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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## New scrutiny for East Dublin residential proposals

When the new Dublin City Council gets down to business this month, you can expect a fresh look at all potential residential projects.

Mayor David Haubert, last June, called for a review of the residential zoning and vested entitlements in the East Dublin Specific Plan that was approved by voters in 1993. The staff report, originally targeted for September, has yet to be delivered. With new council members Jean Josey and Shawn Kumagai now seated on the council, it's likely some pointed questions will be asked of the city staff about when that report will be provided.

In the meantime, developers or homebuilders will be well-advised to take their time. The city learned an expensive lesson last year when the council provoked a lawsuit by refusing to approve an entitled project next to the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. It was settled quickly in the developer's favor. The council faced a similar decision with the 27-acre IKEA project at Hacienda Drive and Interstate 580.

IKEA officials made it clear to the city that it would proceed with the project approved in 2008 that included a larger store, more surface parking and lacked the walkable lifestyle retail in the current plan. The city's legal team also indicated that it was not in a strong position should the council deny that project.

The approved plan calls for improved traffic signals, but cannot prevent traffic on I-580 getting even worse, particularly on big shopping weekends. Imagine the two interchanges west of the Livermore factory outlets on a December weekend, let alone Black Friday.

The leverage for the developers was nonexistent with the AT Dublin project east of Tassajara Road. It was scheduled to be heard Thanksgiving week, but the developers pulled the item from the agenda.

Mayor Haubert, in an email and phone conversation, explained why he opposed the AT Dublin project and continues to call for a pause to all residential development that the City Council has discretion to decide. He noted that the AT Dublin project is 2-1/2 times bigger (in both acres and value) than the IKEA store and retail complex.

The AT Dublin proponents have underlying zoning for 900,000 square feet of commercial and 261 residential units. The project denied by the Planning Commission and pulled from the council agenda called for a 150-unit hotel, 685 residential units and retail and commercial space that required an amendment to the city's East Dublin Specific Plan.

Unlike with IKEA, the council has discretion with AT Dublin, and Haubert wants to use it. He pointed out that on June 19 he called for a review of the 25-year-old plan for East Dublin. He called for a halt on any discretionary residential approvals until the review is completed.

The specifics of the AT Dublin plan, including adding more than 400 additional units, troubled Haubert — as did the lack of public input. Although the council approved a study on changing the project more than two years ago, there has not been much public engagement around the plan.

The mayor believes there's an opportunity because of the size of the AT Dublin parcels to configure the project so a Main Street could be added to the city. Because Dublin developed under Alameda County until it incorporated in 1981, the city, like San Ramon, never had a downtown with a "Main Street" as Danville, Livermore and Pleasanton have had since the communities were founded (the railroad helped in Livermore and Pleasanton).

With the big-box retail dominating the original core of Dublin, as well as the freeway shopping centers on the east side, Haubert believes this is the one opportunity to create that shopping/dining experience in the city. And, it is notable that landlords in the older centers have consistently been able to replace retailers when they moved or went out of business.

Last year, the city and the school district took major steps toward alleviating school overcrowding in the coming years. Look for a thorough review of residential projects in 2019. ■

*Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years.*

*He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.*

### About the Cover

Look for changes in land-use and building height restrictions in downtown Pleasanton as the Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force winds up its year-long review this year, plus other changes coming for Stoneridge Shopping Center, school sites and Johnson Drive, where a new Costco store would be built. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

**Do you ever feel like speaking up about something but decide it's better to bite your tongue instead?**



**Mike Lewis**  
*Equipment engineer*

Oh, all the time. I generally err on the side of biting my tongue because I want to avoid conflict. I noticed this especially while traveling during the holidays because many people seem to have left their manners at home.



**Larry Haberman**  
*Retired*

I bite my tongue very often! Especially with the people who live right under my own roof. They use up all the clean towels, leave the toilet paper holder empty, over-fill the garbage and leave expired food in the refrigerator. I just take care of and correct all of that so that I'm not a constant critic.



**Susan Krebs**  
*Office administrator*

I bite my tongue about soooooo many things. Just yesterday, for example, I saw a young woman who looked pregnant. And I was so curious to know when she was due, but I didn't ask her because it's possible, especially at this time of year, that she has just packed on some extra holiday pounds.



**Michael Friar**  
*Investment banker*

I bite my tongue constantly about anything pertaining either to politics — especially Trump — or to women's issues. People are so passionate about their opinions that I find it is better to just nod my head and keep the peace than to get into a debate with them that I can't possibly win.



**Vik Gosain**  
*Business owner*

I always bite my tongue when a customer complains about something and just do my best to make them feel happy and satisfied. My business is all about customers having a positive experience, leaving with a smile on their face and wanting to come back again in the future.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Body at landfill

A body was found Monday afternoon at the Altamont Landfill north of Interstate 580 east of Livermore, and it is considered a suspicious death, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the landfill, at 10480 Altamont Pass Road, about 2:15 p.m. Monday, after workers at the landfill found the body of an unidentified human being in one of the mounds of dumped garbage.

"It appears the body was likely discarded in the trash in another city and transported to the landfill where workers discovered it," sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said in a statement.

Foul play is suspected. No information on the identity or gender of the body, or how the person died, has been released to date.

### Religion Chat

The Tri-Valley's Interfaith Interconnect group is holding its monthly Religion Chat next Wednesday (Jan. 9) at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. in Pleasanton.

The discussion topic will be: "What is the role of women in your faith? How has it evolved over time?" Speakers will be Rev. Diana Bohn, offering the Methodist perspective, and Hosai Mijaddidi, speaking on the Muslim point of view.

The event, which is free and open to all, will run from 5-6:15 p.m. There is additional parking behind the church by entering the driveway to the right of the main building.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's 19 participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton.

### Women's Hall of Fame

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for candidates to be inducted among the class of 2019.

The Women's Hall of Fame highlights accomplishments of women and girls in 13 categories: Business and Professions, Community Service, Culture and Art, Education, Emerging Leader, Environment, Health, Justice, Non-Traditional Careers, Sports and Athletics, Philanthropy, Youth, and Science, Technology, Engineering.

Nominations should be submitted online at [www.acgov.org/whof/](http://www.acgov.org/whof/). The deadline is Jan. 31.

More than 200 women have been inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame since the program was launched in 1993. ■

## Museum on Main announces 2019 historical speaker series lineup

Monthly performances to include King Henry VIII, Eleanor Roosevelt, George Burns

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main's popular speaker series is returning again this year, with a slate of performances dubbed "An Afternoon or Evening with ..." historical characters being held at the Firehouse Arts Center and the Amador Theater.

"We have an exciting lineup for 2019," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's director of education and coordinator for the speaker series, "including Chautauqua actors portraying famous historical individuals such as England's King

Henry VIII, aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman, Winston Churchill, President Harry S. Truman, famed artist Pablo Picasso, beloved entertainer George Burns and many more."

This will be the 10th year of the monthly Ed Kinney Speaker Series, and more than 4,264 people attended in 2018.

"This community continues to embrace the performance style known as Chautauqua," Schaefer said. "Actors bring historical characters out of the book or Wikipedia page and on to the stage

providing the audience with a monologue as a historical character and then answering the audiences' questions as the character."

"We often hear that this is the hottest ticket in town and the most affordable, so it was no surprise many shows sell out," she added.

For the 2019 season, matinees have been added for nine performances. Each month except July will have shows at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. The museum is also

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COURTESY MOM

Betty Slater as Bessie Coleman

## TK/K info sessions

PUSD sets meetings for parents of incoming young students

BY JEREMY WALSH

With the calendar turning to 2019, Pleasanton Unified School District officials are aware that some parents are already getting prepared for sending their young children to school for the first time next fall.

The district has scheduled five information sessions — all later this month — for parents and guardians of students set to start transitional kindergarten or kindergarten in the 2019-20 school year, which begins in August.

"The informational meetings will include an overview of the Pleasanton Unified School District, the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE), what to expect in TK and kindergarten, information about the district's dual immersion program, available on-site after-school child care through Kids Club, as well as information about our Health Services, requirements and enrollment procedures," officials said in a statement.

Each session, which is for parents or guardians only, is set to present the same information to parents and guardians.

