room offers floor to ceiling windows with views of the lakefront patio, raised ceilings and custom tile. The kitchen offers stone counters, island with gas stove, pantry and is open to the dining room. Upstairs bedrooms offer full adjoining bath to master and addition bedroom offers jacuzzi tub, and large walk-in closet. Gated community with greenbelt and community pool! **OFFERED AT \$649,900 AND SOLD FOR \$690,000**



SOLD!

3962 FAIRLANDS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

This home is upgraded throughout and move in ready! Brand new 40 year roof, new carpets, and new hardwood floors. Beautifully and professionally landscaped front and rear yards. Four bedrooms, office/teen room, two and a half baths, 2,460 square feet all on a 6,489 square foot lot. The upgraded kitchen is open to the family room. A formal dining room is located just off the kitchen. The rear yard is private and serene offering a large grassy area and two decks. Close to schools and neighborhood Cabana Club! Call for more information! **OFFERED AT \$839,000 AND SOLD FOR \$839,000**



SOLD!

1185 LAGUNA CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

With unobstructed views of the Pleasanton Ridge, this five bedroom, five and a half bathroom, 5,329 square foot home sits on a premium 16,321 square foot lot. The gourmet kitchen boasts a large island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances and a six-burner gas range. Grand entrance with large foyer, vaulted ceilings, formal dining room, spacious master suite, laundry room, three car and so much more. The resort-like back yard offers a pool, spa, pool house, outdoor kitchen, and gazebo. Easy access to I-680 and close to schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,897,500 AND SOLD FOR \$1,897,500**



SOLD!

831 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

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SOLD FOR \$1,800,000



1124 DONAHUE DR.
PLEASANTON

OPEN SUN 1-4
4BD, 3.5BA + Loft/Office, 2,044sf. on a 5,500sf. lot. Bedroom & full bath on main level, modern and open floor plan, upgraded throughout. Master w/ retreat, separate vanity, walk-in closet. Private backyard, large patio, arbor & BBQ area. Community pool & low HOA fee.
OFFERED AT \$1,100,000



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5BD, 3BA 3,044sf. on a 7,850sf. lot. Bedroom and full bath on main level. Newly installed hickory flooring throughout. Open floor plan with formal dining/living room. Kitchen opens to family room. Master w/ retreat, walk-in closet. Built in BBQ & side yard. Close to community pool.
OFFERED AT \$1,070,000



4058 FRANCISCO STREET
PLEASANTON

OPEN SAT 1-4
3BD, 2BA, 2,024+/-sf., custom remodel, modern finishes, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, gourmet kitchen, formal living & dining rooms, jacuzzi tub in master suite, walk-in closet, close to all schools.
OFFERED AT \$870,000



3704 BAIRN CT.
PLEASANTON

JUST SOLD
5BD, 2BA, 1,997sf. on 8,366sf lot. Updated throughout with an open floor plan, indoor laundry, vaulted ceiling, newer appliances, roof and HVAC. Corner lot with 2 side yards, pool, spa and a private setting.
SOLD FOR \$795,000



3744 APPIAN ST.
PLEASANTON

JUST SOLD
3BD, 2.5BA, 1,726sf. on a 3,500sf. lot. Located in the Hacienda Business Park and close to BART. Open kitchen with breakfast nook and vaulted ceilings. Formal living room off entry and family room with fireplace. Master suite offers dual sink vanity and walk-in closet.
SOLD FOR \$759,000



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6713 PASEO SAN LEON, PLEASANTON-SOLD

6797 PASEO CATALINA, PLEASANTON-SOLD
6798 PASEO CATALINA, PLEASANTON-SOLD
6941 CORTE MADRID, PLEASANTON- SOLD

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3703 DUBLIN BLVD., DUBLIN

The Villas at Dublin Ranch...3 story condo with 2 car garage as first floor. 2nd floor has nice living area with fireplace, kitchen with granite and SS appliances, laundry room with washer n dryer, 1/2 bath n patio, 3rd floor has master suite w/patio, guest bedroom & bath. Short Sale/complex in litigation with builder. **\$405,000**
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6875 VALE COURT, PLEASANTON

