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A fall Weekly

The Hwang kids: Hannah, Jennifer and Katie pose with an aptly dressed scarecrow and some pumpkins in Clifton Park, N.Y. where the family passed through after visiting New Hampshire, Vermont and Lake Placid, N.Y.

A Tokyo exchange

Esa and Virve Ketola brought the paper along with them to Tokyo, Japan. Here they are in front of Hostel Ogura's museum.



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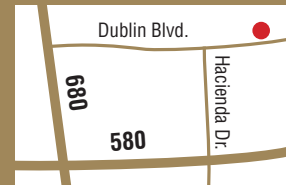
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Editorial

Grant, Hintzke and Bowser for school board

Three seats are open in the race for Pleasanton Unified School District's board of trustees. Most of the candidates would be well-suited for the job, which resulted in a difficult decision in who to endorse. Recognizing the vast experience and varied backgrounds, we recommend incumbent Chris Grant and newcomers Jamie Yee Hintzke and Jeff Bowser.

Chris Grant

A senior vice president at Kaiser Permanente, Grant was appointed to the school board in February 2007. He has three children in the district and has long been involved with schools in the community and helped form the district's priorities as a member of the district's Excellence Committee. When the school board had to deal with possible budget cuts for the current school year because of education spending reductions by the state, Grant successfully advocated retaining reading specialists and keeping any cuts away from the classroom.

We also like his outlook for Pleasanton schools—that they shouldn't settle with having top academic scores but keep striving to make them even better. In his main goal of making sure that all students have the opportunity to reach their greatest potential, Grant would push for class-size reduction, reading intervention and early assessment programs while also preserving arts, athletics, school safety and fiscal responsibility. His passion for education and children along with his record of working well with the board makes him a candidate we support.

Jamie Yee Hintzke

Well-known in schools for her involvement in the PTA Council, Hintzke's devotion to Pleasanton schools is undeniable. It was her commitment to the PTA Council president post that kept her from running four years ago, with encouragement from current board members and the community to run this time around. Her goals include academic excellence and support for every student, improving communication between schools and parents, fiscal responsibility and ensuring a healthy and connected environment for the schools. Her familiarity with the district and its processes, her involvement on school and district committees and programs and her effectiveness in addressing regional and state education issues give her credentials we need on the school board.

Jeff Bowser

With his extensive teaching and business experience, Jeff Bowser will bring experience and a solid budget perspective to the school board. He taught at Village High School for five years and was an administrator at Amador and in outside districts before managing a sales team that works with top clients at AT&T, where he has been a manager for the past 10 years. Encouraged to seek a seat on the school board by the late board member Juanita Haugen, he said the time is now right for him to run. Fiscal responsibility is his top priority, and this includes making sure the district pledges adequate resources to ensure that no students—whether those at-risk or with special needs—fall through the cracks in Pleasanton's 14,000-plus school enrollment. Along with children in the school system, Bowser's wife teaches third grade at Hearst Elementary School, which gives him a unique perspective on both sides of the classroom. As for a potential conflict of interest, Bowser was upfront in saying his wife wouldn't be up for promotion if he were to be on the board.

We commend the work and dedication of Prasad Rallapalli and Valerie Arkin whose volunteer work and ideas for better education also impress us. If elected, either one, or both, would be welcome additions to the school board where, unfortunately, only three seats are open this time around. A sixth candidate on the Nov. 4 ballot, Stephen Page, declined our invitation to interview so we have no opinion on his candidacy.

Letters

Editor's Note: The Pleasanton Weekly has received many election-related letters and will make its best effort to publish as many as space permits before Election Day. All of the letters will be posted at www.pleasantonweekly.com.

Pleasanton's PP and QQ simplified

In the debate over how to protect our hilltops from destructive development, it really is simple. The citizens' initiative, PP, protects Pleasanton's hillsides now, QQ doesn't.

QQ proponents want "a collaborative process that includes developers." But is it realistic to believe that developers would agree to better ridge protection than the citizens' initiative? More importantly, the QQ supporters admit the collaborative process and EIR could take a couple years to complete. During that time, there would be no ridge protection where hundreds of homes are planned on Lund Ranch II and the Sportorno property. PP would provide immediate limits on hilltop developments.

Mayor Hosterman, councilmembers Cook-Kallio and Thorne, (candidate Pentin and others), say they want to preserve our hills, yet they wouldn't support a moratorium on development while that protection is put in place. If they were genuinely concerned, they would have voted with McGovern and Sullivan to place pending developments "on hold," instead of leaving our hills vulnerable. Mayor Hosterman and her QQ supporters made their pro-developer loyalties clear by not protecting our hills with a moratorium. Now it's up to us and the only way we can protect our hills is by voting for PP.

The developers are ready and their bulldozers won't wait. So if you value Pleasanton's scenic hills, you must vote "yes" on PP, (Protect Pleasanton), and "no" on QQ. Otherwise, by the time the developers and committees finish collaborating about future hillside protection our hills will already be destroyed. Sadly, that's the simple truth.

Carolyn Newton

Re-elect Sullivan

I support Matt Sullivan for re-election to Pleasanton's City Council. His experience as a councilmember and planning commissioner, smart-growth record and support for neighborhood concerns over developer interests are critical pre-qualifications, but his experience and agenda related to alternative energy make his re-election critical for the effort to wean us from foreign oil and move our country towards renewable energy

and energy independence.

Matt is an engineer by training and works for a small energy company. He knows the ins and outs of existing utility regulation and alternative energy economics. He is committed to the conversion to alternative, renewable energy and has never been bashful to state his position on this now-popular issue. Matt has chaired our local energy committee, speaks knowledgeably on energy issues, and is a treasure of experience, pragmatism and leadership in the alternative energy arena. We cannot afford to lose him if we desire to pull our weight in the national effort towards energy independence.

Please vote to re-elect Matt Sullivan to the Pleasanton City Council.

Christopher Schlies

Don't be swayed by rhetoric on QQ

Soon Pleasanton will choose between two hillside protection measures. Some say the two measures are confusing. However, when you have the chance to read them, you will find significant differences. Measure QQ is an inclusive community process: all stakeholders will be able to participate. The alternative measure was written by an unknown few without public or stakeholder input.

Measure QQ has a vision of a vast publicly accessible greenbelt on the southeast hills and provides a tried and true strategy that will result in that greenbelt. The alternative measure does not. Measure QQ mandates and allows time for environmental review; the alternative measure does not.