The first meeting is scheduled for 6-7 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Donlon Elementary School multipurpose room. The second session will follow on Jan. 22 from 6-7 p.m. in the Hearst Elementary multipurpose room.

The final three sessions will

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PARAMEDICS PLUS

Marena Ward (standing, in beige sweater) was able to meet with and thank the first responders who helped save her life after a near-fatal car crash on Interstate 580 over two years ago.

## A life-saving reunion

Woman thanks Tri-Valley first responders

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

For many, the holiday season is a time to take stock of their lives and appreciate the people and things that help make it what it is.

One woman took this one step further by reaching out and thanking the first responders who literally saved her life in the aftermath of a serious freeway crash 2-1/2 years ago outside Livermore.

"I want to thank every single person and every single pair of hands that played a part in giving me every opportunity to recover from the accident," Marena Ward said after reuniting with the emergency personnel last month.

Ward's life forever changed on

Aug. 6, 2016 when, while riding on the freeway with her mother and sister to the San Francisco International Airport to catch a flight to Germany, their vehicle was involved in a near-fatal collision.

As the car was traveling on Interstate 580 over the Altamont Pass, a 4-foot metal beam flew off of a work truck and struck the vehicle traveling in front of Ward's car. The beam then flipped back and struck Ward in the face and left side of her head, causing massive head trauma and knocking her unconscious.

First responders from Paramedics Plus, Alameda County's 9-1-1

ambulance service provider, as well as crews from Livermore-Pleasanton and Tracy fire departments, quickly arrived and worked to try and stabilize Ward.

Within an hour of the collision, first responders removed Ward from the passenger seat and the car's other occupants, and transported them to the Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where Ward underwent life-saving neurosurgery.

"We knew we had a very critical patient and that we had to get on and off the scene quickly because time was a big factor," said Joe

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# Bay Area bridge tolls rise \$1 as of New Year's Day

First of three increases approved when voters passed RM3 in June

Tolls on the seven, state-owned Bay Area bridges went up on Jan. 1, the first in a series of voter-approved increases to fund regional transportation infrastructure projects.

Regular tolls for motorcycles, and two-axle cars and trucks rose to \$6 from \$5 on the Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael and San Mateo-Hayward bridges, according to the Bay Area Toll Authority.

Regular tolls on the Bay Bridge went up to \$7 from \$6 on weekdays from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Weekday tolls on off-commute hours and weekend tolls also rose by \$1.

The Golden Gate Bridge, which is overseen by a separate district,

is not subject to the toll increases.

The increases are the result of Senate Bill 595, which was confirmed in June when Bay Area voters passed Regional Measure 3. Officials with the toll authority said the hikes are the first on the bridges since 2010. Tolls will increase again by \$1 on Jan. 1, 2022 and Jan. 1, 2025.

SB 595 also established a 50-cent toll discount for two-axle vehicles crossing more than one of the state-owned toll bridges during weekday commute hours of 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Motorists must pay their tolls electronically with Fas-Trak to receive the commuter discount.

Tolls for vehicles with three or more axles also increased by

\$1 on Jan. 1, at all seven of the state-owned toll bridges: to \$16 for three axles, \$21 for four-axles, \$26 for five axles, \$31 for six axles, and \$36 for combinations with seven or more axles.

Since two pending lawsuits are challenging the validity of SB 595 and RM3 in San Francisco Superior Court, the authority approved of setting up an escrow account to hold the funds generated by RM3 toll increases until the cases are resolved.

If BATA prevails in the litigation, the funds will be applied to BATA-approved programs. If BATA should lose the litigation, the funds will be reimbursed to toll-payers. ■

Story by Bay City News Service, with Weekly staff contributing.



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## Fundraising for Paradise

Local high school students from the East Bay nonprofit Global Leadership Initiatives for Youth (GLIFY) donated \$2,600 of fundraising proceeds to Paradise High School Learning Center in Chico Mall on Dec. 8, in the wake of the devastating wildfires. From left: Kevin Li (Dublin High School), Roy Lin (Dublin), assistant principal Marnie Smith of Paradise High School and Gavin Yin (Amador Valley).

## FARE POLICY

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passengers and hopefully encourage new ones to take public transportation more often. For \$1.60, passengers 18 years old and younger can take a ride with their Youth Clipper Card, which will effectively be replacing LAVTA's Fare Buster tickets.

Youth Clipper Cards can be purchased online at [www.clippercard.com](http://www.clippercard.com) or in person at the Wheels Administrative Offices and the downtown Livermore Transit Center, 2500 Railroad Ave. Residents should be aware the discount youth

fare cannot be purchased with cash.

• Presumably in an attempt to promote their mission of providing green ecofriendly services and reducing fraud, LAVTA officials have announced paper transfers will no longer be issued or accepted as fare payment on Wheels and Rapid buses. Clipper Card users will instead be issued a single transfer, which must be used within two hours of their first fare payment

Passengers transferring from BART who have used their Clipper Cards as payment on their previous BART ride will receive a credit toward Wheels or Rapid, Adults will receive a \$1 credit, seniors and

RTC passengers 50 cents and youth 80 cents.

• Fare Buster tickets are not the only ones to be placed on the chopping block as LAVTA will also no longer sell Senior/Disabled 10-ride tickets to passengers. Passengers who have already purchased these tickets should fear not, as they will still be accepted by drivers for one more year, expiring on Dec. 31, 2019.

Fare Buster and Senior/Disabled ticket users who will be unable to be issued a transfer ticket can still trade in two tickets and be issued one unlimited Day Pass.

• Unlimited rides during a single

day has become available for all passengers to purchase for the first time. Previously Day Passes were only available for passengers using Clipper Cards as payment. Unlimited Day Passes are priced at \$3.75 for adults and \$1.75 for seniors and disabled passengers.

LAVTA officials highlight this as a cost effective measure, as both Day Pass options are priced below the cost of two single cash fares.

• Senior/Disabled/Medicare monthly pass fares will see perhaps the biggest change, as of Tuesday fares for this section have increased from \$18 to \$22.

• Individual one-way trip on

LAVTA's Dial-a-Ride Paratransit will be set at \$3.75, with 10 ride Dial-a-Ride Paratransit tickets continuing to be sold at \$37.50.

More information on how the changes will affect passengers and their commute can be found online at [wheelsbus.com](http://wheelsbus.com). ■

## MUSEUM

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continuing its policy to provide advance ticket sales to members of Museum on Main.

"With so much demand, we felt it was only fair to provide tickets to museum members first," Schaefer said.

Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$15 seniors/students; \$10 members. Purchase online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at 462-2766.

### 2019 speakers

- Jan. 15: John Steinbeck, portrayed by Tom Lorentzen
- Feb. 12: Bessie Coleman, by Betty Slater
- March 5: Eleanor Roosevelt, by Susan Marie Frontczak
- April 9: Harry S. Truman, by Peter Small
- May 21: King Henry VIII, by Frank Mullen



COURTESY MOM

Kevin Radaker as Winston Churchill

- June 11: Nathaniel Hawthorne, by Rob Vellela
- July 9: Winston Churchill, by Kevin Radaker
- Aug. 13: Pablo Picasso, by Doug Mishler
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- Oct. 15: George Burns, by Duffy Hudson. ■

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**CityServe** supports the community by caring for people in crisis, coordinating resources between the faith-based community, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and government agencies and connecting volunteers in the community to nonprofits.

**Hope Hospice** provides ethical hospice care, transition services for those not eligible for hospice, bereavement support for adults and children and end-of-life education to Tri-Valley families, regardless of insurance or income status.

**Museum on Main** is dedicated to preserving, clarifying and disseminating information about history specific to the Tri-Valley region and encourages

participation in the arts and humanities through its public programs.

**Open Heart Kitchen** is the largest hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley feeding the hungry every weekday at multiple locations.

**Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation** is an organization that has a collaborative relationship with the Pleasanton Unified School District and contributes to the needs of Pleasanton students and educators.

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## Check out 'We Do!' exhibit

Final weekend for museum showing on Tri-Valley weddings

This weekend is the last chance to view the Museum on Main's exhibit highlighting local weddings from the mid-19th century to now.

"We Do! The Tri-Valley Gets Married," which opened in November and runs through this Sunday, features wedding and reception photos from local couples, bridal gowns, grooms' clothing, and other wedding paraphernalia, including a model wedding cake and a selection of cake toppers, according to curator Ken MacLennan.

