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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Holiday Fund helps Cultural Arts Council help others



CYNTHIA ALTMAN

Charlotte Severin, member of Cultural Arts Council, puts finishing touches on restoration of 50-year-old mural on wall behind Main Street Brewery.

Pleasanton's Cultural Arts Council is one of 15 nonprofits that will benefit from the Pleasanton Weekly's 2018 Holiday Fund campaign now underway. And deservedly so.

Incorporated in 1979, the non-profit promotes arts, provides facilities for arts activities and creates an environment where residents can pursue and enjoy a wide range of cultural opportunities.

Even before its incorporation, founders of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (also known as PCAC) lobbied in 1976 to establish the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, raised money and promoted in-kind donations to build the Pleasanton Cultural Center on Black Avenue and even raised funds to donate a race horse to the Chamber of Commerce for auction.

Since then, PCAC has supported the arts community by providing public relations and strategic planning seminars for local arts groups through its quarterly newsletter, an arts calendar and programs it sponsors.

These have included classical piano concerts by Ruebin Chen, Tamriko Saprashvili, Temirzhan Yerzhanov and Klara Frei, dance and singing performances by April Verch.

PCAC also has funded the Big Draw and provided students in a local Y-Camp with art experiences. This year it is also providing Arts in Action grants to Amador Valley and Foothill high schools for their spring musical, a new potter's wheel

for Village High School, a multi-dimensional art garden project at Mohr Elementary, and helping with funding the piano tuning and dollies for the pianos at Foothill.

"Our organization gives grants and money awards to students for their creative passions and talents," said Kelly Cousins, PCAC's president. "We had the 'Youth Excellence in Arts,' or YEA, awards in September with local high school students who were judged by professionals in their field."

The YEA awards of \$500 each, given annually, go to students in writing, visual arts, music and performing arts categories. The program is supported by individually donated endowment monies and now from contributions made to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

But the Cultural Arts Council, like the 14 other charities the 2018 Holiday Fund is supporting, is bracing for less outside donations this year as its directors watch the effects of last year's tax law. An article in the Nov. 28 issue of The Wall Street Journal by Richard Rubin stated that the law "sharply reduced the number of people who get deductions for contributions to nonprofit groups."

"The tax law pushed millions of upper-middle-class households from itemizing deductions into a larger standard deduction," Rubin wrote. "That shift could change the annual pattern of December donations that charities count on."

According to an article by Marcy Gordon in Markets Associated Press, a central pillar of the tax law doubled the standard deduction used by two-thirds of Americans to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples.

"That means many taxpayers who now itemize deductions will find it's no longer beneficial for them to do so," Gordon wrote. "They'll find that the deductions they normally take, including for charitable giving, don't add up to as much as the new standard amount."

That's why contributions to the Holiday Fund are so important. Most donors give \$50, \$100, \$200 or even larger amounts without concern for tax deductions. They donate because they genuinely want to help support local nonprofits, such as the PCAC. ■

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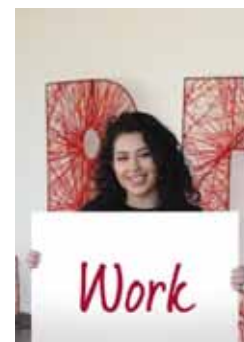
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Do you buy gifts for your pet(s) during the holiday season?



**Kim Lambert**  
*Retired*

Absolutely not. In fact, I encourage my pets to buy presents for me, since I am, after all, the one who provides for them all year long.



**Mackenzie Sperlock**  
*Cicerone*

As a cat lover, yes, I absolutely do. But it seems that no matter what gift I get for my cat, she always prefers the box that it comes in, as well as beer bottle caps, which she has loved to play fetch with since the time she was a kitten.



**Debra Lambert**  
*PR director*

But of course. Our animals are members of our family. They love us every single day, and we love them back. So why wouldn't we want to give them gifts during the holidays in order to make them feel special?



**Leah Weitz, with dog Winnie**  
*Software*

Obviously, yes. I don't think our pets understand the concept of holidays and gift-giving during the holidays, but we love our dog so much that we are happy to have any and every opportunity to spoil her, whether it is for a holiday or not.



**Jory Rice**  
*Software*

This is actually our first year owning a pet. And so yes, we are getting all sorts of treats and exciting toys for her at this time of year because we want her to feel welcome and at home with us. We're even planning to stuff a Christmas stocking for her.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Remembering Pearl Harbor

The Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, along with Save Mount Diablo, will be holding their annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting Ceremony today on the 77th anniversary of the attacks.

The beacon, which was extinguished as part of a coastal blackout after Pearl Harbor, was not reignited until Pearl Harbor Day 1964, when it was illuminated for one night — a tradition that has continued for 55 years to honor the victims and survivors.

The ceremony begins at 3 p.m. today with opening remarks in Concord. After a performance of “America the Beautiful” by Steve Barton, a Vietnam War-era helicopter — provided by the Vietnam Helicopters Museum — will fly over the ceremony toward the beacon at precisely 4:45 p.m., preceding the 5 p.m. beacon lighting.

The ceremony will be held in the Oak Room of the Library Building at the California State East Bay Concord Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road.

### Wreath assembly

Volunteers will gather this Saturday to assemble commemorative wreaths that will be placed on all 560-plus military veteran gravesites at Pioneer Cemetery as part of the annual Wreaths Across Pleasanton program.

The assembling will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1225 Hopyard Road from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants are asked to dress for cold weather and bring garden gloves, clippers and/or pliers if they have them.

The wreaths will be placed at Pioneer Cemetery gravesites the following Saturday morning (Dec. 15).

For more information on volunteering or to donate, visit [www.wreathscrosspleasanton.org](http://www.wreathscrosspleasanton.org).

### Bus ticket drive

Livermore resident Jacky Poulsen, in partnership with Asbury United Methodist Church, has kicked off the third annual bus ticket drive, which raises money for homeless and in-need residents in the Tri-Valley who cannot afford to purchase tickets for public buses.

Last year's program resulted in nearly 8,000 free tickets, which were given to local nonprofits to distributed to their clients most in-need during the holiday season.

This year, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is matching the first \$1,500 of donations (equal to 937 free tickets). To learn about the program, visit <http://bit.ly/2018bustickets> ■

## Council signs off on city acquiring downtown property for \$2 million-plus

Library office renovations, new Hansen Park playground also OK'd at Olson's final full council meeting

**BY JEREMY WALSH**  
The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday approved terms for the city to acquire a commercial parcel on First Street for up to \$2.34 million.

Though how the city would use the property next to Lions Wayside Park and the Firehouse Arts Center in the future would be subject to more public deliberations, plans would almost certainly include razing the two buildings once the tenants relocate and offering more public parking downtown, according to city leaders.

The acquisition was approved with little fanfare and no opposition Tuesday night, a unanimous vote

with no discussion as part of the council's consent calendar.

The owners of the 18,200-square-foot parcel at 4363 and 4377 First St. (Ianson Holdings, LLC and Malakoff & McIntyre, Inc.) have been aiming to sell their property, with the goal of closing escrow by the end of the year, assistant city manager Brian Dolan wrote in his staff report to the council.

Accordingly, the council talked in closed-session with city staff in August and again Election Night and supported City Manager Nelson Fialho entering into a contingent agreement with the property owners so escrow could close by Dec. 31, Dolan said. One of the terms

was that the council consider the final agreement in a public meeting.

The positive aspects of the property include its proximity to the Firehouse parking lot, direct pedestrian access to Lions Wayside, the potential to create a connection between First Street and the Firehouse lot and increase public parking downtown, and the chance to improve the appearance of a highly visible property downtown, according to Dolan.

Another term of the deal was that each of the six tenants currently under lease at the property must enter into relocation agreements with the city to free up the two buildings.

Those tenants are Express Liquor, Yan's Massage, Roots of Eastern Medicine (acupuncture), Team EdServe (marriage and family counseling), Urban Realty Services and a leased storage unit. Each could be eligible for financial help from the city to help with relocation costs.

“Based on the terms of the leases with the existing tenants and requirements of state law, it is anticipated that the tenants generally will vacate as leases expire or are not renewed, and the buildings will eventually be removed,” Dolan said in his staff report.

The acquisition costs would

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## ‘Angst’ screening in son’s memory

Parents hope to spur conversation on mental health

**BY ERIKA ALVERO**

Anxiety is part of being human, a knot that affects people at different levels, in different scenarios. We accept it, and brush it off; often we're encouraged to bury it deep within us so as not to burden others.

But just over a month ago, anxiety led to Amador Valley High School freshman Zachary Nimmo's death. And so in his memory, and as part of their new mission to spur more conversations surrounding mental health, his parents Mannie and Steve Nimmo are hosting a screening and panel discussion of the documentary “Angst” on Monday at a Livermore church.

“We saw this film two days before he passed,” Steve said. “It really spoke well, it spoke about all the signs, all the symptoms. When we saw it, we were like, ‘That’s Zachary.’ It really described him well. But we only had a few days to really react to it.”

“So that’s why we’re dedicated to preventing anyone from going through this. It’s excruciating pain.”

Zachary was a 14-year-old who loved fishing, his friends, soccer, lacrosse and gaming, his parents said.

“His friends called him a hybrid

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At his alma mater Dublin High School, U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) spoke with his District 15 constituents during a wide-ranging town hall meeting last Saturday.

## Swalwell hosts town hall

Congressman previews policy priorities after midterms

**BY ERIKA ALVERO**

In his first town hall meeting after the midterms, U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell spoke at his alma mater of Dublin High School on Saturday morning, addressing current affairs both local and national and responding to concerns of his District 15 constituents.

Despite the rainy weather, over 400 community members crowded into the school's multi-purpose room to hear the 38-year-old congressman talk about his own policy priorities and take questions from attendees.

The theme of “American values” and the idea of an American

promise for all echoed throughout the event.

“If you work hard, your paycheck should grow, you should have a health care guarantee, and regardless of what community you live in, your kids should have a school that will prepare them for the future,” Swalwell (D-Dublin) said in his closing statements. “I think that’s the bargain of America.”

