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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## A tale of two creeks

Pleasanton residents living along creeks should have taken notice of an action taken by the San Ramon City Council.

The city had been trying to sell the former Mudd's restaurant site and its gardens on Crow Canyon Road to a private party after the state eliminated redevelopment agencies. The city had a deal, but it fell apart because the buyer could not afford the estimated \$2 million it would take to restore and reinforce the banks of San Catanio Creek.

The city's redevelopment agency purchased the former Mudd's site in 2008, but it went into limbo and had to be sold after the state eliminated the agencies in 2011. Although an appraiser put the value of the site at \$1.29 million, that fell apart when compared to the \$2 million it would cost to shore up the banks. There are 40-foot cliffs at the edge of the property that invite raging winter waters to undercut the banks and cause land to fall into the creek.

The city is instead now buying the land from its redevelopment successor agency for \$1 and plans to connect it with a park it owns next door.

Consider that same situation as it applies to my neighbors along the Arroyo de la Laguna south of Castlewood Drive. The arroyo that is in our backyards drains more than 400 square miles of watershed. For decades, it was a quiet creek that many of us could walk down into from our yards.

That all changed in the heavy rains of 1997 when the creek chewed away many feet of bank. It has continued, in winters with heavy rains, so we now have lost the barn where I raised cattle as a 4-H member in the 1960s. We estimate we have lost 30-40 feet of land across the back of our property.

It's the same for many neighbors, but much worse for some. Zone 7 Water Agency, the valley's flood control and water wholesale agency, just spent more than \$6 million restoring banks of two homes that were threatened by the heavy creek flows this winter. The arroyo had turned east and then flowed back west right into the bank below

their homes. It got as close as 50 feet from the home of one family.

Zone 7 has an easement to maintain and repair those banks, which likely is an underlying reason that the directors invested that chunk of money to protect those homes.

For my neighbor to the north, Scott Alcaide, he's praying for moderate storms for the foreseeable future. He had a backyard with a gentle slope and mature trees leading down to the creek. The raging waters of February wiped it all out. He now has a cliff in his backyard and it's 50 feet from the edge of his home.

The Zone 7 directors' solution for him: pass a resolution that allocates staff time for consulting and to help line up grants. Any matching share on grants is up to the homeowner as is ongoing maintenance. The nut: high six or seven figures — money that most homeowners do not have sitting around to invest in creek bank maintenance.

We have long maintained, with sadly little success, that private landowners along the arroyo have been negatively affected by upstream development and Zone 7 has a responsibility to do for all of us what it did for those two homeowners further to the south. We supported that action.

I attended the meeting where this policy was adopted and supported improvements for the upstream banks. The directors had no answer when asked what the difference was.

I can infer that it had to do with the easement that Zone 7 held down stream. That may provide some legal responsibility/coverage, but it does nothing to deal with the moral obligation.

My neighbors and I are all in the same situation and need — as well as deserve — substantial government help because we are the neck of the funnel. Creek flows in our backyards are completely beyond our control, and Zone 7 has the responsibility for flood control in the entire valley. ■

*Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.*

### About the Cover

The Pleasanton North Rotary Club's Tri-Valley Turkey Burn attracted about 700 walkers and runners to Ken Mercer Sports Park last year. Organizers anticipate an even better turnout for this year's Turkey Burn on Thanksgiving Day morning. Photo by Jim Brice. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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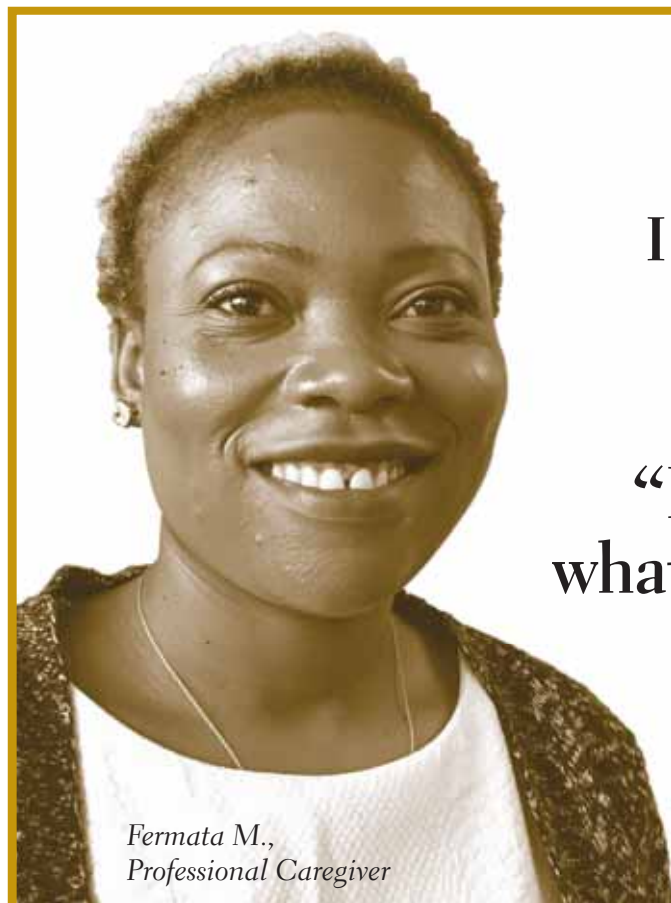
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ASKED AROUND DOWNTOWN

## What are your Thanksgiving plans this year?



**Khalila Schneider**  
*Broker*

I'm heading down to LA, where I'll be staying at the home of my brother and sister-in-law. I'm so looking forward to spending Thanksgiving with family. I love it when we all get together to celebrate holidays.



**Christina Rice, Realtor**

My husband Dave and I like to use this day to show gratitude toward our wonderful town. So on the morning of Thanksgiving, we are planning to run in the annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn up at the Ken Mercer Sports Park. Entry is free, but participants are encouraged to bring canned food items that will be donated to Open Heart Kitchen. We'll be bringing a bunch.



**Jennifer Jackson, MD**  
*Hospitalist*

I'm heading to Cincinnati to spend the holiday with my fiancé's family. It will be a great time, but I know it's going to be much colder than what I'm accustomed to so I'll be bringing a very heavy coat.



**Dave Rice**  
*Financial adviser*

There's a great 5K race in San Jose that my wife and I run in every Thanksgiving Day. The entry fees for this race benefit The Healthier Kids Foundation of Santa Clara. We'll be running in that, as well as in a local race here in Pleasanton that also supports a charitable cause.



**Jasmyne Herbert**  
*Chef*

I'll be spending Thanksgiving with family. It will be so nice to have someone else doing all of the cooking, serving and cleaning up for a change.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### The Wave suit

A lawsuit was filed this week on behalf of the family of a 10-year-old boy who was injured when he went down a water slide operated by the city of Dublin in May.

Dublin city officials issued a statement Monday saying that they and their legal representatives tried to reach an amicable settlement with the boy's family but the family's attorney has refused to provide information that would allow the city to do that.

The boy was going down the three-story-high Emerald Plunge slide at The Wave Waterpark, which had just opened that same day, around noon on May 27 when he was ejected from the slide.

Lifeguards tended to the boy and park staff closed the slide and one other for safety reasons. The boy was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

City officials said their staff took the appropriate action the day the boy was ejected by closing the slide, which remains closed until state safety officials say it's OK to reopen.

—Bay City News Service

### City manager raise

The council last week approved a 5% raise for City Manager Nelson Fialho, retroactive to Sept. 9, bringing his annual salary to \$228,082.

The amended contract also includes an additional 2.5% of Fialho's salary placed into his deferred compensation account (for a total of 4.5% annually), a \$7,500 bonus once he completes an accredited continuing executive education training program, and Fialho being required to pay an extra \$25 per month toward medical insurance costs effective Jan. 1.

The contract changes for Fialho, who has served as city manager since 2004, follow a positive performance evaluation, as well as raises given last month to Pleasanton police union members (3.5%) and city management and confidential employees (3%).

### Stuff that bus

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of Wheels and Rapid bus services, is hosting a "Stuff-A-Bus" holiday food drive this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lucky store at West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road.

Donations of nonperishable food items will be delivered to Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven food pantries to assist Tri-Valley residents in need.

To add fun to this year's drive, LAVTA has created a "Stuff-A-Bus Bingo" game to offer prizes to donors. Visit [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com). ■

## School board OKs teacher raises

Lydiksen architect contract, closed-session settlement also approved Tuesday night

By JULIA BROWN

The Pleasanton school board Tuesday night approved a new collective bargaining agreement between PUSD and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers.

The deal includes a 2% increase to the 2017-18 salary schedule for all APT members, retroactive to July 1 of this school year. APT members will also receive a one-time bonus equal to 1% of their salary this school year, calculated after the 2% increase is applied.

"I really want to thank both sides for working together to come to a successful close of these negotiations," school board president Joan Laursen said toward the end of a nearly three-hour meeting Tuesday. "Our ability to be able to offer a raise to our employees is important to the board."

There were no public comments on the agreement.

Additional highlights of the deal include a new maximum high school class size of 37 students — with exceptions for classes that are traditionally larger like band and chorus — and dates for the first and last day of school in 2018-19. Classes will start Aug. 13, 2018 and end May 31, 2019, PUSD assistant superintendent of human resources Julio Hernandez said Tuesday.

The compensation increases, estimated at \$2.46 million overall this year, will be paid for using funding from the state and the district's ending fund balance, according to district officials.

Last school year trustees approved one-time increases of 0.85% annual salary for management, APT and California School Employees

Association members and select administrators.

### In other business

- The board approved a contract not to exceed \$1.33 million for an architect for the planned Lydiksen Elementary School reconstruction project.

After presenting the agreement with Aedis Architects for consideration at the Oct. 24 board meeting, administrators indicated the contract would be brought back this month so hourly rates that were mistakenly left off could be included in the document.

The hourly rates for several positions were added and range from \$185 an hour for the contract administrator to \$250 an hour for the principal in charge.

The contract was also updated

to reflect that no decision has been made regarding the project design. It indicates that a pre-engineered building option would cost \$1.06 million, the conventional building \$1.33 million and a hybrid of the two would not exceed \$1.33 million.

The Lydiksen rebuild is part of the initial \$70 million Measure 11 bond issuance authorized by the board in August, with \$30 million earmarked for the Lydiksen project.

- In closed session the board unanimously approved a settlement agreement with an employee regarding a Family and Medical Leave Act/California Family Rights Act entitlement matter. No further details were provided. ■

## Council honors local business

Milestone anniversaries, Small Business Saturday singled out

By JEREMY WALSH

It was standing-room-only in the city council chamber last week as Pleasanton city officials shined a spotlight on local business.

During a two-part ceremony, City Council members handed out dozens of awards to Pleasanton-based businesses — large and small — celebrating milestone anniversaries this year, as well as presented a proclamation declaring Nov. 26 as Small Business Saturday in the city.

"Small Business Saturday is a day for everyone — from the business owners who create jobs to the customers who buy locally — to support small businesses that invigorate the economy and keep communities thriving," Councilman Arne Olson said in reading the proclamation aloud during the regular council meeting Nov. 7.