"The exhibit looks at how weddings have changed with society over the last century and a half, with spotlights on the rise of the wedding industry and



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the legalization of same-sex marriage," MacLennan added.

The highlights include a wedding photograph (shown)

of Alfred Kottinger and Emma Sangmaster Kottinger, who were married in Pleasanton in 1883. Alfred was a son of Pleasanton co-founder John W. Kottinger.

"We Do!" will be open at the downtown museum today and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is located at 603 Main St.

Next up, the museum will host its annual collaboration with the Pleasanton Art League, "Imagination Expressed 2019," which will open next Wednesday and run through Feb. 24 with opening reception on Jan. 13.

For more information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## REUNION

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Fagaundes, paramedic for Paramedics Plus who was on-scene to help Ward. "It's amazing to see her today and to see good outcomes."

At Eden, it was found that Ward had a splintered fracture to the left temporal side of her head as well as facial trauma, resulting in a permanent traumatic brain injury (TBI), that she still copes with today.

Despite the extensive damage to her body, Ward was able to walk upright three days after surgery and was discharged three days after that to begin rehabilitation.

"One of the trauma nurses told my mom later on that I was 60 seconds away from not making it into surgery, so if you guys had not done

what you did for me and the timing, I would not be here," Ward said about the first responders just over two years later.

Ward was able to meet with the first responders who saved her and not only thank them for their selfless and diligent care, but to also spread awareness of TBI — a hidden injury that others may not be able to visibly see depending on the severity.

Today she continues to work hard to return to as much of a normal life as possible. She works at Starbucks and is enrolled in her second semester of college. Her goal is to become a registered nurse, putting herself into a position where she can help save others.

Paramedics Plus is the ambulance transport service for

Alameda County, responding to approximately 146,000 calls every year, most of those alongside local fire services.

Capt. Brandt Jorgenson of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department acknowledged that many of the serious emergency calls do not have happy endings, and it is always a boost to morale to see one such as Ward's end on a happy note.

"We see a small glimpse of a person, which is typically at the worst time of someone's life and these things stay with us as much as they stay with the victim," Jorgenson said in a statement. "It's very fulfilling to see a tragedy come full circle, especially this time of year, and have such a wonderful outcome. It really helps us throughout the span of our careers." ■

## Shipps becomes troop's 100th Eagle Scout

Dublin teen created new picnic area for Presbyterian church

Dublin High School student Ryan Shipps was recently honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, becoming the 100th member of Troop 905 to attain the Eagle Scout ranking.

For his Eagle project, Shipps created a picnic area in a previously unused outdoor space at John Knox Presbyterian Church on Amarillo Road in Dublin.

The project required weeding and leveling, laying tan bark, creating a 10-foot-long path, constructing a pair of 8-foot wooden picnic tables and adding painted planters with flowers. The new picnic area is now regularly used by Sunday School children and parishioners.

Shipps has been an active member of scouting since the first grade. As a member of Troop 905, which is sponsored by St. Raymond Catholic Church in Dublin, he has camped 100 nights, hiked 123 miles, volunteered 150 hours on service projects, completed a National Youth Leadership Training program and earned 44 merit badges.

Shipps is a member of the Order Of The Arrow (scouting honor society), and he has held leadership positions as service committee member, patrol leader, historian, librarian and den chief to Cub Scouts.

A senior at Dublin High, Shipps is a clarinetist who is part of the Irish Guard marching band and the chamber choir. He also enjoys his video



SHIPPS FAMILY

Ryan Shipps, Troop 905's newest Eagle Scout.

game art/design class at the school.

Shipps said he plans to attend Las Positas College for two years, then transfer to a California State University campus to complete a bachelor's degree in architecture. He would like to design his own home, and create corporate structures that are more environmentally conscious.

Shipps received his honor at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on Nov. 24, nearing his award with four palms — a palm is awarded for each five merit badges beyond the number required for the Eagle rank. His parents Jason and Patty Shipps have also been active with the troop; his father is the assistant scoutmaster and his mother is a member of the troop committee. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## INFO SESSIONS

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have alternative language options available: Jan. 23 from 6-7 p.m. in the Valley View Elementary multipurpose room (English and Spanish), Jan. 24 from 9-10 a.m. in the boardroom at district headquarters (English and Mandarin)

and Jan. 24 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at district HQ (English and Korean).

Parents or guardians interested in attending should RSVP at [bit.ly/tk-kparentinfo](http://bit.ly/tk-kparentinfo).

The district will also be hosting neighborhood registration events at elementary school sites beginning in February. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Grad trip:** Recent Amador Valley High School graduate Edward Palma (left) went on a week-long celebration trip to Japan with his father and older sister Tori (shown). Here, they are at the Aura Tachibana Hotel in Hakone, Japan, dressed in traditional Japanese yukatas.

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Brother of accused cop killer arrested in Livermore

Authorities arrested a handful of people last Friday in connection with the shooting death of a Central California police officer, including the brother of the accused gunman who was arrested in Livermore.

Newman police Cpl. Ronil Singh was killed during a traffic stop at Merced Street and Eucalyptus Avenue in the city of Newman on Dec. 26, according to Stanislaus County sheriff's officials.

Singh was a 33-year-old Fiji native who had been with the Newman Police Department since 2011. Sheriff's officials said he initiated the traffic stop for suspected drunk-driving at 12:57 a.m. and reported "shots fired" over the radio moments later. He was found at the scene with gunshot wounds and died at a hospital.

The suspect, later identified by police as 32-year-old Gustavo Perez Arriaga, fled the area and law enforcement didn't know where he went. The California Highway Patrol issued a "blue alert" in five counties, including Santa Clara, and law enforcement began a statewide effort to locate Arriaga.

"We have spared no expense, we will relentlessly continue to hunt

our suspect down and bring him to justice," Sheriff Adam Christianson of Stanislaus County said on Dec. 27.

At about 4 p.m. that day, Christianson contacted Kern County Sheriff Donny Youngblood to notify him the suspect was believed to be between Modesto and Bakersfield, headed toward Mexico.

Deputies in Kern County began watching for Arriaga and located him at a home in the 8200 block of Brooks Road near the unincorporated town of Lamont early last Friday morning. After officers served a warrant and a SWAT team arrived, Arriaga emerged from the house with his hands in the air and surrendered himself to deputies, Youngblood said.

Three other Bakersfield residents at the house were arrested on suspicion of aiding and abetting: Bernabe Madrigal Castaneda, 59, Erasmo Villegas, 36, Maria Luisa Moreno, 57.

Authorities also confirmed Friday that 34-year-old Chowchilla resident Conrado Virgen Mendoza, identified as Arriaga's brother, was arrested in Livermore on suspicion of aiding his brother's efforts to elude police. Details about Mendoza's arrest in the Tri-Valley were not released.

Detectives also arrested Arriaga's girlfriend, Ana Leyde Cervantes, 30, in Turlock on suspicion of aiding and abetting, and two other

men, 25-year-old Adrian Virgen and 27-year-old Erik Razo Quiroz, were arrested on suspicion of being accessories to a felony.

According to Newman police, Arriaga was residing in the United States illegally. Youngblood said Arriaga's status still needs to be confirmed, and the loss of a police officer's life is the priority in this case.

"His immigration status is secondary, however it's extremely important that we get there and confirm whether the person had a right to be in this country or not," Youngblood said.

President Donald Trump leveraged the killing to promote his border wall plan last week, tweeting, "There is right now a full scale manhunt going on in California for an illegal immigrant accused of shooting and killing a police officer during a traffic stop. Time to get tough on Border Security. Build the Wall!"

Youngblood emphasized his opposition was to sanctuary county laws that limit deputies from sharing information with federal authorities and said law enforcement in California have an extremely good network of communication.

"When you use a firearm against a police officer, you can run but you can't hide," Youngblood said. "When you attack someone who's doing an honorable profession, no stone goes unturned."

The Stanislaus County deputy

sheriff's union has created an official donation page at <https://bit.ly/2LDV06z> to raise money for Singh's family.

Singh had been on track to lead the Police Department one day, Newman Police Chief Randy Richardson said, and was a proud officer who did everything he could to improve at his job.

"He was a police officer, but more importantly he was a human being, and that's how he would want to be remembered," Richardson said.