The town hall also comes about five weeks after the birth of his second child, Kathryn “Cricket” Swalwell — a fact noted by attendees in their comments and on the congressman's

social media account, as he joked that his constituents used to chat after the town hall, but now only wanted to see baby pictures.

And it was just a few days after Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi nominated Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) serve alongside Swalwell and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) as co-chairs of the House Steering and Policy Committee, bringing another East Bay representative to the leadership team.

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# Accountability, priorities dominate PUSD community meeting

District officials present, answer questions on metrics and overarching district goals

By ERIKA ALVERO

Widespread accountability was the theme of the night at the second Pleasanton Unified School District community meeting of the year, from district staff accountability to holding state officials and the Pleasanton community itself likewise accountable when it comes to education.

A few dozen educators, parents and interested locals gathered in the Alisal Elementary School multipurpose room on a stormy evening last

week to hear PUSD cabinet members and trustees talk about their goals for the district, and to ask their own questions.

This was one of four such meetings set to be held over the course of the school year, with the Nov. 27 conversation centered on using overarching goals to guide the school district's work in all arenas.

"One of the key focus areas that we're trying to work on this year is aligning all the organizational

activities and the work of each various division within the district to the five goals we're going to talk about in just a few minutes," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in his opening comments.

After a presentation by the Amador Valley High School Local Leaders of the 21st Century, an environmental club at the school, the first half of the meeting focused on the district's organizational goals, summarized by different cabinet members.

The five goals the district has decided to focus upon include implementing strategies to help close achievement and opportunity gaps; improving supportive interventions and enrichments for students; strengthening employee recruitment, development and retention; strengthening and clarifying district policies and regulations at the leadership level; and improving customer service throughout the district.

During the second half of the 90-minute meeting, district officials answered questions attendees had written down on notecards, with school board trustees Steve Maher and Mark Miller on hand to assist with responses. The first question posed set the tone for the rest of the discussion: a community member asked, "How do you hold yourselves

accountable for meeting the goals and objectives?"

Haglund responded that with all the district's goals, they sought to find a quantifiable metric, whether it be a community survey evaluating how safe students felt at school to hard academic data from state assessments.

He added, however, that broadly crafted, state-mandated assessments aren't always the best metric for all communities.

"As an example, if our graduation rate is 98.7%, what are we trying to do? Get it to 98.8% or 98.9%?" Haglund said. "Or are there other things within the trajectory of getting a student from kindergarten through graduation that we should be paying attention to, that in the end wouldn't make that higher, but might have larger consequences at a lower grade level."

He pointed to oft-cited research linking third grade reading proficiency to prison, adding that not all families could afford outside reading tutoring and support — another argument toward closing the opportunity and achievement gap within PUSD, and to hone in on individual student growth and performance.

A parent countered, however, that outside, after-school tutoring

was skewing the district's data and metrics.

"We have tutoring centers opening up on every corner, more than gas stations and 7-Elevens," she said. "There's plenty of parents in this town who spend thousands and thousands of dollars, to try and keep their kid matriculating to the next year. Because it wasn't happening in school. So it's warping what's happening in the classroom because we're paying extra money outside to keep them up-to-date."

This sparked a conversation about the outgoing governor's 2013 shift of the education funding formula, which allocated more of the budget to high-poverty districts. Part of the ideology behind the shift, Haglund said, was to address the very issue the parent had mentioned: in more affluent districts, parents are able to provide their children with additional out-of-school supports.

He noted that in some other districts comparable to PUSD, residents had approved a parcel tax to help supplement lower state allocations — however, Pleasanton voters had previously rejected such a tax in 2011.

"In this district, the community

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Holiday parade:** Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony went off without a hitch on Saturday despite the weather forecast putting the parade in doubt. Thousands lined Main Street to watch the procession, which included the Pleasanton Weekly car featuring publisher Gina Channell seated on top with editor Jeremy Walsh, his wife Elise in the passenger seat (on her birthday) and editor emeritus Job Bing behind the wheel.



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# PDA finalizes lease for city building on Division Street

Downtown organization moving into PPIE's former home next week

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is moving its headquarters into a familiar, city-owned building just off Main Street.

The City Council last month approved an agreement for the PDA to lease the property at 333 Division St., a site that for years was the home of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation.

When PPIE left Division Street last year for a space in the Pleasanton Unified School District administrative complex, the city's property downtown sat vacant — and PDA officials decided now was the right time to jump on the chance to lease that building.

"This is a great move for the PDA and something we have been hoping for and working towards for many years," PDA executive director Laura Olson told the Weekly.

"The location in the heart of

downtown will make our office more accessible for our businesses and the public," Olson added. "It will provide us with more space, and thanks to the generosity of the city of Pleasanton, we will enjoy a much lower rent which will allow us to pour more of our limited resources into marketing and programs for our wonderful downtown."

The PDA plans to start moving into its new home next Monday. The PDA has spent nearly \$20,000 in recent weeks to renovate the interior to meet the needs of its staff, board members and public, Olson said.

An organization tasked with promoting downtown Pleasanton and enhancing its viability, the PDA is funded through annual assessments paid by for-profit businesses within the Downtown Pleasanton Business Improvement District, as well as

through sponsorships and fundraising events such as its Concerts in the Park, Forkful and springtime Wine Stroll.

The PDA also receives financial support — direct and indirect — from the city of Pleasanton, and offering a below-market lease for 333 Division St. (under \$1,000 per month) is seen as another example of that support, according to Pamela Ott, the city's economic development director.

"The (lease) terms, which are similar in nature with terms that were applied to previous tenants, are not intended to recover the full cost of operating the building or to profit from rent charges. Rather, the use of the building is seen as part of the city's commitment to work cooperatively with the Pleasanton Downtown Association," Ott wrote in her staff report to the council.

The city building will help offset rising expenses incurred in recent years by the PDA, including from increasing rent at its current headquarters in the Civic Center Station building on First Street — the PDA's home since January 2011.

The 333 Division St. site, a former house converted into a commercial building behind the Museum on Main, is also more centrally located in downtown compared to the current PDA office at 4725 First St., Suite 200, which is on the far south end of downtown between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street.

The lease with the city calls for the PDA to pay \$974 per month in rent from March to December 2019, after which the cost would go up based on the Consumer Price Index on an annual basis.

The PDA will be responsible for utilities, interior maintenance based on daily use and maintaining

insurance, as well as providing its own furniture, fixtures, equipment and computers, under the lease. The city will be responsible for upkeep of the grounds and landscaping, the roof and exterior walls, and the security system, as well as major maintenance such as exterior painting and HVAC.

During 2019, the city expects the PDA to receive approximately \$75,000 worth of assessments from downtown businesses — a total that the city will match with funding.

The city also contributes indirect funding to the PDA including staff time to administer PDA assessments, support for events and business initiatives, cleaning sidewalks, maintaining planter boxes and picking up garbage, Ott said.

The lease agreement was approved on Nov. 6 as part of the council's consent calendar. ■

## TOWN HALL

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will benefit from the high representation in leadership positions, Swalwell said during a media event prior to the town hall, particularly regarding infrastructure issues. His biggest priority here is extending the rail transit from Dublin-Pleasanton over the Altamont Pass, he said.

"We have the best chance since I've been elected in finding federal dollars that can help that project," he said.

The next big item for him on the agenda, he said, was voting rights reforms through House Democrats' recently unveiled HR 1, which seeks, among other things, to make voting an easier and more accessible process and to "end partisan gerrymandering," according to a recent Washington Post op-ed by Reps. Pelosi and John Sarbanes.

Swalwell pointed to voter suppression efforts seen in the recent election as evidence that voting reform needed to happen.

"I believe that the long-term solution for voter engagement and voter security has to be that we move toward secure, honorable, online voting," he said.

Education threaded throughout the talk, under the umbrella of many different topics. Building new, modern schools would help ensure all students — regardless of community — had access to a quality education, he said, but also protect against the threat of automation to American jobs, after one audience member expressed that concern.

"What I want to do is make sure that by building modern schools in every community, that we're preparing our kids to have the ability of skill, so that even as weather

changes in the workforce, they will continue to have careers," Swalwell said.

He also emphasized his ongoing plans to address the student debt crisis — his "college bargain."

"If you work through college, if you do work-study through college, and you get out and you commit to serve a community in need, you will have a debt-free education," he said. "I would also hold these institutions more accountable."

And reporting from Washington, he addressed questions on developments in the Mueller investigation, along with the recent turnover of the House majority party and the new demographic makeup of House leaders.

Swalwell noted that 27 newly elected members of Congress were in their 40s or younger.

"This transformation of leadership is coming, I think that's a good thing," he said. "We're a Congress that has not necessarily been that youthful or diverse before. I took our leadership picture yesterday, and to see African-Americans, Latinos, a 31-year-old — I'm a 38-year-old, I'm the old man on the block now. It's a leadership team that looks like America."

This was relevant, he said, in particular when considering issues such as gun violence — something that young people reported to be one of the foremost issues on their minds.

And on the long-term effects of "Individual No. 1" (as one attendee put it) on the nation's emotional psyche, and to political norms going forward?

"There's going to be a lot of healing that's going to have to happen after this presidency," he said. "There's going to be an era of reformation, just as we saw after Watergate." ■

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## LPC music showcases coming up

Holiday concert, theater performances at community college

By ERIKA ALVERO

Las Positas College performing arts students invite community members to celebrate the holiday season with two musical showcases.

Kicking off the shows, the LPC Music Department has its holiday concert on Dec. 13, while students from the Theater and Performing Arts Department will perform some musical theater favorites with their free Pop Rocks show on Dec. 14.

“Our musical theater course focuses on training in performance skills in singing, dancing and acting for musical theater,” department coordinator Titian Lish said. “The culmination of the course is the public performance of a collection of works. This piece was mostly devised by Las Positas College students bringing in music they wanted to sing and then crafted and staged by musical theater professor Dylan McBride.”

