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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

ClubSport Pleasanton sold to The Bay Club

Pleasanton-based Leisure Sports, Inc., parent company of ClubSport, evolved into the next phase of its growth this month when it sold five clubs to The Bay Club.

Steve Gilmour, founder and CEO of Leisure Sports, said the two companies will collaborate on future ventures with Bay Club's large facilities potentially serving as "hubs" with Leisure Sports' new Formula 3 (F3) boutique clubs being spokes in key cities.

The leadership of the two clubs have similar visions of combining fitness with hospitality and Gilmour said the timing was right for the deal.

"It's a great company and we are aligned with the same type of product. The Bay Club was just acquired by KKR, so it has great financial backing," Gilmour said. "It's perfect timing to bring the two companies together."

The Bay Club is acquiring the ClubSport locations in Pleasanton (the original), Walnut Creek, Danville, Fremont and Portland. It gives the firm an instant East Bay footprint to complement its clubs in San Francisco, on the Peninsula and in Marin County. For ClubSport employees, they will have the opportunity to grow with a larger company that shares the values of their current employer.

For Gilmour, it marks another shift in the company's history in the East Bay. He and then-partner Dennis Garrison launched their business in 1979 in Dublin and then purchased Tennis Town (ClubSport) when it became available in 1980 (before Hacienda Business Park). Sports — tennis, racquetball, basketball — were key features of the club and its competitors.

They launched the hotel coupled with a sports club with the Hilton at the Club (now the DoubleTree) in 1985. That was a pioneering move, and Leisure Sports owned that model for more than 30 years until other firms started moving into it.

As fitness has become more significant to clients, ClubSport expanded those offerings, while maintaining its goal of being a family club.

"We always wanted to be the

third place besides home and work. We wanted to teach your kids to swim and offer the camps for them," Gilmour said. "It always has been about lifestyle with us."

The company partnered with Marriott to build the Renaissance ClubSport in Walnut Creek, the first build-from-scratch club/hotel facility that opened in 2002.

ClubSport in San Ramon, which opened in 1989, has not been part of Leisure Sports since the original ClubSport partners, Gilmour and Garrison, went their own ways in 2003.

Leisure Sports has operated a smaller club, The Studio, for the last several years on Camino Ramon in Danville and used that to test elements of its newest offering, F3, that will open its first site in Lafayette next year. It's about 7,000 square feet, with two studios and will offer a significant brand of fitness.

The three Fs are forge, fire and flow. Forge workouts strengthen the body, while fire workouts are focused on the cardiovascular system. Flow focuses on breathing, movement and the mind/body connection.

They plan to develop these studios in both upscale suburban markets as well as urban sites.

In addition, the company has purchased a 60,000-square-foot building in downtown San Jose where it is planning a social and fitness club. Gilmour described it as having a rooftop bar with lots of games and activities (art shows, readings), some working space as well as meeting and gathering spaces. It's aimed at the millennial audience that has been drawn to downtown San Jose that is poised to grow with new apartment buildings as well as the potential Google Village where as many as 20,000 people eventually could work.

For Gilmour, 2019 will mark 40 years in the fitness industry. He said he's excited about creating new concepts such as The Studio and F3 and has a team around him to execute day-to-day on the strategy.

When the Bay Club deal is finalized, it will have about 120,000 members and more than 6,000 employees. ■

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What type of holiday gift do you usually buy for ‘the person who has everything’?



Sylvia Jennings
Nurse practitioner

I usually buy them a gift card to a store I know they like, so that they can use the card to buy gifts for other people. Or, if they see something they like and it is so new to the market that they don't already have it, they can buy it for themselves.



Stephen Patterson
Project manager

I find out what kind of activities they enjoy and buy them a certificate for that activity. For example, I know my parents love Cirque du Soleil, so I bought them tickets to see Cirque du Soleil's "Volta" event, which is at AT&T Park through the end of January. I also got them a gift certificate for a pre-performance dinner in the city because, you know, they're my parents and all.



Olaf Fleet
Electrical engineer

I find out whether they volunteer with — or are otherwise involved with — a charitable organization, and then I make a monetary donation in their honor.



Shreya Singh
Industrial engineer

I put my wallet away and I make them a handmade gift. Last year I made beautiful Christmas ornaments for people's trees because even someone who already has everything has room for another ornament on their tree. Plus, it's like a gift that keeps on giving because they can put it on their tree for years and years to come.



Inge Swensen
Retired

Christmas cookies! For people that don't need or want any material things, but who I'd like to give a gift to, I bake Christmas cookies. I make several different varieties and decorate them all exquisitely. When the recipients see how much time and care I put into my baked goods, they feel very appreciated and loved.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Swalwell town hall

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), newly elected to a fourth term in Congress, is set to hold his final district town hall meeting of the year this Saturday in his hometown of Dublin.

Swalwell will recap highlights from 2018, discuss Congress' priorities for 2019 and answer constituents' questions. All 15th District residents are welcome to the free event.

The town hall will run from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the student union/multipurpose room of Dublin High School, 8151 Village Pkwy.

Swearing-in Dec. 11

The Pleasanton City Council will have to wait an extra week to swear in its re-elected and newly elected members.

The election outcomes are finalized, with incumbent Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilwoman Kathy Narum and challenger Julie Testa finishing well ahead at the polls, but the results weren't certified by election officials in time for the city to confirm the ceremony as part of the regular council meeting this coming Tuesday, as planned.

As a result, the oath-of-office ceremony will take place at a special council meeting on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. A special reception will precede the event at 6 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library.

Pet photos with Santa

Photos with Santa for pets will be from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 8 at Pet Supplies Plus, 4230 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton. Pet-friendly Santa will be in a holiday setting where owners can take a photo with their own camera/phone, or there will be a photographer on hand. No reservations are needed. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

A donation of \$10 per sitting is suggested. Proceeds benefit Canine Companions for Independence, a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

Celtic Christmas

The annual Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering will return to the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St. in Livermore on Dec. 9.

The event is a fundraiser for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Bothwell Arts Center. The family-friendly gathering and potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. with music at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org. ■

Parents of teen who drowned in SRVHS pool sue school district, teacher

Civil complaint alleges PE instructor was looking at cellphone while students tread water

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

The family of 15-year-old Ben Curry, who drowned during class in the San Ramon Valley High School pool in early May, has officially filed a lawsuit against the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, claiming negligence and willful misconduct resulted in the freshman's death.

Filed in Contra Costa County Superior Court on Tuesday, the suit alleges that not only did the SRVUSD fail to install proper safety policies to prevent Curry's death, but that the boy's physical education teacher,

Aaron Becker, failed to properly supervise the class, was seen looking down at his cellphone instead of watching the kids and lacked valid lifeguard certification.

Becker, who remains employed as a teacher, varsity football head coach and associate athletic director, is named as a defendant, along with SRVUSD, in the lawsuit filed on behalf of Curry's parents, Karen and Thomas.

"Plaintiffs believe that the SRVUSD and its employees owed a duty of care to Benjamin Curry to supervise, protect, assist and control the safety

of Benjamin, and they failed to do so," attorney Andrew C. Schwartz, from the Walnut Creek firm Casper, Meadows, Schwartz & Cook, wrote in the lawsuit.

"Plaintiffs further believe that other school district employees, breached their duty of care to them, and to Benjamin, when they carelessly and negligently trained and supervised Aaron Becker, and failed to provide any guidelines, policies, procedures, rules or regulations such as limiting class size, or creating lesson plans for the physical education classes," the lawsuit added.

The family seeks general, special and punitive damages as well as reimbursement for medical, funeral and other costs resulting from Curry's death.

Curry was pronounced dead at a local hospital after drowning during class on May 8. The boy became unresponsive underwater toward the end of the class's fourth-period swim session, and he was not discovered submerged in the pool until the start of the next PE period, after lunch.

The lawsuit alleges surveillance

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Litz receives Mayor's Award

Lifelong volunteer remains devoted to wealth of causes

BY JEREMY WALSH

Kirstin Litz, vice chair of the HERS Breast Cancer Foundation board and an active volunteer for many other causes, has been honored as the recipient of this year's Pleasanton Mayor's Award.

A longtime Pleasanton resident, Litz was commended for her commitment to breast cancer awareness for more than two decades and for her support of dozens of Tri-Valley and regional nonprofits across the spectrum — all while thriving professionally as a software engineer and overcoming her own battle with cancer.

"I am often asked why I volunteer as much as I do. The simple answer is because I can," Litz said during an interview after accepting the award earlier this month.