### In other news

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau last Friday confirmed the identity of the transient man who died after being hit by a BART train on the tracks between the Castro Valley and West Dublin-Pleasanton stations last month.

Victor Hernandez Cardenas, 37, succumbed at the scene to

multiple blunt injuries after being struck while around the tracks at about 11:15 a.m. Dec. 10, according to authorities.

Coroner's officials reported having difficulty locating next of kin for Hernandez Cardenas to notify, a required step before a fatal victim's identity is released to the public.

BART police have not confirmed why the man was on the BART tracks or how he gained access that morning.

"Police are classifying this as an 'unattended death' and believe the decedent entered the BART right-of-way of his own volition," BART spokesman Jim Allison said on Friday, explaining that "unattended death" is police terminology for a case when a person is alone when they died. "No further information is available." ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 26

#### Alcohol violation

■ 9:05 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Drug violation

■ 3:29 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Vandalism

■ 10:18 a.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way

### Dec. 25

#### Burglary

■ 1:07 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive  
■ 3:37 p.m. on the 1300 block of Valley Avenue

### Dec. 24

#### Alcohol violation

■ 4:18 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting  
■ 4:53 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

■ 1:02 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive  
■ 9:27 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive  
■ 11:53 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Theft

■ 7:51 a.m. on the 1200 block of Vintner Way  
■ 8:10 a.m., 2600 block of Lylewood Drive; theft from auto

### Dec. 23

#### Shoplifting

■ 8:58 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Assault/battery

■ 4:05 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

■ 8:59 a.m. on the 4500 block of Black Avenue

### Dec. 22

#### Drug violation

■ 2:39 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:08 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Embezzlement

■ 6:20 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Theft

■ 11:55 a.m., 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto  
■ 5:38 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Domestic battery

■ 4:25 p.m. on Sterling Greens Circle

#### Missing person

■ 1:24 a.m. on Paseo Santa Cruz

#### DUI

■ 12:58 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

■ 4:39 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

### Dec. 21

#### Theft

■ 7:22 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue  
■ 10:25 a.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road  
■ 9:38 p.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 4:12 p.m. on Dublin Canyon Road  
■ 5:52 p.m. on Newton Way

#### Robbery

■ 3:47 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Burglary

■ 5:23 a.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

#### DUI

■ 12:12 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

### Dec. 20

#### Theft

■ 4:48 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting  
■ 5:48 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road  
■ 8:39 p.m., 1900 block of Santa Rita Road; theft of bicycle

#### Alcohol violation

■ 4:16 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road  
■ 7:24 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Domestic battery

■ 7:14 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

### Dec. 19

#### Burglary

■ 10:22 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Theft

■ 8:53 a.m., 7000 block of Valley Trails Drive; theft from auto  
■ 9:48 a.m., 5000 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto  
■ 10:29 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive  
■ 12:18 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Drug violation

■ 1:48 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

## Arthur Leon McCutcheon

July 2, 1935 – December 24, 2018

Arthur "Sonny" Leon McCutcheon Jr., born on July 2, 1935 in Denver, Colorado, passed away at age 83 on December 24, 2018 in Mesa, Arizona. He was an employee at Pacific Gas & Electric for 35 years until retiring in 1990. Arthur was the loving husband of the late Jacqueline McCutcheon. Arthur and Jackie lived in Pleasanton for over 35 years. He was preceded in death by his great-grandchild, Olivia Caldwell. Arthur is survived by his daughters, Diane Branson and Denise Holmgren; sons, Tim McCutcheon and Sean McCutcheon; grandchildren, Katie Caldwell-Burchett, Michael Branson, Derek Holmgren, Matthew McCutcheon, Jackie McCutcheon, Ali McCutcheon, Andrew McCutcheon, Connor McCutcheon, and Taylor McCutcheon; and great-grandchildren, Wyatt Caldwell and Landon Caldwell. Arthur's hobbies included wood carving, camping, fishing, and square dancing. Friends and family members are welcome to attend the celebration of life service; date, time, and place TBA.

PAID OBITUARY

## John (Jay) Robert Harris

June 21, 1929 – December 16, 2018

John (Jay) Harris, a 50-year resident of California, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 16 in Livermore. He was predeceased by his daughter, Sandra Harris. He is survived by his children, Barbara Lynn Jarnagin of Brentwood, Patricia Ann Takens (Bruce) of Pleasanton, John Robert Harris II (Bobbie) of Pleasanton, and Megan Lighty (John) of Livermore. He is also survived by five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



John (Jay) was proud of his service in the Air Force and loved to wear his Air force cap. The family would like to thank the VA Medical Centers in Livermore and Palo Alto for their excellent care.

John (Jay) lived the last ten years making many friends at Ridgeview Commons in Pleasanton. He owned The Coral Drive-In in the early '70's, Towne House restaurant in the '80's, and Pane In the Glass window washing business thereafter for many years. Mass and private burial January 3 at St. Michael's Livermore. In lieu of flowers, family requests that any donations be made to a charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY



JEB BING

Under construction on Stoneridge Mall Road is a new joint BART-Pleasanton police service center on the ground floor of the BART garage and a traffic signal to be activated next month.



JEB BING

Sears is closing the store it built in 1995 in Stoneridge Shopping Center. Nordstrom may move into the building as mall owner Simon Properties looks to add more retail, entertainment and housing at that end of the center.

# Upbeat year ahead

*Downtown, Costco, Workday, Stoneridge to lead changes*

BY JEB BING



JEREMY WALSH

Members of the Pleasanton City Council for 2019-20 are (from left) Jerry Pentin, Vice Mayor Karla Brown, Mayor Jerry Thorne and councilwomen Kathy Narum and Julie Testa.

Corporate and retail growth, along with the city's financial stability, promise to make 2019 another banner year for Pleasanton.

General fund revenues for the city of Pleasanton reached an all-time high of \$122 million in the

fiscal year that ended last June 30, an increase of \$4.7 million over earlier projections. With expenditures \$3.6 million less than anticipated, the city headed into fiscal year 2019 with a \$6.7 million surplus.

This year, with corporate and retail growth continuing, major traffic improvements and multimillion-dollar investments to reduce school overcrowding, Pleasanton's 83,007 residents can expect their municipality to live up to its 124-year-old motto: City of Progress.

Here's a look at what's ahead:

## WORKDAY

Pleasanton-based Workday, Inc., a global leader in enterprise cloud applications for finance and human resources, is wrapping up construction of its new headquarters building at 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road.

The new, architecturally stunning, six-story building is now Pleasanton's tallest structure and will be home to an estimated 2,200 employees when it opens this spring. It will include an amphitheater that can hold up to 1,000 employees.

"This is a transit-oriented development with accessibility to BART," Workday spokeswoman Allison Kubota said. "It will include a shared-ride passenger drop-off area for shuttles, buses and more."

The company, founded in 2005 by software visionaries Anel Bhusri and Dave Duffield, reported total revenues of \$743.2 million for its third quarter that ended last Oct. 31, an increase of 33.8% from the same period a year ago.

Workday also is funding a new joint BART-Pleasanton police service center on the ground floor of



CHAMBER

Planning Commissioner Herb Ritter will be the 2019 Chamber of Commerce chairman.



REDFIN CORP

With Highway 84 (Isabel Avenue) just opened as a six- and four-lane expressway between I-580 and Vineyard Avenue, work will start this year on the last leg to connect the busy thoroughfare to I-680 near Sunol by 2023.

the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART garage to support law enforcement efforts on the north side of town.

As part of the development, four-way signals are being built on Stoneridge Mall Road at the new entrance to the BART garage, with a second set of signals planned at the front of Workday's headquarters. At the same time, the road will be widened to three lanes between Workday Way and Stoneridge Drive.

## STONERIDGE SHOPPING CENTER

With Workday nearing completion and the Sears store closing, discussions are underway for improvements at the mall. The Simon Property Group, which owns the Stoneridge Shopping Center as well as the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore, has extended its development agreement with the city for an additional five years.

It's projected that Nordstrom will relocate into the old Sears building, with Simon planning for apartments, condos, office complexes and new entertainment centers extending from the Nordstrom end of the mall toward the new Workday headquarters.

Simon also would build a parking garage to offset parking spaces that would be lost with these new developments.