Great court location with 4 Bedrooms and 2 Baths, approx. 1489 sq. ft. Home has some updates, tile entry, hardwood floors, crown molding and much more. Room to roam on this large pie shaped backyard. Fruit trees, dog run, gas BBQ and stamped walkway to front door. **Call for price.**
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4646 LAKEWOOD STREET, PLEASANTON

This wonderful Highland Oaks home is located in west Pleasanton. Walk to top rated Lydiksen Elementary. This one story, 3 bedroom 2 bath home, with a separate bonus/office (or possible 4th BR), is ready for a family. Large lot with a grass backyard, patio, retaining wall and sloped backyard hillside for nice privacy. **Offered at \$675,000**
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638 JULDUN LOOP, CLAYTON

Wonderful and spacious, light and bright, (duet style) two story Home has an Open Floor Plan and Vaulted Ceilings and is located in Clayton. An area of lush terrain within the shadows of Mount Diablo and the Oakhurst Country Club. The Oakhurst Community has a pool, playground and walking trails to downtown and Mount Diablo.
JOANN SCHREIBER 925-200-1454
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7784 TUSCANY DR., DUBLIN

Enjoy outdoor recreation in Alamo Creek Park or take a bike ride on Alamo Creek Bike Path, all within a 2 minute walk from this home. Features include 2 BR, 2 full BA with an upstairs loft. Fabulous unit with lots of windows, open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. Spacious master suite.
TRACEY BUESCHER 925-352-7307
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5680 SAN ANTONIO ST., PLEASANTON

Just listed, fantastic Mission Park home on a great corner lot! Nicely updated 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, with approx.1877 sq. ft. Formal living room, open family room dining area, and a sparkling pool. New paint inside and out, new carpet. **\$810,000**
KAREN NEUER 925-858-0246
BROKER ASSOCIATE | BRE#01514008



1049 PINETO PLACE, PLEASANTON

Striking Brick English Tudor home backs to Ruby Hill Golf Course. Five bedrooms plus bonus room, master bedroom suite with sitting area and balcony with views, 4 full and 1 half bathrooms for approx. 5,411 sq. ft. of living space. Premium lot, approx. 20,000 sq. ft., panoramic views. **\$2,399,950**
CINDY ENGEL 925-580-5106
BROKER ASSOCIATE BRE#00612136



1961 CROWLEY CT., BRENTWOOD

Gorgeous 1 year new, Esperia model. 4758 sq ft, 14,000 sq ft lot, 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bath, Loads of upgrades with granite counters, stainless steel appliances, huge bonus room, downstairs guest room/office, fully landscaped front and back. **\$704,900**
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PLEASANTON \$2,895,000
Elegant Craftsman Style home. Craftsman Style in Ruby Hill. The finish work is extraordinary! 7,400+/-sf., 5bd/5.5ba, formal living room & library/office. Bonus room with large alcove, court location, private lot and views. 3654 PONTINA CT

BLAISE LOFLAND SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,599,000
Single Level located in Bridle Creek! Premium lot, location and panoramic views! 5BD, 4BA, 3,246 sqft. on a 12,464 sqft. lot. Upgraded throughout! 897 SUNSET CREEK LANE

DAN GAMACHE BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,499,950
Immaculate and rare property! 3332+/-sf single story home, excellent condition, 1800+/-sf basement, 1800+/-sf shop/garage/apt., endless views! 5800 EAGLES RUN RD

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,200,000
5BD + Large Bonus Room. Bedroom and Full Bath on main level. Updated Kit w. granite, gas cooking nook & island. Pool, spa private back yard. 2661 RASMUSSEN CT