In presenting the recognition, Mayor Jerry Thorne said friends and fellow volunteers lauded Litz "as selfless, as an advocate against injustice, as an advocate for the underdog and as having a heart of gold."

"Whether she is sewing clothes, feeding the hungry, building homes, meeting with patients, serving on a board or helping to organize a fundraiser, Kirstin brings courage and a can-do attitude to everything she does," Thorne added. "Clearly, she is an inspiration to all of us."

Around 250 city officials, current and former elected representatives, community leaders and other residents were on hand in the Casa Real Event Center at Ruby Hill Winery for the evening dinner and award presentation



Community volunteer Kirstin Litz (right) accepts the 2018 Mayor's Award from Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne at dinner ceremony Nov. 16.

organized by the city of Pleasanton on Nov. 16.

The 47th annual Mayor's Award Celebration event also served as an opportunity for the Pleasanton community to recognize and highlight the work done during the past year by city commissions, committees and leaders — many of whom were in attendance.

Litz said she was stunned to hear Thorne identifying her as the Mayor's Award recipient — the winner's name is kept a secret until the ceremony.

"While waiting for the program portion of the mayor's dinner, I was reading the names of past Mayor's Award recipients. Many of the names were familiar from attending similar events and volunteering around town," she said. "Little did I know that my name was going to be added to this list of amazing, giving individuals and organizations."

"I am deeply honored to be this year's Mayor Award recipient. Thank you to Mayor Thorne and the city of Pleasanton for believing in me, supporting me and honoring me," Litz said, adding:

"I'm so proud to call myself a Pleasanton resident and to work alongside my community to make our city even better. It brings joy and fulfillment to my life in so many ways. Let's keep up the good work."

Litz, who has worked as a software engineer and developer for more than 25 years, including the last 11 at Franklin Templeton Investments in Dublin, started her passion for breast cancer awareness and support over 20 years ago by participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising walk.

Since then, she has completed two Avon 3-Day Walks, one

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Zone 7 revises Medeiros project

Public input meeting on changes set for next Wednesday

BY ERIKA ALVERO

After receiving feedback and concerns from local residents, Zone 7 Water Agency officials say they have scaled back the Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Parkway project — and they urge community members to attend a public meeting on the revised design next week.

The project aims to reduce flood risk along the 0.7-mile Medeiros Parkway Reach of the Arroyo Mocho in Livermore, located between Arroyo Road and Holmes Street. The project's scope has been revised since the original environmental public review over the summer, after neighbors voiced concerns regarding the associated truck traffic and the amount of materials being excavated.

"The smaller project now proposed seeks to reduce flood risk by restoring flow to the natural floodplain in the Oak Grove Nature Reserve, without any significant excavation," Zone 7 officials said.

To accomplish this, the proposed project plans to lower the Arroyo Mocho bike trail, so that during major storms the higher water levels would overtop the trail and flow into the Oak Grove Nature Reserve, which has a basin-like topography, due to excavation work from past

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Foothill Model UN takes second at New York conference

Students debate climate change, Thai military coup and more at international competition

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Foothill High School Model United Nations team attended their first East Coast conference a few weeks ago — and came away with a second-place title.

The fifth annual Empire Model United Nations Conference was hosted by New York University in New York City from Nov. 15-18. The conference was attended by around 500 student “delegates” from across the country, as well as globally, and was organized and staffed by members of the NYU Model UN team itself.

The Foothill crew officially took the “Overall Delegation” award — second place, since their delegates received the second highest number

of placing awards.

Alexander Chen, a junior and one of the club’s officers, said that their recognition was the result of a great team effort. “Really, it was because of our delegates,” he said. “Each one prepared very well.”

At Model UN conferences, team members take on the roles of committee delegates based on actual UN organizations, and debate with one another regarding pressing global issues. Teams are awarded based on their displays of public speaking, collaboration and diplomacy.

Students take part in the General Assembly, where delegates represent a variety of countries to debate international policies and issues. Others serve on a crisis committee, where

they deal with specific situations while stepping into the role of a distinct character from past and present — Chen, for example, served as the agricultural minister of Rome in the Caesar era during the Empire conference.

The Foothill team, founded in 2013, has been ranked in the top 150 teams by Best Delegate, which rates and provides resources for Model UN crews across the country. They have also placed at other local and international conferences.

Because of their high performance levels at local competitions, they were invited to this conference, according to senior Harsha Mudaliar, another club officer — it was their

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FOOTHILL

The Foothill High School Model UN team celebrates a second-place finish in the conference in New York City earlier this month.

Art patrons push for new park

Venue would feature meandering paths with sculptures

Art patrons Gary and Nancy Harrington have yet another idea for Pleasanton: a Cultural Arts Park that will celebrate and embrace the city’s diversity.

“The idea of a cultural park has been on our mind for several years as Pleasanton steadily grows in prosperity as well as diversity,” Nancy Harrington wrote in a letter to supporters recently. “Businesses thrive, education levels advance, and cultural diversity progresses.”

The Harringtons are envisioning a well-landscaped park with serene winding paths lined with sculptures and noted there is a possible site at Hacienda. They have talked to

leaders in the city and at Hacienda Business Park and report enthusiasm for the concept, but they need to know if there is public support.

The Harringtons are asking those who agree with their concept to contact the Pleasanton City Council by Dec. 14 since it meets in early 2019 to set the city’s project priorities.

The City Council may be contacted by calling 931-5001 or emailing citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Contact the Harringtons to show support or make a financial commitment at nancyrh1@sbcglobal.net. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Swalwells welcome baby daughter, Kathryn

Nicknamed ‘Cricket,’ couple’s second child born Oct. 24 in D.C.

Pleasanton’s U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) and wife Brittany celebrated the birth of their second child last month, a baby girl named Kathryn.

“Meet Kathryn Watts Swalwell — we’ll call her ‘Cricket.’ Mama and baby are doing great. And I’m thrilled that for the first time as long as anyone can remember in my family, a male had a girl. #YearOfTheWoman,” the congressman said on social media after his daughter’s birth.

The baby girl — whose formal name is Kathryn Watts Swalwell and is nicknamed “Cricket” — was born on Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C., two

weeks before voters re-elected her father to a fourth term in Congress.

Named in honor of Brittany’s mother, Kathryn Swalwell weighed in at seven pounds and 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall at birth. She is a year and a half younger than her brother Nelson (shown together here).

A 38-year-old Dublin native, Congressman Swalwell represents the 15th District, which includes Pleasanton, San Ramon, Dublin, Livermore, Union City, parts of Fremont, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Sunol, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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Komen-3-Day-Walk, and an Avon 39, plus a variety of other 5K and 10K walks for cancer support and other good causes.

Also during that time, Litz faced a battle of her own. She was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer several years ago after a routine mammogram.

“Well, this did not slow her down,” Thorne said.

“Instead it energized the courage within her,” the mayor added. “With the same positive outlook she brought to promoting the awareness of breast cancer, she confronted her condition by eventually defeating the breast cancer within her.”

Next month Litz will mark four years as a cancer survivor.

She also now sits on the Board of Directors for HERS (short for Hope, Empowerment, Renewal and Support), and is currently serving as the board’s vice chair.

The foundation supports women who undergo cancer treatment by offering a range of services, regardless of insurance or financial status, including surgical garments, wigs and prosthetic bras for women who have undergone a single or double mastectomy, Thorne noted.

“Kirstin is committed to helping these women feel good about their bodies, to rebuild their self-esteem and to feel whole again,” Thorne said.

But her devotion for volunteering doesn’t stop at HERS.

Thorne called out some 20 other organizations Litz has donated time to support over the years — saying his list was just a tip of the iceberg for her resume.

Those charity efforts included Dress a Girl Around the World, Chemo Bag Ministry, Valley Humane Society, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Relay for Life, Bright Pink Ambassadors, Kids Against Hunger, Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, Alameda

County Food Bank, American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, Blue Star Moms, One Warm Coat, Junior Achievement, Red Cross, National Breast Cancer Coalition, Wreaths Across America, Friends of Faith and Tri-Valley SOCKS.

Volunteering has always been part of Litz’s life, a passion instilled in her by her parents, and she has no designs on slowing down.

“A little over 15 years ago my job at PeopleSoft brought me to Pleasanton. At the time I had no idea what this city had in store for me. Until then, most of my volunteering had been focused on more global issues,” she said.

“Over the years that changed as I came to realize I live in an amazing and unique community where my skills could really make a difference for my neighbors,” Litz added. “There are organizations and events each year that I don’t miss and others I learn about along the way. I’m always up for trying something new!” ■

TAKE US ALONG



Streetwise in Switzerland: Pleasanton Weekly Streetwise columnist Nancy Lewis and husband Jeff took the paper with them to Morges, Switzerland.