"This is good news for us because that signals that the mall is going to get some significant reinvestment from Simon Properties," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

Fialho added that the city expects to receive an application from Simon as early as this month that will outline a redevelopment plan.

## COSTCO

The long-awaited Costco store planned for Johnson Drive between Stoneridge Drive and the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel is expected to be approved for construction this year and opened by 2022.

Both the Planning Commission and City Council will consider a revised environmental impact report (EIR) in the coming weeks, a final step before clearing the way for Costco and two hotels to build on the 40-acre site.

The project has been delayed by complaints from a group called

Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth that an earlier EIR had an incomplete air quality analysis.

## DOWNTOWN

The first draft of the Downtown Specific Plan Update is available for public review at [www.ptowndowntown.org](http://www.ptowndowntown.org).

The plan, to be approved this year, includes new land use designations, creates new policies for ground floor retail uses and includes a concept plan for building a new library and Civic Center on the Bernal Park property.

Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force meetings are set to continue this winter before a final draft plan is prepared for consideration in public hearings in the spring.

Downtown Pleasanton is already set to see growth in 2019 as more residential units are built. These projects include:

- 273 Spring St. — Ground-floor retail shops plus two- and three-story, multi-family residential units.

- 377 Saint Mary St. — Three 2,400-square-foot, three-story, single-family residences.

- 536/550 St. John St. — Ten two-story townhomes, with existing historic single-family home to remain.

- 4791 Augustine St. — Construction starts this year on a trio of three-story, single-family homes, and one three-story mixed-use building with apartments/office/retail space.

## RESTAURANTS

Some 15 new restaurants are now open or soon will be in Pleasanton, most of them in the downtown district. Recently opened are:

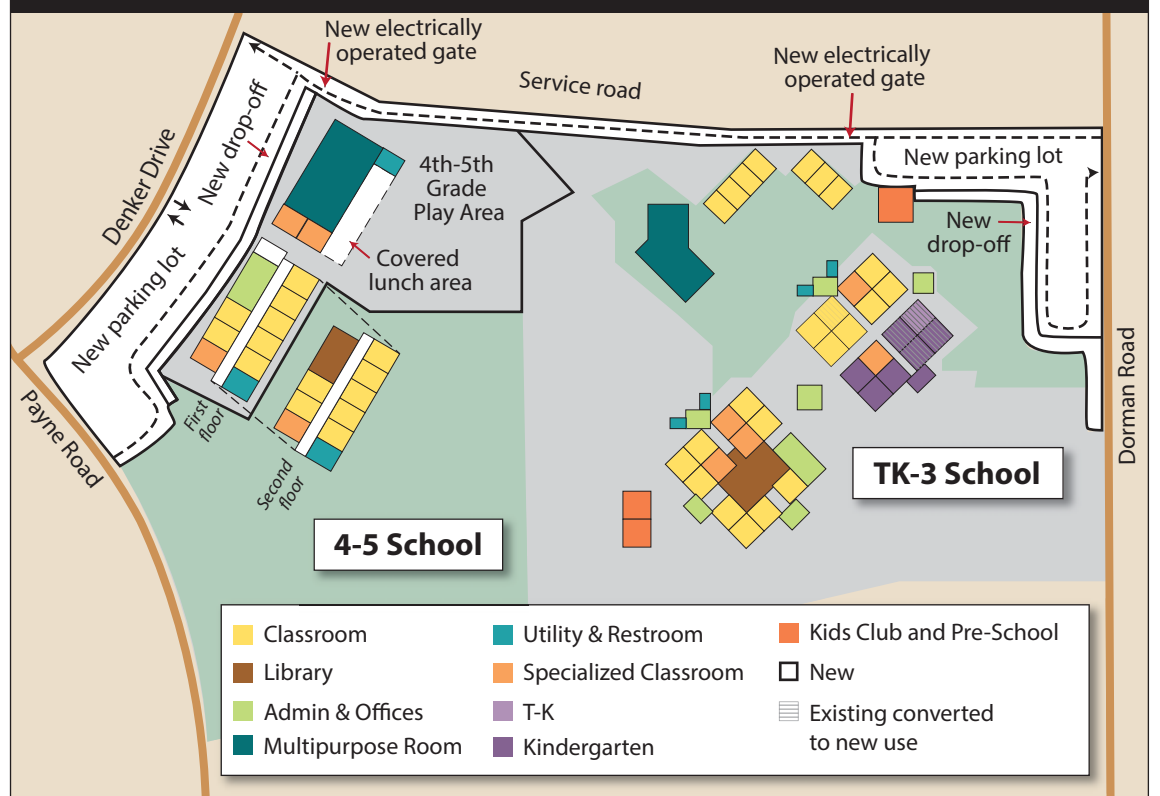
- The Clubhouse, a casual restaurant and bar, recently opened in the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. The white-cloth-table Lily's Spirited is set to open in the hotel later this month.

- Salt Craft, a casual American-cuisine restaurant, in a 1930s Spanish colonial-style house at 377 Saint Mary St.

- SideTrack in the former Panda's Restaurant site at 30 W. Angela St. It offers hand-crafted burgers, seasonal dishes and a full bar.

- Shanghai Dumpling House, 201 Main St., is a traditional style Chinese restaurant.

## Concept for separate TK-3 and 4-5 schools at Donlon site



KRISTIN BROWN

Site plan for Donlon Elementary School shows existing building that will be converted into transitional kindergarten through third grade school, with a second campus be added to serve fourth and fifth grades. Project is designed to handle growth on Pleasanton's north side.

- Uptown Burger Bar, 724 Main St., known for its tater tots, peanut butter and jelly hamburgers and \$4.95 "Old Thyme" milk shakes.

- Wild One Cal Mex Grill, now in the former site of High-Tech Burrito at 349 Main St.

Opening soon will be:

- Zachary's Chicago Pizza, taking over half of the current Bank of America building at 337 Main St. The bank will continue operating in the remaining area.

- Patio Café will take over the former Stacey's Cafe space at 310-A Main St. The opening date has not yet been announced.

Currently under construction for opening in the coming weeks is Ramen 101 at 444 Main St. Its

Dublin restaurant is getting rave reviews for its Asian food.

Beso, a Mexican restaurant, will open later this year on the second floor of the new building at 725 Main St., where Union Jack Pub was once located. The first floor, which could also be a restaurant, has yet to be leased.

Several prospective tenants have shown interest in the former Dean's Café at 620 Main St., a downtown restaurant for the last 60 years that was closed last year for health-code violations.

Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, said a new restaurant should be open at the Dean's location this year.

A new eatery for the now-empty Café Main at 401 Main St. has backed out. "We anticipate that someone new will lease the space in the first part of 2019," Olson said.

Near Home Depot, diners and drive-thru customers fill the parking lots at In-N-Out Burger and the recently-opened Chick-fil-A.

More crowds are expected this summer when the Peninsula's popular Cook's Seafood and Fish Market opens in Bernal Plaza across from the Alameda County Fairgrounds at Bernal and Valley avenues. It will be only the second restaurant opened by the Crumrine family since they started the business in Menlo Park 90 years ago. ■



DAWN WILSON

A downtown crowd joins entrepreneur restaurateurs Todd Utikal and Skip Hinsley at ribbon-cutting to open their new SideTrack Bar and Grill at 30 W. Angela St., one of 15 new restaurants serving community in 2019.



# Resolution review

Suggestions to improve our lives surround us

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Check out the checkout stand or browse the web: Everywhere, headlines shout out New Year's resolutions to drastically improve our lives in 2019.

Articles suggest resolutions and how to stick to resolutions, such as "be specific" and "start small."

Forbes lists the 10 best personal finance resolutions. Good Housekeeping spells out 35 — yes 35! — suggestions, also noting that

they are "achievable." Many of the GH suggestions are simple, such as adding more citrus to your grocery cart. Another easy one: Become a plant owner, explaining that having indoor plants can lower stress levels. Although one could argue that having plants gives a person one more thing to stress over — keeping them alive.

Plan a vacation, even if it is just a weekend. Apparently research shows that just thinking about an

upcoming trip can boost happiness.

More resolutions to bring happiness: Buy flattering workout gear, play upbeat music, donate old clothes, listen to novels while you work out. Write a nice note to yourself as you would to a friend, with kind words of compassion rather than criticism.