Landing amid the oft-frenzied shopping weekend post-Thanksgiving, after Black Friday and before Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday is a national effort designed to encourage residents spend a day supporting small community retailers, restaurants and services with their consumer dollars.

Small businesses, with between one and 150 employees, make up more than half of all licensed businesses in Pleasanton, according to



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

The 2017 Pooch Parade was the highlight of what has now become the last-ever 1st Wednesday Street Party. The PDA announced this week the event series will not return in 2018, ending its run after 20 years.

## PDA discontinues 1st Wednesdays

Spending next year creating new summer showcase for 2019

By JEREMY WALSH

This summer marked the last year for 1st Wednesday Street Parties, with the Pleasanton Downtown Association announcing Monday the annual event series will be discontinued after 20 years.

Held on the first Wednesday of each month from mid-spring through summer, 1st Wednesdays sought to bring residents to downtown for an evening of live entertainment, vendor exhibits, food, shopping and other activities centered around a monthly theme.

But after years of success, the monthly series saw decreased attendance during the past few years and local residents and business owners began expressing a desire to see new and different types of events showcased downtown, according to PDA executive director Laura Olson.

"This was an extremely difficult decision and one we discussed for quite a long time," Olson told the Weekly.

"We know many people loved the tradition of 1st Wednesdays. But, ultimately, the event had run its course and lost its effectiveness

for downtown Pleasanton," she added. "I believe our organization made the best decision possible given all the factors involved."

Among the other reasons the PDA Board of Directors decided to "retire" 1st Wednesdays, Olson also pointed to feedback from residents who said midweek events are often tough to attend because of busy personal or family schedules.

"We've worked very hard to make 1st Wednesdays a fun, family-friendly gathering for our

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# Remembering Arlie: Well-known Costco greeter dies

Open celebration of life service for Arlie Smith set for today

By ERIKA ALVERO

Arlie Smith, a longtime and popular greeter at the Danville Costco, died last week after years of battling multiple sclerosis and cancer. He was 48.

A familiar face at one of the Tri-Valley's most-visited stores for almost 25 years, Smith was known for his positivity, professionalism and friendly interactions with families — even when his conditions sapped his strength and confined him to a wheelchair — as well as for his devotion to raising support for hospitalized children through Costco's annual fundraising campaign.

He died at his home in Tracy around 1 a.m. Nov. 7, according to his wife Shari.

"There is not a better way he could have gone," Shari Smith said. "It was at home in bed. It was fast, he didn't suffer. He was able to get on the beach, ride his segway, do his projects to the very end."

Smith grew up in San Ramon, graduating from California High School in 1988. After serving two years in the Army Reserves and two years in the Navy, he started working at the Danville Costco on Fostoria Way in June 1993.



Arlie Smith

He made a strong impression on customers, who recalled his smile and genuine interest in their lives.

Perhaps no impression stronger than on his future wife. Shari met him in January 2002 while returning an item to Costco. Friendship blossomed into a budding relationship and the two married a year later.

The couple's lives took a turn about seven years ago when Smith was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis — a disease that also affected his mother. And then three years ago, he received another diagnosis: renal cancer, that metastasized to his bones.

But Smith chose to see his latest diagnosis as a blessing. That same day, he wrote a long Facebook post, sharing that his kidney cancer had spread to his bones, a diagnosis that might only give him a few years to live.

"Today I found out that I don't have too many tomorrows left," he wrote. "So I will try and treat each day as though I won the lottery. I have always said that if I won I would still work at Costco, that working there is more fun than work. I'm constantly surround by so many loving coworkers & members it's hard to explain the happiness I feel."

"I feel this is a gift," he added a little further down. "I have prayed on more than one occasion for God to take me quickly and not to slowly wither away and turn into a vegetable

like my mother who had Multiple Sclerosis and died a slow death."

Smith felt particularly strong about helping children, and he was an avid participant in Costco's annual fundraising drive to benefit UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

His support for Children's Hospital took an even greater leap, though, in 2015.

A group of Costco shoppers and community members who knew of his MS and terminal cancer surprised Smith with an expenses-paid trip to Laguna Beach for him and Shari. Smith initially turned down the gift, asking to have the money donated to Children's Hospital Oakland, though later he accepted the vacation after learning the woman behind the effort also offered money to donate to the hospital.

Bay Area media were at Costco that afternoon when the shoppers surprised Smith with the vacation, and stories and videos of the event went viral, along with Smith's call to support the children's hospital.

People started donating to the hospital and participating in the campaign in droves, and Smith achieved his goal of becoming the top-fundraising Costco associate. Those efforts helped Smith earn the Tri-Valley Hero Role Model Award from the Pleasanton Weekly that fall.

All in all, over \$230,000 has been raised in his name, Shari Smith said.



FILE PHOTO

Arlie Smith, seen here with wife Shari, speaks after accepting the Weekly's Tri-Valley Heroes Role Model award in 2015.

The last year brought even more significant changes to the Smiths' lives. Smith was confined to a wheelchair over a year ago, and the couple moved from their San Ramon townhouse to a one-story home in Tracy, so that Smith could move more easily around.

Shari Smith, who works at home as an eBay business consultant, would drive her husband to Danville, return to Tracy and then pick him up from work. As his work shifts slowly got shorter and shorter, she spent more time driving.

"I was a professional driver," she laughed.

Smith was in a lot of pain, his

wife said, but you wouldn't know it. He was still his gregarious self and devoted himself to projects around their new house.

Shari Smith recalled that the two of them had been active, outdoorsy people before MS took that away from them, but after his diagnosis, "that was our new adventure."

"Up to two weeks ago, he said 'I thank God for MS and cancer because without them none of this would have happened,'" Shari Smith remembered.

A celebration of life service will be held for him at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville today at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome. ■

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community and for visitors throughout the Bay Area. We are proud of what we've achieved and thankful for the two decades of support," Olson said.

The PDA will not hold a summer showcase event in 2018 to replace the 1st Wednesdays, instead spending the next year on planning for the launch of a new, large-scale festival for summer 2019, Olson said. The PDA will still host Concerts in the

Park on Friday nights from June to August, she noted.

"We have a general concept for what our new event will be, and it is taking into consideration the large amount of community feedback we always receive regarding special events," Olson said. "We aren't at a place where we are ready to share specific concepts but certainly will be excited to introduce this new event to Pleasanton and our surrounding communities when the time is right."

The future of the popular Pooch

Parade — previously held during August's 1st Wednesday Street Party — is up in the air. Olson said PDA officials are working with parade organizers to find them a new home.

Discontinuing 1st Wednesdays provides the PDA the chance to have more flexibility in its event schedule, enhance its other showcase events and institute some other schedule changes, Olson said.

The Wine Stroll, previously held in the summer, will now move to May 19.

"We've heard from a lot of event participants that they would love to come to Wine Stroll, but that June and July are so busy with vacations and activities," Olson said. "We are hoping that May makes this event even more successful than it has been."

PDA officials are also hoping to capitalize on the popularity of last year's inaugural Forkful, a culinary-focused September event, by introducing a spin-off event called Spoonful in February.

Other events returning in 2018 are PDA mainstays such as the St. Patrick's and Halloween brew crawls, spring and fall Antique Faires, Easter and Halloween scavenger hunts for children, the holiday Spirit and Sweater Stroll, and Small Business Saturday and Holiday Open House in November.

Olson said anyone with feedback about the PDA event schedule changes for next year can contact her directly at [director@pleasantondowntown.net](mailto:director@pleasantondowntown.net). ■

## Church celebrates 60 years

More than 100 church members and friends helped the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore mark its 60th anniversary during a celebration gala at the church on North Vasco Road. The evening event featured food, music, dancing, a photo exhibit, friendly conversation and stories about the past six decades for the church. Shown: Jean Moran and Eric Serdahl dance to the music of Jim Hurley's band during the gala.



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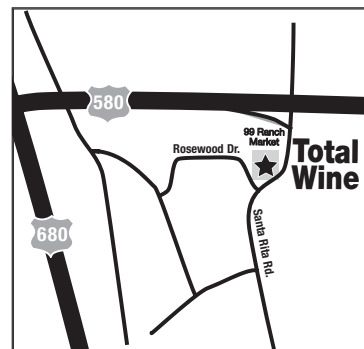
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city officials. In all, the city has 3,555 small business proprietors that combine to employ more than 32,000 people.

“The city of Pleasanton supports these businesses as a critical component of restoring and rebuilding a healthy economy, as the perseverance, hard work and resourcefulness of small business owners form the foundation of our prosperity and success,” the council’s proclamation stated.

As part of that support, the council spent nearly a half-hour honoring

businesses in town that have marked a milestone anniversary in 2017.

There are 224 businesses on the list, celebrating 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years in operation. Highest on the list, with a half-century in Pleasanton, are Pleasanton Glass Company and Norm’s Barber Shop.

The honorees span the business spectrum, from large corporations like Cisco Systems, Inc. and Safeway, Inc. (15 years) to recognizable brands like McDonald’s (15), JC Penney Home Store and Hopyard Shell (25 each) and three Starbucks stores (two at 15, one at 20) to small eateries such as Dean’s Cafe (25), Blue Agave Club (20) and

Heritage Donuts (15).

There are also religious facilities led by St. Clare’s Episcopal Church (40), nonprofits such as Child Care Links (25) and personal services like Crown Trophy (15) and Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin’s business Spring Street Studios HD (25).

Pleasanton Glass and St. Clare’s Episcopal were among the nearly 40 operations whose representatives were recognized during the ceremony after accepting the city’s invitation.

The recipients were presented with a token of recognition from the city, a framed certificate for 15 years or a plaque of escalating size and design for the others

— culminating in a plaque engraved with a ceremonial key to the city for the 50-year honorees.

The other businesses recognized during the council ceremony were:

- 30 years: Avis Rent a Car System LLC, Bay East Association of Realtors, Behavioral Health Quest, Elise J. Daggs DDS, First American Title, Helen’s Hair Design and Olde Towne Antiques Mall.

- 25 years: 1st United Credit Union, A&M Printing, Alberto’s Cantina, Assistance League of the Amador Valley, Blinds Shades Shutters & More, Buffi Painting, Flip 2 Media, Genex Services LLC, Hall Bishop & Hall LLP, JCL Print Associates, Leisure

Sports Inc., Mackay & Soms Civil Engineers Inc., Patelco Credit Union, Susan E. Shanker Marriage & Family Therapist and UNCLE Credit Union.

- 20 years: Body Balance Fitness & Massage Inc., Home Trust Mortgage Corp., In-N-Out Burger, Rad Law Group, S&G Carpet and More and Sudha Chinta DDS.

- 15 years: 4Leaf Inc., American Property Management Corp., Feifers, Pleasanton Community Counseling Center, Premier Dental Care, Studio Seven Arts, Tri-Valley Woodcarvers Chapter 5 and the Women’s Golf Association of Northern California.

A full list of 2017 business anniversaries is available on the city website. ■

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Livermore man convicted of murder for drunk-driving deaths

A 38-year-old Livermore man was convicted this week of two counts of second-degree murder for killing a mother and her toddler in a drunk-driving crash in Livermore in 2015.