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second time competing out of state, the first having been at a Chicago conference last year.

“We wanted to feel what MUN was like in other areas,” Chen added.

Topics at the conference in New York ranged from climate change to Thailand’s military coup to territorial disputes in the South China Sea, Mudaliar said. Around 50 students participate on the overall Foothill team, but only 16 were able to attend, due to chaperone regulations.

Though the club is student-led, social studies teacher Stephen Ferrel

serves as the faculty adviser. He said the greatest challenge the team faced was the brutal East Coast weather once they arrived — a snowstorm made the mile-long trek to their hotel rough.

But overall, their teamwork and hours of after-school practice sessions paid off, he said, and the collaboration and public speaking skills the students developed will serve them well regardless of their career path, whether it be politics, business or nonprofit work.

“I think the club is absolutely critical ... It’s not just about knowing all the information, but communicating it and using diplomacy,” Ferrel said. ■

‘Classic Rock Christmas’

December People are bringing their Classic Rock Christmas to the Firehouse Arts Center for two shows, at 8 p.m. next Friday (Dec. 7) and next Saturday (Dec. 8), fusing rock ‘n’ roll hits and well-loved Christmas carols into high energy performances. December People have a passion for music as well as feeding the hungry and ask audience members to bring a bag of food for the barrels and get your picture taken with the band. Tickets are \$31-\$41 plus a suggested donation of five or more nonperishable food items. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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Stanford-ValleyCare strives to become stroke care center

New TeleStroke Robot brings rapid stroke diagnosis

By RYAN J. DEGAN

When it comes to treating a stroke, time is of the essence and mere minutes can mean the difference between recovery, disability or death.

In an attempt to avoid the latter results, Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has made efforts to launch a comprehensive certified stroke care program, one of the first steps of the program being the acquisition of a TeleStroke Robot that is capable of rapidly diagnosing stroke victims.

“Stroke is so time-sensitive and that is the beauty of (TeleStroke). ValleyCare is a fantastic hospital, has fantastic physicians and now we can tap into the experts over

(in Stanford) in an extremely time urgent matter. And basically get the best vascular neurologist from a top 10 hospital at a patient’s bedside instantly,” said Dr. David Svec, chief medical officer at Stanford-ValleyCare. “Most community hospitals don’t have the ability to have a truly vascular trained neurologist 24/7, so this gives us a connection to the best.”

Funded with donations gathered by the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, the TeleStroke Robot works by connecting a specialist capable of quickly and accurately diagnosing a stroke with a patient suspected of having one, all via video.

Key to the technology is the

amount of time it will save a patient in need of rapid diagnosis. Now instead of waiting for a specialist to travel to the regional hospital, a neurologist can analyze the patient and run the necessary verbal and visual tests to diagnose the condition remotely, saving crucial time in the treatment process.

The technology is adaptive and is capable of being equipped with additional tools such as a stethoscope for additional testing. In the future, TeleStroke may even be used to identify a wide variety of ailments and injuries, connecting patients with specialists of every stripe.

In a pinch it can even be used on a doctor’s mobile phone through an accompanying app.

“In general every minute is important for us ... every minute we lose, you are losing the potential of getting someone back close to their baseline. The longer you go from the stroke onset to stroke treatment the higher the chances of disability,” said Dr. Prashanth Krishnamohan,

ValleyCare medical director of neurology.

Alteplase, the gold-standard drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for stroke treatment, has an approved window of approximately three hours after a stroke has occurred. In certain cases this can be extended to about 4-1/2 hours, but this is a narrow window for detection with little room for error.

“If you look at the data only about a fifth of patients reach the hospital within this time for us to properly do the life saving treatment,” Krishnamohan said. “So 80% of patients right off the bat we lose an opportunity to treat them.”

The TeleStroke Robot will hopefully continue Stanford’s exceptional stroke response time — under five minutes, according to Stanford neurologist Dr. Christina Mijalski — at ValleyCare as it expands its stroke care efforts.

“The joint commission recognizes TeleStroke as a very acceptable substitute for having an in-house

vascular neurologist. In order to become a primary stroke center ... you just need to have a TeleStroke consultant available to you within 20 minutes or so,” Mijalski said.

With a stroke occurring approximately every 40 seconds in the United States, physicians stress the importance of observers being able to identify the early signs and act quickly.

While it is paramount that an observer call 9-1-1 for accurate diagnosis and treatment, anyone can assist in early detection through the popularized BEFAST guidelines. Simplified, if someone is suspected to have a stroke, an observer will need to check their balance, eyes, face, arms, speech and time of occurrence, immediately calling 9-1-1 if suspected.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation is funded primarily through individual donors and as of Nov. 23 has raised over \$594,000 of the \$1 million needed to fund the hospital’s stroke care program. ■

BART launches new official app

Aims to help riders more precisely plan transit trips

BART announced last week a new app by the transit agency to help riders navigate their way around trains and stations.

The official BART app provides real-time departure data and allows riders to make end-to-end trip planning, incorporating information from 31 transit operators.

The app provides information about each station, including whether it has secured bike parking and what car parking is available. Service, escalator and elevator advisories are also included.

The BART app also links to

the BART Watch app, which riders can use to report suspicious and illegal activity in trains or stations. There are translations on the app for Spanish and Chinese, according to the transit agency.

BART officials are already working on future features for the app, including the ability to pay for verified carpool parking spots.

The app is free and can be accessed on Apple’s iOS App Store and the Google Play store, BART officials said. ■

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LAWSUIT

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footage captured by SRVHS cameras shows Becker looking at his cellphone while he was supervising the 57 students in the pool, directing them to tread water for three consecutive minutes and extending the time an extra 30 seconds if they grabbed the lane rope. “During that time, Benjamin Curry became exhausted, slipped under the water and drowned,” the lawsuit said.

The suit further contends that no other teachers or lifeguards were present to assist Becker in monitoring the class, and Becker’s own lifeguard certification had expired on March 16.

After their investigation Danville police recommended no criminal charges against Becker or the district, stating that detectives found no signs of foul play or criminal neglect — confirming findings from the county coroner’s autopsy report that

the death was accidental and not self inflicted as some initial reports falsely suggested.

“For approximately six months after this incident, neither the school district, nor the high school administrators, made any effort to correct the false narrative permeating the community surrounding Benjamin’s death,” the lawsuit said of the false reports.

SRVUSD officials stated they are unable to comment on issues pertaining to pending litigation, but have remained in contact with the Curry family attorney over issues related to the suit.

“This event was and will remain a tragedy in our hearts and minds forever. The district sincerely apologizes to the Curry family and all community members. There are no words to describe the collective sorrow following the loss of Ben,” SRVUSD spokeswoman Elizabeth Graswich said Tuesday.

“The district recognizes its

responsibility to safeguard all students,” she added. “Since the tragedy, the district has suspended the use of pools for all district physical education classes. The district also instituted a requirement that every time district pools are in use, dedicated and certified lifeguards will be present.”

Earlier this month, SRVUSD Superintendent Rick Schmitt released a statement publicly apologizing on behalf of the district for the death of the boy, promising to continue to review the district’s safety procedures.

Schmitt and district officials have not confirmed whether Becker, then-first-year SRVHS principal Jason Krolkowski or any other employee at the Danville school was reprimanded by the district in connection with Curry’s death on campus last school year.

Becker had not responded to a request for comment as of Wednesday afternoon. ■

ZONE 7

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gravel quarry operations, according to Zone 7.

Depending on grant funding, additional work could include the removal of invasive species, mostly by cutting vegetation and applying herbicides, along with improvements to existing dirt trails within the nature reserve, according to Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor.

The project will still cover a 40-acre plot of land, Pryor said, but will result in much less ground disturbance — the excavation has

been reduced from 100,000 cubic yards to about 2,500 and the project will see less construction within the Arroyo Mocho channel.

“Along the lowered trail, we’ll replace affected trees and also stabilize the bank against erosion,” Pryor said. “This area and where we will lower the asphalt bike trail are the primary construction areas, they cover approximately 15 acres.”

Zone 7 is currently preparing a new environmental review document and expects to release it for public inspection in December and January. The agency anticipates construction will happen summer 2019.

The public meeting to review the

new design is set for next Wednesday (Dec. 5) from 6-8 p.m. in Zone 7’s boardroom at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy. in Livermore.