Many lists of resolutions include decluttering. There are websites devoted to this endeavor, which causes one to ponder just how and why we

have accumulated so much stuff.

Here is an interesting tidbit: Keep kitchen counters clean because studies show that women surrounded by clutter tend to eat more cookies. Maybe that is because the "clutter" includes packages of cookies?

Some resolutions are especially doable for local residents.

See more live theater. This is especially easy in Pleasanton where we have two theater groups that even have musicals onstage this month — Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" from Jan. 12-27 at the Bankhead Theater; and Pacific Coast Repertory Theater's "Mama Mia" runs Jan. 26 to Feb. 20 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

If your resolution is to get out

hiking, try the 2019 Trails Challenge, a free, self-guided way of exploring parks in the East Bay Regional Park District. Pick up a guidebook at a park district visitor center or download one from the website, [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org), then hike any of the trails in the guide.

Is 2019 your year to volunteer? The Make a Difference for Pleasanton Festival will be held at the library Jan. 19, with dozens of organizations ready and willing to share information about their many diverse volunteer opportunities.

In pondering ways to improve your life, consider the words of Ernest Hemingway: "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self." ■



Offering residents a chance to learn more about dozens of local nonprofit and service organizations, the annual Make a Difference for Pleasanton Festival is set to take place Jan. 19 at the Pleasanton Public Library.

# 'Get Connected, Stay Connected'

Dozens of nonprofits to present volunteer opportunities

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | PHOTOS BY MICHELLE SUSKI

'Tis the season for New Year's resolutions.

One way to improve your life is by discovering the joy of helping others, and Jan. 19 is the day in Pleasanton to explore the many ways you can volunteer.

That Saturday is when the Make a Difference for Pleasanton Festival will be held at the city library from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., in its community room. Dozens of nonprofit organizations will have tables set up

with information on how you can "Get Connected & Stay Connected" with your community through volunteer service for adults, families and teenagers.

"This is a great way to learn of volunteer opportunities," said Ken Mano, vice president of Pleasanton's Community of Character Collaborative. "There will be many nonprofits and other groups that serve our community from newborns to young children to our senior population,

and even animals."

Some volunteer opportunities that can be explored:

- Preparing and serving meals to neighbors in need.
- Driving elderly neighbors to medical appointments.
- Comforting dogs and cats awaiting their forever homes.
- Assisting a newcomer learning English.
- Helping visitors learn about local history.
- Refreshing public garden areas.
- Organizing Special Olympics sports events.

Visitors will be encouraged to sign the "50/50 Pledge," which states, "I pledge to spend at least 50 hours in community service, and to spend 50 more hours with my family in the next year."

Everyone can also sign the historic banner from the early local Make a Difference Festivals, which were



**Left:** Volunteers to participate in last year's festival included (from left) W. Ron Sutton from Pleasanton North Rotary, Ken Mano from the Community of Character Collaborative and Christina Gray from Bella Luna Studios who volunteers photography in the community. **Right:** Historic banner volunteers can sign at the festival.

sponsored by the Pleasanton Unified School District in the 1990s. "We used to try to tie in with the national Make A Difference Day, which is held in October, but here in Pleasanton that date has long been reserved for the Foothill High School Band Review, so we changed to the date closest to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which has become a global service day," explained W. Ron Sutton, founder of Make A Difference, Today & Always.

"Also, we felt that people should make a commitment to community service on more than one day per year," he added. "That is why we came up with the '50/50 Pledge' and the slogan, 'Get Connected, Stay Connected.'" The festival helps fund the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships, which are awarded to graduating seniors from each of Pleasanton's three high schools through the Community of Character Collaborative.

"We are pleased to host this event," librarian Yu Tao said. "Because a growing number of organizations want to participate, the city's Department of Library and Recreation will move our information tables into the children's section of the library, just beyond the community room. We hope participants will come by to see the volunteer opportunities we offer." The festival is free-of-charge, and everyone is welcome. Mayor Jerry Thorne will open the festival. ■



The Castleridge Trailhead, which opened last year, is a new entrypoint to Pleasanton Ridge trails. EBRPD

## This year try the Trails Challenge

The new year brings a renewal of the East Bay Regional Park District's always popular Trails Challenge program, which is entering its 27th year. Trails Challenge is a free, self-guided way of exploring the parks. There is no need to register. Just pick up a guidebook at a park district visitor center or download one from the website, [www.ebparcs.org](http://www.ebparcs.org). Then hike any of the trails in the guide, turn in your trail log, and receive a commemorative pin while supplies last. Trails Challenge T-shirts also are available at visitor centers while supplies last.

Thousands of people have participated in the program since it began in 1993. You can hike, bicycle or ride horseback on challenge trails designed for all levels of ability. The guidebook also contains helpful hints on equipment and trail safety. The Trails Challenge is sponsored by the Regional Parks Foundation in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. The website also has full listings for activities in all the regional parks, or pick up a copy of the "Regional in Nature — Activity Guide" at visitor centers. ■  
—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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# Tri-Valley Rep presenting 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'

Musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel in Paris

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre takes audiences to Paris this month with the musical, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," based on the 1831 Victor Hugo novel with songs from the 1996 Disney animated feature. This production includes new songs as well as verbatim passages from the Gothic novel.

The musical begins as the bells sound through the famed cathedral of Notre Dame in 15th century Paris. Quasimodo, the deformed bell-ringer who longs to be "Out There," observes all of Paris reveling in the Feast of Fools and he escapes the archdeacon Dom Claude Frollo, who holds him captive, to join the festive crowd.

Quasimodo finds that everyone mistreats and mocks him — except for the beautiful gypsy, Esmeralda. He falls in love with her free spirit, as does the handsome Capt. Phoebus and Archdeacon Frollo. As the three vie for her attention, Frollo embarks on a mission to destroy the gypsies, and it falls to



"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" stars Brian Palac as Quasimodo.

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Quasimodo to save them.

The Tri-Valley Rep production will play Jan. 12-27 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore, under the direction of Titian Lish and produced by Kathleen Breedveld. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturdays and at 2 p.m.

Sundays.

Tickets are \$23-\$41, and it is recommended that no one under the age of 13 attend due to the dark theme of the show. To buy tickets, go to the Bankhead Theater box office; call 373-6800; or visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org). ■



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## Traveling artists display works

"Romeo Pier" by Helene Roylance is among works by 15 artists in the Tri-Valley Traveling Artists exhibit opening this Saturday (Jan. 5) at the Livermore Civic Center Library Gallery, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The public is invited to a reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday to view the recent works in oil, acrylic, watercolor and photography. The exhibit will run until Jan. 31. Other participating artists are Charlotte Severin, Justin Trent, Nancy Storch, Steve Barkkarie, Bev Patterson, Bonnie Bartlett, June Ferreri, Helene Hallett, Kathleen Elm, Robyn Leimer, Lorraine Wells, Carolyn Ramsey, Carole Hilton, Dorothy Maestas and Mary Jane Hassman.

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

BY GINA CHANNELL

# On the impact of journalism in our community

The value of a local newspaper is never more apparent than during an election year.

In late 2018, the Pleasanton Weekly and its sister publication, DanvilleSanRamon.com, hosted four candidate forums, reported on the campaigns, held interviews and wrote dozens of endorsements, and covered the results from the time the polls closed until the official results were in over a week later.

We continued our normal coverage of city council and school board meetings, crime, deaths, court cases and spent hours requesting public records in incidents that the public questioned, like the drowning of a high school freshman in Danville or the death of a Pleasanton man in police custody.

This is journalism. It's not sexy clickbait like speculating on which movie star is getting married or who posted what on social media, nor is it mindless entertainment like cat videos. It is a necessary service to the public — an essential commodity, like water, schools and fire protection. But journalism is not a public service in the dictionary definition of the term because it is not provided or funded by a government or its agencies, for good (and obvious) reasons.

Some people seem to look at

news as a public service because it's readily available. "Free" news, like what you find on Google, is not really free. It is Google aggregating stories produced by news organizations that employ journalists; Google reaps the revenue from advertisers and the news organizations pay the journalists.

There's no news flash here: Traditional news organizations are struggling financially and the first place many go to cut costs is the newsroom. This, in turn, is becoming costly to the public as this deficit leaves public agencies and local governments under-examined.