The music department’s “Sounds of the Season” concert will feature

the talents of the LPC Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos, Chamber Choir and Vocal East, performing seasonal classics and sing-a-longs. The performance begins at 7 p.m. at the Barbara F. Mertes Main Stage. Advance tickets are \$5 for students, staff, seniors and military and \$10 general admission; tickets at the door cost \$15.

The musical theater showcase the following day will include selected musical theater pieces, both classic and contemporary, featuring numbers from “Bye Bye Birdie,” “Dear Evan Hansen,” “Bonnie & Clyde,” “Xanadu,” “Hair,” “Rock of Ages” and the new “Be More Chill,” set to debut on Broadway next year. The show starts at 8 p.m. in the Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theater. Though the event is free, seating may be limited, and parking passes cost \$3, available for purchase in any lot.

To purchase tickets for the Music Department’s concert, visit [tinyurl.com/yc6jryn3](http://tinyurl.com/yc6jryn3). ■

## Gregerson stepping down as president of Stanford-ValleyCare

Search underway for successor to lead Tri-Valley health system

By JEREMY WALSH

Scott Gregerson has announced that he will be resigning as president of Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare in the new year, stepping away from his career to spend more time with his family.

Gregerson, who has led the Tri-Valley hospital system since early 2014, was a key member of the leadership team that worked to complete the merger between the former ValleyCare Health System and Stanford Health Care over three years ago.

“It has been the honor of a lifetime to work for this community, and as of now I have no plans other than to spend time with my young children and wife,” Gregerson told the Weekly on Tuesday, but stopped short of calling his decision a retirement.

“I imagine I’ll find my way back to health care as I have found great

meaning in the cause, but for now my family will be my focus,” he said. “I leave confident that Stanford-ValleyCare will continue to provide extraordinary care for years to come.”

Gregerson’s last day at the helm will be Jan. 4.

Stanford Health Care president/CEO David Entwistle said the search would begin immediately to find Gregerson’s successor to lead Stanford-ValleyCare going forward.

In an email to employees, Entwistle commended Gregerson’s leadership and reiterated how the Tri-Valley system is a valued and vital component of the Stanford system.

“Working with you — ValleyCare’s incredible physicians and staff — Scott has created more seamless and coordinated care for all of our patients and their families,” Entwistle said.

Gregerson was working as vice president of strategic partnerships for ValleyCare when he was promoted to interim president/CEO in February 2014 after longtime leader Marcy Feit abruptly resigned.

Gregerson guided ValleyCare

through its merger with Stanford Health in 2014 and 2015, a deal needed to keep the Tri-Valley system afloat as it plunged deeper into debt as an independent organization.

He was installed as president of the new Stanford-ValleyCare subsidiary when the merger was completed in May 2015.

Earlier this year, Gregerson also played an integral role in the No on Measure U campaign, which helped defeat a union-backed initiative in Livermore that would’ve overhauled health care in that city by limiting medical care prices charged by any health care provider to 15% above “the reasonable cost of direct patient care” while tasking the city government with making sure that happened.

Livermore voters resoundingly opposed Measure U in last month’s general election, defeating it by better than a 4:1 margin.

Stanford-ValleyCare includes general hospitals in Pleasanton and Livermore as well as other health care centers in those communities and Dublin. ■



Scott Gregerson

## PURCHASE

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include \$2 million for the property purchase, \$2,650 for environmental review, \$32,500 to hire a relocation consultant and relocation expenses for the tenants that could total between \$92,500 and \$310,000, according to Dolan. Building removal and interim site maintenance would cost another estimated \$70,000.

The costs would be paid from the city’s Lions Wayside Park renovation budget, which has about \$4.5 million in funding in the city’s capital improvement program. The Lions Wayside project would then be reimbursed in the 2019-20 budget year.

City officials expect the purchase to close escrow by the end of the year, provided all contingencies are

met, including relocation agreements with the tenants.

### In other business

- The 13-item consent calendar consisted of several other municipal projects around Pleasanton, including the council approving \$120,500 for Jeff Katz Architecture to design the library office renovations and assist with overseeing construction of the project.

City officials propose to relocate Community Services Division staff from an aging modular building at the Civic Center at 200 Old Bernal Ave. to redesigned office space in the Pleasanton Public Library at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

More than \$1.25 million had been set aside to remodel the Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard to house the division staff, but plans changed

after the city opted to merge two divisions to create the new Library and Recreation Department.

The project will focus on re-arranging current library space to create office areas for all library staff and 12 recreation staff members. The remodel will impact some library storage space — mostly seasonal — so a new storage unit will be added outside the building near the trash enclosure, according to city staff.

Officials hope to have the design finished by next June so construction could begin after Labor Day. Work is estimated to take five to six months, during which the library will remain open with normal hours.

- The council approved a nearly \$160,000 contract with Specified Play Equipment Company to renovate a playground at Hansen Park, a neighborhood park on Black Avenue west of Hopyard Road. The project, which is part of routine park maintenance around the city, is expected to be constructed in the spring.

- Council members endorsed another \$57,000 in spending to complete the Ken Mercer Sports Park recycled water booster station project, which is being paid for by Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and grant funding.

- Tuesday marked the final full meeting for Arne Olson on the City Council. Olson, who opted not to seek re-election this fall, will officially step down when Councilwoman-elect Julie Testa takes the oath of office during a special meeting Dec. 11. ■

## PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Lantern Light Festival at fairgrounds

Celebration of Chinese culture here through Jan. 20

By ERIKA ALVERO

A two-month-long celebration of Chinese culture is now underway at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, for the Lantern Light Festival's debut in Pleasanton.

The festival features food, acrobatics, shopping opportunities — and of course, giant lanterns, planted on the ground. The festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the first Chinese lunar month, traditionally ending the Chinese

New Year period.

Some of the prominent lantern displays at the Pleasanton event include a 400-foot dragon, giant panda, flower gardens, lantern tunnel, safari animals, shark, dolphins and more.

There are other non-lantern attractions as well, such as the Forbidden City maze, mini golf, Chinese acrobats, food vendors, artisans and more.

The festival opened Nov. 30 and

will run through Jan. 20, open Thursday and Sunday nights from 5-10 p.m., and 5-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturday. From Dec. 20 through Jan. 6, the festival will be open daily, from 5-10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

On New Year's Eve, the event will be open from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$23 per person, and can be purchased online at [lanternlightfestival.com](http://lanternlightfestival.com). ■

## ANGST

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because he was half athlete, and then he was a self-proclaimed geek," Steve said.

He added, "You always knew who Zachary was, he didn't have a fake face. But what he did have was severe anxiety." Anxiety, according to the American Psychological Association, is "an emotion characterized by feelings of tension, worried thoughts and physical changes like increased blood pressure."

Zachary was diagnosed with anxiety last summer, though the Nimmos say that he had been struggling for a while. He started withdrawing from his friends, stopped participating in team sports and spent more time alone.

"The symptoms were there, but we weren't educated," Mannie said.

"They blamed it on his thyroid, they blamed it on being a teen," Steve said. "They just thought he was shy. And all along it was a mask of anxiety."

He started seeing a psychiatrist over the summer, and seemed to be making progress. But he still struggled, and on Oct. 26, he died by suicide.

"You never know what's going on in someone's mind...The day he passed, which was a Friday, that day he actually stood up for a friend who was being bullied," Steve said. "A friend who's got some issues of his own, others were picking on him and then Zachary sought him out. That's more who Zachary was, right? If more people could live like that, we'd be in a much better place."

The ensuing weeks have been hard; they're just taking it day by day, Mannie said. Neighbors have rallied, though — the community arranged everything for his Celebration of

**Editor's note: Anyone in need of support can contact Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's 24-hour confidential crisis line at 800-309-2131 or CrisisSupport.org, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, via text at 800-799-4889, chat or at SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.**

Life, which was attended by around 550 people. And so many friends have just been there to listen, to be a stalwart support for whatever they need, be it talking or crying.

A few days before Zachary's death, the Nimmos had seen "Angst" — the parents during the city of Pleasanton's community screening and Zachary in his health class. The film is produced by IndieFlix, a company that produces and globally screens films that aim to create a positive social impact.

When she saw the film, Mannie said, she recognized the symptoms in herself as well. "But he was much, much worse," she said of her son.

The hour-long film was specifically made by Scilla Andreen, CEO and co-founder of IndieFlix. A friend of hers had approached her about creating a film about mental health, but Andreen had said no — it was too heavy of a topic, and she didn't want to touch it.

"She ended up dying by suicide," Andreen said. "She had been asking for about a year to make a movie about mental health, and I didn't. I kind of pride myself on being able to read people, and am super empathetic. And I realized how mental health is invisible and silent. So I decided I would make a movie about mental health."

The documentary features interviews with teens, parents and celebrities, who share personal stories of how anxiety has touched their lives.

superintendent of student support services, highlighted a safety training that district and school personnel recently underwent, and Maher stood up to address the attendees as well, adding that fencing provided for through the Measure II facilities bond would go first to Harvest Park, Fairlands and Mohr elementaries, school sites that currently have classrooms that open to the public.

A key component of the IndieFlix film screenings is the discussion afterwards, Andreen said.

"I think film is actually one of the most powerful mediums on the planet," she said. "Especially when you watch in a group. The reason we take it into schools and communities, and we don't just put it online on IndieFlix, is because watching in an existing community where you witness each other watching it and then have an open conversation — you've just identified a community and a network and your people that you could go to."

This idea of having more conversations surrounding mental health and anxiety, and "being OK not being OK," is at the crux of what the Nimmos hope to do moving forward, in the next chapter of their lives.

Steve, Mannie and their daughter Samantha, a senior at Amador, are all spending time talking to therapists and pastors right now, they said.

"We want others to know that it's OK to go do that," Steve said. "There's nothing wrong with seeking someone to listen. And it doesn't have to be a doctor." Making this their mission going forward keeps them closer to their son, he said.

In addition to hosting screenings of "Angst," they are in the process of setting up a foundation in Zachary's name to work with schools and youth organizations to continue the conversations on mental health and anxiety.