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,195,000
One of the largest most popular floor plans available in Oaks Development, quiet circle situated on huge lot, granite slab, hardwood floors, custom features and more! 2448 LAKESIDE CIR

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,100,000
4bd + loft/office, bedroom & full bath on main level, upgraded throughout. Master w/ retreat, separate vanity, walk-in closet. Pvt backyard, large patio, arbor & BBQ area. 1124 DONAHUE DRIVE

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FREMONT \$1,088,800
3 bed/2.5 bath wonderfully maintained home, original owners. Hardwood floors, updated bathrooms, kitchen & family room combination. About 2064 sq ft with spacious yard. 2 car garage. 164 MONTEVIDEO CIR

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



DANVILLE \$1,070,000
5BD/3BA 3,044sf. Bedroom and full bath on main level. Open floor plan with formal dining/living room. Kitchen opens to family room. Master w/ retreat, walk-in closet. Built in BBQ & side yard. 685 DUNHILL DR

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$989,000
Stunning Expanded Monterey with gourmet kitchen and Thermador appliances. Remodeled granite baths with custom tile. Hardwood floors, newer windows, 40 yr. roof, private backyard with deck and pavers. 5284 RIDGEVALE WAY

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LIVERMORE \$949,000
Custom slab granite in kitchen, wood floors, designer paint in all rooms. Full bedroom and bathroom downstairs. Come and see before it is gone! 2991 BRESSO DR

MOXLEY TEAM SAT 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$870,000
3bd/2ba, 2,024+/-sf., custom remodel, modern finishes, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, gourmet kitchen, formal living & dining rooms, jacuzzi tub in master suite, walk-in closet, close to all schools. 4058 FRANCISCO ST

KAT GASKINS BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$775,000
Beautiful home, corner lot, desirable Valencia, high ceilings, generous kitchen, SS appliances and so much more! 3831 APPIAN ST

MARK KOTCH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$769,000
Great Pleasanton family home. 3 bds, 1 office, 2.5 bths, 1929 +/- sq ft. Updated kitchen and baths, dual zone A/C, plantation shutters. Lot 3,386. Close to everything Pleasanton offers. 5214 ZARO CT

KAT GASKINS BY APPT



DANVILLE \$729,000
Nestled in the slopes below Las Trampas Wilderness! Lovely detached home with views, prime court location, high ceilings, skylights, wood floors, community pool, tennis & clubhouse. 40 SUMMER HILL CT

TIFFANY ROSE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$655,000
Unbelievable Danbury Park duet! Designer touches, highly updated throughout, dream kitchen, open floor plan, private rear yard, low HOA's, close to downtown and more! 1528 OXSEN ST

JEFF RUDOLFF BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$649,000
4bd/3ba home. 1bd/ba downstairs, gourmet kitchen, corian counters, maple cabinets, expansive family room and so much more! 5832 LOBELIA WAY

JUDY TURNER BY APPT



DANVILLE \$565,000
Must See! Minutes from Blackhawk Plaza! 2 master suites, walk-in closets, light and bright open floor plan, great room, vaulted ceilings, community pool and more! 4346 CONEJO DR

SCOTT CORRALEJO BY APPT



DISCOVERY BAY \$499,000
4bd 3ba. Beautiful home, open floor plan, move-in ready, sparkling pool, stamped concrete waterfalls, no HOA dues, 1bd/1ba downstairs, gigantic walk-in closets and more! 141 CARDINAL LN

KELLY KING OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$487,000
Stunning remodel and gorgeous backyard, 3 Br 2 bath, 1,200+/-sf 2075 PONDEROSA DRIVE

TIM MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$465,000
3bd/2.5ba, 1385+/-sq-ft spacious kitchen, breakfast bar, maple and Corian, vaulted ceilings, decorator paint, new windows, 2 car attached garage, large patio, tennis, playground, pool, close to 580. 102 WINDWARD COMMON #2

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