In other Zone 7 news

- The water agency is discontinuing its “Energy Star Most Efficient Clothes Washer Program” at the end of the year, because changing plumbing and energy codes will only permit Energy Star-rated washers to be sold in the market.

Rebate applications for qualifying Energy Star washers bought and installed on or before Dec. 31 should be mailed and postmarked by March 1 of next year. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Adopt the I-580 Overcrossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan
- Adopt the Foothill Road Bicycle Corridor Plan

Human Services
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2019
- Consider Process Changes for Library and Recreation Department Fee Assistance Program

Joint Library / Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop
Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and comment on the Draft Downtown Specific Plan and the Civic Center Master Plan

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

County supervisors support ending court admin fees

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last week to approve an ordinance that eliminates administrative court fees for people who are convicted of crimes.

If the full board votes as expected to approve a second reading of the ordinance next Tuesday (Dec. 4), Alameda County will become only the second county in the U.S. to eliminate the fees, following San Francisco, which took that step earlier this year.

In addition, \$26 million in court administrative fees that haven't been collected will be waived.

The new policy would take effect in January.

Alameda County Public Defender Brendon Woods, the East Bay Community Law Center, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and other groups told the board that the fees should be eliminated because they create a long-term financial burden for low-income people who already served time for their crimes but then have problems turning their lives around.

They said that's because the debts cause such people to have problems getting credit, housing and jobs.

Currently, Alameda County charges defendants probation supervision fees of between \$30 to \$90 per month, pre-charge investigation report fees of between \$250 and \$710 and \$150 or more for representation by the Public Defender's Office.

Advocates for eliminating the fees said the average adult on probation in Alameda County spends five years under supervision and can face more than \$6,000 in fees.

Noe Gudino, a junior at California State University East Bay who is a member of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, All of Us or None and other groups said the fees made it harder for him to get his life back on track after he was incarcerated because when he got a job his wages were garnished.

Julia Root of the Center for Employment Opportunities told the board that the fees cause "undue emotional and financial stress" for incarcerated people and their families and said she has a family member who could face up to \$10,000 in fees when he's released in the near future.

The ordinance endorsed by the board says the fees "can have long-term effects that can undermine successful societal re-entry goals of the formerly-incarcerated, such as

attaining stable housing, transportation and employment."

Woods said after the meeting that the fees "are a tremendous burden to people who are trying to get back on their feet" after serving time.

He said eliminating the fees "is the right thing to do."

County Administrator Susan Muranishi told the board that eliminating the fees means the county will lose about \$1.45 million in revenue annually but said the county will explore other funding opportunities to replace that revenue.

In other news

The town of Danville has been presented with a wrongful-death claim by the family of Laudemer Arboleda, who was killed by a Danville police officer at the end of a short pursuit earlier this month.

The claim — which typically precedes a lawsuit pending the town's rejection — was submitted by the Law Offices of John L. Burris on Nov. 16 and claimed that police followed the 33-year-old Newark man without justification and fired upon him unnecessarily as he attempted to slowly drive past officers.

It was filed with the town Nov. 16 on behalf of Arboleda's mother Jeanie Atienza, and seeks damages in excess of \$25,000, due to breach of duty by police, negligence, emotional

distress and wrongful death.

"We believe that Arboleda had not committed any crimes. Our understanding is police were called out because he looked suspicious. Once again he was not wanted for anything, he had no outstanding warrants, he had not committed any crimes and officers had no information that he had engaged in any criminal activity," said Adante Pointer, an attorney at the Burris firm.

Arboleda died on the morning of Nov. 3 after a run-in with police in downtown Danville at the intersection of Front Street and Diablo Road.

Police say on that day they received a call from a resident reporting that a stranger — later identified as Arboleda — was walking around the neighborhood near downtown with bags in hand and acting suspicious.

Police arrived on scene and a short pursuit ensued, ending with Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Deputy Andrew Hall, firing multiple shots into Arboleda's vehicle when he allegedly attempted to run down officers, according to investigators. The town of Danville contracts with the sheriff's office for police services.

The family's attorneys also allege that Arboleda's skin color — he was of Filipino descent — may have factored into Hall's decision to use lethal force.

"The officer, based upon physical evidence, was not in the direct line of the car and had the ability to step out of the way, chose to use deadly force on a person he had no information had done anything," Pointer said. "We don't think that the officer would use the same amount of force if the person was not brown or black."

The claim itself also highlighted the practice of allowing police to fire upon moving vehicles, a practice that is not used by many police agencies due to the heightened risk of collateral damage, the attorneys argue.

The sheriff's office was quick to maintain its position that Arboleda was driving recklessly and presenting a danger to police.

"This is a tragic case, yet once again John Burris is reaching for his well-worn race card. This is not about race. This is about a dangerous and reckless person trying to run down and murder a police officer. Once all investigations are completed, we look forward to sharing the full details with the public," Contra Costa County Sheriff David Livingston said in a statement on Nov. 19.

Town officials deferred comment about the claim to the sheriff's office.

Arboleda's death was Danville police's first officer-involved shooting since August 2001. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 24

Drug violation

- 4:36 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive
- 7:53 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 5:40 a.m., 4500 block of Shawnee Way; auto theft
- 1:30 p.m., 4700 block of McHenry Gate Way; theft from auto
- 4:14 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 12:54 a.m. at West Las Positas Blvd. and Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 3:38 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 23

Burglary

- 4:32 p.m. on the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way

Theft

- 12:04 a.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:32 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 10:49 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 10:50 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Drug violation

- 9:02 a.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue
- 6:53 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Alcohol violation

- 7:58 a.m. on the 2900 block of Sorano Court

Vandalism

- 12:15 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 22

Burglary

- 8:43 p.m. on the 5700 block of Dalton Creek Way

Alcohol violation

- 2:59 a.m. at Touriga Court and Touriga Drive; DUI
- 4:04 a.m. on the 4200 block of Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

- 2:45 a.m. on Dublin Canyon Road

Nov. 21

Alcohol violation

- 10:31 p.m. on the 2600 block of Maria Street

Drug violation

- 7:30 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 7:15 a.m. on the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane

Nov. 20

Theft

- 7:25 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft of bicycle
- 1:39 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 2:18 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 3:23 p.m. on the 4500 block of Bernal Avenue
- 8:19 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

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School district, sheriff's office stonewalling unacceptable

The Tri-Valley community continues to mourn the death of Ben Curry, who drowned during PE class at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville on May 8. Curry's family and friends — and the entire community — are demanding answers they are owed.

This school and teacher were entrusted with the safety of this 15-year-old boy, and now he is dead.

The lack of transparency of the public officials and agencies involved, particularly the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and San Ramon Valley Unified School District, is beyond frustrating and begs the question of who or what they are trying to protect.

Being the only news outlet to consistently cover SRVUSD, we submitted public records requests to the school district and the sheriff's office, which contracts with the town of Danville for its law enforcement. Among the items we requested were the security camera footage from the pool, incident reports, investigation reports and other documents relating to the death, along with body-worn camera footage from sheriff's Deputy Kyle Rhoton, the school resource officer who was first to arrive on-scene.

The school district has been less than cooperative. Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston summarily denied and dismissed us.

Livingston's written response concluded: "We fully appreciate the family's and the community's sorrow at the loss of this young man. Our investigation into this sad event is, by law, exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. This fulfills your Public Records Act request."

Translated: Go away and don't question us again.

No, it does not fulfill our request. And no, we won't go away.

If a teacher isn't fired for failing to notice a student drowning on his watch, what can they get fired for? If a teacher who left for lunch without confirming all students were safely out of the pool isn't even reprimanded, what is wrong with this school district? If school employees apparently face no consequences for a student drowning in class (a lack of care aptly described as "negligence" and "despicable" in the Curry family's lawsuit filed this Tuesday), how can we trust this district and the people who run it?

Transparency would be a good start toward rebuilding trust.

Katrina Curry, Ben's sister, admonished SRVUSD leaders during an October school board meeting saying, "(Aaron Becker) was never even put on leave while the investigation was in progress. He failed in his most basic duty as a teacher. My brother is dead."

We asked SRVUSD Superintendent Rick Schmitt if Becker was placed on administrative leave for any time. After several days we were told by SRVUSD communications director Elizabeth Graswich, "We are not at liberty to share information about personnel matters which are confidential by nature."

When we didn't accept this answer, we were told that there are "no records that apply to your request" — which we took to mean Becker was never placed on leave.

It is standard operating procedure in the public and private sector to put an employee on administrative leave until an investigation is complete. This applies to a police officer involved in a shooting or an employee accused of

harassment. Why is this different?