The number of journalists has decreased in double-digit percentages in the past decade. According to Occupational Employment Statistics data, nationwide there were 58,170 reporters in 2007. In 2017, there were 44,480, a decline of 23.5%. In California, there were 6,210 reporters in 2007, and 3,960 in 2017, a drop of 36.2%.

The number of public relations positions, however, increased during that time period. Now in the U.S. there are 5.25 public relations specialists for each reporter; in California the ratio is 6.8 to 1.

So, in other words, in California there are seven people distributing information that reflects the subject matter in only a positive light, to the one person with the job to question and counter the claims in that information.

In 2012, Pew Research Center



Gina Channell

## Monet settling in well

Melissa Adkins from Valley Humane Society shared an update on Monet, a cat whose tale of adoption by the Geiger family was profiled in the Dec. 14 Weekly story, "Stray tabby with special needs finds

a new home." Adkins told us, "I wanted to thank you so much for printing the story of Monet even after she was adopted. As a senior cat with special needs, she represents one of the most difficult type of pets to re-home, and I think it really helps people to understand what is manageable when they can see that others are managing it. We couldn't be happier about her adoption — she coincidentally was the 600th adoption of the year! And as you can see, she is quite content in her new home."



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amount of time and money creating "news" that reflected only one side of the argument — the side the publication's owner wanted people to know.

Both are examples of why professional journalism is so important on a local level.

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As we start the new year, I encourage you to reflect on the impact of local journalism in your life.

Then please consider supporting us so we can maintain a strong news organization. ■

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Human Services and Youth Commission Joint Workshop

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation – Ashley Sprader, Pleasanton Unified School District-Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Review and Comment on Updates to the Draft City of Pleasanton Human Services Needs Assessment Updated Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022 and Youth Commission 2018 - 2019 Youth Master Plan Implementation Work Plan

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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# Sports

## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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### PJFL alum fulfilling dream of starring on Notre Dame's offensive line

Also: Piscottys teaching youth at Pleasanton winter baseball camp

Even though it was a tough end to the season for Notre Dame's football team last weekend, it was enjoyable to watch former Pleasanton Junior Football League player Aaron Banks start for the Fighting Irish as a sophomore.

I had the pleasure of coaching Aaron in 2008 when I was the head coach for the Jaguars — a team that won the league title.

PJFL always tried to match kids up not just by age, but size as well. That meant at times, some kids were put on teams where they were much younger than their teammates because they were bigger than kids their own age.



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PJFL alum Aaron Banks is a starter for Norte Dame.

Such was the case with Aaron. Now 6-foot-6 and 319 pounds at Notre Dame, Aaron was a fifth-grader who was placed on our team of seventh- and eighth-graders. Like he does at Notre Dame, Aaron started at left guard for us, and like at Notre Dame, he was really good.

So good in fact, that we ran behind him regularly. I always wore Notre Dame hats and shirts to practice, and Aaron always told me, "Coach, I'm going to play at Notre Dame some day."

Well, following an impressive high school career at El Cerrito, Aaron is indeed playing at Notre Dame. When he committed to ND,



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### Young runners compete at nationals

After a season of training and running in two qualifying races, 18 members of the Mount Diablo Heat Junior Olympic Track & Cross-Country Club competed at the National Championship in Reno last month. The Heat are a nationally sanctioned club specializing in cross-country events from 1-1/4 to 3 miles who train at locations in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

I tweeted at him and one of the first things he said was, "Coach I told you I was going to play at Notre Dame."

It was a joy to watch Aaron play this year, and he was one of the few players who turned in a good game in the 30-3 loss to Clemson in the national semifinal last Saturday. I look forward to watching him dominate the next two seasons and then watching him play on Sunday's — hopefully for the 49ers!

### Piscottys helping at STRETCH camp

Oakland A's outfielder Stephen Piscotty and his father Mike will be instructors at the STRETCH Winter

Boot Camp Jan. 25-27 that takes place at Amador Valley as well as the Valley Community Church.

Mike and Stephen were instructors at the first STRETCH Camp 14 years ago and have been avid supporters of the camp ever since, according to Jason Alley of STRETCH Ministries.

During his time at Stanford, Stephen brought out some of the players to help with the camp.

STRETCH stands for "Striving To Reach Excellence Through Christ's Hand." The camp is open to all passionate baseball and softball players grades 3-8. (It's a long weekend, so they have to want to be there.)

Instruction at the event is

provided by leaders in the local baseball, softball and church communities. The cost is \$150, but there are scholarships available as the group does not want anyone to miss the camp because of money.

The theme of this year's camp is "Amazing Grace" in honor of Gretchen Piscotty, the wife of Mike and mother of Stephen who passed last May from ALS.

"Needless to say, Stephen, Mike and their family have been a very important part of the STRETCH family," Alley said. "I can't thank them enough for their unfailing commitment to, and support of STRETCH Ministries. They, along with over 100 volunteers each year (45-50 are high school leaders), have been used to make a significant impact on the lives and sports leagues in the Tri-Valley over the last 14 years."

You can register for the event at [www.gostretch.org](http://www.gostretch.org). For more information, email the organization at [info@gostretch.org](mailto:info@gostretch.org). ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).*

### Correction

Last week's Pleasanton Preps column misidentified one of the Paradise players sponsored by a local family for a soccer clinic. The girl's name is Carly Settles. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

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**YOUNG & LITTLE PERFORMERS PRESENT "SEUSSICAL KIDS"** At 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Young and Little Performers presents "Seussical KIDS". For more information and to purchase tickets, go to firehousearts.org.

## Music

**TORRES VS. CATURA: BATTLE OF THE TENORS - JAZZ ON INKLINGS STAGE** At 7 p.m. on Jan. 11, jazz tenor saxophone player Benny Torres will face tenor saxophone player Noel Catura in this "battle of the tenors" at Inklings, 530 Main St. The other musicians are Geechi Taylor (drums), James Hall (piano), and Matt Finders (bass). There is a parking lot next to Inklings which is accessible from Main Street.

**COLLISION OF RHYTHM** Collision of Rhythm: Sophisticated Funk will be onstage at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Think "Stomp" meets "Blue Man Group" meets "Cirque du Soleil". Percussion/marimba virtuoso and elite tap/dance guy meets master beatboxer and juggler in a high-energy show full of innovative musical feats, spontaneous audience interaction, and comic relief. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00; available at firehousearts.org, 931-4848, or at the center box office.

**CHICAGO: THE TRIBUTE** At 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11 and Saturday, Jan. 12, the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. presents Chicago The Tribute. The authentic sound and show, including all the powerful horns, rich vocals, and rocking rhythm section, Chicago inspired rock, jazz, funk, and soul into the iconic sound all their own. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, available at firehousearts.org, 931-4848, or at the center box office.

## Talks & Lectures

**LIVERMORE AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** At 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, our monthly meeting will be held. There is no charge, and visitors are welcome.

This presentation will focus on discovering your British Ancestors on English and Welsh internet research sites. The guest speaker will be Christine Bell Green, a professional genealogy researcher and educator.

**CAMINO SANTIAGO, A JOURNEY ACROSS NORTHERN SPAIN** Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Matt Berry will share photos and stories of his adventures hiking the Camino Francés route of the Camino de Santiago. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library. For additional information please call 373-5500.

**ROBOTICS FAIR** At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, will host a free Student Robotics Fair. The event will begin with a special presentation on remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs) by Dr. George Matsumoto from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and Jill Zande from the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center. They will demonstrate how ROVs are used to explore deep water habitats and more. From 2 to 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room, local students will showcase various robotics projects.

## 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.

## Business

**CARD PLEASANTON, CA HIRING EVENT** There is an opportunity to learn about employment opportunities at the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, (CARD) Hiring Event at 511 Johnson Drive. Please RSVP to one of the dates on the website. An RSVP is required in order to attend. Be aware that you need to arrive on time to attend the CARD employment presentation. If you are unable to make it to any of the listed times, please email the days and times that you are available to interview. For more information email ml9395@centerforautism.com or call 818-345-2345, ext. 1164.