Alameda County Superior Court jurors deliberated for two days before announcing their verdict late Monday afternoon against Brian Jones for the deaths of 46-year-old Esperanza Morales-Rodriguez of Seaside and her 14-month-old daughter, Ulidia Perez-Morales, on May 2, 2015.

However, Jones' defense attorney criticized the verdict Tuesday and alleged the case was tainted by juror misconduct. "The verdict in this case has no integrity," attorney Ernie Castillo said.

Prosecutors and police said Jones lost control of his car while driving under the influence of alcohol and crashed into an apartment complex in the 900 block of Murrieta Boulevard just before 6:50 p.m. that day.

Jones faces a lengthy state prison term of up to 30 years to life or more when he's sentenced by Alameda Superior Court Judge Paul Delucchi on Feb. 23.

Livermore police said Jones had attended the Livermore Wine Country Festival before the crash.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office alleged Jones' blood-alcohol content was 0.14%, and

he was driving his car at speeds ranging from 75 mph to 99 mph through residential streets.

In criticizing the guilty verdicts, Castillo said Delucchi ruled before Jones' trial began that the prosecution couldn't tell jurors that Jones has a prior conviction for driving while intoxicated in Sacramento County in 2003 because that information would be prejudicial.

But Castillo said that when a female juror told other jurors that she would vote to convict Jones of gross vehicular manslaughter instead of second-degree murder, another female juror, in an attempt to get her to change her mind, told her in front of the entire panel about Jones' prior conviction.

Castillo said Delucchi dismissed the juror who disclosed Jones' prior conviction but he also dismissed the juror who had reported that juror's comments.

Castillo alleged that Delucchi's decision to remove the holdout juror "was a certain windfall against Mr. Jones and an implied direction from the court to convict him of murder."

#### In other news

- Jurors are expected to hear closing arguments from prosecutors and defense attorneys Monday in the trial of a homeless Mexican citizen charged with second-degree murder for the shooting death of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle on San Francisco's Pier 14 in 2015.

The jury could also begin deliberations next week ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The defense wrapped up its case

last week and the prosecution attempted to call a rebuttal witness this week but a judge's ruling prevented him from returning to the stand after defense attorneys questioned his credibility.

The defense subsequently asked the judge to strike the testimony of retired San Francisco crime scene investigator John Evans, a decision still pending as of press time Wednesday.

Evans had been expected to testify again last Monday in the trial of Jose Inez Garcia Zarate, 45, as a rebuttal witness for prosecutors working to discredit defense expert testimony.

Evans previously testified in the trial that the bullet that struck 32-year-old Steinle in the back on July 1, 2015, traveled in a straight line despite ricocheting off the pier, and stated that "the only way this could have occurred that is reasonable" was if a person had pointed the gun at Steinle and pulled the trigger.

Defense attorneys, however, have argued that the shooting was accidental, occurring after Garcia Zarate found the stolen gun on the pier and picked it up. Two firearms experts during the defense case testified that the bullet changed course after it ricocheted and that the shooting was likely to have been unintentional.

Defense attorneys Monday raised questions about Evans' credibility after learning late last week of allegations in a federal civil lawsuit that he gave misleading testimony in two murder trials against Jamal Trulove, who was charged with the 2007 fatal shooting of Seu Kuka. Trulove was convicted in the first trial in 2010, but retried and acquitted in 2015 after a successful appeal of the first verdict.

Evans testified in those trials that the shooter's position could not be determined from the position of shell casings.

In support of that testimony, he misstated the findings of a San Francisco Police Department study, saying it found most shell casings landed in front of the shooter when in fact it found they mostly landed behind and to the right of the shooter, according to the civil suit.

Defense attorneys learned of the Trulove lawsuit and allegations from defense expert witness Jim Norris, who testified against Evans' evidence

in both the Steinle and Trulove cases.

Prosecutor Diana Garcia was prevented from bringing Evans back to the stand Monday by a ruling from Judge James Feng, who found his testimony was not proper rebuttal evidence, according to the public defender's office.

Alex Bastian, a spokesman for the district attorney's office, said prosecutors did not make determinations of people's credibility "based on unsubstantiated allegations made in a civil lawsuit." ■

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Nov. 12

#### DUI

- 11:55 p.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 12:42 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Parkside Drive

#### Theft

- 9:40 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 3:59 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:48 p.m., 6700 block of Pacific Avenue; theft from auto
- 8:58 p.m., 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure

### Nov. 11

#### Embezzlement

- 7:09 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue at Clara Lane

#### Burglary

- 6:59 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Theft

- 9:07 a.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:14 a.m., 900 block of Clinton Place; theft from auto
- 2:53 p.m. on the 3400 block of Isle Royal Court
- 6:48 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Assault/battery

- 3 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

### Nov. 10

#### DUI

- 10:07 p.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

#### Shoplifting

- 3:50 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 8:09 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Sex offense

- 6:16 p.m. on Johnson Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 3:34 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

#### Domestic battery

- 2:39 a.m. on Bernal Avenue

### Nov. 9

#### Theft

- 5:25 a.m., 6600 block of Calle Altamira; auto theft
- 5:49 a.m., 6600 block of Calle Altamira; theft from auto
- 10:42 a.m., 5000 block of Case Avenue; theft of bicycle
- 11:38 a.m. on the 3300 block of Streamside Circle
- 6:46 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 7:38 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 7:39 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

#### Shoplifting

- 4:20 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:47 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:56 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Sex offense

- 2:01 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Assault/battery

- 12:55 p.m. on the 3600 block of North Olympic Court

### Nov. 8

#### Theft

- 5:22 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 7 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

#### Shoplifting

- 1:18 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:17 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:28 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:09 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Nov. 7

#### Theft from auto

- 10:20 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

- 12:23 a.m. on the 4600 block of Herrin Way

#### Assault/battery

- 4:04 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Nov. 6

#### Theft

- 9:43 a.m., 700 block of St. Michael Circle; theft from auto

## Donald Curtis Kallenberg Sr.

March 14, 1931 – October 26, 2017

Donald Curtis Kallenberg Sr. passed away peacefully on October 26, 2017 surrounded by family. He was born on March 14, 1931 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Edwin and Thelma Kallenberg. Don met his wife Jean in their senior year at the University of Iowa in 1952. They were married in 1954, moved to California in 1956 and eventually settled in Pleasanton, CA where they raised their family. Don and Jean lived in Pleasanton for 46 years. In recent years, Don lived in Albuquerque, NM and Portland, OR; which allowed him to be close to family.



Don's wife of 60 years, Jean, preceded him in death 3 1/2 years prior. He is survived by his children; Kathy (Cal) Joyner of Placitas, NM, Cara (Rick) Gielow of Portland, OR and Curt (Vicki) Kallenberg of Manteca, CA. Grandchildren; Chad (Ashlyn) Gielow, Ryan (Gabriela) Joyner, Jordan Gielow, Mark Joyner and Jenna Gielow.

Don was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He truly enjoyed being with his family. Don spent his career in corporate real estate development for Shell Oil, Exxon and Safeway stores. He retired in 1991. During his retirement years he was an avid golfer, enjoyed travel and loved to take long walks and scenic drives. Don left an impact on family and friends as a "True Gentleman" with a warm smile and a kind heart.

A private family gathering took place in Portland, OR and a burial service is being planned for next spring at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX 75231, or the Alzheimer's Association P.O. Box 96011 Washington, D.C. 20090.

PAID OBITUARY



The 2016 Tri-Valley Turkey Burn drew about 700 walkers and runners. Sponsor Pleasanton North Rotary expects an even bigger response this Thanksgiving morning.

# I'm thankful for ...

## A foot forward for youth at the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn

Story & Photos by Jim Brice

Next week is a time for giving thanks, and you're sure to see plenty of thankfulness at the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn, a 5K/10K walk/run held on Thanksgiving Day morning at Pleasanton's Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Now in its third year, the Turkey Burn is a free, family-oriented event with charity connections for its sponsor, Pleasanton North Rotary Club (PNR).

Like past Turkey Burns, the 2017 edition will help area residents work off calories before they sit down for their big Thanksgiving meals. Attendees will be urged to bring canned and nonperishable food to donate to Open Heart Kitchen, which prepares meals for the

needy, and their participation will encourage corporate sponsors to support PNR youth services for the next year.

Event organizers Ron Sutton, Kevin Greenlee and Mark Linsky are counting on this year's Tri-Valley Turkey Burn to top last year's success — which attracted about 700 walkers and runners, collected 700 cans of food and raised over \$10,000 for PNR youth programs.

In addition, the Turkey Burn earned positive reviews from runners and walkers for creative features that added to the fun. As founder of World Walk to Wellness, a Saturday morning walking program in Pleasanton, Sutton made sure the Turkey Burn emphasized good health over athletic competition.

To spice up the format, Sutton created the "I am thankful for ..." Tri-Valley Turkey Burn bib. Instead of numbering each participant, the bibs are blank until participants themselves write in what they are thankful for.

The bibs are a crowd-pleaser, said Barbara Miller, a Pleasanton resident who ran with husband Scott and daughter Arin. "I

saw a lot of people out there with their kids, and everyone was talking about what everybody else wrote," she recalled.

Ali Hall, a registered nurse and health clerk at Walnut Grove Elementary School, was thankful for her husband, Tom, and three children: Arianna, 13; Andres, 10; and Armando, 8. After running the Turkey Burn, she met with friends and compared ideas about what makes Thanksgiving Day important.

"We should all take at least a

moment on Thanksgiving Day to think about what we are thankful for. That is one of the little things I really enjoyed about that day and run," she said.

Bibs last year were covered with a range of notes — plus some stickers, sketches and photos — expressing people's thankfulness.

Family was a common theme, phrases like "My Family," "Family, friends, food, freedom" and "Family, friends, good health, love and awareness."

Other examples ran the gamut:

"So much," "Being welcome everywhere in the world," "My Girls, Giants, Coffee" and "The opportunity to be thankful and the moments in life that take my breath away."

For PNR's Greenlee, the Turkey Burn is a way to generate funds for the Foothill High School Interact Club, one of the biggest programs of its kind in Rotary District 5170, a network of 90 clubs from Oakland to Santa Cruz and up the Peninsula to Palo Alto.

With more than 7,500 Interact



A 9 a.m. start for the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn means participants can burn off calories before their big Thanksgiving meals. The event will fund Rotary youth service programs for the next year.



members, District 5170 oversees what may be the biggest Rotary Interact program in the world. The Foothill High Interact Club keeps its 70 members busy on community service projects through the school year.

The Turkey Burn also pays for scholarships for Pleasanton high school students to attend District 5170 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp, a week-long summer program in Scotts Valley that builds individual confidence and leadership skills among its campers.

“At RYLA, I realized the power of my own voice,” camp graduate Mikayla Tran said. “(Afterward), I took more initiative in community service projects and applied to higher positions in Interact, things that I may not have done without RYLA.”

Each Rotary Club in District 5170 is allocated just two RYLA appointments per year, but Greenlee awarded 10 scholarships to Pleasanton students in 2017 by claiming unfilled slots from clubs outside the Tri-Valley.