This is more than a personnel matter; this is a matter of protecting a teacher who had a child die on his watch. Not only is Becker still teaching, he continued his duties as head varsity football coach and associate athletic director at the high school this fall.

The sheriff's office response to our request was to completely shut us down, invoking the "investigatory exemption."

Often public agencies try to keep the public in the dark by claiming the documents requested are part of an investigation and, if released, would jeopardize the investigation or someone involved in the investigation, such as an informant. (The only reason we got access to the coroner's report is the family attorney shared a copy with the media.)

Documents we requested do not put anyone in harm's way and, according to the school district and the sheriff's office, the investigation into young Ben's death is over — and no criminal charges were filed.

Second, even if an exemption exists, it is not mandatory to withhold information unless disclosure is prohibited by law.

We believe those documents should be released.

"The Sheriff disagrees," we were told by the sheriff's office, citing a prior court case, "asserting that the statute on its face contains no time limitation and that the exemption services interests that outlive the investigation for which the file was originally created, such as the

safety of informants and undercover officers, the integrity of related investigations, and the privacy of persons whose affairs have been investigated but who have not been charged with crimes."

Sheriff Livingston, we disagree.

And, like many in the public, we want to know why this child died and why Becker apparently wasn't ever placed on administrative leave, even during the investigation. We also want to know why the district and the sheriff's office is not being completely transparent with the public they serve.

A sheriff's deputy fatally shot a man at the end of a pursuit near downtown Danville on Nov. 3, and when the man's family filed a wrongful-death claim against the town of Danville, the sheriff's office posted on its Facebook last week: "Once all investigations are completed, we look forward to sharing the full details with the public."

Why will full details be shared after the investigation in that case, but not in a case in which a child died while at school?

Livingston, Graswich and Schmitt seem to miss the fact they are ultimately accountable to the public and that the public has a right to know the basic facts of Ben Curry's untimely death. There is no justification for failing to make this information available to the public now. ■

Editor's note: A copy of the Curry family's lawsuit, as well as the written responses from the public agencies to our records requests, are available with the online version of this article.



Visit [Town Square at PleasantonWeekly.com](http://TownSquare.atPleasantonWeekly.com) to comment on the editorial.

LETTERS

Zachary's Pizza update

Dear Editor,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out to friends and neighbors in our community to clarify the progress and evolution of our restaurant build-out planned at 337 Main St. downtown.

The project has moved along very slowly for various reasons not having to do with Zachary's or the city of Pleasanton. Significant construction is required to be completed by the landlord before Zachary's can perform any work on the site.

The building was scheduled to be turned over to us more than a year ago, and now they are projecting a

turnover date in early 2019. Our design and construction plans are substantial, and will likely take 6-8 months to complete if there are no further delays out of our control.

While these delays certainly are frustrating, we can only focus on what is within our control. As a longtime Pleasanton resident, downtown has always felt like a good fit for Zachary's. We appreciate your patience and understanding and are very much looking forward to serving everyone.

We have special plans for our Pleasanton location and promise it will be worth the wait!

—Kevin Suto

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Deck the Halls!



Holiday season is here

Pleasanton set for annual parade and tree lighting ... if weather holds



STORY BY JEREMY WALSH | PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

The Pleasanton community is ready for a familiar celebration to usher in the holiday season: the city's annual Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, set for Saturday evening downtown.

That is, if the rain cooperates.

The forecast for this weekend is up and down after steadily wet

weather earlier in the week, but for now, Pleasanton's holiday showcase is scheduled to go on — though the city will have a hotline available Saturday to keep the community updated on the event's status.

The festive parade is set to start at 5 p.m. with dozens of community groups and local dignitaries

marching down Main Street or riding in decorative floats, with everyone usually decked out in their favorite (and warm) holiday attire.

Parade entrants include recognizable performers like the famed Balloon Platoon and Foothill and Amador Valley high schools' marching bands, as well as local elected officials, children's groups like Scout troops, hot rod clubs, Pleasanton businesses, nonprofit organizations and more.

The celebration will then shift to the main stage at the Museum on Main, where Mayor Jerry Thorne will light Pleasanton's holiday tree, expected to occur around 6:45 p.m.

The December People will provide musical entertainment, performing familiar holiday songs in the styles of some of the most recognizable rock bands, and Santa Claus will make a special appearance to visit with families there.

Many downtown shops and restaurants will be in the holiday spirit throughout the evening as well.

The annual Hometown Holiday event is presented by the city of Pleasanton each year thanks to the efforts of a core group of resident volunteers and city officials, who begin their efforts with a debriefing soon after the prior year's event and then dive into planning during the summer.

The 2018 celebration is formally scheduled to run from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. Main Street will close to vehicular traffic starting at 3:30 p.m.

With rain possibly in the forecast, city officials have a plan in place to update residents about the parade's status in case of inclement weather, via a hotline at 931-5352 and online with hourly updates starting at 2:30 p.m.

The parade would be canceled (and not rescheduled) with any steady drizzle or harder rainfall as of 3:15 p.m. or later Saturday, while

the tree lighting would go on as scheduled unless the rain becomes severe.

Visit the city's holiday parade webpage at www.hometownholiday.com for all the latest details, including information for entrants and volunteers, drop-off instructions, traffic restrictions, event schedule and rain-out protocol. ■

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The Pleasanton City Council rides in a classic fire truck, waving to the Main Street crowds last year. Council members are set to help usher in the holiday season in this year's parade as well.



Community groups also walk down the Main Street, many dressed in coordinated outfits to celebrate the holiday season.



Riding in the parade is popular for local businesses, nonprofits and organizations, a procession for the whole family.



Some kids took a turn on the mic last year, with the help of the lead singer. This year is set to feature new musical entertainment, with December People taking to the stage.

Deck the Halls!

Pleasanton synagogues prepare for Festival of Lights

Hanukkah begins Sunday, local celebrations to include menorah lightings, parade, latkes and more

BY ERIKA ALVERO

This Sunday marks the start of Hanukkah, the eight-day Festival of Lights, and preparations are underway at local synagogues and in the homes of Jewish families.

The holiday — which this year lasts from Dec. 2 through 10 — commemorates Jewish rebels' reclamation of their Temple in Jerusalem from Greek armies in ancient times. But on a broader level, it's a celebration of light over darkness, and of hope in the face of adversity.

And Pleasanton's Chabad of the Tri-Valley and Congregation Beth Emek are marking the holiday this year with giant menorah lightings, special religious services, a car parade and more.

"As families prepare their candles and olive oil to kindle their Chanukah candelabras in their homes, the Tri Valley's communal festivities and events underscore the unique nature of Chanukah; its public observance," said Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, spiritual leader of the Chabad.

"This week, we transport and erect 9-foot public menorahs at Stoneridge Mall, in Livermore's downtown, and along Hopyard

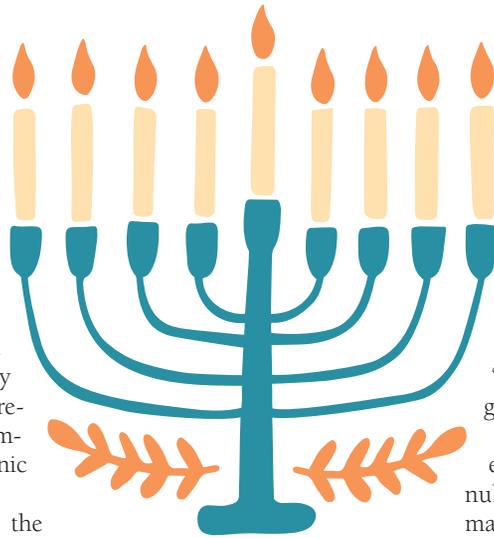
Road. In so doing we hope to illuminate the Tri Valley's entire community with the light of goodness, holiness, morality and kindness," he said.

Resnick added that this year they are taking extra security measures in light of the mass shooting in a Pittsburgh synagogue Oct. 27.

The holiday's origins hark back to the second century B.C.E., rooted in accounts recorded in the Talmud, the comprehensive collection of rabbinic writings.

According to the Talmud, the holy Temple in Jerusalem had been captured by Syrian Greeks, who, seeking to impose their own religion on the Land of Israel, had defiled the Jews' place of worship by placing Greek idols around the temple and destroying sacred oil. The small band of rebel Maccabees, though, fought the larger army and recaptured the Temple, re-establishing independence.

This part of the story is historical, according to Beth Emek's Rabbi Laurence Milder, but well-known



Hanukkah traditions such as menorah lightings are linked to the legend of the oil. According to the Talmud, the Maccabees found only enough pure, un-defiled oil to last for one night, but the lamp burned for eight nights. Rabbis proclaimed the occurrence a miracle, symbolic of the power of spiritual faith.