Measure QQ will develop design guidelines based on engineering considerations related to view lines, geotechnical conditions and elevations where development should not occur. The alternative measure does not.

Measure QQ does not provide an exemption for projects of 10 units or less. The alternative measure does provide an exemption from its restrictions for housing developments of 10 units or less thus encouraging large private estates and privatization of the open space.

Don't be swayed by political rhetoric, or the continual "spinning." Go to the source. Read both measures and the city attorney's analysis of each. I think when you do a careful review, you will support QQ. I want a voice in determining hillside protection. I want the open space to become public lands and accessible to Pleasanton residents. I hope you do too.

Vote "yes" on QQ, www.YesonQQ.com.

Bob Wright

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Comparing the mayoral candidates

Let's examine Mayor Hosterman's achievements. While our streets are congested and our schools are overcrowded, she has aligned herself with developers to add more housing. While our country has an energy crisis and our county has a water shortage, she fought hard to approve 8,000 to 12,000-square-foot mansions on our beautiful ridgelines. When the council's agenda was full of important city business, she selfishly wasted hours and hours trying to convince us that her hawk is like a chicken and should be exempt from city codes. When the citizens of Pleasanton tried to save our hilltops from development thru Measure PP, she initiated a competing Measure QQ, which was designed to confuse voters and allow developers time for unrestricted building on ridges.

Mayoral candidate Steve Brozovsky promises to improve our transportation infrastructure which he fought for through his public service career. He will respect our citizens' right to petition their government and will aggressively support the voter-approved housing cap. Most importantly, during these very troubling economic times, Pleasanton will need a financial watchdog that will control city spending without asking for higher citizen taxes. Steve Brozovsky is exactly the mayor we need in Pleasanton.

Julie Rasmick

Grant, Hintzke for school board

The Pleasanton Unified School District is fortunate to have several good candidates running for election this November. Having served on the school board for several years now, I am highly impressed in particular

with two of these individuals and their dedication to Pleasanton youth.

Incumbent Chris Grant brings a passion for serving the district by providing thoughtful leadership to every challenge and opportunity we face. Similarly, Jamie Hintzke, a 35-year resident of Pleasanton, has dedicated many years to benefit our students and currently serves on the California State PTA Board. I encourage Pleasanton to vote for Chris Grant and Jamie Hintzke this Nov. 4.

*Jim Ott
(board president, PUSD)*

Council majority hasn't listened to people

Our City Council majority, Mayor Hosterman and councilmembers Thorne and Cook-Kallio have avoided talking directly to voters about hillside development issues for over a year. They shut out anyone who dared to think the Oak Grove agreement gave away too much in exchange for parkland. They chose to sit on the sidelines when supporters of the Oak Grove referendum were sued by an angry developer. And to sidestep an open debate about the citizens' hillside initiative PP, they produced Measure QQ, the "plan to make a plan" that would confuse voters with language similar to PP, and will invalidate PP if it garners more votes. (Remember, they only wrote the obstructive and deceptive Measure QQ after a Greenbriar Homes representative—a developer with an interest in the southeast hills—asked them for a counter-measure to the citizens' initiative PP).

In contrast, current councilmembers Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan and mayoral candidate Steve Brozovsky have stood up over and over again for open communication with all constituents, not just those who agree with them already, or have paid lobbyists and deep

pockets. We need a City Council that listens to everyone. Elect Matt Sullivan, Cindy McGovern and Steve Brozovsky.

Anne Childs

Pentin, Hosterman, 'yes' on QQ, 'no' on PP

On Nov. 4, I encourage you to vote for Jerry Pentin for City Council, Jennifer Hosterman for mayor and "yes" on Measure QQ and "no" on Measure PP.

Pentin is a proven leader who's demonstrated passion through philanthropic work, his position on the Parks & Recreation Commission and on numerous community committees and task forces. He has shown himself to be a person of strong character—honest, truthful, and reliable and a man of his word. We can continue to count on him to work for the total community as well as individual segments.

Mayor Hosterman is the best candidate for the job. She is devoted to serving Pleasanton and is positioned well to have a continuing influence within adjacent counties and the Tri-Valley. She is working hard to make sure local and regional roadways are provided to better manage traffic in and through our area. She is visible and approachable and has proven herself effective in getting important things done.

Measure QQ, The Pleasanton Ridgeline Protection and Growth Control Initiative, calls for the kind of open, public planning—without loopholes and lawsuits—that brought us the 11,869 acres of open space and recreational amenities. Unlike Measure PP, Measure QQ requires:

- an open, public process that maximizes resident participation.
- expansion of existing hillside protections, incorporating those already in place.

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- identifying specific ridges, needing protection, based on view lines and geotechnical data.
- setting an elevation above which no development will be allowed.
- criteria for protecting Pleasanton's voter approved housing cap.

*Dr. Bill James
(retired superintendent, PUSD)*

We endorse McGovern for council

As residents of Pleasanton for well over a decade, we have found Cindy's commitment to the Pleasanton community to be one all residents can be proud of.

During her tenure on the board for the Pleasanton Unified School District, Cindy showed concern for the schools, students and surrounding neighborhoods. As a City Councilmember, she has continued along that vein, while working to address transportation and congestion issues, water management concerns and efforts to retain affordable housing in our region.

As an elected official, Cindy works for and listens to the neighborhoods that make Pleasanton a great place to live. We need her to continue to represent us. We urge you to endorse Cindy and elect her, yet again, to the Pleasanton City Council.

Sandy and Ray Tyler

Brozosky has skills, commitment to lead city

As a resident of Pleasanton for the last 32 years, I have observed first hand the importance of quality leadership in the city of Pleasanton. I have come to know Steve Brozosky through his volunteer service to Vintage Hills, Amador High School

and through his service to our community. As a result of his involvement he has gained my utmost respect. As a member of the Pleasanton school board, Steve has helped guide the district through budget cuts and helped keep those cuts away from our classrooms.

In my discussions with Steve, I am always impressed with his ability to listen to all sides of an issue. In every aspect of Steve's involvement he carefully researches and studies all the issues at hand. This is the kind of commitment we need from our city leaders. As a founder of two companies, Steve has the executive management and leadership skills required for making strategic organizational and budgetary decisions that will enable him to make intelligent and caring decisions for our community. I encourage you to visit Steve's website at www.brozosky.com. As we saw in the last mayoral election, every vote counts. Please join me in voting for Steve Brozosky on Nov. 4.