Monday's event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at CrossWinds Church, 1660 Freisman Road in Livermore, and will include a screening of the film followed by a panel discussion involving Andreen, the Nimmos, a PUSD school counselor and some mental health professionals. This screening is sold-out, but another one is planned for February. ■

The final question addressed centered on disciplinary practices, and on how they were applied consistently throughout PUSD. Diolazo noted that district-wide, they were focusing on implementing more restorative disciplinary practices and trying to find alternatives to suspensions.

"We're here to educate," Diolazo said. "So we want to educate kids to learn from their mistakes." ■



MIKE SEDLAK

## Prayer Breakfast supports community

CityServe of the Tri-Valley's sixth annual Prayer Breakfast drew 280 attendees and raised more than \$15,500 for the local nonprofit on Nov. 19 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton. The event included spotlighting military personnel stationed at Camp Parks and their families, as well as special recognition given to Pleasanton veteran Dominic Provenzola, shown here onstage with his daughter Samantha and CityServe executive director Gloria Gregory.

## Douglas Eloyd Safreno

October 6, 1924 – November 28, 2018

Douglas Eloyd Safreno passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 28th with his family by his side. He was 94 years old. He was bright and spry up until his last few days. He never lost his mischievous smile or the twinkle in his eyes.

Doug was born in Pleasanton to Mary Gloria Regello, a native of San Pablo, CA and Manuel Souze Safreno of the Azores, Portugal. He was raised on First Street in Pleasanton and attended Pleasanton Elementary and Amador Valley High School where he was class president and an FFA, Future Farmers of America, member.

Doug met Mary in 1953 through a friend and they were married 3 months later. They have lived in Pleasanton for the 65 years that they were married.

Doug's creativity, artistic ability and business mind allowed him to successfully run several small businesses which led to a partnership in an East Bay residential construction company. He went on to purchase, develop and own commercial real estate in Pleasanton.

Doug passed on his love for the outdoors to his children: Lynda, Casey and Ty. He spent many hours swimming, fishing, camping, boating, traveling and hunting. He was an avid reader of several periodicals and business texts. His favorite past time was weekends at French Island with his family.

He was active in Native Sons, on a Pleasanton community planning committee and assisted in many projects that his children's creative minds came up with. He loved to problem solve and had a few patents that he developed into products. One of his favorite projects was an amphibious car that allowed him to move on land, marsh and water.

He is survived by and will be greatly missed by his wife Mary, daughter Lynda and husband Erik, son Casey and wife Lisa, son Ty and wife Trudie and his 8 grandchildren; Diva, Ana, Douglas, Ella, Steven, Dina, Neill and Wade.

PAID OBITUARY

## PUSD

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has pretty much said, 'yeah, no we're not going to do that,'" Haglund said. "Which means all of those extra needs are pushed beyond towards the parents."

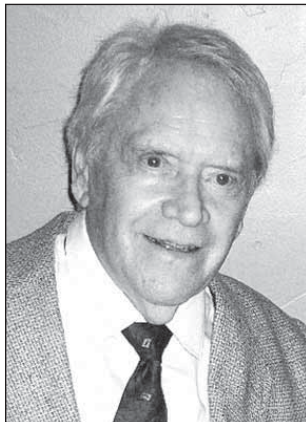
School safety was another topic that arose during the discussion.

Ed Diolazo, assistant

## Barry Winston Shoemaker, M.D

Barry W. Shoemaker, M.D. passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on November 26, 2018 at 87 years old. He was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Shoemaker, an anesthesiologist, practiced medicine for 43 years. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force Reserve and was educated at University of Toronto Schools and University of Toronto Medical School, where he graduated in 1956. He spent one year in Vancouver, BC at Vancouver Children's Hospital for his



pediatric residency and subsequently moved back to Ontario for General Practice at Niagara Falls General Hospital. During this time, he also attended Veterans Hospital in Buffalo, New York for his anesthesiology residency. Growing weary of the severe winters in Ontario and New York, he wrote his American Medical Board exams and moved the family to northern California in 1962 where he practiced at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, Doctors Hospital in San Leandro and the East Bay Medical Surgical Center in Castro Valley until his retirement in 1997. He was a highly regarded anesthesiologist in the East Bay community and his greatest focus was patient comfort.

Barry was an avid music enthusiast, enjoying everything from classical to rock, and even played music during surgeries to ease the atmosphere. He loved spending time with his family at record stores, from San Francisco and Berkeley to New York, and leaves behind a vast collection of albums for his family to continue to enjoy.

In addition to music, he was a passionate photographer with a collection of cameras he used to photograph family events and adventures around the world. He and his wife Peggy enjoyed traveling the globe, exploring international landmarks with their beloved friends and family. Barry relished big or small family gatherings, always opening with a gracious toast and could be found at the end of the evening surrounded by his grandchildren, entertaining them with his witty humor and telling stories from the past.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Peggy, six beloved sons and daughters; Scott Shoemaker (Marian), Tracy Ripley (Dana), Blake Shoemaker (Diane), Georgia Belinsky (Vladimir), Paisley Shoemaker, Summer Gollnick (Grant) and 17 adored grandchildren, Madison and Max Shoemaker; Cameron, Barry and Elliott (Laura) Ripley; Paisley and Winston Shoemaker; Sasha, Tatyana and Anastasia Belinsky; Sam, Jake and Georgia Moscovich; Lauren, Elle, Gunnar and Gavin Gollnick.

He is also survived by sisters Claire Gordon (Christopher) of St. Andrews, New Brunswick and Lynn Shoemaker Hall of Toronto and was predeceased by his brother Michael Shoemaker (Brenda), and his parents Helen and Wilfrid Shoemaker.

The Shoemaker family extends their sincere gratitude for the caring doctors, amazing nurses and attentive staff at Stanford Health Valley Care in Pleasanton and Karen and Nader of Brookdale Home Health. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation in his honor to his favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Salvation Army.

A Celebration of Life is planned for December 28th at 1:00 pm at St. Claire's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton.

PAID OBITUARY

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### LPD officer resigns amid misconduct probe

A Livermore police officer has resigned after being accused in October of inappropriate sexual conduct with a woman he had met after responding to a call at her home earlier this year, police said last Friday.

The allegations against the former officer, whose name has not been released, have been presented to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office to decide whether charges should be filed, according to police.

The woman met the former officer in June when he responded to a health-related call at her home. Afterward, she says he "persuaded her to engage in a series of sexual encounters," police said in a news release.

More details about the allegations were not immediately released by police or prosecutors. DA's office spokeswoman Teresa Drenick confirmed the matter has been referred to their office, but said there is not a specific timeline for when a charging decision will be made.

An internal affairs investigation into the case is still ongoing to determine whether the officer or any others have engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with a member of the public, police said.

"I do not have to wait for the results of the investigation to make this very clear — any report of inappropriate conduct on the part of a police officer is something I take extremely seriously," police Chief Michael Harris said in a statement.

"We simply cannot tolerate any conduct that diminishes the trust our community places in us. The men and women of the Livermore Police Department work hard every day to earn the trust of our residents,

and we intend to guard that trust vigilantly," Harris said.

### In other news

- The Pleasanton Police Department is looking to help residents prepare for a happy and safe holiday season by sharing some important tips at its "Holiday Safety Presentation" next week.

"Join us as Pleasanton police detectives share valuable safety information. Learn about burglary prevention, personal safety and porch package theft prevention from the people who investigate these crimes. Leverage their expertise to keep yourself safe this holiday season," said Shannon Whitaker, community and public relations coordinator for PPD.

The presentation will run from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 12) in the Community Room of the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

- A Dublin man has been sentenced to more than 14 years in prison for several armed robberies of San Francisco pharmacies, United States Attorney Alex G. Tse announced last week.

Adam Herrick, 36, was sentenced to 171 months in prison after pleading guilty on Aug. 23 to six counts of interference with commerce by robbery and one count of brandishing a firearm during a robbery, prosecutors said.

Herrick admitted to committing six robberies between March 15, 2015 and April 17, 2017.

The robberies occurred at multiple Walgreens and CVS locations and one independent pharmacy.

Prosecutors said Herrick brandished a black semi-automatic pistol in several of the robberies. In all, Herrick stole approximately \$32,360 in prescription drugs during the two-year robbery spree.

Herrick was indicted on March 1.

In addition to the prison sentence, Herrick will serve a five-year period of supervised release, and he was ordered to compensate each victim pharmacy for its monetary losses resulting from the robberies.

- Dublin police recently arrested a man in connection with several residential burglaries in the Wallis Ranch area, according to a department spokesman.

Officers responded to Oak Knoll Drive around 6 a.m. Nov. 24 on a report that someone broke into an unlocked vehicle and stole personal property, Dublin police Lt. Victor Fox said.

That resident reported several neighbors had garage doors open, and subsequent investigation determined the same suspect walked through the neighborhood and stole property from several other unlocked vehicles, Fox said. The suspect also stole property from inside three garages by gaining access via garage-door openers in the vehicles.

Fox said several thousand dollars worth of items were stolen from five residents in all.

While searching the area, officers found a green GMC pickup likely associated with the break-ins, but the driver sped away when officers tried to stop the truck, according to Fox. Officers aborted their pursuit of the truck on Tassajara Road for safety reasons.

The truck was soon found abandoned in a parking garage on Maguire Way in Dublin, and inside were numerous items from the Oak Knoll Drive burglaries, according to Fox.