With recent help from Turkey Burn funding, Greenlee has also strengthened global understanding in Pleasanton through Rotary Youth Exchange.

Since 2012, he arranged for seven Pleasanton high school students to spend a year studying abroad. He also recruited local host families for an equal number of foreign students from Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Spain to study at Foothill High. Money raised by the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn funds monthly allowances for the students.

Daniel Costa, a former exchange student from Brazil, said he cherished his year in Pleasanton.

“Going on the exchange is an amazing experience,” he said. “You learn a new language and culture. You meet people from all over the world and make awesome friends.”

In addition, the Turkey Burn helps fund PNR’s unique Student



Kevin Greenlee expanded Pleasanton North Rotary’s youth service programs to teach cross-cultural understanding, leadership skills and Rotary principles around “Service Above Self.”

of the Month program and annual Richard D. King Youth Speech Contest.

Instead of honoring top academic achievers, PNR rewards students who don’t typically get deserved recognition. They are students who perform beyond expectations in ways that escape notice, Greenlee noted. The speech contest helps participating high school students develop presentation skills. The competition begins at PNR and other designated clubs and climaxes with finals at the annual District 5170 Conference.

After Greenlee focused more attention on International Youth Exchange in 2016, retired Hewlett Packard engineer Mark Linsky stepped in to coordinate PNR’s other youth services programs.

Linsky already had considerable experience with youth services with the Saratoga Rotary Club in Santa Clara County, American Youth Soccer, Silicon Valley Junior Achievement and the Enterprise Leadership Conference (ELC), a respected business skills training program for high school juniors. At PNR, Linsky plans to grow existing youth programs and introduce ELC in the

Tri-Valley.

Though these efforts serve local youth, former PNR member and East Bay educator Lee Denlinger is credited for changing how the entire 1.2 million-member Rotary International organization addresses youth services around the world.

Before Denlinger acted, Rotary International policies were guided for 82 years by four “Avenues of Services” covering club, vocational, community and international services. She insisted youth services (then called “New Generations”) should become the fifth service avenue.

After two demanding years of work, Denlinger prepared a motion for a vote in 2010 for the 525-member Rotary International Tri-Annual Council on Legislation. Council Representative Ronald P. Sekkel of District 5170 proposed enactment, and it passed by just seven votes.

Because of Denlinger’s efforts,



To celebrate Thanksgiving Day, Turkey Burn runners and walkers share what they’re thankful for on their race bibs.



Rotary International’s priorities have since placed youth services on an equal footing with the other avenues. “It puts youth in a very powerful position in Rotary,” Denlinger said. “It gives them greater legitimacy and more opportunities to create their own programs.”

In recognition of her historic achievement, Denlinger will serve as the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn’s official starter for the third straight year. She considers blowing the starting horn “a great thing to do on Thanksgiving,” an experience that makes her smile. ■

*Editor’s note: Jim Brice is a freelance writer, editor and media relations consultant. He also serves as secretary for Pleasanton North Rotary.*

### FEEL THE BURN

**What:** Tri-Valley Turkey Burn  
**When:** Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23). Gate opens at 8 a.m. Guided stretches at 8:45 a.m. Walk/run starts at 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Ken Mercer Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive  
**Registration:** Free at [www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org](http://www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org).  
**More:** Everyone is invited to bring canned goods for Open Heart Kitchen. Coffee and cocoa will be served before the walk/run; snacks served afterward.

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Turkey Burn founder and organizer Ron Sutton also created World Walk to Wellness to promote good health through moderate exercise.



Lee Denlinger, the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn’s official starter, led Rotary International to recognize the importance of youth services for its 1.2 million members.

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## Falcons, Dons dominate first round of football playoffs

Also: Foothill student-athletes sign on with colleges

It was a successful opening round of the North Coast Section Division I football playoffs for the local teams, as Amador Valley and Foothill both rolled to wins.

The No. 7-seeded Dons opened the weekend with a 26-13 win over No. 10 Deer Valley on Friday. The next night, Foothill — the No. 5 seed — ran over No. 12 James Logan 40-7.

Both wins came at home, and now, both second-round games will come on the road. Tonight, the Dons will travel to play the No. 2 seed Freedom in a 7 p.m. game.

Saturday night, the Falcons will make the trip over the hill to face No. 4 San Leandro at Burrell Field, also a 7 p.m. contest.

While in theory both teams will be the underdogs, it wouldn't surprise me in the least to see both teams win. It's a new age with the NCS playoffs this year with the section having four teams in the Open Division.

The NCS selection committee selected the top four teams in the section to comprise the Open Division with De La Salle, San Ramon Valley, Pittsburg and Clayton Valley making up the quartet this season.

What that did was leave the Division I tournament wide open. Instead of just giving the title each year to De La Salle, it's now a tournament that is nowhere near a forgone conclusion.

The top two seeds, both of

whom had byes in the first round, are Liberty and Freedom. Both strong teams, but also capable of being beat by Amador and Foothill.

The Dons will get their chance this week against Freedom. Freedom is certainly formidable with their two losses only coming to Pittsburg and Liberty. But this is a winnable game for Amador.

Coach Danny Jones has got the Dons playing inspired football, as the team rallied from a 40-13 loss to Foothill in the regular season finale to get the opening round win.

It's a testament to Jones, his staff and his players to come back and bounce a team right out of the playoffs. If the Dons can get some solid play from their offensive line, a big win can be theirs.

For Foothill, it's a chance for redemption as the Falcons suffered a 35-26, opening-night loss to San Leandro. It was a game where Fresno State-bound quarterback Ben Wooldridge was forced out due to an injury in the first quarter.

It wasn't Wooldridge getting hurt that necessarily cost the Falcons the win, but rather the inability of the Foothill defense to stop the Pirates' offense. Foothill has been playing much better on the defensive side of the ball.

In addition, Foothill coach Matt Sweeney is a master at watching film and game-planning. Count on Sweeney to have made the

adjustments, and it will be a different Foothill defense than San Leandro saw the first time.

And if the Foothill defense does have problems stopping San Leandro, the Foothill offense may be able to just outscore San Leandro. The Falcons, which have scored 40 points or more in four straight games, are a unit that can tax any team in the playoffs.

### College signings

The first national letter of intent day for high school players has come and gone. As usual, Pleasanton has been well represented from what has been reported.

The Foothill baseball team had three players sign, with Dylan Pottgieser (University of the Pacific), Sam Novitske (University of Oregon) and Jeremy Lea (Pacific) putting their names on the dotted line.

Foothill water polo star Madison Weiglein signed with San Diego State University. Weiglein is a four-year varsity water polo player, two-time captain and MVP of the 2016 Foothill team. She is also a two-time Academic All-American.

Finally, Foothill swimmer Tessie Scavone signed with Azusa Pacific.

Did your daughter or son sign an official letter of intent? Let us know and we will be happy to publish the information. Send details to acesmag@aol.com. ■

## Cricket showcase

Tri-Valley hosting national youth tourney

By JEREMY WALSH

Some of the country's top young cricketers will converge on the Tri-Valley starting this weekend as the area plays host to three divisions of the National Youth Cricket Tournament.

Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon will field 32 games in all from Sunday to Wednesday for the tournament featuring under-11, under-13 and under-15 age groups.

Other highlights of the tournament include a local all-girls team for the first time and the first youth tournament contested on

synthetic turf in the U.S., according to organizers.

Cricket continues to grow in popularity across the East Bay, and Pleasanton-based nonprofit club Cricket for Cubs has taken the lead in helping the sport thrive among youth in the Tri-Valley.

The upcoming tournament is a partnership among Cricket for Cubs, the Dublin Cricket League and the San Ramon Cricket Association. Games, which are free to attend, will be played at the Patelco Sports Complex at Bernal Community Park in Pleasanton,

Emerald Glen Park in Dublin and San Ramon's Windemere Ranch Middle School.

A variety of local elected officials and dignitaries are scheduled to take in the tournament, including appearances at the closing ceremony next Wednesday evening, organizers said. For full schedule and other tourney details, visit [www.cricketforcubs.org](http://www.cricketforcubs.org).

Cricket for Cubs also announced that a 16-member Tri-Valley team will be going on its first international tour, traveling to India to play cricket for two weeks in December. ■

# This Holiday

**Inspiring ideas for the  
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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Celebrate the season with festivities  
throughout the Tri-Valley

By Julia Brown

**T**rips to snowy Tahoe. Trekking around the neighborhood to look at lights and decorations. Searching for signs of that elusive St. Nick.

The holidays are here again and with them come a bevy of events and traditions that people often look forward to all year. While many families have their own time-honored customs, there are also lots of holiday happenings in and around Pleasanton.

From tree lightings and holiday bazaars to special performances and other events, there's something for everyone to get in the spirit of the season.

### **Santa at Stoneridge**

Through Christmas Eve, children and their families will be able to visit with Santa at Stoneridge Shopping Center (1 Stoneridge Mall Road). Kids can whisper wishes and get their picture taken with Santa at Grand Court through Sunday, Dec. 24.

From 8:30-10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, children with special needs and their families will have an opportunity to enjoy the tradition through a sensory-friendly Caring Santa event in partnership with Autism Speaks. Guests can register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-santa-tickets-38079462698>.

Pet Photo Night with Santa will take place from 6-7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. Guests can register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pet-photo-night-tickets-38079371425>.

Patrons can also partake in breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 a.m. and Ugly Sweater Day with Santa from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

### **Pre-holiday harmony**

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's barbershop chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will present "Holiday Cheer Before It's Here," an afternoon of carols and popular holiday songs at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave.

Joining the chorus will be the Devil Mountain Men's

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Chorus as well as Ladies First, a young women's barbershop chorus from Concord, and others. Harmony Fusion Chorus will host a reception for all guests immediately following the performance, in the church fellowship hall.

For more information and tickets visit [www.isingharmony.com](http://www.isingharmony.com).

### Spirit & Sweater Stroll

Bust out your ugliest of sweaters and head to downtown Pleasanton tomorrow night for the Spirit & Sweater Stroll, being held from 6-8 p.m.



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Spirit & Sweater Stroll attendees are encouraged to don their ugliest sweaters for tomorrow night's festivities downtown.

Event guests will enjoy spirits and craft cocktails at over 20 locations throughout Main Street. You must be 21 or older to participate, and the event is rain or shine.

Tickets can be purchased with cash or check at Beer Baron, 336 St. Mary St. If available, tickets will be also be sold at the event check-in location — the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Check-in will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Go to [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net) to learn more.

### Mony Nop Turkey Drop

Join the Tri-Valley community on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bothwell Park, 2466 8th Street, Livermore for the 2nd annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop benefiting Tri-Valley Haven.

Two years ago, Tri-Valley Haven ran out of turkeys for local families in economic need at Thanksgiving. When Mony Nop Real Estate in Livermore learned of the food shortage he created the Mony Nop Turkey Drop to ensure all families would have a turkey.

Residents are encouraged to drop off a frozen turkey, gift card or cash donation to help a local family in need. Throughout the month of November, you can also make a donation of cash, a gift card or pre-purchase a frozen turkey at Livermore Grocery Outlet (1320 Railroad Ave.) to benefit families served by Tri-Valley Haven.