Pam Grove

QQ—the right choice

As a former member of Pleasanton Planning Commission and as a citizen involved in the growth and planning of our community I am pleased that a majority of the Cit Council has placed measure QQ on the November ballot. Measure is simply bad law that does not provide for the long-term planning for our hillsides and protection of our open space. At the urging of open space and trail advocates, a majority of the City Council decided to offer voters the choice to participate in the hillside study already on this year's council work plan.

The process proposed in QQ, an inclusive, open space, is not "off the wall", it is supported in the General Plan.

It is time for citizens to stop focusing on the "why" of the two measures and start evaluating their mer-

its. Which one is inclusive, allowing input from all stakeholders including the environmental community? Which measure demands environmental review? Which measure requires geotechnical evaluation? Which measure has a known strategy for placing open space land in public ownership, fully accessible to citizens? Which measure is endorsed by the environmental community? Only QQ.

*Larry Lindsey
(former Planning Commissioner)*

Vote for Brozosky, McGovern, Sullivan

I voted for Mayor Hosterman and I regret it. She has repeatedly demonstrated that she doesn't respect any viewpoints except her own. It's appalling to watch her interrupt, disregard and demean council member's ideas that differ from hers; she even dismisses genuine compromises! On numerous occasions, Hosterman ignored the expert advice of city staff, and advanced her personal agenda. Instead of adhering to the city's Vineyard Corridor Specific Plan, she used her power and "flexibility" to violate it. She dismissed citizen concerns regarding her hawk, wasted city personnel's time, and pressured City Council to make an exception to city codes just for her.

Councilmembers Thorne and Cook-Kallio are content to follow Hosterman and vote the way she wants them to, which gives her "a majority". Hosterman supports Jerry Pentin for council because he will also follow her agenda. Pleasanton deserves independent-thinking councilmembers like Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan, who aren't afraid to ask important questions and offer opposing viewpoints. They are highly principled, intelligently look at all sides of an issue and respectfully represent the citizens of Pleasanton.

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Pleasanton's future should not be determined by one domineering person. Vote for Steve Brozosky, Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan.

Meg English

Pentin has leadership, understanding

I am writing to encourage everyone to vote for Jerry Pentin for the Pleasanton City Council. For the past 13 years, Jerry has been my friend, my neighbor and at times, a business associate. We have spent countless hours cycling through the Tri-Valley and often find ourselves appreciating how we live in one of the greatest cities. I know that Jerry can continue keeping Pleasanton a great place to live.

A 17-year resident who has been active on numerous committees, Pentin has proven leadership on the Parks & Recreation Commission as an advocate for preserving open space and making Pleasanton a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. These are important to me, my wife, and our young son. As an avid cyclist, I want someone who will make the streets safer and more bicycle friendly giving me the opportunity to step outside my garage and, within minutes, feel like I am cycling out in the country. And for my wife, she spends at least one day a week, and sometimes more, with her mother's club in one of Pleasanton's many parks.

As a business owner, he understands the critical economic need to keep large employers from moving away from our city because of the revenue they generate that funds our library, maintains our parks, pays for our police and fire, and supports so many other amenities we must never take for granted in Pleasanton. Let's keep Pleasanton a thriving and desirable community. Join me in voting for Jerry Pentin on Election Day.

Bryan Gillette

Brozosky understands our needs

I am writing this on behalf of many parents who live in Pleasanton, to explain why we support Steve Brozosky and why he will be a great mayor for the city of Pleasanton. Mr. Brozosky has been on the PUSD school board as a trustee for the past couple of years and he has done an excellent job. He understands our school systems, and the needs of our children and he is able to communicate effectively with the parents.

We always see Mr. Brozosky working as a parent volunteer at extra-curricular events such as track meets and other sports events, in fact at virtually all school-related events. Pleasanton is a family-oriented community, where kids come first and we need a mayor who understands the needs of our community and our future generations.

Gina Carter

Sullivan speaks mind on Iraq war

In the current election campaign at the local level, the war in Iraq is all but ignored. It's as if being for or against the war might cost a few votes, but if that's true, then it must be an issue of importance to the voters and it should be discussed.

Matt Sullivan is the only Pleasanton city councilmember and candidate for City Council or mayor to speak out publicly and openly in Pleasanton against the war in Iraq and the killing of over 4,000 American military men and women. He is the only one who attends a monthly vigil that honors and mourns these Americans. What he says and what he does tells me that he cares about what is happening in Iraq.

I am a former Marine and veteran with 10 years of military service, and to me, Matt Sullivan's words and actions make him a true

patriot and morally and ethically a good man. For those reasons as well as his record of service to Pleasanton, I will vote for his reelection on Nov. 4, and I urge other Pleasantonians to do so also.

Fred Norman

Rallapalli, Hintzke for school board

I am writing to indicate my support for two of the school board candidates: Prasad Rallapalli and Jamie Hintzke. I think that ALL the candidates are dedicated, quality people, but what we need now is to build a board with members who each have a particular strength that is mission critical to the PUSD. We also need a board that can represent Pleasanton's schools on a broader scale at the National School Boards Association.

Prasad Rallapalli would bring a formidable technology background to the board—a background that no candidate or appointed board member can lay claim to. We desperately need a math/science/technology expert to help guide policy and outreach. Prasad is also uniquely qualified to represent the board to local technology companies for potential partnerships of many flavors.

In a similar fashion, Jamie Hintzke offers the same sort of unique qualities, but in health policy. She has worked tirelessly for our district to achieve health policy objectives and secure funding for a school nurse. She is well connected with other school health policy professionals state wide and understands the budgeting process and education code.

These unique skill sets define my support for Prasad and Jamie. For what it's worth, I'll take a savvy, cutting edge board over merely good, well-intended board any day.

Wendy Goody

Stick with Steve Brozosky

Like Frank Capilla who wrote to the Weekly recently ("I'm a converted Hosterman supporter," Letters, Oct. 10, page 9), I supported Steve Brozosky for mayor two years ago. We both worked very hard to get him elected.

This year, there is one new issue: the development of the southeast ridge. On this single issue, people disagree and old alliances have changed dramatically. But there are many other issues involved in the race for mayor. Sadly, they are the same issues that were at the forefront two years ago. Traffic is still a huge frustration to residents. The 'update' to the General Plan is still not complete. The city is still on the edge of losing Staples Ranch and the \$5 million in annual tax revenue. The mayor's lack of attendance at Tri-Valley planning meetings has given us no voice in regional traffic plans. The mayor's penchant for bringing her favorite national and international issues into council meetings is plainly divisive. The mayor's personal bias for or

against a business is well known. She urged a developer to avoid leasing space to Starbucks because she doesn't like the company and urged that developer to bring in one of her favorite businesses.