Further investigation led to police identifying the 25-year-old suspect, who was located in Castro Valley on Nov. 28 and arrested on suspicion of felony burglary, possession of stolen property, grand theft and felony evasion, according to Fox. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 1

#### Theft

- 2:36 p.m., 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 2:39 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:12 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:54 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

#### Assault/battery

- 2:16 p.m. on the 1700 block of Harvest Road

#### Domestic battery

- 11:20 a.m. on Allbrook Circle

#### Sex offense

- 7:11 p.m. on Willow Road

### Nov. 30

#### Fraud

- 8:04 a.m. on the 2800 block of Whitney Drive
- 10:55 a.m. on the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

- 10:03 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Shoplifting

- 3:57 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Nov. 29

#### Missing person

- 12:41 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 10:16 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Domestic battery

- 9:31 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

- 6:44 a.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft of auto
- 10:23 a.m. at Willow Road and Gibraltar Drive; theft of auto

- 3:22 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Burglary

- 8:37 a.m. on the 5800 block of Stonecliff Vista Lane

#### Alcohol violation

- 2:41 p.m. on the 4900 block of Owens Drive

#### Vandalism

- 2:27 p.m. on the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

#### Graffiti offense

- 1:25 p.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

#### Robbery

- 12:41 a.m. at First and Neal streets

### Nov. 28

#### Theft

- 12:20 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft of bicycle
- 6:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:53 p.m., 4500 block of Shawnee Way; theft of auto

#### Assault/battery

- 9:47 a.m. on the 2100 block of Crestline Road

#### Vandalism

- 10:27 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue



# City Center Bishop Ranch

Tri-Valley's newest dining, retail and entertainment hub opens in time for holidays

By RYAN J. DEGAN

San Ramon's long-awaited City Center Bishop Ranch is now open for business, and Tri-Valley residents have already eagerly begun to explore the community gathering space.

Officially welcoming shoppers and diners with a soft opening Nov. 8, the new retail and entertainment hub by Sunset Development Company consists of 300,000 square feet of space for about 70 stores and restaurants (once fully occupied) as well as a luxury movie theater around a one-acre piazza.

Designed by award-winning international architectural firm Renzo Piano Building Workshop, many may think of City Center as an upscale shopping mall, but the creators took great pains to make the center into a true downtown area for San Ramon.

"We're trying to avoid the traditional sort of shopping center model and create a place that feels a little bit more endearing and beautiful," said Jeff Dodd, City Center's senior vice president of retail, who was feeling a wide range of emotions at the center's opening.

"It's very exciting and panicky," he said, with a chuckle. "We're most excited just to let the public in. For so long it has just been paper and models, and then comes construction and finally you get to the point when you can open the doors and let people in. It's very exciting."

City Center creators did not want the complex to simply be a collection of shops, but a true modern public square for the community to gather.

"It's a commercial place, but it has a distinctly community civic angle to it at the same time. (We want) people to think of it interchangeably as not just a place to consume but also a place just to hang out," Dodd said. "You don't have to consume; you can come and just play around or read the newspaper."

While only a few of the stores are open now — developers elected for a soft opening,

## What's arrived

- Alys Grace
- Athleta
- Boba Guys
- Candle Delirium
- Fieldwork Brewing Co.
- Kin the Label
- M
- Neeko
- On the Edge Shoes
- Pottery Barn
- Starbucks
- The LOT
- the piece. store
- Trader
- West Elm
- Williams Sonoma
- World of Monokrome

with the majority to begin arriving over the next couple of months — many residents remain excited as the facilities open, and are eagerly anticipating the opening of the rest.

For one, the outdoor play area — a turf field located in the central plaza area — is particularly popular among families and can be found populated with children running around or playing with one of the public games located there.

"Everything is really nice. I really like this play area," said San Ramon resident Sam Pak, who visited for the first time last week with his 3-year-old son, Rainier. "It's like a central court, I don't know if you've heard of the youth district at (the University of Washington) in Seattle, they have something like this. I think they did a really great job here. It's perfect for (kids) to roam around."

As spaces continuously open over the next months, perhaps none is more highly anticipated than renowned Bay Area chef Charles Phan's newest rendition of The Slanted Door.

A spinoff from his acclaimed San Francisco location, Phan said he was inspired by City Center's modern industrial design and worked with architect Olle Lundberg to create his restaurant on the west end of the square, which is expected to open later this month.

He told the Weekly that while he still will



RYAN J. DEGAN

Hundreds attended City Center's inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony last Friday, an event Bishop Ranch officials hope will become a long and eagerly anticipated tradition.

offer many classics, he is taking the opportunity to be innovative and try some new ideas.

"We're not just gonna take a Xerox copy of what we are doing over there and stamp it over here," Phan said. "You can always bring back the classic — we can do that with our eyes closed — but why don't we try something new first. This is the first time we have the freedom to do something really different."

Moving his new location to the Tri-Valley not only gives Phan the opportunity to free his hand in exploring new culinary innovations, but it will also solve the problem of finding suitable staff for his restaurant by working near prospective employees' homes.

"Now we are having labor issues because it is hard to find workers," Phan said of his other Bay Area location. "People are being priced out of the Bay Area and a lot of our staff already live in this part of the Bay."

While many large, traditional retailers in the area have announced closures recently, such as Orchard Supply Hardware and Sears,

City Center's opening will bring a large amount of employment opportunities to the region — a positive economic impact that should not be forgotten in the excitement, said Dodd.

Dodd estimates that anywhere from 800 to 1,000 residents will work at approximately 70 stores, restaurants and other businesses located inside the complex.

The large number of employees and shoppers expected to frequent City Center once it is fully opened has left some concerned over increased traffic and the availability of parking.

The widening of Bollinger Canyon Road was intentionally done with City Center in mind to reduce anticipated traffic, and developers are convinced adequate parking will be available for patrons.

Much of the parking for the complex has been strategically hidden in structures located behind the metal facade of the complex.

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ERIKA ALVERO

From left: Many City Center spaces are still being filled in by tenants, but residents continue to check out what the shopping complex and community gathering place has to offer, including this Williams Sonoma store. The City Center sits prominently along Bollinger Canyon Road in central San Ramon. One of the more popular venues currently open is The LOT, a 10-screen theater and restaurant overlooking the entire complex, where Lynette Lezcano is grabbing a bite to eat.



# Eat, Drink, & Be Merry

## The holidays are here

So many ways to eat, drink and be merry

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

We always remember to eat and drink during the holidays. But don't forget to be merry!

This time of year brings stress — good and bad — so remember to live in the moment as the season unfolds. Enjoy traditional entertainment or explore some of the many options for new experiences, such as the Lantern Light Festival at the Alameda County Fairgrounds or the presentation of “A Christmas Memory.”

Walking is great for raising the spirit, and Pleasanton's World Walk to Wellness group is hosting walks every Saturday in December plus on the morning of New Year's Eve.

Or be spontaneous and gather the tribe or go alone to walk up and down Main Street to enjoy the decorations and window shop — a good way to burn energy off the younger generation and get older folks out of their chairs. When exploring Main Street, you can make notes to return for shopping or to enjoy a meal.

Meals out during the holidays take on a

festive mood amid decorations and cheery servers who get into the spirit. It doesn't have to be fancy — but it can be and that is the joy of it, especially in Pleasanton where dining options run the gamut.

When having friends and family over, keeping it simple helps to keep it merry for the hosts. The latest in entertaining is a “grazing table,” which goes well with holiday punches and provides leftover nibbles for filling in the gaps between holiday meals.

So much eating, drinking and merriment, outside and inside our doors.

### Origin of the phrase

The full saying is “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die,” which blends two phrases from the Bible:

- Ecclesiastes 8:15, “Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry.”

- Isaiah 22:13, “Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die.”

### Lantern Light Festival

Described as a “nighttime spectacular of light and color,” the Lantern Light Festival is a celebration of Chinese culture featuring hundreds of huge, handcrafted lanterns in themed displays that include a 400-foot dragon, giant panda, flower gardens, lantern tunnel, safari animals, shark, dolphins and much more. There also will be acrobats, artisans and food vendors, something for everyone.

The festival is open from 5-10 p.m., Thursdays and Sundays; and from 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Parking is \$10, and ticket prices range from \$18-\$23. Call (651) 504-2000 or visit [www.lanternlightfestival.com](http://www.lanternlightfestival.com).

### Walk, walk, walk

World Walk to Wellness offers walks each Saturday morning, and on New Year's Eve will host three walks at Ken Mercer Sports and Recreation Community Park, beginning at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The first World Walk to Wellness was on the morning of Dec. 31, 2007, when the group launched the community walk as a fun and healthy way to end the year. Four years later, founder Ron Sutton began sponsoring

the weekly walks in local parks and trails.

December also will include an early morning Winter Solstice celebration at 7:11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 22, the day after the actual solstice, with walkers bringing treats to share.

To request the free weekly e-newsletter and join the fun, email [walks@WorldWalk-ToWellness.org](mailto:walks@WorldWalk-ToWellness.org). The group also has a Facebook page and a website: [WWtoW.org](http://WWtoW.org).

### Story time at Swirl on the Square

Livermore Shakespeare Festival actors will give readings of Truman Capote's beloved short story, “A Christmas Memory,” at Swirl on the Square, 21 S. Livermore Ave., in Livermore while guests enjoy a glass of wine or other beverage and a tapas sampler plate. Performances will be at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Dec. 12 and 19, with tickets ranging from \$55-\$65. Visit [LivermoreShakes.org](http://LivermoreShakes.org) or call 443-2273.

“Our mission is to create community through the arts, and the holiday season is the best time to bring folks together for a shared moment of celebration and nostalgia,” said Lisa Tromovitch, artistic director of the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. “I always enjoy the sense of enjoyment and peace that settles over the audience as they hear the stories.” ■

## Stress-free holiday entertaining

The holiday season is meant for spending quality time with friends and family, not stressing out over hosting. With some simple tips, you can cut down on hectic preparations while creating a memorable holiday full of food and fun guests can savor.

Consider these suggestions from the entertaining experts at Real California Milk:

### Elevate holiday classics

Elevating classic appetizers is a simple way to savor the season. A trend on the rise, the grazing table starts with the table as

the canvas, adds elements of the traditional cheese board then takes it to the next level with an arrangement of appetizers or brunch dishes and seasonal decor.

### Prepare dishes and decorations in advance

Preparing for guests can be one of the most time-consuming aspects of hosting. Decorating at least a day ahead and setting the table the night before, for example, can help minimize stress. Welcome guests with holiday cheer and trendy decor like a virtual yule log made of melting cheese, complete with holiday music.