For more information call Christine Dillman at 667-2707. To donate to Tri-Valley Haven's holiday program online, go to [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org).

### Interfaith Interconnect Thanksgiving Service

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley is sponsoring its 5th annual interfaith Thanksgiving service from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Muslim community's HUB925, 5341 Owens Ct. Through readings, music and reflections, faith communities will explore the theme of hope. There will be a simple reception immediately after the service.

The event is free and open to all. For those who wish to make a donation, Open Heart Kitchen has been selected as the recipient of the offering.

Interfaith Interconnect comprises 21 Tri-Valley congregations. For more information visit [www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com](http://www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com).

### Prayer Breakfast

CityServe of the Tri-Valley's 5th annual Tri-Valley Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Doubletree at Hilton Hotel by the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive from 7:30-9 a.m. Monday. This year's guest speaker is Efrem Smith, a pastor, consultant, author and motivational speaker.

The event will be emceed by former mayor of Dublin Tim Sbranti, with music by Staci Frenes. Networking will kick it off at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7:30 a.m., where the group will come together to celebrate blessings and discuss how we can work to meet community needs.

Established in 2008, CityServe is a non-profit grown out of Tri-Valley churches' desire to serve others close to home. All proceeds over event cost go toward serving

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families in the area.

Tickets are available on the CityServe website, [www.cityservetrivervalley.org](http://www.cityservetrivervalley.org).

### Community Outreach Dinner

A coalition of churches, businesses and community organizations will host the 6th annual Tri-Valley Thanksgiving Community Outreach Dinner from 12-4 p.m. on Thursday at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave. in Dublin.

The free event is for families, seniors, individuals, active military and veterans in need who would like a traditional sit-down dinner. There will be turkey with all the trimmings and pie for dessert, served at tables on china and silverware.

Entertainment will be provided and children's activities will include face-painting and storytime. Free transportation is available and reservations are not necessary to take part in the event.

For details and volunteer information visit [www.tvc-thanksgiving.com](http://www.tvc-thanksgiving.com) or call 829-8956.

### Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign gets underway next Friday and will run into January. With your contributions, the Weekly, in partnership with Silicon Valley Community Foundation will give grants to 12 local nonprofits serving the needs of children and families in the Pleasanton area. Last year, organizations received grants totaling roughly \$72,000.

All funds will be held by Silicon Valley Community Foundation and will be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Donations should be made payable to the foundation and sent to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund c/o Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300 in Mountain View, 94040. You can also donate online through PayPal at [www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund). Credit card gifts may be made at [www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund).

### Black Cat Friday Weekend

Valley Humane Society will be sending home all cats and kittens with any black fur fee-free to qualified adopters between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 25 as part of their Black Cat Friday Weekend.

Adoption fees for other shades of cat will be 50% off. All cats have been checked by

a veterinarian, spayed or neutered, tested for FeLV/FIV, microchipped and given appropriate vaccinations, dewormer and flea treatment. Adoptions are handled on a first-come, first-served basis, and animals cannot be placed "on hold."

Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada St. Visit [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or call 426-8656 for more info.

### Small Business Saturday

Between Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes Small Business Saturday, a day where holiday shoppers around the country are encouraged to patronize local retailers.

More than 20 downtown Pleasanton businesses will be participating in this all-day event on Saturday, Nov. 25, with many offering special discounts on shopping, dining and services. Balloons, stickers, shopping bags and more will also be given to customers throughout the day as a thank you for supporting local businesses, and free photos with Santa will be offered at the Museum on Main (603 Main St.) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Show support by taking a selfie at your favorite downtown business, tagging the business and Pleasanton Downtown Association in each photo and sharing with #ShopSmallPleasanton.

### Holiday Youth Music Festival

The city of Pleasanton and Firehouse Arts Center (4444 Railroad Ave.) host the 5th annual Holiday Youth Music Festival at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25. All cities in the Tri-Valley are represented, with performers ranging from elementary through high school age.

Packed with traditional holiday songs as well as some with pop variations, this year's festival not only will feature bands and solos, but also the 2nd annual performance by the Firehouse Arts Center Youth Chorus. Purchase tickets at the door, the box office, online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or by calling 931-4848.

### Holiday Improv Shorts

The city of Pleasanton's teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse presents Holiday Shorts 2017: A Long Winter's Tale beginning Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Audience suggestions will inspire holiday-themed games, scenes and improv fun in the first act. The audience will then vote for which short scene Creatures of Impulse will turn into an entire improves

"play" in the second act.

Performances are Tuesday, Nov. 28 — which is a discounted cash-only preview night with tickets available at the door — in addition to regular shows Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1. All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), visit the box office or call 931-4848.

### Dublin Tree Lighting

Come out to the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza in Dublin) for the 34th annual holiday tree lighting on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. Enjoy live seasonal entertainment with cookies and hot cocoa afterward. For more visit [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov).

### 'Sing-It-Yourself Messiah'

Valley Concert Chorale will host its annual "Sing-It-Yourself Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore. Singers of all ages are invited to join in singing Part

I of Handel's choral masterpiece, also known as the Christmas portion of "Messiah," which will conclude with a powerful rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus." The event is also open to those who just want to listen.

Singers are encouraged to bring their own copy of "Messiah," although some will be available to borrow. For tickets visit [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or purchase at door. Children are free.

### Hometown Holiday Parade

Downtown Pleasanton will be awash in holiday cheer on Saturday, Dec. 2 for the city's Hometown Holiday Celebration. The parade will kick things off at 5 p.m. with floats, Amador and Foothill High marching bands, community groups and more.

The tree lighting will take place shortly after the parade around 6:45 p.m. There will also be musical entertainment and a special appearance by Santa himself.

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Fusion Chorus will present "Holiday Cheer Before It's Here" tomorrow afternoon in Pleasanton.

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Holiday Shorts 2017: A Long Winter's Tale, featuring teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse, comes to Firehouse Arts Center at the end of the month.

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Santa will once again be a big part of the city of Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Parade, happening Dec. 2.

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### 'Home for the Holidays!'

The acclaimed San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus returns to the Bankhead Theater (2400 First St., Livermore) on Sunday, Dec. 3 for two performances of "Home for the Holidays!" at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. A celebration full of humor and beautiful choral music, the performances feature holiday favorites alongside new works that are sure to get you in a festive mood.

With last year's performance a sellout, a second one was added this year but residents are still encouraged to buy tickets early. To purchase visit <https://lvpac.org/>.

### Voices in Harmony

Voices in Harmony, an award-winning 30-man chorus known for its exceptional sound and audience appeal, will perform a mix of holiday favorites and other songs at the Firehouse Arts Center (4444 Railroad Ave.) at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Children 12 and under are free but still need a ticket. Purchase tickets at the door, the box office, online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or by calling 931-4848.

### 'A Midwinter Rose'

Valley Concert Chorale presents "A Midwinter Rose" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church (4444 Black Ave.).

Featuring Bob Chilcott's "There's a Rose in the Middle of Winter" based on medieval folk-song tradition; Jackson Berkey's original arrangements of traditional carols; John Joubert's arrangements of "Torches, There is No Rose"; "Welcome Yule," a whimsical arrangement of "12 Days of Christmas"; and as always, audience carol sing-a-longs.

For tickets visit [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or purchase at door. Children are free.

### 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

Come to the Amador Theater this holiday season for entertaining

family theater performed by local youth as part of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," running Friday, Dec. 8 through Sunday, Dec. 17.

In this hilarious holiday classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the mischievous Herdman kids. When they do, it's pure mayhem.

Friday performances start at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays feature a matinee at 2 p.m. and a 7:30 p.m. show, and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road.

Purchase tickets at the door, the Firehouse Arts Center box office (4444 Railroad Ave.), online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or by calling 931-4848.

### A Very 'Follies' Holiday

Join the talented and energetic senior performers of The Golden Follies as they make spirits bright with heartwarming music and figures like Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman and more. San Francisco Chanteuse and Wiggy Darlington will be featured with the Follies.

Shows are Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Purchase tickets at the door, the box office, online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or by calling 931-4848.

### The Nutcracker

Each December Valley Dance Theatre presents several full-length performances of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic The Nutcracker at the Bankhead Theater (2400 First St., Livermore). All performances are accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra, with costumes created by award-winning designers.

Shows will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 15 through Sunday, Dec. 17. Friday's performance is at 7 p.m., while weekend days — with the exception of Dec. 10 — have shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. To buy tickets visit <https://lvpac.org/>.

### Chanukah Wonderland

Celebrate the start of Chanukah at Stoneridge Shopping Center's Grand Court (1 Stoneridge Mall



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December People will be in town for two nights next month for performances benefiting Open Heart Kitchen.

Road) from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Join Chabad of the Tri-Valley for live music, holiday games and crafts, photo ops and face-painting. The evening will conclude with the kindling of a 9-foot menorah.

For more information visit [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com).

### Holiday Pop-Up Shop

Blue Oaks Church, CityServe of the Tri-Valley and Valley Community Church are collaborating on the Holiday Pop-Up Shop, which will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Workday, 6140 Stoneridge Mall Road.

Several community businesses and organizations are teaming up to meet the needs of families in Pleasanton and Dublin who might otherwise be unable to afford gifts this holiday season. At the pop-up shop, parents will be able to hand-select and wrap gifts for loved ones as well as pick up food and clothing.

Residents of Pleasanton and Dublin in need of support can register online at [www.toyshop.team](http://www.toyshop.team) or in person at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. All shoppers must be pre-registered and will be given a specific time to shop.

Individuals or businesses interested in donating new, unopened and unwrapped items or that wish to volunteer can sign up online. For more information, call 600-1110 or email [info@toyshop.team](mailto:info@toyshop.team).

### Greek Shabbat

It's Chanukah, the perfect opportunity to combine delicious Greek cuisine with an unforgettable Shabbat dinner experience at Chabad of the Tri-Valley (3370 Hopyard Road) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15.

Over a three-course dinner attendees will learn about Jewish life and history in Greece and experience their customs. To learn more visit [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com).

### Shabbat Hanukkah

Join Congregation Beth Emek for their annual Shabbat Hanukkah

celebration at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 (3400 Nevada Court). The evening will start off with the Community Shabbat dinner, with latkes and fixings, followed by the Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Families are invited to bring their own menorahs and join in candle lighting before the service, which will be filled with songs and prayers for Hanukkah.

To learn more visit [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org) or call 931-1055.

### December People

The aptly-named December People present a stocking full of familiar seasonal songs in the styles of all the top rock bands on Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center (4444 Railroad Ave.).

A high-octane group of five musicians from some of the world's biggest bands — including Boston's lead guitarist Gary Pihl — the family-friendly shows will feature special appearances by local civic and business leaders, youth musicians and more.

The performances benefit Open Heart Kitchen, and attendees are asked to each bring five canned goods to donate.

For more information or to buy tickets, go online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or call 931-4848.

### The MeshugaNutcracker Movie

Come to Hacienda Crossings Theater (5000 Dublin Blvd.,

Dublin) with Congregation Beth Emek on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. for the famous MeshugaNutcracker, the wonderfully wacky musical featuring the folklore of Chelm, the fictional town of fools.