**WALNUT CREEK SALES AND MANAGEMENT JOB FAIR** From 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the Walnut Creek Marriott, 2355 North Main St., Walnut Creek, there will be a Professional Career Event, which is sales and management specific, conducted by HireLive. This is your opportunity to interview face to face with 15 plus Fortune 500 and industry leading companies seeking talented, experienced and enthusiastic sales,

retail and management candidates. Parking fee is \$8. Email your resume to 21394-21-mh2006@apply.maxhire.net. Bring 10 to 15 resumes, and be aware that the dress code is business professional. This is a free event for job seekers. Visit HireLive.com for more information.

## Fundraisers

**LIVERMORE ROTARY CLUB 64TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED** The Livermore Rotary Club hosts its annual Crab Feed at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. The event features a crab dinner and dancing to live music. The Livermore Rotary Club sponsors and runs the Livermore Rodeo Parade, awards mini-grants to worthwhile school and community programs, provides music scholarships to middle and high school students, supplies support to seniors and gives back to the Livermore community in countless ways. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please call for special \$55 pricing for groups of 8 to 10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck at 447-4300.

**PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER** At 5 p.m. on Feb. 2, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., the Pleasanton Lions Club will hold it's annual fundraiser crab feed with a no host bar, photo booth, cornhole and crab, served starting at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a casino night. Tickets are \$70.00 per person, including parking. Contact Steve Grimes at 484-3524 or Greg Aynesworth at 336-6069 for information.

## Dance

**LIVERMORE SCHOOL OF DANCE JAZZ COMPANY** At 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, The Livermore School Of Dance Jazz Company presents "Come Fly With Me", a dance performance that takes you on a virtual trip around the world, through music and dance. A variety of dance styles will be performed with a diversified selection of music from the old classics to new contemporary songs. This is a family performance for all to enjoy. Tickets are available now at lvpac.org.

## Food & Drink

**PMS WATCH D.O.G.S. PIZZA NIGHT** Calling all Watch D.O.G.S. Please join us from 6 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. to learn all about this exciting program. We will serve pizza from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and then have a short informational meeting from 6:30 to 7 p.m. All Dads and/or any male role models and their children are welcome. Please RSVP for the total number attending, including kids. RSVP early at eventbrite.com/e/pms-watch-dogs-pizza-night.

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## Lessons & Classes

**FREE COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCING THE DIGITAL LIBRARY** From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore will offer a class entitled "Introducing the Digital Library". A Livermore Public Library card gives people access to Consumer Reports, Gale Courses, Discover and Go Museum Passes, Testing and Education Reference Center, and other free resources from any computer or mobile device with Web access. Registration is not required, and laptops will be provided for attendees to use during the class. For more information, please call 373-5505.

**DIVORCE WORKSHOP - SECOND SATURDAY** From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, a workshop on divorce will be held. It is important to have the tools needed to evaluate the impact divorce can have on your personal and financial life. This workshop will be run by an attorney, a therapist and a financial advisor touching on the legal, emotional and financial topics involved with divorce. Register at secondsaturdayeastbay.org.

## Support Groups

**GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS** The death of a loved one is a shattering experience, but you do not have to suffer alone. 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 Jan. 10 and 22, Feb. 12 and 28, March 14 and 28. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP** National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets on Wednesdays, from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road to educate and

support those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org.

## Seniors

**LEARN HOW VETERANS' BENEFITS CAN COVER SENIOR CARE** At 10 a.m., on Jan. 9 at The Watermark at Rosewood Gardens, 35 Fenton St., Livermore, the public is invited to find out how veterans benefits can cover senior care. Nurse and elder law attorney Julie Fielder will discuss the benefits available to former military and their families, with the goal of helping attendees plan for their futures. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. RSVP by Jan. 6 at 1-888-349-6001.

## Religion & Spirituality

**JANUARY RELIGION CHAT** The January Religion Chat will be held from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. The facilities will open at 4:30 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. This event is free of charge and open to all. The discussion topic will be "What is the Role of Women in Your Faith? How has it evolved over time?"

**REVEREND ISRAEL TO SPEAK AT LYNNWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** At 9 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, in celebration of our second year anniversary as a reconciling congregation, Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., is hosting long-time activist and political asylee, Reverend Israel I. Alvaran to speak. Call 846-0221 for more information.

## Volunteers

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel at 3574 Vineyard Ave. To schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org, enter sponsor code Interfaithcommunity or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Drop-ins are welcome, but priority is given to those with appointments. Eligibility requirements are on the website. A free long-sleeve Red Cross t-shirt will be given to donors. Please give the gift of life.

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**Pleasanton (Nov. 19-30)**

**Total sales reported:** 29  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$460,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,416,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,036,000

**Dublin (Nov. 19-30)**

**Total sales reported:** 20  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$513,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,500,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$897,000

**Livermore (Nov. 19-30)**

**Total sales reported:** 50  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$101,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,650,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$746,000

**San Ramon (Nov. 19-30)**

**Total sales reported:** 20  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$300,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,666,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,061,000

Source: California REsource

**HOME SALES**

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 19-30.

**Pleasanton**

- 2240 Segundo Court #2** Rhodes & Brown Living Trust to N. Kawadri for \$483,000
- 4127 Amberwood Circle** K. Ho to M. Zang for \$625,000
- 3729 Marlboro Way** T. Mai to P. & A. Irudayaraj for \$650,000
- 223 Birch Creek Drive** R. Heredia to V. & K. Sivaraman for \$850,000
- 422 Bonita Avenue** H. Secretary to N. & K. Ahluwalia for \$865,500
- 3680 Camelot Court** J. & R. Villeneuve to Ccpca LLC for \$890,000
- 1410 Elliott Circle** Garcia Family Trust to S. & B. Wang for \$915,000
- 3114 Half Dome Drive** Q. & Y. Liu to J. & J. Zhang for \$925,000
- 3400 Virgil Circle** S. & O. Schott to H. & T. Mai for \$960,000
- 4659 Lakewood Street** W. Cromwell to L. & S. Ye for \$1,000,000
- 7783 Fairoaks Drive** Privari 2002 Fam Living Trust to S. & N. Wendell for \$1,053,000

- 7195 Valley Trails Drive** Menlo Funding Corp to A. Naeimi for \$1,059,000
- 3112 Tokay Court** Zercher Family Trust to S. Boright for \$1,347,500
- 1790 Beachwood Way** K. & A. Greth to X. & Z. Li for \$1,410,000
- 3003 Calle De La Mesa** C. & R. Kahn to P. & P. Srinivasan for \$1,416,000
- 3847 Vineyard Avenue #29** V. Bernal to B. Simonson for \$460,000
- 2185 Arroyo Court #4** S. & H. Barekzai to M. Frota-Bentley for \$475,000
- 665 Concord Place** M. Mcguinness to C. Lim for \$570,000
- 4182 Rennellwood Way** N. Thomas to Y. & Y. Liu for \$855,000
- 4132 Silver Street** K. & K. Mast to K. & S. Gowkanapalli for \$1,045,000
- 598 San Miguel Court** J. Sangster-Phalen to L. & N. Bengal for \$1,092,000
- 3048 Melbourne Court** A. & M. Kumpf to C. & X. Hu for \$1,145,000
- 4193 Churchill Drive** Graves Juddy Trust to R. & M. Hazan for \$1,165,000

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2/7	1080 Victorine Road	\$2,250,000
2/21	7768 Creekside Dr	\$835,000
2/23	340 E. Angela Street	\$799,000
3/8	7507 Driftwood Way	\$1,155,000
3/30	5215 Riverdale Court	\$800,000
3/30	7857 Driftwood Way	\$1,181,000
3/30	4866 Treewood Ct	\$1,181,000
4/17	6570 Arlington Drive	\$1,350,000
4/27	3360 Maguire Way	\$629,000
4/30	149 Briar Place	\$1,308,000
5/18	6629 Amber Lane	\$2,150,000
5/25	5766 Corte Libre	\$1,880,000
5/31	370 Amador Court	\$865,000
6/5	3951 Blacow Court	\$1,620,000
6/15	2401 Skylark Way	\$1,400,000
7/10	3113 Joanne Circle	\$1,278,000
7/16	7263 Cronin Circle	\$700,000
7/31	3768 Eastwood Way	\$1,200,000
8/20	6266 Garner Court	\$967,000
8/30	4874 Drywood St	\$1,275,000
9/24	5608 Black Ave	\$1,070,000
9/25	820 Oak Manor Ct	\$2,300,000
12/10	1022 Deer Creek Ct	\$1,749,000



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