Several years ago she tried to negate a contract the city had with Wal-Mart because she doesn't like that company. And after she approved commercial development at Bernal and Stanley, she led the effort to overturn the decision. The mayor's leadership on the city's most difficult issues has been a big disappointment. I will stick with Steve.

Douglas W. Miller

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by Gerarda Stocking

STAGING AND SHOWING

Arguably, the practice of "staging" a home—in which design professionals prepare a home so that it won't just look good for potential buyers but will also romance them into a personal relationship with the home—is quickly becoming a nearly standard portion of marketing a home.

All of the old traditions still hold. It's important to make a home as bright as it can possibly be, with unobstructed windows, a sense of the outdoors flowing into the indoors (often with plants on either side of the windows), and with every light in the house turned on. The house should have the domestic counterpart to the smell of old-fashioned comfort foods—floral scents, a freshness in the air, perhaps the smell of baking in the kitchen. Wherever possible, the home should be freshly painted, with bright displays of flowers in all the gardens.

Nothing new there. What is new is the way a home can be made to tell a story—a tale that the potential buyer moves herself and himself into. And this means the obvious indications that someone already lives in this house, such as photo displays, should be removed, as should a great many extremely personal objects. Further, just the right amount of furniture—for a good showing, not necessarily for optimal living—should grace the rooms.

It's worth talking about carefully with your real estate professional. It can bring a faster sale at a higher price. Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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HISTORY COME



The adobe, built with mud bricks, was built in 1854 by Francisco Alviso. The family is recorded as the first people to live on the property. After extensive renovation it has been restored to what it would have been. The adobe includes a living room, two bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen and dining area, which will function as a traditional museum.



The archway near the park entrance acts as a portal to the past.

by Emily West

Visitors to the new Alviso Adobe Community Park only need to take a short walk to learn about the rich history of Pleasanton. A meandering walkway takes visitors through a Spanish-style arch entryway as they step over pavement marked “2008 Alviso Adobe Community Park Opens.” As if a portal to a different time, the path continues through other points of historical significance—such as the closing of the Meadowlark Dairy in 1969—and it leads through a grove of original and new trees and on a footbridge over the seasonal creek, ending atop the hill with “3240 B.C. Native American Occupation.”

Nestled along Foothill Road, the interpretive park sits on 7 acres of land overlooking the city. The public will have the chance to see the city’s newest park Saturday during the grand opening. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. families can enjoy historically-inspired activities including a bird walk hosted by the Ohlone Audubon Society, authentic Californios music and dance, park tours, lectures, and games and crafts for children.

The land has played an important role for several groups, with Ohlone Indians being the first recorded population dating back to the time of the Egyptian pyramids. While historians know the property was used by them, they have no record of them actually living there. It was Francisco Alviso who built the adobe in 1854 and the original building is one of

a few remaining in the Bay Area. It was renovated mostly by hand to ensure historical integrity as part of the project. The Briggs family purchased the land in 1919 and it later became the site of the dairy, the first in California to be certified.

City Naturalist Eric Nicholas works alongside the city and local historical groups to put together programs. The Young Explorers is a field trip for classes to visit and the first group will experience a hands-on history lesson Oct. 29.

“Almost every craft and skill that existed in rural communities, we will do it soon,” he said.

Displaying artifacts and elements from the natural environment, everything from acorns to milk to wool dyeing can be used to educate. As the animals and plants revitalize after construction, so will the offerings.

Comprised of three buildings, the Alviso Adobe will look at different ways to bring the history to life. In the “milking barn,” there is space for slideshows and other media, Nicholas’ office, and a rotating display of artifacts and large photos teaching about the agriculture and dairy life. The adobe is set up like a traditional museum and depicts what the home would have been like in the 1920s. Over the years the adobe had an addition, although it is debated as to which was the original structure. It now has two bedrooms, a main room, a bathroom, a kitchen and a dining room. Lastly, the “bunkhouse” has a classroom, as well as a space for the docents and storage.

In building and renovating these structures, construction crews paid special attention to maintaining

Volunteers need

Anyone looking to get involved in Adobe Community Park is needed as a volunteer. There is a need for volunteers in areas such as:

- Docents
 - Gardeners
 - Historical artifacts
 - Display production
 - Office work
 - Junior and home school
 - Parents and grandpa
- Training sessions and classes are offered through City Naturalist. To learn more about volunteering, call Mike Briggs at 931-5351 or visit ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

the historical elements. Original materials in adobe restoration made the site. Another company has been used as it would have been available. Rustic wood can be seen in the building and benches and the bunkhouse.

Project managers Mike Briggs and Jeff worked along with PGA Director and staff Chris Pattillo paid

ES TO LIFE

Much anticipated Alviso Adobe park opens Saturday



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like in the 1920s.

A footbridge is comprised of a Brazilian wood that will not need much maintenance over its long lifespan. It connects the pathways to the buildings and goes over a seasonal creek.

Above: City naturalist Eric Nicholas shows displays depicting the time of the Meadowlark Dairy in the "milking barn" building.

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scheduling will be han- naturalist Eric Nicholas. volunteer opportunities, or email enicholas@

ne company that specializes e traditional mud bricks on d its own mill to cut wood available at the time and the n the milking barn's beams house.

Fulford and Andy Jorgensen Design principal and history special attention to detail

that is noticed throughout the park, from informative botanical placards around the landscaping to hoof prints and trough markings in the milking barn. Near the entrance is a small amphitheater with a fire pit boulders from Montana as seats. The footbridge was made with wood from Brazil, which is said to be denser than oak and won't need maintenance over its long lifespan. On the north side of the property is a small orchard of plum trees, the hard-to-find type that was originally grown there.

As seen in the elements from start to finish, maintaining respect and responsibility for the land is of top priority for its newest population.

"We're the new stewards," Nicholas said, "sharing the history of agricultural life. We're creating our own life and everyone is charged with stewardship."

The life of a naturalist has followed Nicholas, who was born in Livermore and raised on a small farm in Union City. A master gardener as a young boy, he went on his first backpacking trip without adults at age 13. A white water rafting guide at 18, he would spend off time with the elderly at Indian reservations where he learned about living off the land. He would test out the lessons by living in different regions and then come back to teach the children of the reservations. From then on, education has been a primary focus.