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### Grazing table

- On large board, plate or tray, arrange sliced toma cheese, almonds, prosciutto, salami and aged cheddar. In center, place burrata cheese and top with olive oil and herbs.
- On separate small plate, place blue cheese; crumble.
- On medium board, arrange braided string cheese and dry salami slices.
- On serving platter, arrange antipasto skewers around bowl of yogurt pesto dipping sauce.
- On separate small cheese board, place Gouda, brie cheese and cheese log.
- On slate, arrange cheese bundts. On separate plate, place dry jack cheese.



FAMILY FEATURES

A grazing table offers an array of tasty treats.

- In separate bowls, place piquante peppers and green olives.
- Arrange boards, plates, bowls and skillet of queso fundido on table, as desired.
- Fill blank spaces on table with breadsticks, tortilla chips, dark chocolate

sea salt caramels, dried oranges, dried lemons and bread slices. Add floral arrangements and holiday decor for finishing touches. Complete table with cheese knives and spreaders.

—Family Features



# Eat, Drink, & Be Merry

## CITY CENTER

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Approximately 1,200 parking spaces are located inside and around the complex, hopefully providing more than enough parking for shoppers, Dodd said.

City Center also offers a valet service located on the south side of the complex, for residents who want to get straight to the center.

Shoppers looking for an insider's tip — courtesy of Alex Mehran Jr., president and chief operating officer of Sunset Development — are advised to park in the garage entry on the north side of the project off Bishop Drive. Referred to Mehran as the “locals’ entrance,” parking here would enable residents to avoid the most populated west side entrance near Whole Foods.

Residents who work in one of the nearby Bishop Ranch Business Park office buildings will be able to skip parking and take a shuttle to City Center, cutting down on emissions and traffic congestion. Shuttles will stop at most campuses every 15 minutes and bring employees to and from City Center during the workday.

Various retailers and restaurants throughout the complex are already open, including West Elm, Boba Guys, Fieldwork Brewing Company, On the EDGE, Pottery Barn, Starbucks,



From left: City Center has a central plaza area stocked with games and chairs for family gatherings. Three-year-old Rainier Pak carefully plays a game of Jenga in City Center's plaza.

the piece. store, and Williams Sonoma, as well as the jewel of City Center, The LOT.

A 10-screen movie theater and restaurant located at the top of the center, The LOT serves as a central place for residents to dine and view the surroundings.

“We don't really see ourselves as a movie theater. We are more of a hospitality, community hub that happens to show movies, you don't have to necessarily watch movies to come here,” said Carlos Wellman, managing director for The LOT. “The way we see it, City Center is going to become the staple and the

hub of the community and we wanted to be a part of that.”

In the coming months, The LOT and the others will be joined by the likes of Anthropologie, Athleta, Curry Up Now, Equinox San Ramon, Mendocino Farms, MIXT, Ramen Hiroshi, and many more.

“Stay tuned, because today's openings are just the first wave in a steady succession of store and restaurant openings planned over the next year. There will be many more reasons for visitors to make City Center a regular part of their itineraries,” Mehran said. ■



ERIKA ALVERO

### What's coming

#### December:

- Equinox San Ramon
- Roam Artisan Burgers
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## LETTERS

### Turkey Burn gives thanks

Dear Editor,

The annual Tri-Valley Burn is all about giving thanks, so it is fitting that Pleasanton North Rotary, the event's organizer, is giving thanks here to everyone who made our fourth annual Thanksgiving morning 5K/10K family fun run possible this year in Pleasanton's Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Considering the weather, it is fitting to express appreciation to divine providence for providing healthy air and fair skies for the event. We thank the Pleasanton police, park and recreation and operations departments and the Zone 7 Water Agency for assuring the Turkey Burn was safely and smoothly executed.

And we thank this year's nearly 1,200 participants. We are pleased the Turkey Burn appealed to a diverse audience of single adults, families and seniors. The ethnic diversity of runners and walkers was especially encouraging.

And we will never forget the importance of the following sponsors:

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With your continued support, the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn will run again next year.

—Jim Brice

### Check out our decorations

I am 11 years old, and I wanted to see if you could put my house (on Gray Fox Circle) in your newspaper for this Christmas. Me and my dad have worked very hard and spent two days putting up decorations.

If you look up the Webers, we are just down the street from them.

They have a big display of lights, but ours is little, but the reason I want you to do ours is because it would mean a lot for you to put us in because we just want to bring a lot of holiday spirit and even if people are feeling alone that our lights will be here to cheer them up.

The real meaning of Christmas isn't about presents; it's about people celebrating with their families and celebrating Jesus and God. We take a lot of time on this display and we even lighted the walkways. It is a little me-and-dad thing we do. It's a tradition actually.

Anyways, this would make my Christmas and it will for my dad too. I know it's a long shot for this to happen, but I wanted to put it out there. Anyways, thank you and I love your newspaper too!

—Josie Segundo

### Livermore Shakespeare Festival

As we approach the end of 2018, we at Livermore Shakespeare Festival want to thank the Tri-Valley community for participating with us on an exciting year of growth and opportunity.

In 2018, we reached over 1,500 students through our "So Wise So Young" program in all of Livermore's

second-grade classrooms, and workshops in high schools in the Livermore and Fremont school districts. We brought in over 4,000 patrons to our summer performances at Wente Vineyards and produced additional programs at Murrieta's Well and Swirl on the Square.

We are thrilled to announce that in June of this year we were awarded the "exclusive negotiating rights" with the city of Livermore to develop a small, flexible theater and multi-use pavilion downtown as part of the new Stockmen's Park.

What this offers is hope for the future! In order to create a company that lasts beyond its founder, we need to provide a home for year-round operations. We have so many plays beyond Shakespeare that we'd like to produce. The only thing holding us back is lack of an appropriately sized and equipped theater space to do our work.

There are a dozen other diverse groups in our region that also need this type of space, so we have banded together to create programming to keep it busy all year long, and make the building sustainable.

On behalf of all of us at LSF, I wish you good health and great cheer for the holidays.

—Lisa A. Tromovitch  
Founding artistic director

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

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# Piscotty among Oakland A's contingent presenting in Pleasanton

Also: Pair of EBAL volleyball stars sign with Loyola-Chicago

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Oakland Athletics to host a first-of-its-kind event in Pleasanton. "A Luncheon with the Oakland A's," featuring outfielder Stephen Piscotty, Chris Giles (chief operating officer) and David Rinetti (vice president, stadium operations) is set for next Tuesday (Dec. 11) at the Marriott Pleasanton.



ATHLETICS

A's outfielder Stephen Piscotty will speak in his hometown Tuesday.

The A's right fielder and these top executives, who all live in Pleasanton, will be speaking about the A's 2018 season and postseason appearance, the recent stadium announcement, new premium seating and hospitality experiences, and everything they look forward to in 2019. The luncheon will be moderated by A's television broadcaster Glen Kuiper.

Piscotty, who hit a career-high 27 homers in 2018, grew up in Pleasanton, graduated from Amador Valley in 2009 and continued his playing career at Stanford before being drafted in the first round in 2012 by the St. Louis Cardinals. Last December, the Cardinals traded Piscotty to the A's, so he could be closer to home and aid in his mother Gretchen's care after she

was diagnosed with ALS. Piscotty's mother died in May.

Giles, as COO for the A's, oversees organization-wide strategy and the daily operations for the club's revenue-generating functions, including sales, marketing, partnerships, PR and community engagement. Prior to joining the A's, Giles was the head of sales and marketing for the NFL's On Location Experience, overseeing sales and marketing efforts for Super Bowl LI. Through the 2015 NFL season, Giles served as the San Francisco

49ers' vice president of sales and strategy. Rinetti coordinates event management, oversees all game-day employees, including ushers, security officers, ticket takers, parking attendants and grounds crew, and assists in all construction-related issues at the Oakland Coliseum. A longtime A's employee, Rinetti began his career with the team in 1981, serving as stadium operations assistant, where he organized in-stadium promotions and giveaways. From 1987-93, he managed game-day operations and maintenance of the A's luxury suites. In 1994, he was promoted to director of stadium operations and was elevated to vice president in March 2000.

The public is invited to attend next Tuesday's luncheon event. Cost to attend is \$40 per person, and tickets are on sale now at [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org).

### Volleyball

Two East Bay Athletic League players will be joining the Loyola University of Chicago men's volleyball team in the 2019-20 academic year.

The two — one from Amador Valley and one from Monte Vista — are part of a seven-player group of incoming freshmen that has Loyola coach Mark Hulse excited.

"I thoroughly enjoyed recruiting each of these guys, not just because we think they will have a big impact on the program, but because they are outstanding young men," Hulse said. "They are all used to competing at a high level, and we look forward to having them as part of our program."

Colton Brooks of Amador comes to Loyola as a two-time league champion, and brings a plethora of leadership experience, captaining both his high school and club teams. His success with the Bay-To-Bay Volleyball Club earned him national recognition on the VolleyballMag.com Top 25 Underclassmen to Watch list, and he had the opportunity to showcase his skills in the Boys Junior National

Championships, where he won a gold medal.

"I chose Loyola because of the incredible campus, programs and people. The atmosphere in Chicago is one that I can see myself enjoying for many years, and I look forward to playing under such experienced coaches and players," Brooks said.

Diablo resident Colman Chadam is a four-year letter winner in volleyball at Monte Vista. He is a team captain and was named First Team All-Conference for the 2018 season. The 6-5 outside hitter has been a member of the Pacific Rim Volleyball Academy since 2017 and was a 16 Open bronze medalist that same year. ■

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## FC Schalke win U12 championship

Ballistic United Soccer Club's FC Schalke celebrate their U12 championship, which they won by finishing first in the U12 Gold Division and beating previously undefeated U12 Black Division champs Hannover 6-1 in the final Nov. 4. The FC Schalke team consisted of (standing, from left) coach Chris Stout, Eoin Stapleton, Jack Guerra, Alex Michail, Calvin Stout, Brennan Baptist, Amaury Sadki and coach Padraig Stapleton, (kneeling, from left) Colin Jennings, Aiden Perez, Philip Michail, Cameron McPhie, Travis Jacobs and Reid Thurston, and (non pictured) Jack Renwick.