In honor of this miracle, then, observant Jewish households light eight-candled menorahs and consume foods fried in oil

— especially latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (fried jelly doughnuts).

Congregation Beth Emek will be hosting its annual Shabbat Hanukkah service on Dec. 7 at the temple at 3400 Nevada Court. Attendees are invited to bring their menorah to light at the service, which starts at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a treats-filled "Oneg Shabbat," or celebratory gathering after Sabbath services.

"Especially this year, Jews everywhere will be lighting Hanukkah candles as an act of affirmation," Milder said. "In response to the recent anti-Semitic shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, we know that the most important thing we can do is to affirm our identity even more proudly."

Chabad of the Tri-Valley has planned their own festivities and services over the course of the eight days as well. This Sunday, the Chabad will host a "build-your-own-menorah-workshop" at the Home Depot in Pleasanton from 11 a.m. to noon, open to families and children of all ages

— admission is free, but an RSVP is required.

Later that evening, the Chabad will host a Chanukah menorah car parade from 5:30-7 p.m. in the streets surrounding the synagogue at 3370 Hopyard Road, with a police escort guiding congregants in cars adorned by rooftop electric menorahs, ending at the Chabad with a menorah lighting and Chanukah Bash — again, admission is free but an RSVP is required.

On Tuesday, a "Chanukah Wonderland" will take over the Grand Court at Stoneridge Shopping Center from 5:30-7 p.m., with live music, a holiday game and craft centers, balloon entertainment, Chanukah photo ops and face painting and wrapping up with the lighting of a 9-foot-tall menorah. The celebration is open to all.

And Chabad heads over to Livermore on Dec. 8, for "Chanukah Under the Stars" at the Bankhead Theater. Attendees can help to light up Livermore's Menorah, eat hot latkes and doughnuts, enjoy musical entertainment, meet with city dignitaries and take part in glow-in-the-dark festivities. ■

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The end of Bob's World

Final season after 30-plus years of elaborate lights display

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

All good things must come to an end — and this will be the last year for Bob Stanley's holiday lights extravaganza in Pleasanton. Dubbed Bob's World, it has delighted area residents each holiday season for more than 30 years.

Stanley paused in this year's preparations last Saturday to verify that, yes, he was assembling the display for the last time.

"It's time to step back and enjoy the holidays myself," he said. "I'm trying to get it ready."

Many people volunteer to help, he noted, but he prefers to go solo, explaining with a laugh: "I never know what I'm doing."

First he wires the front yard, which takes three days, then he moves on from there. The entire setup takes about three months and will be ready for the public Dec. 13.

"It's just time," agreed his wife Cathy. "He's 73 years old and should not be on a roof."

Bob's World has been drawing an estimated 6,000 to 10,000 visitors, who fill the surrounding streets

with their cars as droves of people park and walk to enjoy the display each year. Each part is animated and lights up, plus every child who visits Bob's World is treated to a candy cane or small toy.

But the visitors aren't all children. Numerous East Bay senior homes create a special holiday excursion for their residents, as well as groups celebrating birthday parties, and limousines full of holiday revelers.

The Stanleys, who have two sons and one granddaughter, say their interest in holiday lights began many years ago when one of their sons put a string of holiday lights in his room. That expanded throughout the interior of the house until it glowed with 5,000 holiday lights.

"It was time to move it outside," Bob said.

The outdoor display grew and grew — and grew. The Stanleys don't know how many lights there are but expect that it is in the thousands. Also a secret is how the display impacts their utility bill in December. Although he won't



JOHN FUTTERMAN

This marks the final year of the Bob's World holiday display on Calle Reynoso. It runs Dec. 13-30.



JOHN FUTTERMAN

Bob Stanley, aka Santa Bob, has been putting up (and taking down) his decorative display each holiday season for over 30 years.

share the amount, Bob did say that the new LED lights are more cost-effective than those used in years past.

Stanley, who is retired from the commercial furnishings business, says he learned by trial and error in designing and installing the displays. In the early days, they were constructed of wood, which didn't withstand heavy winds and rain. Today's displays have wire frames.

The Stanleys will announce the sale of their Bob's World displays on the website known as California Christmas Lights

(CaliforniaChristmasLights.com) operated by Alex Dourov, which tells folks where to find the homes with the best holiday decorations.

Stanley is known as Santa Bob by the neighborhood kids — indeed there is a resemblance — and both he and Cathy have wonderful memories from their decades of hosting Bob's World. Cathy recalled when a young soldier in uniform who had just returned from the Middle East knocked on the door with his young brother, hoping to get a photo with Santa Bob to give to their mom for Christmas.

Put Bob's World on your calendar and enjoy its final year at 2612 Calle Reynoso. Starting Dec. 13, the display will be lit from 6-9 p.m. each Sunday through Thursday, and from 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays before the lights dim for good at 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 30.

After this, Stanley looks forward to traveling during the last quarter of the year in the future.

"We love Christmas, and we've both enjoyed the opportunity to share the excitement of the season with our friends and neighbors," he said. ■

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Dons' season comes to an end after smoke-delayed playoff game

Also: Amador girls win NCS cross-country championship

The North Coast Section Division I football brackets will show that Freedom beat Amador Valley 48-29 for an apparent easy playoff win last Saturday.

The truth is, though, it was a game the Dons played well in and could have come away with the win had it not been for two costly turnovers, both of which resulted in big-play touchdowns for Freedom. A 99-yard fumble return and a 90-yard interception return ended up being too much for Amador.

"We should have won that game," Amador coach Danny Jones said. "The kids played really well. Those two plays were a 28-point swing."

The fact the game finally got played was a big thing as well.

The Dons had been off since Oct. 27, as the team drew a first-round bye the weekend of Nov. 2-3. From there, the smoke from the Camp Fire in

Butte County postponed not only the game for three weeks but knocked out a chunk of practice time.

"You've been playing for 15 weeks, then don't get to play — or practice — for a period of time and that does have an effect," Jones said. "You can't help but have your fundamentals suffer when you can't get on a field. But both sides had to deal with it. Obviously, it's tough."

How the team would react to all the downtime was an unknown, as this is a situation players and coaches have never had to deal with before.

"You have kids that live for football and players that are seniors that can't wait to play," Jones said. "But then there are other kids that play other sports that can't wait for football to be over with. It's four weeks without playing and you would think you might have some kids that would check out."

That didn't happen to the Dons. "Our leadership was so good this year that the team held it together," the coach said. "Our leaders kept the team together and motivated for four weeks."

Regardless of the postseason loss, the Dons had a great season, going 8-3. For Jones and his staff, it was a satisfying campaign.

"What a great group of seniors," Jones said. "I am going to miss those guys. But we also have a motivated group coming back for next season, and there's going to be a lot to look forward to."

Amador cross-country

The Amador girls team brought home the Division I team title at the NCS Championships at Hayward High on Nov. 20.

It was the first NCS championship for Amador girls since 1990, and the team swept the top three spots with Hope Bergmark finishing in first place with a time of 17:45, Derica Su in second place and Ashley Baudin in third place.

They were followed by teammates Becky Lawrence, Surabhi Kumar, Ella McCarthy and Rachel Dentler.

Then last Saturday, the Dons competed in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Meet at Woodward Park in Fresno. The team finished 16th, with Bergmark running

13th (17:59.2), Baudin 61st (19:06) and Su 84th (19:21.1).

The Amador boys finished third in the Division I NCS meet, with Aidan Boyle, Jack Gray and Aidan McCarthy qualifying to compete at state.

At state, Boyle was 34th (15:45.3), Gray was 44th (15:51.9) and McCarthy finished 53rd (15:57.2).

Foothill cross-country

Two runners from Foothill qualified for the state meet with strong runs at the NCS Championships.

Russell Sullivan was third in his race with a time of 15:02 and Shrey Shah was seventh in 15:28.

Also making strong showings were Arjun Subramanian and Prithu Kachare. On the varsity girls side, finishing almost in a tie were Sydney Cohen and Kate Battaglia, followed by Isabel Garcia-Flores, Kina Atkin-Yamaguchi and Samantha Symons.

In the state meet, Sullivan was 8th in the Division II race with a time of 15:26.9, with Shah coming in 69th in 16:14.18.

Amador Basketball Classic

The Amador boys basketball program will be hosting the 58th annual



MICHELLE BERGMARK

The NCS champion Amador Valley girls cross-country team.

Amador Basketball Classic from Dec. 6-8.