Stepping into the picture as the park was developing, Nicholas said he is excited to see it open to everyone.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "[The Alviso Adobe] is like a naturalist dream come true, a Disney fairytale come to life."

As Civic Arts manager, Jorgensen also oversees programs at the park. Many of the offerings are for children and will feature hands-on activities like simulated archeological digs, ice cream making and summer sessions through the popular Ridge Runners camp.

There is also plenty for adults as well, he added, with both guided and self-guided tours as well as programs for groups that are interested in California history.

"The whole setup is so the casual visitor who wants to enjoy the park can go there," Jorgensen said, "with a series of visual interpretive pieces."

Having worked on the project for about a decade, he said it is gratifying to see the project come to fruition.

"I love it all," he said. "I love standing there with our Indian grinding rock element. I think what it must have been like to live in this valley 3,000 years ago. I love to stand at a viewing place as you look out over the valley as it exists now, you can look at a mural and see what it must have looked like years ago. It's fun to sit and imagine what those worlds were like."

The park is located at 3465 Old Foothill Road and parking for the grand opening will be available on Old Foothill Road, with supplemental parking on Jorgensen Lane off Foothill Road. To learn more about the event, call 931-5350.

Following the grand opening Saturday, Nicholas has planned a pumpkin carving event on Sunday. More classes are planned and listed in the city's Parks and Recreation guide, which can be picked up at the offices located at 200 Old Bernal Ave. or through the city's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. ■



Michelle Stearns

In order to maintain the historical integrity, much of the renovation, including brick making and plastering, was done by hand.

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUD 76, Nathaniel Morales/Cody White**
Application for a Planned Unit Development to remodel the existing unit and to construct two new units and related site improvements at 346 West Angela Street.
- **PDR 810, Michael and Sharon Fuller (Duke Fuller)**
Application for design review approval to construct an approximately 5,481 square foot single story custom home with an approximately 767 square foot attached garage at 4134 Foothill Road.
- **PCUP-223, Paul Cleary, Fountain Community Church**
Application for a conditional use permit to operate a church with church-related activities at 4430 Willow Road, Suite N.
- **PCUP-231, Amy Cheng, Tong Shing LLC**
Application for a conditional use permit to operate a tutorial school for preschool through 12th grade students at an existing building located at 4460 Black Avenue, Suites C and D.

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, October 27, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda for this meeting

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ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Police unveil online crime reporting system

Citizens will soon be able to fill out a police report online, thanks to the Pleasanton Police Department's new Desk Officer Online Reporting System.

Produced by Coplogic, the system allows residents who are victims of harassing or annoying phone calls, lost property, theft, theft from a vehicle, vehicle tampering and vandalism to instantly report the incident to police. Anyone who is seeking immediate police response should call 911 or at 931-5100, because the online system is not continuously monitored.

Police are reminding residents that it is unlawful to file a false claim.

To access the system, visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/police/

3-year-old injured after hit by truck near Muirwood Park

A 3-year-old girl who was struck by a pickup truck in Pleasanton Saturday is expected to survive her injuries, according to police Department.

James Amos, 23, was driving his 2008 Toyota Tacoma truck south on Muirwood Drive across Muirwood Park when the girl ran directly into the truck's path shortly after 2 p.m., police said. Amos had been looking for a place to park and was driving about 5 to 10 mph when he struck the girl, according to police.

The girl's mother, 38-year-old Sharon Kim, was standing nearby when her daughter was hit, police said. An emergency helicopter responded to the park, where several soccer games had to be broken up to make room for the landing. The girl was airlifted to a local hospital for treatment and her injuries did not appear to be life threatening, according to police.

Police Report

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

Oct. 11

- Theft:
 - 10:16 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; petty theft
 - 11:35 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; forgery
 - 2:43 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- Burglary:
 - 9:55 a.m. in the 4600 block of Black Avenue
 - 9:26 p.m. in the 4700 block of First Street
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 2:00 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
 - 9:26 p.m. in the 4700 block of First Street

Oct. 12

- Theft:
 - 2:53 a.m. in the 6600 block of Via San Blas; grand theft
 - 8:54 a.m. in the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way; stolen vehicle
 - 3:50 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 6:40 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 12:06 p.m. in the 11300 block of Dublin Canyon Road; worth less than \$400
 - 1:06 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; worth less than \$400
- DUI:
 - 12:11 a.m. in the 3800 block of Hopyard Road
 - 1:30 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita and Morganfield roads
 - 1:52 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Washington Mutual Way
- Public intoxication:
 - 1:37 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge and Gibraltar drives; alcohol
 - 1:53 a.m. in the 4200 block of Sheldon Circle; mixed
 - 2:34 a.m. in the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard

Oct. 13

- Theft:
 - 7:29 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
 - 8:37 a.m. in the 7100 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
 - 8:45 a.m. in the 2600 block of Camino Segura; identity theft
 - 9:58 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; stolen vehicle
 - 10:40 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; petty theft
 - 11:00 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue; petty theft
 - 11:31 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
 - 3:06 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 5:08 p.m. in the 6800 block of Corte Salcedo; identity theft
 - 8:51 p.m. in the 1500 block of East Gate Way; petty theft
- Burglary:
 - 7:29 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
 - 11:35 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
 - 3:32 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Oct. 14

- Theft:
 - 10:35 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; stolen vehicle
 - 11:23 a.m. in the 1100 block of Bordeaux Street; petty theft
 - 2:54 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; petty theft
 - 2:54 p.m. in the 2600 block of Calle Morelia; identity theft
 - 3:23 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; grand theft
 - 3:47 p.m. in the 1400 block of Ridgewood Road; petty theft
 - 3:50 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; stolen vehicle
 - 5:54 p.m. in the 4500 block of El Dorado Court
 - 8:55 p.m. in the 2100 block of Rheem Drive; identity theft
 - 9:14 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:21 a.m. on Southbound Interstate 680; worth over \$400
 - 12:46 p.m. in the 4200 block of Passeggi Court; worth less than \$400
 - 3:52 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; worth over \$400
- Recovered vehicle:

-9:58 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

- Reckless driving:
 - 3:52 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Oct. 15

- Theft:
 - 7:05 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue; petty theft
 - 4:17 p.m. in the 2100 block of Tanager Court; identity theft
 - 5:12 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 5:54 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 6:21 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; forgery
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 7:44 p.m. in the 7400 block of Hillview Court
- DUI:
 - 8:22 a.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Oct. 16

- Petty theft:
 - 4:38 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Shoplifting:
 - 5:43 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Drug violation:
 - 11:55 a.m. in the 2400 block of Railroad Avenue; non-narcotic controlled substance possession

Oct. 17

- Theft:
 - 10:38 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; grand theft
 - 11:38 a.m. in the 4500 block of Oracle Lane; petty theft
 - 4:55 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge mall Road; grand theft
 - 4:59 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 6:24 p.m. in the 5000 block of Muirwood Drive; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 8:56 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 12:48 p.m. in the 4500 block of First Street; worth over \$400
- Public drunkenness:
 - 7:42 p.m. in the 400 block of Main Street

Transitions

Obituaries

John D. Page

John D. Page died Oct. 11 of pneumonia at ValleyCare Medical Center, surrounded by family members. He was 94.