In select cinemas nationwide for a one-night showing, this musical comedy includes original lyrics that celebrate Hanukkah, dancing dreidels, surprise guest stars and more.

Tickets can be purchased online or through the Congregation Beth Emek office. Visit [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org) to learn more.

### The Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off!

If you find yourself in need of a good laugh at the end of the year, look to the 25th annual Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show at the Firehouse Arts Center (4444 Railroad Ave.) on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 8 p.m.

Comedians will kiss 2017 goodbye with stand-up, improvisation and loosely-written sketches guaranteed to mock, scoff and taunt with taste. Starring political satirist Will Durst, Debi Durst, Michael Bossier, Johnny Steele, Mari Magaloni and Arthur Gaus. This show is rated PG-13.

To buy tickets go online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or call 931-4848.

### New Year's Eve at the Bankhead

Crawdad Republic, a band with Livermore wine country roots, will help Bankhead Theater guests ring in the new year with their show starting at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31. With a vocally-driven style, Crawdad Republic offers a lively mix of bluegrass, Americana and folk music. Locals will remember them from Evenings on the Green and as headliners for the Community4Education event in May.

After their performance, join the rest of the audience in the lobby for complimentary champagne, wine and a dessert buffet.

The Bankhead is located at 2400 First St., Livermore. For tickets visit <https://lvpac.org/>. ■



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Crawdad Republic, a band with Tri-Valley roots, will help Bankhead Theater patrons ring in the new year on Dec. 31.



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# BARBARA PROCTOR Giving back to others



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Barbara Proctor remains devoted to volunteer work in and around Pleasanton.

By JEREMY WALSH

“Volunteering is really a gift you give yourself.”

That’s something you’ll often hear Pleasanton volunteer extraordinaire Barbara Proctor say.

A value instilled in her from a young age, giving back to others in her community — in a variety of venues — is how 82-year-old Proctor spends most of her days.

“I really learned volunteering from my mother,” Proctor said during a recent interview. “I learned it is really important to give back. You have a dollar in your pocket, it’s really nice to help someone who is less fortunate.”

Proctor has lived in Pleasanton for about 26 years, moving

to California from the Boston area at the urging of her children almost three decades ago. She said she felt the urge to volunteer in the Bay Area immediately.

“I knew I needed to do volunteer work, so I volunteered at Children’s Hospital in San Francisco, and then I also became what’s called a ‘CASA’ — a court-appointed special advocate,” said Proctor, who about a month ago attended the wedding of a woman she represented 25 years ago as a toddler through the CASA program.

Always making time for volunteer opportunities, she was also employed in various positions, including for Meals on Wheels in Pleasanton and at an assisted living facility, before “retiring” several years ago.

She still has a jam-packed schedule, centered around giving back to others:

- Mondays she delivers meals to homebound seniors as a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels.
- Tuesdays she goes to Shepherd’s Gate, providing a couple hours of childcare for women in the shelter or other programs there.
- Wednesdays are reserved for GG’s Caring Companion Service, her part-time business. She is hired by adult children or caregivers of East Bay seniors to take the senior out for activities, errands, appointments or just a fun afternoon in town. “I take them different places, places that they wouldn’t go,” she said. “I love to take them to places their kids wouldn’t take them.”
- Thursdays she provides childcare for women at the Tri-Valley Haven shelter.
- Fridays she reads to second-graders at Valley View Elementary School.
- Some Sundays she ushers at the Firehouse Arts Center.

She loves all the volunteer work, but her Friday assignment is her favorite.

Proctor ends each week at Valley View as part of the Pleasanton Library’s Booklegger program, which brings volunteer readers to local classrooms to help young students develop a passion for reading.

She reads children’s books to Marisa Cusenza Johnston’s class one week and Celeste Nava’s the next — and “sneaks” into the other second-grade classes when she can. She also reads at Fairlands Elementary twice a year to help round out her Booklegger requirements.

Proctor started with the Bookleggers about four years ago. She fulfilled the program’s basic appearance quota for the first year or so before upping the ante.

“Celeste Nava said to me, ‘I wish you could come more than twice a year. Can you come every week?’ She kind of said it as a joke,” Proctor said. “And I said, ‘Sure. I’d be thrilled.’ That’s how it started.”

And now, she might be the most beloved person at Valley View.

Walking from the office to the second-grade classroom for a Booklegger reading earlier this month, Proctor could barely round the corner into the outdoor courtyard before being mobbed by several dozen students at recess shouting “GG! GG!” (“GG” is Proctor’s nickname.)

Most Valley View students know her, either from her reading this year or the older kids who remember when GG read stories to them in second grade.

Proctor paused for each individual student or small group, placing her purse and bookbag on the ground, giving the kids hugs and asking how they’re doing. She needs to budget a few extra minutes for her walk to the classroom, where she reads for 45 minutes.

That day she read to second-graders in a dual-immersion class, providing what teacher Nava calls vital English-language reading time and key life lessons.

“She teaches them good manners. She teaches them that volunteering is fun. She teaches them that books are fun and encourages them to use the library,” Nava said, adding that her students really look forward to Proctor’s readings. “It’s their favorite time of the week.”

Before diving into that morning’s book, “The Gum Chewing Rattler” by Joe Hayes, Proctor reminds the kids of her “special throat condition” that makes her throat close up any time someone talks and interrupts her reading.

She then told the youngsters how she used to chew bubble gum as a kid — “and believe it or, GG was once your age,” she joked — and asked the students how much they thought a piece of gum cost when she was in second grade.

After fielding guesses of \$1, 50 cents, \$100 and 25 cents, she reveals: “No. One penny.”

“What?!” “Wow,” the shocked kids exclaim.

Proctor said she loves to engage the young students, speaking in character voices, acting out their mannerisms, asking students questions about the plot and using props — like a stuffed snake around her neck.

“It’s the highlight of my week. I just love it. I love the kids,” Proctor said.

“I get such beautiful, beautiful notes from the parents,” she added. “They thank me for encouraging their children to read, and that reading has become special.”

Whether it’s reading to the second-graders or delivering meals to seniors in need or any of her other volunteer activities, giving back to people in the community motivates and inspires Proctor.

“Volunteering to me is really something that everybody should do,” she said. “Some part of their week, even if it’s an hour a week, should be given to someone who is less fortunate than they are. Help them out in some way.” ■



JEREMY WALSH

Proctor reads “The Gum Chewing Rattler” to second-graders at Valley View Elementary School.



COURTESY OF PROCTOR

Proctor’s love for volunteering is a trait inherited from her 105-year-old mother, Henrietta Daytz (shown).

## Hero FYI

- ▲ Barbara Proctor has three children (Sue, Alan and Kenny) and eight grandchildren.
- ▲ A Tufts University graduate, Proctor worked several years as a special education and elementary school teacher until she was mid-term with her first child. She was a stay-at-home mom while raising her kids, and later worked in sales.
- ▲ Her nickname originated when Proctor was figuring out what her first grandchild should call her. Not liking traditional designations like “grandma” or “bubbe,” a friend suggested, “What about Gorgeous Granny?” And it stuck — eventually becoming just GG.
- ▲ Proctor, who turned 82 years old four days after the Tri-Valley Heroes ceremony last month, called the award “the best birthday gift I ever got.”
- ▲ Celeste Nava who nominated Proctor as a Tri-Valley Hero. Nava, several colleagues and some Valley View second-graders and families attended the Heroes award ceremony to celebrate their beloved GG.
- ▲ Proctor says she continues to be inspired every day by her mom, Henrietta Daytz, who is 105 and lives in a nursing home in Florida. Proctor visits her every three to four months.

## GARY ALPERT & HEIDI KENNISTON-LEE San Ramon 150



MIKE SEDLAK

Co-chairs Gary Alpert and Heidi Kenniston-Lee were the driving forces behind the San Ramon 150 yearlong community celebration.

By ERIKA ALVERO

In summer of 2016, about 20 San Ramon leaders gathered together to brainstorm ways to celebrate San Ramon's 150th anniversary of existence one year later. It was a monumental milestone for the city, and leadership would be a hefty commitment.

Heidi Kenniston-Lee and Gary Alpert, both city commissioners, looked at each other. The two of them, who met in a San Ramon leadership course in 2015, had worked together before and knew they were good collaborators.

"We thought this was something we could work together to spearhead and add value to," Kenniston-Lee said.

So they volunteered to be co-chairs, and the rest is history.

For the past year, the celebration effort — dubbed San Ramon 150 — has eaten up countless hours of their time, as the two of them planned, fundraised and brought to life the celebration, weaving it into the daily fabric of San Ramon life.

"It was really a full-time job," Kenniston-Lee said. "With the two of us managing this from before the start of 2017. And we did it happily, because we believe in our community."

Both are quick to credit the mayor as an essential force in the production of San Ramon 150.

A self-proclaimed history buff, San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson has devoted a great deal of his time to learning the history of the San Ramon Valley, and in January 2016, he passed a resolution establishing 1867 as the official founding of the city of San Ramon — in honor of the year the community's first grammar school opened its doors, after having been constructed through a \$2,000 bond.

"There are a lot of milestones in community-building that you can point to," Kenniston-Lee said. "But this was an especially significant one, especially given the fact that education is so valued in our community."

Establishing 1867 as the founding year of San Ramon in turn meant 2017 was the sesquicentennial anniversary.

In late 2016, Kenniston-Lee and Alpert started the planning process in earnest.

"We found a bunch of cities that had gone through something similar, whether it's a centennial or bicentennial or sesquicentennial," Alpert said. "Some cities do one event. They might do a birthday party or a celebration on this date to commemorate the founding of the city. We took it a different way. We decided that we would just make it the entire year, and we would overlay a 150 flavor on all of the events that happen anyways."

At Chamber of Commerce mixers, San Ramon 150 would have a booth; at Forest

Home Farms activities, San Ramon 150 would have an information table; a 150 exhibit was featured at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley for some time.

"Our approach was really to keep it alive for the entire year," Alpert said. "That seemed to keep the enthusiasm and excitement up the entire year."

To make the celebration even more ubiquitous, they created a San Ramon 150 logo, that could be tacked on everywhere, from banners on light poles to event fliers. They featured the logo on pins and car magnets, which they distributed by the hundreds.

"Every police car put one on the back of their car," Alpert said.

This ubiquity has been a hallmark of the year, Kenniston-Lee said, and something she takes great pride in.

"There's not a single element of our community that hasn't been touched by San Ramon 150 ... We've included everybody in the celebration," Kenniston-Lee said. "And if you celebrate a community, if nothing else you want to be inclusive."

Collaboration was a buzzword throughout the process — collaboration with the various city entities, and of course, collaboration with each other through their long hours together.

"We bring some similar perspectives to the table, but also some very distinctly different experiences to the table," Kenniston-Lee said. "We've been very complementary to one another."

"I couldn't have done it on my own," Alpert said, adding that his counterpart would joke that they were like "yin and yang."

Central to San Ramon 150 were two recent standalone events: October's Culture in the Community celebration, and the city's official 150th birthday party held at City Hall on Sept. 9 — the date of the historic schoolhouse's opening.