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## Concerts

**VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE - CHRISTMAS TREASURES** From 3 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church, at 1225 Hopyard Road, the Christmas Treasures program includes Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and "For Unto Us" from Messiah, Berlioz "The Shepherds' Farewell", Holst "Christmas Day" and Bach's "Glory to the Lord" from Christmas Oratorio.

**LAS POSITAS COLLEGE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CONCERT** At 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 at Barbara F. Mertes Stage, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, Las Positas College (LPC), Music Department's Holiday Concert featuring LPC's Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos, Chamber Choir and Vocal East. Advanced ticket sales \$5 students, staff, seniors and military; \$10 general admission, at the door \$15, available at [tinyurl.com/yc6jryn3](http://tinyurl.com/yc6jryn3). Please bring a non-perishable food item, to be donated to the Alameda County Food Bank.

**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. Tickets are \$31 to \$41 at [classicrockchristmas.com](http://classicrockchristmas.com). This high-powered five member band of some of the finest rock musicians from some of the world's biggest bands come together at the holidays to bring attention to and benefit local holiday food drives. This show benefits hungry local families. Cash donations preferred due to the need to purchase perishables.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT** At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9, the choirs and instrumentalists of Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385

S. Livermore Ave., across from the Livermore Civic Center, will present an afternoon of Christmas music. The theme of the event will be "Arise! Shine! Your Light has Come." Among the anthems will be the stirring "Gloria, Hosanna in Excelsis." The concert is free and open to the public.

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

**CASCADA DE FLORES** From 2 to 3 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., the vocal and piano duet Cascada de Flores will once again share their multicultural music with the community with a performance of re-imagined Mexican and other Latin American traditional music.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING ALONG PERFORMANCE** At 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16 in the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, the San Ramon Arts Foundation presents the Annual Sing-Along performance of Handel's Messiah. Visit [SanRamonArts.com](http://SanRamonArts.com) for tickets and more information.

## Talks & Lectures

**CHINA'S SILK ROAD, A BICYCLE JOURNEY ACROSS CHINA** At 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, Phil Mumford will present photos and stories of his bicycle journey across China. Armchair Travelers is a monthly

program and adults are invited to these free programs on the second Thursday of each month. For additional information please call 373-5500.

## Fundraisers

**HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP** To meet the needs of Dublin and Pleasanton families this holiday season, the second annual Holiday Pop-Up Shop will be hosted at Workday, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, on Thursday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 15. Any excess gifts will be given to victims of the Camp Fire. Donations of new household items including bedding and kitchen appliances, gift cards and toys are needed. One of the most needed items is gift certificates for work boots or school shoes. A complete list of requested items can be found on the website at [toyshop.team](http://toyshop.team). Financial contributions are welcome and items most needed will be purchased. All items are needed by Dec. 9 so the shop can be set up by volunteers. For more information please visit the website or call 846-6622.

## Family

**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 Characters Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd. KIDZ get a free hot cocoa or chocolate milk. Bring a game to share or play one of ours.

**FOOD PANTRY AT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH** The Food Pantry at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Drive 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.

**HOLIDAY MAGIC** At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 in the Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, The San Ramon Community Chorus and Dancers perform "Holiday Magic". Free performance. Go to [SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://SanRamonPerformingArts.com) for more information or call 973-3343.

## Lessons & Classes

**PLEASANTON POLICE HOLIDAY SAFETY PRESENTATION** From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12 in the Community Room of the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., join us as Pleasanton police detectives share valuable safety information. Learn about burglary prevention, personal safety and porch package theft prevention from the people who investigate these crimes. Leverage their expertise to keep yourself safe this holiday season. Bring your questions and holiday cheer, we look forward to seeing you.

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## 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 Road, San Ramon. Go to [SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://SanRamonPerformingArts.com) for tickets and more information or call 973-3343.

## Support Groups

**HEALTHFUL MEAL PLANNING FOR THE ELDERLY & CHRONICALLY ILL** From 9:45 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin (2nd floor conference room), to help community members, Hope Hospice and Home Health presents, "Healthful Meal Planning for the Elderly and Chronically Ill". Information will include identifying the obstacles to healthful eating; 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](http://HopeHospice.com) or contact Debbie Emerson at [debe@hopehospice.com](mailto:debe@hopehospice.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS** The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. 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.

**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.

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**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP** National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets Wednesdays, from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. 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](http://nami-trivalley.org).

**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](http://eastbayet.com), call 487-5706 or email [eastbayet@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:janetip510@yahoo.com).

## 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

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETING

Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- [City of Pleasanton, 4363 and 4377 First Street](#)  
Determination that the City's potential acquisition of one parcel totaling 18,200 square-feet in Downtown is in conformance with the City's General Plan
- [Downtown Specific Plan](#)  
Review, consider, and receive comments on the public review draft of the Downtown Specific Plan, proposed changes to land use designations and options regarding location and permitting of massage establishments
- [Hacienda PUD and Guidelines Update](#)  
Application for major modifications to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Hacienda Business Park (Hacienda) to update the Hacienda PUD development plan and Design Guidelines

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## Successful Turkey Burn

Pleasanton North Rotary's fourth annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn family walk/run went off without a hitch on Thanksgiving morning — despite days of uncertainty beforehand due to smoke lingering in Pleasanton from the destructive Camp Fire in Butte County. About 1,200 registered participants came to Ken Mercer Sports Park for the 5K/10K event on the cool, partly sunny morning. In all, the event raised \$20,000 from participants and corporate sponsors — funds that the club's foundation will distribute next year as grants to different Tri-Valley youth services and programs. Attendees also filled eight barrels with food packages and cans to support Tri-Valley Haven.



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**PHOTO CLUB** From 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., the photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

**MEN OF BREAKFAST** Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest.

## Business

**FREE JOBS AND RESUMES COUNSELING** From 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., have a free consultation with an experienced Employment Recruiter. Learn how to search for a job on the web, find employment web sites, get help with online applications and resume writing. Call 931-3400, ext. 4, or come to the library to make an appointment.

## Government

**ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING** At 7:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of the month in the Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road, The Committee

meets to promote Pleasanton for its competitive advantages as highlighted in our Pleasanton Economic Assets Report. [admin.cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:admin.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Community Groups

**HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** Join us from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday in the Regional Meeting Room, Public Library Community or the Library Program Room at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Improve your public speaking, communication and leadership skills. Gain confidence through practice. Please confirm by contacting us at [HaciendaTM@gmail.com](mailto:HaciendaTM@gmail.com), or call 398-3257 or 895-6796. Find out more at [Toastmasters.org](http://Toastmasters.org).

**PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY** From 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday at Haps Original Steaks and

Seafood at 122 West Neal St., we meet for lunch. Learn more about us online at [pnr-rotary.org](http://pnr-rotary.org). No meeting on Dec. 21, Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. Meetings resume Jan. 11. Public Relations Contact Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email [stacey@denalidatasystems.com](mailto:stacey@denalidatasystems.com).

## 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 Drive, 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](http://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 SpeedDee Oil Change in Dublin.

# Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

FLOAT MUSIC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 551755  
The following person(s) doing business as: Float Music, 7479 Ginger Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hamoon Goudarzi 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).

TRI-VALLEY FOOD & WINE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 552302  
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.)

Confidential Counseling  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 552212  
The following person doing business as: Confidential Counseling, 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way, T326, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marcia M. Robbins, Psy. D., MFT, 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way, T326, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Marcia M. Robbins, Psy. D., MFT, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Jan. 1, 1988. Signature of Registrant: Marcia M. Robbins, Doctor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Nov. 15, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018).

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# Employment

### ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY

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### Job Opening at Open Heart Kitchen

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## Tips for selling your home during the holidays

Mild decorations, smart pricing, great curb appeal should be among priorities

By GINA CHANNELL

Having your home on the market when most people would prefer to be curled up under a blanket in front of a fire can be daunting but worth the hassle.

Sellers might think people are less likely to see their home in the midst of their hectic holiday schedules. That can definitely be true, but most people have more time off around the holidays. And anyone house hunting during the holidays probably has a good reason to do so, such as a job transfer or investors with a tax deadline to beat.

It's also a great time of year to make your home look more cozy, so potential buyers can really picture themselves and their families and friends in the home during the next holiday season.

Here are a few tips for making your home a sought-after holiday find:

### Deck the halls, but not too much

This is not the time to channel your inner Clark Griswold. Decorate to make the home look festive but not so much that it

feels crowded. Also avoid large decorations that can be distracting, and opt for general winter decorations as opposed to religious in case your potential buyers celebrate a winter holiday other than the one your family celebrates.

Remember, the key is to make people feel at home in the home.

### Price it right

A home that's right-priced for the market will make the season bright for everyone. Rather than pricing high and gradually making small price reductions, many real estate agents advise sellers to start low for the market.

### Make curb appeal a top priority

Winter means bare trees and a more exposed home, so exterior maintenance is important. Touching up the paint, cleaning the gutters and sprucing up the yard will increase curb appeal and make the home look pretty as a picture.



GETTY IMAGES

When your home is on the market, decorations should look festive and make the home feel cozy, but should not be overdone.

### Focus on great photos

Speaking of pictures, winter buyers will likely start their hunt from the comfort and warmth of their homes by browsing online. High-quality photos will make a good first impression.

Having a summer or spring photo of your home available online is a good idea so buyers

can see how it looks during those seasons. Also consider doing a video tour of the home for the weather-weary (or weather-wary) prospects.