Mr. Page was born Dec. 31, 1913 in Lampasas, Texas to Martin Alexander and Lucy Wicker Page. He grew up in the Great Depression with his mother, brother and three sisters in Texas. They were a strong family who supported each other in the rough times.

When World War II started, he worked training Army Air Corp pilots in Corsicana, Texas. In late 1944 he left Texas for a 34-year career with American Airlines in Burbank, Los Angeles, San Francisco and back to Los Angeles until retirement. He was recognized as an expert in airline safety practices throughout the industry.

Mr. Page was a 50-year member of the Elks Fraternity. The last 34 years he was a member of the Redondo Beach and also the Torrance Elks. He and his wife Maggi were active members. He was a life-long golfer and matched his age and score at 82. In his earlier years, he was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors.

The couple recently relocated from Torrance to Pleasanton to be closer to family. He is survived by his wife Margaret Page; son, Rex Page; daughter-in-law, Franki Page; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his first wife, Viola Rutherford Page and son, John Douglas Page. A private family memorial service to celebrate his life was held Oct. 18.

Ada Lundgren

Ada Alberta Lundgren died Sept. 15 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Lundgren was born Oct. 30, 1918 in Hayward. She was a resident of Pleasanton for the past 42 years.

Mrs. Lundgren graduated from UC Berkeley and Stanford Nursing

School. A naval officer's wife for 25 years, she was a nurse, homemaker and community volunteer. She was a 4-H for many years and a long-time member of Centerpointe Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton. Her favorite hobby was gardening.

She is survived by her sons, David Lundgren of Oakland and Robert Lundgren of Mill Valley; daughters, Judith Pillsbury-Waterfield of Paris, France and Janet Anderson of Lima, Ohio; grandchildren, Adam Pillsbury, Mathew Pillsbury, Timothy Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Kimberly Eshleman,



Kirsten Lundgren, Natalie Lundgren, Michael Lundgren, Whitney Lundgren and Thomas Lundgren; and great-grandchildren, Alexandra Pillsbury and Eliza Pillsbury.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Capt. Arthur E. Lundgren; sisters, Catherine Smith and Florence Nielsen; and brothers, Mel Nicholens, Chris Nicholens and Edward Nicholens.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Interment will be at The Lone Tree Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Centerpointe Presbyterian Capital Building Fund (846-4436) or to Stanford School of Medicine—Bipolar Clinic (650-724-4795).

Birth

Sofiya Lyra Whipple

Deepa and Rick Whipple are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Sofiya Lyra Whipple. Born at 7:51 a.m. on Sept. 23, Sofiya weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Rick said older sister Kareena, age 2, looks forward to a lifetime of friendship with Sofiya (with only a few major sisterly traumas interspersed). "Nana and Nani" Sunder and Shila Wadhvani of Garland, Texas have been in town providing invaluable assistance and "Grandma and Grandpa" Nancy and Dick Whipple of Beaufort, N.C. will be coming out shortly for the second shift.



Engagement

Leilani Echols & Matthew Drost

Leilani Echols and Matthew Drost have announced their engagement to be married. Leilani is the daughter of Jack Echols of Houston, Texas and Mina Echols of Morgan Hill, Calif. She graduated from Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill in 2001. She received her degree from Cal State East Bay (Hayward) in 2005. She is employed as an operations coordinator with Nolo Press in Berkeley. Matthew is the son of Dave and Sue Drost of Hayward. He graduated from Mt. Eden High School in Hayward in 2000. He is employed as a community service officer for the Hayward Police Department. The couple will marry Oct. 17, 2009 at the Ruby Hill Golf Club, where a reception will follow. They plan to honeymoon in Europe and reside in Pleasanton.



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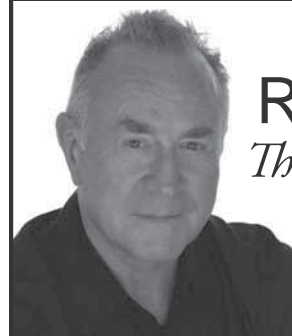
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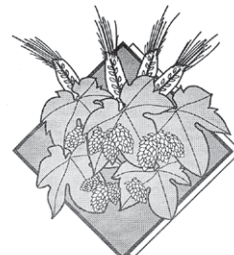
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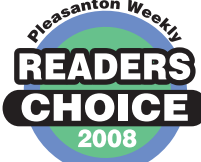


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Rent: School Edition The Tri-Valley Young Performers will hold auditions for 13 to 19 year olds attending middle or high school from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 26. Call 872-1515 or email info@TriValleyYPA.org to schedule a time. Rehearsals begin Nov. 3 and shows are three weekends starting Jan. 9. at Livermore High School.

Book Clubs

Second Annual Dublin Reads Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, launches its second annual community book discussion, Dublin Reads, from Sept. 20 through Nov. 1. This year, Dublin will be reading "Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm," by David Mas Masumoto. Call 803-7266.

Careers

Youth Employment Program Are you 14 to 21 and looking for a job? Learn how and where to look for a job and tips on crafting a resume and interviewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. A career counselor from the Tri-Valley One-Stop will be available to help. Call 931-3411.

Civic Meetings

City Council The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Housing Commission The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Human Services Commission The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of

the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Parks & Recreation Commission The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Planning Commission The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

School Board The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

Youth Commission The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Classes

Basic Yoga Class Beth Fox instructs this basic yoga class that meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. No previous yoga experience necessary. Limited class supplies available. Fees are \$12 for drop-in or \$10 for pre-paid series. Inquire about seniors or students rates. Call 200-4060.