Looking back on their year-long efforts, the duo reflect on how honoring San Ramon's past cannot be separated from celebrations of the city's present and future, and how the 150th

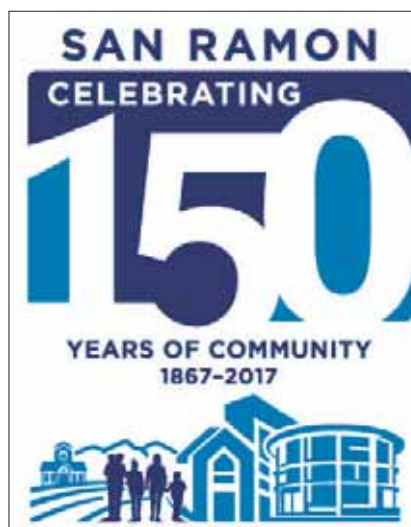
birthday comes at a critical juncture for the community.

"2017, we find ourselves at a pivotal point at our evolution as a city and a community, with City Center," Kenniston-Lee said, referring to how the City Center at Bishop Ranch will give the city a true downtown area.

"We just renovated the library," she added. "That was a big thing for the community and a big statement piece. Looking at the (Iron Horse) overcrossing over Bollinger Canyon. There are neat things happening here that I think make the message of a promising future — that part of the spoke of the wheel, even more powerful, because it's relevant and it's true." ■

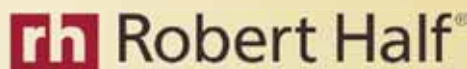
### Hero FYI

- ▲ Gary Alpert is a member of the San Ramon Planning Commission. He's also on the board of directors of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation and the San Ramon Arts Foundation.
- ▲ Heidi Kenniston-Lee serves on the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission.
- ▲ San Ramon 150 is sponsored by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, Discover San Ramon and the city of San Ramon.
- ▲ The duo also have earned the San Ramon Chamber's Citizens of the Year Award, to be presented at an awards dinner on Dec. 7.
- ▲ Though 2017 is nearing a close, the sesquicentennial celebration isn't yet over. San Ramon 150 will have a booth at the Bishop Ranch Tree Lighting on Dec. 1 and Mayor Bill Clarkson will speak at the library on Dec. 6 about transportation "to and through San Ramon in 1867."



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**Average sales reported:** \$1,002,050

### Dublin (Sept. 18-28)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
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## Helping Sellers and Buyers in the Tri-Valley

**SALE PENDING**



**28 Pinkerton Court, Pleasanton**

This breathtaking home in desirable Inverness Park features 4 Bedrooms and 3 Bathrooms plus a huge Bonus room and is the largest floorplan with 3367 Sq.Ft. on a 9660 Sq. Ft. lot.

**JULIA REPRESENTED SELLER**  
(CO-LISTED WITH CHRISTINA SPAULDING)  
PENDING FOR \$1,330,000

**JUST SOLD — MULTIPLE OFFERS**



**7932 Doral Court, Pleasanton**

This elegant home is located in the desirable Golden Eagle neighborhood in west Pleasanton. Situated on a 1/2 acre, court location with enchanting landscaping and views of the Pleasanton Ridge. There are 6 bedrooms and 4 1/2 Bathrooms included in over 4000 sq. ft. of custom upgraded living space.

**LISTED & SOLD BY JULIA**  
FOR \$1,888,000

**MULTIPLE OFFERS — 91K OVER ASKING**



**3822 Muirwood Drive, Pleasanton**

This elegant upgraded home located in the Foothill Farms Neighborhood features 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms and 1809 Sq.Ft. on a 10,162 Sq. Ft. lot.

**LISTED & SOLD BY JULIA**  
FOR \$1,160,000

**JUST SOLD — MULTIPLE OFFERS**



**4156 Jensen Street, Pleasanton**

Darling Updated 4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bathroom Home with 1822 Sq.ft. and a 6014 lot with a short walk to Downtown Pleasanton.

**JULIA REPRESENTED BUYERS**  
SOLD FOR \$890,000

**10 OFFERS — 141K OVER ASKING**



**3742 Pinot Court, Pleasanton**

Charming Home in Vintage Hills Neighborhood with 4 Bedrooms and 3 Bathrooms. There is 2104 sq. ft. of living space on a large lot just under 10,000 sq. ft.

**LISTED & SOLD BY JULIA**  
FOR \$1,130,000

**MULTIPLE OFFERS — 141K OVER ASKING**



**7983 Applewood Court, Pleasanton**

This Stunning Remodel in Highland Oaks Neighborhood features 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms and a custom detached 3 car garage with 2259 Sq. Ft of living space on a 17,173 Sq. Ft. lot!

**LISTED & SOLD BY JULIA**  
FOR \$1,300,000

## SELLERS CURRENT TAX ADVANTAGE

If you happen to be over 55, and have interest in taking advantage of Prop 60, I can help you with that, as I have helped many sellers take advantage of this current tax break. Proposition 60 allows homeowners who are 55 years of age or older to sell their primary residence and transfer the base year value of that property to a replacement residence if certain conditions are met. This provides property tax relief for seniors by preventing a tax increase if they sell their existing home and buy another home of equal or lesser value. Please contact me for more information.

If you are considering selling your home in the next year, I would love the opportunity to have a discussion or viewing of your home. I am happy to provide a no obligation Comparative Market Analysis of your home as well.

## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

*"Julia Murtagh was definitely the most professional, knowledgeable and always available when I put my house on the market March, 2017. Julia and I spoke extensively on the best way to put my house on the market and gain solid buyers. Julia had custom signs in lucite holders which called out all of the amenities and home improvements over the course of 15 years which was a very classy touch! I was out of town and Julia was tenacious in securing the right buyer for my home as my home was a labor of love. By the time I returned home, we had a great buyer and Julia was AMAZING with all of the negotiations, explaining all of the inspections and walked me through all of the paperwork line by line. Julia was always available to answer my myriad of questions in the most pleasant way! I would highly recommend Julia Murtagh as she made the whole process a lot less stressful than it could have been!"*

**J. Yellin, 2017**



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Price  
Reduced

1035 Sycamore Creek Way, Pleasanton  
4 Beds | 2.5 Baths | 3,201 Sq Ft | Offered at \$1,795,000  
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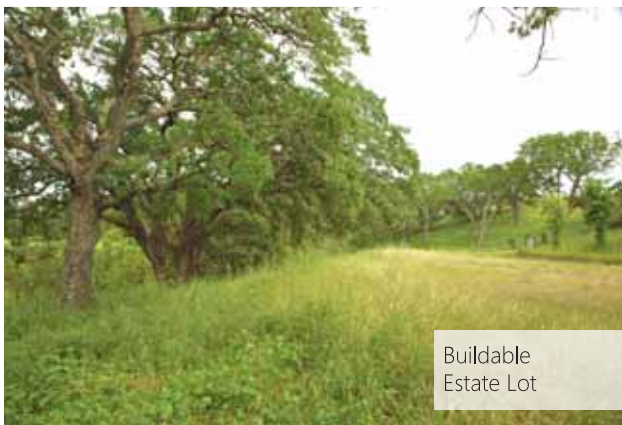
Immaculate  
and Updated

2499 Paddock Drive, San Ramon  
4 Beds | 3 Baths | 2,539 Sq Ft | Offered at \$1,249,999  
Stephany Jenkins 925.989.3318  
StephanyJenkins.com



Great Court  
Location

3186 Lansdown Court, Pleasanton  
4 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,956 Sq Ft | Offered at \$999,900  
Tom Fox 925.872.1275  
TomFox.com



Buildable  
Estate Lot

4 Winding Oaks Drive, Pleasanton  
3.96 Acres | Offered at \$1,395,000  
Sylvia Desin 925.413.1912  
SylviaDesin.com



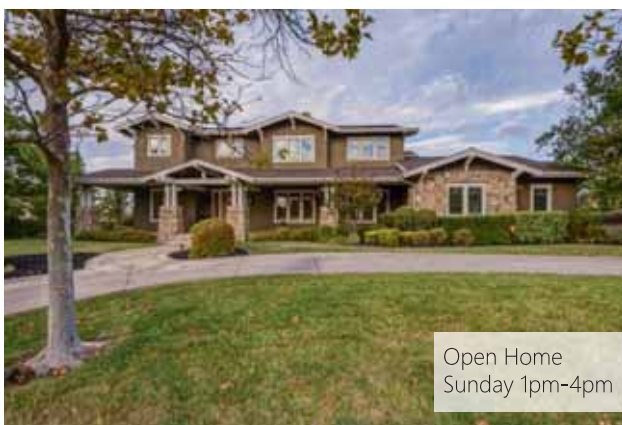
Spectacular  
Views

6200 Contra Costa Road, Oakland  
5+ Beds | 3.5 Baths | 3,473 Sq Ft | Offered at \$2,195,000  
Melissa Pederson 925.359.9606  
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Coming  
Soon

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2 Master Suites | 2.25 Baths | Price Upon Request  
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Open Home  
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3720 Raboli Street, Ruby Hill  
5 Beds | 5.5 Baths | 5,480 Sq Ft | New Price \$2,499,000  
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Sat-Sun 1pm-4pm

11751 Bloomington Way, Dublin  
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SALE PENDING



#### 1757 GREENWOOD ROAD PLEASANTON

Location, Location, Location. This Highly Updated Single-Story Country Model in Desirable Pleasanton Valley Neighborhood offers a Recently Remodeled Kitchen (2016), Three Bedrooms, Two Remodeled Baths, Hardwood Floors, Crown Molding, Plantation Shutters, Spacious Rear Yard with Stamped Concrete and Pergola. The Adorable Front Porch allows you to enjoy a Cup of Coffee or a Glass of Wine. Located Walking Distance to All Levels of Schools, Shopping, Post Office, Neighborhood Parks and Downtown Pleasanton. For More Photos and information go to 1757greenwood.com or call the Blaise Lofland Group for a Private Showing.

OFFERED AT \$1,079,000

#### MOLLER RANCH

SALE PENDING



#### 5751 ATHENOUR COURT, PLEASANTON

Premium Location! Don't Miss this Three Bedroom, Plus Office (4th area), Two and One-Half Bathroom Single Family Home in The Western Hills of Pleasanton Ridge off Foothill Road. This Property Backs to Tree Lined Open Space. Private Rear Yard with Patio, Brand New Interior Paint & Carpeting, Fireplace, Balcony, Central Air Conditioning, Tile Roof, Professionally Staged. Conveniently Located for Commute Access to 580/680 Interchange, BART's Western Station, Stoneridge Mall and Just Minutes to Main Street and Several Livermore Valley Wineries!

OFFERED AT \$1,069,500

#### MISSION SAN JOSE

SALE PENDING



#### 2382 CASTILLEJO WAY, FREMONT

Desirable Mission San Jose Home with Five Bedrooms and 2 1/2 Bathrooms and approximately 3160 Square Feet. Large Great Room with window Wall. Large Downstairs Bonus Room. Premium .39 Lot (17,120) at End of Court Location. Private Rear Grounds with Views of San Francisco Bay and Natural Parkland. New Paint and Carpeting. Three Car Garage. In-Ground Swimming Pool, Patio & Decking. Preferred Schools Attendance Areas. Convenient access to Downtown & Commute Access. For a Private Showing, Contact-The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information and Photos, go to www.2382castillejo.com.