### Make buyers feel at home

Make your home feel cozy and inviting during showings by cranking up the heat, playing soft music and offering homemade holiday treats. ■

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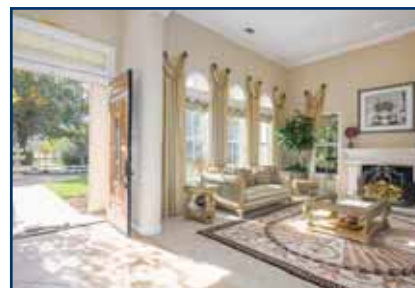
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**8227 MOLLER RANCH DR., PLEASANTON**



**PENDING**

5 bd/3 ba, 3,339+/- sqft, 14,412+/- lot sqft  
Offered at \$1,799,000

**2377 GREENBERRY COURT, PLEASANTON**



**SOLD**

4 bd/2.5 ba, 2,087+/- sqft, 8,659+/- lot sqft  
Sold for \$1,335,000

**4026 RENNELLWOOD WAY, PLEASANTON**



**SOLD**

3 bd/2.5 ba, 1,614+/- sqft, 3,486+/- lot sqft  
Sold for \$870,000

**1689 CALLE SANTIAGO, PLEASANTON**



**SOLD**

2 bd/2 ba, 941+/- sqft, 3,147+/- lot sqft  
Sold for \$730,000

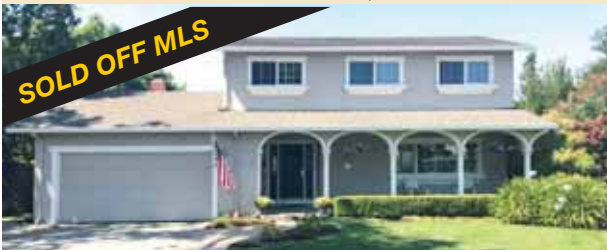
**1290 LAKEHURST ROAD, LIVERMORE**



**SOLD**

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**1898 ROSETREE COURT, PLEASANTON**



**SOLD OFF MLS**

4 bd/2.5 ba, 2,047+/- sqft, 8,863+/- lot sqft  
Sold for \$1,320,000

**1208 SHADY POND, PLEASANTON**



**SOLD**

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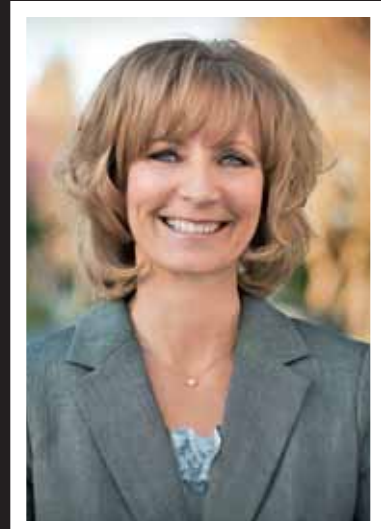


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Sun 1-4	Gina Piper	200.0202

#### Fremont

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

#### Livermore

3 BEDROOMS		
<b>112 Diamond Dr.</b>	<b>\$849,988</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Natalie Swanson	399.8797
<b>1632 Heidelberg Dr.</b>	<b>\$699,999</b>	
Sun 1-4	Natalie Bianco	200.5119
<b>756 Mariposa Ave.</b>	<b>\$628,000</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Gina Piper	200.0202

#### Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS		
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Sun 2-4	Douglas Buenz	785.7777
<b>5702 San Carlos Way</b>	<b>\$1,349,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Janice Habluetzel	699.3122
4 BEDROOMS		
<b>520 Bunker Lane</b>	<b>\$1,799,000</b>	
Sun 2-4	Douglas Buenz	785.7777
5 BEDROOMS		
<b>528 Bunker Lane</b>	<b>\$2,395,000</b>	
Sun 2-4	Douglas Buenz	785.7777
<b>1519 Loganberry Way</b>	<b>\$1,199,000</b>	
Sat/Sun 2-4	DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema	260.2220/413.6544
<b>4774 Sutter Gate Ave.</b>	<b>\$1,649,000</b>	
Sun 2-4	Douglas Buenz	785.7777
<b>7138 W. Woodbury Ct.</b>	<b>\$2,050,000</b>	
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### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 29 to Nov. 2.

#### Pleasanton

<b>4354 2nd Street</b>	F. & D. Christison to B. Tibbitts for \$1,717,000
<b>7008 Corte Del Mar J.</b>	& B. Meyers to Y. & L. Xiong for \$1,310,000
<b>3549 Helen Drive</b>	Bouhgn Robert C Trust to R. Masui for \$975,000
<b>576 Mission Drive</b>	L. & R. Bolt to R. & K. Hallet for \$1,090,000
<b>480 Montori Court</b>	A. & D. Lundgren to Williams Janis L Trust for \$1,569,000
<b>240 Napier Court</b>	Faust Family Trust to M. & J. Varghese for \$1,780,000
<b>7873 Paseo Santa Cruz</b>	Reyes G J Sr & M P Trust to S. & P. Sharma for \$1,331,000
<b>4025 Peregrine Way</b>	C. Roberts to T. & V. Wong for \$775,000
<b>1672 Ramblewood Way</b>	Russo L M & M E 2009 Trust to S. Surrender for \$1,175,000
<b>2145 Raven Road</b>	Drapeau Family Trust to X. & J. Wei for \$1,150,000
<b>3502 Villero Court</b>	Carlson Curt Family Trust to F. & L. Mayo for \$2,800,000
<b>1517 Whispering Oaks Way</b>	P. & J. Finn to R. & R. Martha for \$1,354,000

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<b>8269 Brittany Drive</b>	Q. Hu to W. Ghiringhelli for \$1,420,000
<b>7313 Castle Drive</b>	C. Wilberg to S. & M. Shivaram for \$1,080,000
<b>7900 Crossridge Road</b>	Pallotti Family Trust to J. & A. Watson for \$998,000
<b>5501 De Marcus Boulevard #308</b>	E. Fan to A. Hsu for \$715,000
<b>3637 Dublin Boulevard #56</b>	H. & G. Madalena to H. & K. Gopalan for \$745,000
<b>3385 Dublin Boulevard #114</b>	A. Gupta to C. & P. Rangavajhala for \$671,000
<b>5307 North Esprit Loop</b>	D. & B. Higashi to S. & P. Shastry for \$890,000
<b>4300 Keegan Street</b>	Cunningham James Trust to R. & D. Lyu for \$680,000
<b>3240 Maguire Way #326</b>	S. & D. Cole to H. & H. Qiu for \$669,000
<b>7560 Mindy Mae Lane</b>	Shiveley M T & Facunla Trust to S. Sun for \$1,560,000
<b>5112 Montiano Lane</b>	J. Kathuria to R. & V. Bhupalam for \$1,290,000
<b>8515 Newry Place</b>	Y. & C. Ponce to A. & B. Jayswal for \$940,000
<b>11203 Rolling Hills Drive</b>	R. & C. Liu to H. & B. Aggarwal for \$1,190,000
<b>3050 Threecastles Way</b>	H. Lennar to S. & K. Sivashanmugam for \$964,000
<b>7680 Tuscany Drive</b>	V. Kot to A. Ho for \$468,000
<b>8265 Wexford Court</b>	Silveira Trust to T. & J. Kwok for \$845,000
<b>3628 Whitworth Drive</b>	Yuen Family Trust to A. & K. Mandepudi for \$700,000
<b>8738 Wicklow Lane</b>	L. Bailey to E. & S. Kim for \$860,000

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<b>1677 Altamont Circle</b>	A. & L. Effandi to M. & M. Campanell for \$900,000
<b>1524 Aria Court</b>	Sevilla Trust to C. & R. Dalloglio for \$1,290,000
<b>5577 Arlene Way</b>	K. & S. Peters to S. & W. Mcconnell for \$904,500
<b>742 Debra Street</b>	A. Banta to J. & N. Hansen for \$850,000
<b>623 Escondido Court</b>	Caldwell Debra I Trust to D. & K. Kilat for \$1,080,000
<b>3123 Four Hill Common #4</b>	Jack London Ep LLC to D. Chu for \$537,000
<b>2717 Kennedy Street</b>	Larder Living Trust to D. Larder for \$690,000
<b>1323 South Livermore Avenue</b>	Hewitt Family Living Trust to S. Frederick for \$1,023,000
<b>3208 Lucca Circle</b>	G. & J. Wong to A. & J. Rodriguez for \$1,268,000
<b>3880 Madeira Way</b>	A. & E. Boyd to J. Vierra for \$699,000
<b>341 Martin Avenue</b>	M. & T. Anderson to D. & M. Johnson for \$729,000
<b>35 Meritage Common #101</b>	Mere Trust Dated July 1 2014 to B. & S. Burke for \$663,000
<b>386 Misty Circle</b>	L. & C. Hughes to S. & B. Kumar for \$855,000
<b>1254 Murdell Lane</b>	C. Sahines to K. & G. Kathiresan for \$865,000
<b>1001 Murrieta Boulevard #114</b>	M. & A. Kak to Pressley-Alviso Fam L/Tr for \$290,000
<b>852 Old Oak Road</b>	Schneider Trust to Baker Dennis & Sally Trust for \$1,248,500
<b>252 Scherman Way</b>	Mccarthy Margaret A Trust to J. & M. Kandasamy for \$775,000
<b>581 Selby Lane #4</b>	J. & S. Madden to J. & K. Im for \$790,000
<b>2041 Shetland Road</b>	F. & F. Richards to C. & M. Chaidez for \$675,000
<b>553 Sonoma Avenue</b>	William Lyon Homes to V. & R. De Vera for \$1,281,000
<b>4182 Wexler Way</b>	S. & T. Dhanoa to R. & K. Chear for \$1,235,000

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<b>2162 Arlington Way</b>	G. Kirsur to J. & X. Liu for \$1,086,000
<b>5003 Barrenstar Way</b>	S. Jeong to S. & S. Gudigopuram for \$849,000
<b>9825 Broadmoor Drive</b>	M. & L. Duggan to Mui L P L & Ab S W S M L/Tr for \$989,000
<b>9758 Broadmoor Drive</b>	J. & J. Gray to N. & G. Gautam for \$900,000
<b>5325 Canyon Crest Drive</b>	E. & W. Vaz to M. & K. Rajan for \$1,325,000
<b>152 Canyon Green Place</b>	M. Weyland to E. Hood-Lockhart for \$870,000
<b>108 Copper Ridge Road</b>	M. Mozahhabian to C. & L. Marquez for \$655,000
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