Free Voice Lessons Pride of the Pacific, a women's cappella chorus, is offering a program for four Wednesday evenings, starting Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Aahmes Event Center,

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Clubs

Chess Club Residents are trying to start a Pleasanton Chess Club, primarily for kids. Anyone interested can email PleasantonChess@yahoo.com. Please provide email address, name, phone number and USCF rating, if any. Pleasanton.

Soiree Singles Social Club for Seniors A Halloween party is scheduled at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at 22139 Castille Lane, Hayward, with food, dancing, costumes and prizes. Call Elaine, 846-5900. The cost is \$3.

Tri-Valley Rotary Club Meeting The Tri-Valley Rotary Club is one of the newest and most diverse Rotary Clubs. Club members meet Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Road. The cost is \$20. Email info@trivalleyrotary.org.

Concerts

Organ Dedication Concert St. Clare's Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, invites the community to an organ recital and reception at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 to celebrate the installation of our new custom-built Johannus organ. Organist Jamie Shiell will play works by Bach, Widor, Bruhns, Locklair and Mendelssohn. Donations accepted. Call 462-4802 or visit www.stclare-spleasanton.org.

Events

Adoption Faire At East County Animal Shelter Tri-Valley Animal Rescue brings an Adoption Faire from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 15 at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. It will include a professional dog trainer on-site, low-cost Spay/neuter certificates, free dog bed, leash, collar and cat toys to adopters and free hot dogs and drinks. Visit www.tvr.org.

Allbreed Cat Show Fog City Cat Club hosts an allbreed cat show

Oct. 25-26 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Hall of Commerce. More than 250 cats will be judged over two days, including household pet cats and kittens. Rescue cats and kittens available from Safe Cat Foundation. Tickets are \$6 for adults or \$4 for children. Call 872-6889 or visit www.fogcitycatclub.com.

Annual Holiday Drive For The Troops Overseas Operation: S.A.M. (Supporting All Military) hosts a holiday drive for the troops from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Road. Items being collected are toiletries, games, socks and more. Visit www.operation-sam.org for a complete list.

Harvest Party A harvest party in the pumpkin patch will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. There will be pumpkin carving, a petting zoo and a costume contest, as well as a pie and cake bake-off and a chili cook-off. Call 484-2482 or visit www.harvestvalley.org.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., the second Wednesday of the month. They will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Following the vigil is a peaceful march to City Hall. Contact Cathe Norman, 462-7495; Matt Sullivan, mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net.

Exhibits

Farm Life: A Century of Change in America Dublin Heritage Center will offer a National Endowment for the Humanities traveling exhibit on Farm Life: A Century of Change in America. It runs Oct. 21 through Nov. 19 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Call 828-1315.

Signs of the Past—Today Take a look at some of California and Nevada's most captivating signs. Photographer Ann King has combed the west in a wistful search of Americana in his exhibit, running Sept. 26 to Oct. 25 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St. An artist reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 3. Call 485-1183.

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Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Topics will cover travel, stress, medications, food, emotions and general living with diabetes. Call 510-383-5185.

Fall Immunization Clinics for Children Clinics are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 at Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave. They are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

Free Gentle Yoga Mature adults 55 and older can participate in free, gentle yoga at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Groves Dublin Ranch, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It is great for increasing flexibility, strength, balance. Sponsored by Amador Adult Education. Call 846-6417.

Yoga for Multiple Sclerosis Every Tuesday through Dec. 30 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., Downtown Yoga, 220 B Division St., hosts a series of gentle stretching movements that can help to reduce stress within the body. Call 462-5285.

Fundraisers

Biletnikoff Foundation Celebrity Crab Fest & Sports Auction The 9th annual Biletnikoff Foundation event is from 6 p.m. to midnight Nov. 7 at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Tickets are \$120 and the attire is casual. Greg Papa, Bay Area sports broadcaster and radio voice of the Oakland Raiders, will be the master of ceremonies. Founded in the memory of Tracey Biletnikoff, whose life was brutally taken in 1999, the foundation enables young people to realize their full potential through education addressing problems related to substance abuse and gender violence. 556-2525. Tickets may be ordered online at www.biletnikoff.net.

Hike for the Firehouse Celebrate fall by heading up Pleasanton Ridge to Augustin Bernal Park with the instructor's portion of the proceeds benefiting the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Project. The fees are \$20 for residents or \$23 for non-residents and includes a digital group photo. The distance is 4-5 miles with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. Call Sue Evans, 989-4113.

Panama Red Coffee Block Party Panama Red Coffee Company hosts a block party benefiting Tri-Valley Haven from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 25 on K Street between First and Second streets in Livermore. Admission is \$5 and includes children's games, crafts and activities, live bands, prize drawings. There will also be beer, wine and shopping. All proceeds benefit TVH, which provides services and shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and poverty. Call Christine, 449-5845 ext. 2707.

Holiday

Halloween Happening Wonderful Halloween costumes, decorations and paper products for children and adults at The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1987 A Santa Rita Road. A huge assortment at low prices will benefit our programs to fight cancer. Call 462-7374.

Shop 'Til You Drop: Holiday Boutique Vintage Hills School, 1125 Concord St., hosts a holiday boutique from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 5. Local vendors will showcase items such as handmade jewelry, clothing, accessories, home decor, beauty products and more. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

ValleyCare Auxiliary Holiday Boutiques The ValleyCare Auxiliary will hold their annual Holiday Boutiques Nov. 6-8 in the main lobby at ValleyCare Medical Center, 5555 West Las Positas Boulevard; Nov. 17 in the lobby of LifeStyleRx in Livermore. Boutique hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Health

Diabetes Support Group Free support group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the

A message from the Pleasanton Police Department

Halloween Safety

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids. Here are some common-sense tips to help protect your little ghosts and goblins while they're out scaring the neighbors and trick or treating.

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. And make sure that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping or contact with flame.
- Parents should escort younger children and should ensure that older children, who trick or treat without you, carry some identification.
- Use flashlights with new batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Younger children should know their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Remind children never to enter a stranger's house for treats.
- Wait until children are home to sort, check and eat treats.
- And finally, all drivers are reminded to slow down and keep an eye out for Trick-or-Treaters, who may not be paying attention to you.

For more information about this or other topics, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (925) 931-5233 or (925) 931-5240.



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Kids & Teens

Safe Trick or Treating Party Trick-or-treat with seniors at Rosewood Garden's Safe Trick-or-Treating Party from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at 35 Fenton St. in Livermore. There will be free candy, refreshments and a costume contest for all ages. Call 443-7200.