OFFERED AT \$1,699,000

#### ST. JOHNS PLACE

SOLD



#### 4105 PLEASANTON AVE., PLEASANTON

Like New-Customized Downtown Home! Recently Remodeled Bathrooms & Gourmet Kitchen-GE SS Appliances! Travertine Floors, Plantation Shutters, Upgraded, Crown Molding, Newer Wrought Iron Stair Bannister, Anderson French Doors, Upgraded Lighting, Closet Organizers, Expanded Front Porch with New Large Walnut Front Door, Covered Outdoor Living Area with Paver Patio, Beautiful Landscaped! Premium Lot in the Neighborhood! Adjacent to Park! Walk to Main Street! Downtown! Don't Miss this one. It's Turn Key and exceptional! For More Photos and information go to 4105pleasanton.com or call the Blaise Lofland Group for a Private Showing.

SOLD FOR \$1,325,000

#### VINTAGE HEIGHTS

SOLD



#### 715 MONTIVENO DRIVE PLEASANTON

Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group Represented the Buyer in the Purchase of this Attractive Custom Built Home In Family Friendly Vintage Heights. Four Large Bedrooms Plus Den And 3.5 Bathrooms. This Open Floor Plan Home Is Tastefully Upgraded in Crowned Molding, Baseboards & Plantation Shutters Throughout. Updated Granite Slab Gourmet Kitchen W/ Stainless Steel Appliances, Center Island, Recessed Lighting, Hardwood Floors, Three Fireplaces, 1 Full Bedroom And Bath Downstairs, Gorgeous Master Suite W/ Retreat Area, Stunning Master Bathroom, Soaring Ceilings, 3 Car Garage, Beautiful Rear Grounds With Peaceful Sitting Areas & Pergola, So Much To List! Too Many Features And Updates.

SOLD FOR \$1,648,000

#### WESTSIDE ALAMO

JUST CLOSED



#### 21 SUSAN COURT, ALAMO

The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group represented the buyers! The beautiful expanded & remodeled single level Home is located on large .60-acre lot with spacious private rear grounds with newer pool & spa. Privacy is provided by the gated driveway and conveys an estate impression. Three Bedrooms, two bathrooms, plus office with fireplace. Approximately 3500 Square Feet, with Expansive Great Room offers the blending of a large gourmet kitchen and family room for entertaining. The owned solar system provides energy savings. Just a short walk to downtown Alamo and children can attend quality schools.

SOLD FOR \$2,175,000

#### CASTLEWOOD HEIGHTS

SOLD



#### 6900 RIDDELL STREET

Upgraded Single Level in Castlewood Heights by Pulte Homes in 2002 Five Bedrooms, Four Bathrooms, Approximately 3249 Square Feet, Finished Four Car Garage\* Large Open Family Room (with Fire Place)/Kitchen Great Room Concept. Gourmet Kitchen with Granite Countertops and Stainless Steel Appliances, Large Master Suite with Recently Remodeled Master Bathroom, Newer Wood Style Tile Flooring and Extensive Woodwork Throughout. Guest Suite with Private Bathroom, Updated Secondary Bathrooms, Large Laundry/Mud Room, Beautifully Upgraded Landscaped Side and Private Back Yard, Backs to Natural Community Open Space, Large Side Yard Lawn Area and Play Structure, Occupied But Immediate Possession Available. For More Information and Photos, go to 6900riddell.com. For a Private Showing Call, the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

SOLD FOR \$1,725,000

#### DOWNTOWN

SOLD



#### 474 AMARAL CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group represented the Buyer in the Purchase of this Original Condition Single Level Home on Premium .32 Acre Lot. Super Location on Amaral Circle in Downtown Pleasanton. Tremendous Potential with this Three Bedroom, Two Bathroom Home. Plenty of Room for Expansion and Remodeling with this Oversized Lot. Lots of Mature, Large, Beautiful Trees on Neighboring Lots to Enjoy! For more information, contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group!

SOLD FOR \$905,000

#### HILLSDALE

JUST CLOSED



#### 235 CROYDEN DRIVE, PLEASANT HILL

Location, Location, Location! Don't Miss This Three Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home with approximately 1302 Square Feet. Located in Quiet Mature neighborhood that's Close to Everything! Premium Nearly One Quarter Acre Lot (10,005 Square Feet). New Paint & Carpets, Updated Kitchen, Large Rear Yard & Covered Patio Central Heat & Air Conditioning. For a Private Showing, Contact-The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information and Photos, go to www.235croyden.com

JUST CLOSED AT \$760,000

JUST LISTED



OPEN SATURDAY: 10AM-1 PM  
SUNDAY: 1-4 PM

6 Beds | 5 Baths | 4,455sf. | 3-Car Garage

## 956 SUMMIT CREEK PLEASANTON

### Bridle Creek Neighborhood

Court Location, close to Downtown. Upscale design with curving staircase, porches and butler's pantry. Main level offers office & guest suite. Upstairs w/ Master suite, 3 bedrooms and large bonus/media room. Private yard overlooking the Valley. No rear neighbors in view.

\$2,225,000

COMING SOON



3 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,200sf.

### WEST LIVERMORE

Updated top to bottom w/ new kitchen, flooring, appliances & windows. Corner lot with side yard access. Private yard w/ mature landscaping. Located close to Isabel/1580. \$699,000

JUST SOLD



### MOUNT VEEDER ROAD, DUBLIN

#### Ivy Oak at Wallis Ranch Neighborhood

Representing New Construction Buyers. This model ranges from 4-6 Bedrooms, 3,016-3,359sf. of living space. Brand new homes in a master planned community. \$1,115,000

JUST SOLD



4 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,575sf. | 13,885sf. lot

### 474 AMARAL CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

#### Downtown Pleasanton

Fixer Upper. Premier location with a peaceful setting and walking distance to Main St. Backing to a seasonal creek the deep lot offers easy expansion options. Side yard access. Needs TLC. \$849,000



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## Market Update: Inventory Down Again!

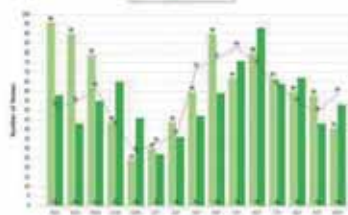
After slowing in September, the loss of inventory accelerated again in October to 29%. As has been the case for the past several months, we had about half the supply of a year earlier. Pending sales shot up 20%, with homes priced from \$1 million to \$2 million leading the charge. Properties in that end of the market have been in great demand. They made up only 30% of Pleasanton's inventory at the end of October but accounted for 60% of pending sales.

Inventory fell from 58 homes at the end of September to 41 at the end of October, a 29% drop. 59 sales went to contract in October, up from 49 in September but still slightly off October 2016's 62. That cut the supply relative to sales from 1.2 months at the end of September to only 0.7 months at the end of October. One year earlier, there was a 1.3 month supply.

October's median sales price was \$1.1 million, down 4% from \$1.15 million in September but 8% higher than October 2015's \$1,015,000. Homes sold for 97% of the average list price in October, compared to 99% in September and 97% a year ago. The price per square foot increased 3%, from \$510 in September to ...

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### Pleasanton Market At A Glance October 2017



41	59	53
Homes For Sale	Pending Sales	Closed Sales

OPEN SUN



### 1035 Sycamore Creek Way

Elegant one story Mediterranean style home w/ 4 BR, 2.5 BTHS, and large private .39 Acre lot  
Offered at \$1,795,000

JUST SOLD



### 6155 Club House Drive

Gorgeous modern one story custom home with pool, spa, guest house, and incredible views!  
Offered at \$2,650,000

JUST SOLD



### 2109 Black Oak Court

Exquisite modern custom with 4 BR + office & bonus, premium .94 Acre lot with amazing views  
Offered at \$2,550,000

JUST SOLD



### 5756 Hanifen Way

Elegant 5 BR, 4 1/2 BTH luxury home in Sycamore Heights on .42 Acre lot with spa  
Offered at \$2,020,000



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**5 BR, 4.5 BA, 4182+/- Sq. Ft. Offered at \$1,950,000**

**PENDING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**



3362 Hadsell Ct,  
Pleasanton

5BR, 2.5BA,  
1944+/- Sq. Ft.

**Offered at  
\$1,079,000**

**1012 SHOTWELL COURT, PLEASANTON**



**Showstopper Estate with Vineyard at The Reserve!** Quality built by Toll Brothers, this stunning home w/panoramic views has been highly upgraded by original owners & feels brand new. Boasting 1BR/1BA Guest House on approx. 10 acre lot w/ over 8 acres of Vineyards managed by award winning Wentz. Highlights include Gourmet Kitchen w/high end appliances, hand-picked quartz countertops, & upgraded Precision cabinetry. Executive Office & Main Level Junior Master BR Suite w/private entrance. Luxurious Master BR Suite w/ private Balcony, Retreat w/two-way fireplace, spacious Bath, & oversized walk-in closet. Hand-scraped wood floors, Control4 Smart House System, 6 car Garage & motor court. Private, resort Backyard w/pool & spa, built-in BBQ, fire-pit, & sports court.

**6BR, 6.5 BA, 7129+/- Sq. Ft. Offered at \$3,599,000**

**10 CARVER LANE, SUNOL**



**One of a Kind Country Estate!** Custom single story with Guest House set in private location on almost 10 acres. Completely remodeled and professionally designed interior with high end finishes and luxurious amenities throughout. Gourmet Kitchen and Great Room, private and luxurious Master Bedroom Suite, Theater Room, Executive Office, Detached 6 Car Garage, & more! Resort Backyard with outdoor kitchen, fireplace, pool, and sports court.

**5BR, 7 BA, 8058+/- Sq. Ft. Offered at \$3,495,000**



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230 Lark Lane | 6bd/5ba  
 Janna Chestnut | 925.876.6105  
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**FREMONT \$2,289,000**

43542 Excelso Drive | 5bd/4ba  
 Kelly King | 925.455.5464  
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**PLEASANTON \$2,265,000**

866 Sunset Creek Lane | 6bd/5ba  
 Linda Traurig | 925.382.9746  
 OPEN SUN 1:00-4:00



**PLEASANTON \$2,225,000**

956 Summit Creek Court | 6bd/5ba  
 Tyler Moxley | 925.518.1083  
 OPEN SAT 10:00-1:00 & SUN 1:00-4:00



**PLEASANTON \$2,155,000**

4379 Campinia Place | 5bd/4ba  
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**PLEASANTON \$1,649,000**

789 View Drive | 3bd/3.5ba  
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**PLEASANTON \$1,500,000**

844 Genevieve Place | 3bd/2ba  
 Kris Moxley | 925.519.9080  
 OPEN SUN 1:00-4:00



**DANVILLE \$1,178,000**

60 Normandy Court | 4bd/3ba  
 Jo Ann Luisi | 925.321.6104  
 OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



**PLEASANTON \$959,000**

3742 Oak Brook Court | 3bd/2ba  
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