The Dons will be competing against some of the top teams in Northern California, including St. Francis, Acalanes and De Anza.

Come see some exciting high school basketball. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, and free for children under 6 years old.

Game times for Thursday and Friday are at 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Amador opens play Thursday at 6:30 p.m. against De Anza.

Saturday the games are at 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., with the championship game at 6 p.m. ■

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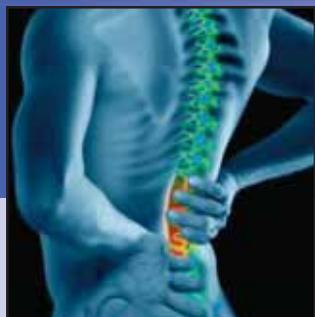
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DECEMBER PEOPLE A Classic Rock Christmas at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. These musicians come together at the holidays to bring attention to and benefit local holiday food drives. Purchase tickets for \$31 to \$41 at firehousearts.org, 931-4848, or at the Box Office. This show benefits hungry local families. Cash donations preferred due to the need to purchase perishables.

REAL JAZZ WITH THE MICHAEL MARCUS QUARTET From 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 7, The Michael Marcus Quartet will be coming to Inklings, 530 Main St., featuring Leon Joyce, Jr. on the drums and James Hall on the piano.

HOLIDAY MAGIC The San Ramon Community Chorus and Dancers perform "Holiday Magic" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 in the Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Free performance. Go to SanRamonPerformingArts.com for more information or call 973-3343.

Festivals & Fairs

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SIGHTS & SOUNDS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING At 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, in

Downtown Livermore, join us for the Holiday Parade celebrating the sights and sounds of the season. Over 50 floats, including our local businesses, clubs, marching bands and more, followed by the Annual Tree Lighting.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE GALLERY The LAA Gallery is hosting a Holiday Open House from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 and from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third St., Livermore. Special one of a kind gifts for your holiday shopping. Choose from mosaics, wood pens, jewelry, ceramics, glass, paintings, quilting, felting, photography and note cards. livermoreartassociation.org.

Family

FOOD PANTRY AT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH The Food Pantry at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr. is open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings to serve anyone who needs food. No proof of residency is required, just come and get a couple of bags or more.

CHARACTERZ KIDZ FAMILY GAME NIGHT This Family Fun Night is free for all ages at 6 p.m., on the first Friday of every month at Characterz Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd. Kids get a free hot cocoa or chocolate milk. Bring a game to share or play one of ours.

Dance

IMPRESSIONS OF THE NUTCRACKER The San Ramon Valley Dance Academy presents Impressions of The Nutcracker at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 and 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 9 at the Dougherty Valley

Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Go to SanRamonPerformingArts.com for tickets and more information or call 973-3343.

Food & Drink

HOLIDAY TEA & DESSERT Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center, present a Holiday Tea and Dessert from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. This festive event will include musical performances, a holiday sing-along, decadent desserts and holiday tea. Tickets are required and available at the Pleasanton Senior Center with a suggested donation of \$2 per ticket. If you are not able to visit the Senior Center to secure a ticket, please call 931-5365 and accommodations will be made.

Support Groups

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or help@AlanonTriValley.org. Go to alanonTriValley.org. Pleasanton.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. and is for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org.

HEALTHFUL MEAL PLANNING FOR THE ELDERLY & CHRONICALLY ILL To help community members, Hope Hospice and Home Health presents, Healthful Meal Planning for the Elderly and Chronically Ill, from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. Information will include identifying the obstacles to healthful eating;

PET OF THE WEEK

Pretty Pippa

Hiya, Pippa here, a 3-year-old domestic short-hair. When it comes to relationships, I'm very level-headed. I don't leap paws first, if you know what I mean. But give me a little time, and then I'll shower you with purrs, head-butts, and plenty of lap time. By the way, I am also FIV-positive, which sounds scarier than it is. FIV+ cats can live healthy, normal lives, provided that their risk of secondary infection is kept minimal: they should be indoors only, be spayed/neutered (done and done) fed quality, balanced diet and see a vet regularly. Sounds pretty doable, yes? Meet me at the East Bay SPCA in Dublin at 4651 Gleason Drive. My adoption fee is waived.



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avoiding nutritional deficiencies and nutrition-related disorders; and practical tips and suggestions for preparing meals that are healthy, satisfying and easy. Register online at HopeHospice.com or contact Debbie Emerson at debe@hopehospice.com.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND From 1 to 3 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, the Livermore Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets for any visually impaired or blind person. Call Carl at 449-9362.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP From 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month, at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, learn more about this common movement disorder. For more information visit eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

LUPUS AND FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP The group meets at 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, at the Weekes Library, 217300 Patrick Ave., Hayward, (off Tennyson Road). Contact janetip510@yahoo.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. It leaves us in a state of shock, confusion, pain

and sadness. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, on Dec. 13, Jan. 10 and 22, Feb. 12 and 28, March 14 and 28. There are two Tuesday evening meeting dates, Jan. 22 and Feb. 12. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Sports

THE PLEASANTON CHAMBER PRESENTS: A LUNCHEON WITH THE OAKLAND A'S From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 11, at the Marriott Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road., enjoy a luncheon with the Oakland A's, featuring Stephen Piscotty, Chris Giles and David Rinetti. Sponsorship Opportunity \$1,000. Private VIP meet and greet reception with top executives of the A's, photo opportunities with the World Series trophies and A's mascot Stomper. Includes preferred table of 8 at the event and company logo on all promotional collateral. pleasanton.org. \$40 per person for lunch. pleasanton.org/events/details.

Seniors

FINDING WELLNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS Finding Wellness is a 7 week fun and interactive series designed to promote healthy living and well being. Classes meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave. Classes also include 20 minutes of gentle exercise. For age 60+. ssptv.org.

Volunteers

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE MOSQUE Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Pleasanton Mosque, 5724 W. Las Positas Dr., for the eleventh blood drive to help address the national critical need for blood. Just 15 minutes can save three lives. Ages 16+ can donate. Register at redcrossblood.org/give. Every person who donates blood at MCC East Bay in 2018 will receive a voucher for either a free haircut at Super Haircut in San Ramon or a free oil change at Midas and Speedee Oil Change in Dublin.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Like Microblading
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 551537
The following person doing business as: Like Microblading, 4326 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Keona Guillen, 4326 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Keona Guillen an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 12, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Keona Guillen, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Nov. 2, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2018).

FLOAT MUSIC
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The following person(s) doing business as:
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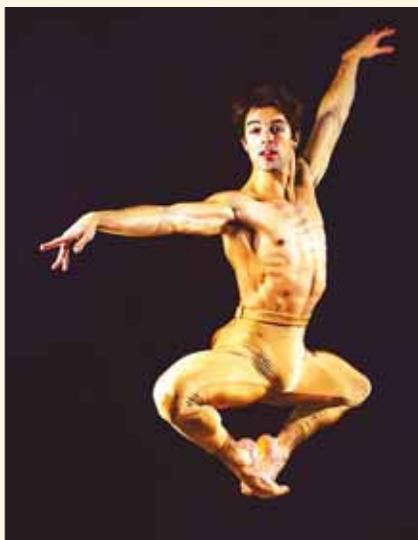
Nozari, 7479 Ginger Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant, Hamoon Goudarzi Nozari, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 8, 2018 (Pleasanton Weekly, November 23, 30, December 7, 14).

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The following person(s) doing business as: Tri-Valley Food & Wine, 3577 Carlsbad Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sangeeta Myers, 3577 Carlsbad Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant Sangeeta Myers, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 19, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 30, December 7, 14, 21.)

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Special guest artist Maxwell Simoes will perform as Snow King and as Cavalier in Valley Dance Theater's "The Nutcracker," which opens next weekend at the Bankhead Theater. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 8, 14, 15 and 16; matinees are at 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9, 15 and 16. Tickets are \$42 and \$33; and \$21 for students 18 and younger. Go to www.lvpac.org or the box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore; or call 373-6800. To avoid online scams, buy tickets online only through this website.



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 16-26.

Pleasanton

- 4340 2nd Street** Aec Eat LLC to T. & M. Carey \$806,000
- 5931 Bryce Canyon Court** Cristiano Trust to T. & M. Qazi \$1,020,000
- 2211 Corte Melina** S. & A. Bishop to K. & D. Lau \$1,249,000
- 4723 Fair Street** S. Chipman to R. Deherera \$1,040,000
- 3040 Flora Court** H. Miller to Wisner Family Trust \$785,000
- 1051 Hancock Court** L. & T. Demott to B. & R. Jha \$1,600,000
- 7355 Hillsdale Drive** N. & J. Persinger to J. & M. Reghupathy \$1,240,000
- 3825 Kamp Drive** T. & S. Patula to G. & L. Liu \$1,050,000
- 198 Peters Avenue #A** R. Klippenes to Shaw Family Trust \$543,000
- 1898 Rosetree Court** Rathjen 1003 Trust to C. & M. Millett \$1,320,000
- 458 Sangro Court** D. & K. Kalbarczyk to S. & S. Prasad \$1,435,000
- 4214 School Street** Spouses M S P S 2012 Trust to L. Simpson \$860,500
- 4751 Sutter Gate Avenue** Masucci Family Trust to P. & B. Griffin \$1,180,000
- 6008 Tillman Court** H. Liu to D. & Q. Yan \$2,050,000
- 3088 Tonopah Circle** A. & S. Instenes to V. Chaturvedi \$760,000
- 3187 Weymouth Court** R. Maggy to R. & D. Mills \$1,150,000

Dublin

- 7678 Arbor Creek Circle** L. Nashier to W. & S. Chen \$712,000
- 8889 Bellina Commons** J. & R. Chung to R. & H. Chandrasekharameno \$775,000
- 7431 Brigadoon Way** J. Fraser to H. Choi \$610,000
- 7654 Cardigan Street** A. Nejat to S. & D. Desai \$870,000
- 8350 Davona Drive** Rector J J & G M Trust to Hj Home Investments Inc \$715,000
- 8531 Newry Place** Hutzler-Byrd Trust to I. & A. Botero \$860,000
- 6945 Prince Drive** C. Tribby to S. & M. Wirchniansky \$900,000

- 6953 Prince Drive** J. Mckinley to C. Tribby \$846,500
- 11619 Regio Court** D. & D. Grant to S. Lee \$1,012,500
- 4524 Sandyford Court** Harris Andrea P Family Trust to N. & G. Orocoy \$690,000
- 6530 Sierra Lane** John Sanders Institute LLC to W. Xu \$820,000
- 11652 Silvergate Drive** L. & R. Coleman to C. & B. Ito \$900,000
- 3962 Windsor Way** J. Kim to N. & M. Chen \$882,500

Livermore

- 980 Acacia Way** De Palma Family Trust to Abboud Family Trust \$650,000
- 803 Cherokee Drive** Minerva Family Trust to Schofield 2001 Family Trust \$749,000
- 1288 De Paul Way** L. Langendorff to K. & J. Hendricks \$888,000
- 481 Egret Road** D. & J. Phillips to J. & J. Wang \$735,500
- 856 South G Street** Moore Living Trust to D. Daly \$898,000
- 889 Hazel Street** Price Family Trust to S. & J. Forien \$760,000
- 651 Hillcrest Avenue** K. & T. Johnnavitz to L. & P. Hillyard \$626,000
- 887 Jefferson Avenue** P. Swartz to J. & G. Johnson \$875,000
- 2676 Lariat Court** La Plant Family Trust to Hogan 2002 Family Trust \$835,000
- 5347 Lenore Avenue** L. Henriksen to S. Davis \$600,000
- 2478 Merlot Lane** Zeterberg 1987 Family Trust to Miller Heather K Living Trust \$1,320,000
- 790 North N Street** J. & G. Johnson to C. Patterson \$585,000
- 432 Oriole Avenue** L. & L. Baeder to F. Laxamana \$755,000
- 1927 Paseo Laguna Seco #41** K. & N. Lehr to G. & S. Lopez \$507,000
- 2342 Pendolino Lane** P. Erickson to Williams Frank & Lisa F/Tr \$1,675,000
- 6435 Pheasant Court** Farley Family Living Trust to Hastings J & A L/Tr \$925,000
- 3956 Purdue Way** W. Close to R. & D. Gunderson \$715,000
- 567 Regulus Road** Baumgart Family Trust to Tey 2007 Family Trust Of \$1,750,000
- 674 Selby Lane #3** J. & D. Barker to Rhodes Family Trust \$845,000

- 118 Selby Lane #7** L. Simms to N. & L. Singh \$702,000
- 668 Stetson Court** L. & S. Youk to O. & S. Belhumeur \$825,000
- 1055 Via Granada** M. & E. Castillo to Kirby Living Trust \$705,000

San Ramon

- 301 Andora Lane** Lucchini Paula R Trust to J. & A. Martin \$952,000
- 2162 Arlington Way** G. Kirsur to J. & X. Liu \$1,086,000
- 5003 Barrenstar Way** S. Jeong to S. & S. Gudigopuram \$849,000
- 9825 Broadmoor Drive** M. & L. Duggan to Mui L P L & Ab S W S M L/Tr \$989,000
- 9758 Broadmoor Drive** J. & J. Gray to N. & G. Gautam \$900,000
- 2707 Canyon Creek Drive** F. & J. Pho to S. & A. Nautiyal \$1,050,000

- 5325 Canyon Crest Drive** E. & W. Vaz to M. & K. Rajan \$1,325,000
- 152 Canyon Green Place** M. Weyland to E. Hood-Lockhart \$870,000
- 11 Centennial Way** R. & J. Victoriano to D. & B. Vijayan \$1,100,000
- 108 Copper Ridge Road** M. Mozahhbian to C. & L. Marquez \$655,000
- 2662 Derby Drive** Harris Family Trust to K. & C. Godkin \$1,385,000
- 57 Dos Rios Court** S. & A. Paz to R. & S. Ramani \$1,250,000
- 61 Eagle Lake Lane #12** C. Detioff to L. & L. Tran \$725,000
- 41 Eagle Lake Court #32** Hong Family Trust to Safinia Family Trust \$949,000
- 178 Eastridge Drive** S. & R. Abdel-Massih to P. & J. Guo \$569,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Oct. 16-26)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$543,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,050,000
Average sales reported: \$1,130,000

Dublin (Oct. 16-26)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$610,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,012,500
Average sales reported: \$814,000

Livermore (Oct. 16-26)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$585,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000
Average sales reported: \$860,227

San Ramon (Oct. 16-26)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$569,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,891,000
Average sales reported: \$1,086,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Discovery Bay

- 3 BEDROOMS**
2523 Cherry Hills Drive **\$565,000**
 Sat 1-4: Dee Teigland 285.2459

Fremont

- 3 BEDROOMS**
41497 Timber Creek Terrace **\$1,210,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

Livermore

- 2 BEDROOMS**
340 Church Street **\$725,000**
 Sun 1-4:00 Linda Futral 980.3561

- 3 BEDROOMS**
2841 Hoya Commons **\$760,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-5 John Ledahl 989.4994

- 3 BEDROOMS**
1393 Spring Valley Common **\$479,500**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 583.1106

- 4 BEDROOMS**
6586 Green Hills Court **\$849,000**
 Sun 1-4 Miranda Mattos 336.7653

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Are the Holidays a Good Time to Sell Your Home?

It happens every year. The holidays. And every year we REALTORS get the same question: Are the holidays a good time to sell my home? For the record, I think the holidays can be of the best times to sell your home. Here are some of the reasons that the holiday season can be an excellent time to sell your home:

1. Strong activity. Most people believe that the real estate market dies in October, and does not come out of hibernation until May or June. But this is just not true. In fact, it is typical for home sales to be fairly evenly distributed throughout the year, with a slight surge in the 2nd and 3rd quarters, and a slower 1st and 4th quarter.

2. Less competition. Because many sellers believe the market will be slow, and decide to wait till the new year to sell, there is usually less competition during the last quarter. Fewer homes for sale means fewer choices for buyers, many of whom are motivated.

3. Buyers are motivated. Let's face it. Most people want to be eating turkey, drinking egg nog (and other things) and singing holiday songs during the ...

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SOLD



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• 5 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths
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Sold for \$1,320,000

SOLD



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• 4 Bedrooms/3.5 Baths
• 2,286 +/- sq.ft. • 7,000 +/- sq.ft. Lot
Sold for \$1,390,000

SOLD



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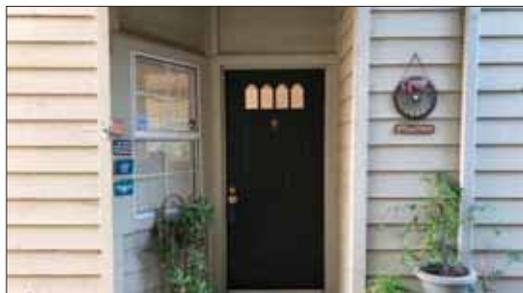
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