South India Classical Dance at the Library At 2 p.m. Oct. 25, Abhinaya Dance Company performs the varied classical dance forms of south India at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Recipient of many national arts grants and several state and regional awards, Abhinaya has toured the United States and India to critical acclaim. Call 931-3400 ext. 8.

Lectures/ Workshops

Civil War In Pleasanton The Civil War Veterans in our area were an interesting group. Over 90 Civil War Veterans lived here in the valley. Hear Richard "Dick" Finn tell interesting stories about how these people helped change our valley at 2 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Twilight of the Bombs Pulitzer Prize winner, Richard Rhodes, is the author or editor of 22 books and the recipient of numerous fellowships and grants for research and writing. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$30-\$40 for adults and \$15-\$20 for students 21 and under. Call 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Live Music

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band Chris Bradley's Jazz Band plays music of the '20s, '30s, and '40s every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. No cover.

On Stage

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" Bumbling schoolmaster Ichabod Crane insists he does not believe in the infamous Headless Horseman. However, when a dark figure on a horseback follows him home one night, Ichabod screams in terror and shows that he is as superstitious as everyone else. Shows are at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, at 8 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25; and at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26. Tickets are \$14-20 for adults and \$8-\$16 for children. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civcartstickets.org.

FLASHBACK Las Positas College presents two on-campus performances of its touring children's theater show, FLASHBACK, on at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 and 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, room 601, Livermore. The 35 minute play consists of humorous and poignant scenes from childhood. Admission is free. Call 424-1166.

Seniors

Brain Matters Our brains are vital organs that deserve the same attention to care and maintenance as our hearts. Engaging in active learning will help maintain brain health. This new weekly program, meeting at 10 a.m. every Friday starting Sept. 5, combines lectures and interactive workshops dedicated to improving brain health and function. The cost is \$1.50 for residents or \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

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Sons in Retirement (SIR) SIR is

an organization for retired men. The Pleasanton SIR holds a luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. the first Thursday of the month with golf, bridge, bocce, fishing and other activities and trips. Call 606-7189.

Spiritual

Christian Healing Rev. Steve Maynard's new five-week class is on Christian healing, based on Charles Fillmore's book by the same name. This classic book presents the basic metaphysical teachings from the beginning of the Unity movement, and we'll be learning how to let these principles live in our lives. The class is from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays or from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Held at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Copies of the book are \$10. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., has Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m., with nursery for both services. Children's church, ages 3-12, meets at 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. A prayer at 6 p.m. is held the first and third Monday of the month. Call 846-8650 for more programs.

Mass of Remembrance Honor those you have loved who have died with a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call 426-9414. 7:30-9 p.m. No charge

Returning Catholics Program Inactive & Returning Catholics: Consider this an invitation to take another look at the Catholic church. We provide discussion of important issues in today's church, education on current belief and practice. Tell your story and renew your faith in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. Meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call 474-2760.

Sports

Callippe Niners Callippe Niners is a fun group of nine-hole women golfers. We are currently welcoming new members into our group. Our play days are Tuesday mornings. Call Joan, 462-1054.

Lacrosse Spring Registration Open Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Boys and Girls 2009 spring registration is open at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com for boys U9 to U15 (grades 2 to 8) and girls U11 to U15 (grades 3 to 8). Availability is limited. Late fees will be assessed after Nov. 1 for boys and Nov. 20 for girls.

Saturday Morning Beginner Ride This weekly no-drop ride is for those new to cycling, who haven't been on their bike for a while or just want to ride at a more relaxed pace. Rides depart from Cyclepath Pleasanton and are generally 20 to 25 miles with a climb option. Bring water, spare tube. Plan to attend? Email rides@cyclepath.com. free

Sunday Morning Intermediate Ride Join intermediate cyclists every Sunday for this no-drop road ride. Routes vary weekly and last between two and three hours. Riders warm up together and split into smaller groups based on skill level (A: 60 miles, B: 35 to 40 miles). Bring water and a snack. Rides depart from Cyclepath Pleasanton, 337-B Main St.

Support Groups

ClutterLess (CL) Self Help Group ClutterLess (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. They meet at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St. Mary and St. John

Coptic Orthodox Church, room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 200-1943 (woman) or 297-9246 (man) or visit www.clutterless.org.

Family Members of Frail Elders This group is to support family members as they experience the many emotions involved in supporting, caring for and loving the frail elders in their family. It meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Eden Villa Assisted Living, 4115 Mohr Ave. Call 872-8721.

Fibromyalgia Support Group This group meets at 6:30 the first Thursday monthly at the ValleyCare Library, 5725 West Las Positas Boulevard. Call 847-3000.

Overeaters Anonymous Do you worry about the way you eat? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous may have the answer for you. This is not a diet club. OA is a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating, starving and/or purging. OA offers mutual support and a helpful plan of action. They meet at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Visit www.diablovalleyeo.org.

Volunteering

Axis Community Health Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave., seeks adult volunteers to work in our medical records department. Volunteers will work under the direction of Axis' Medical Records Supervisor on administrative activities for medical records retention and storage. Hours are flexible and are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for a total of 32 hours. Call 201-6080.

Barton Reading Program Tutor Training New group now forming to start training in January. No experience is necessary and training is free. They match volunteers to students who need help and provide materials and training. Call Christina, 596-0292.

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Living



No haunted house would be complete without scary figures and spider webs. The Massies' display is full of frightening figures, but humor is what sets it apart.



Tim Massie works on display pieces, many of which are animated. Over the years, his love for Halloween has grown and the haunted house now takes up the front yard and garage.

House of haunts

Timothy Massie spreads the spooky with his love for Halloween

by Emily West

Tim Massie has loved Halloween for as long as he can remember.

"I'm sure my initial attachment had more to do with free candy than ghosts or goblins," he said.

Since 1996, the Massie home has been an outlet for his passion. With humble beginnings, their haunted house attracts about 150 to 200 people and is filled with things such as a graveyard and moving skeletons.

"[In 1995] I had a dummy hanging from the porch and my wife, Heidi, dressed similarly in a chair with the bowl of candy," he said. "The kids were so focused on the hanging body, they never suspected the other 'dummy' was a real person."

Just how big is his Halloween collection? Saying it's difficult to quantify, he typically only uses two-thirds of his stash in the area covering his front lawn and garage.

"The entire front yard will be a graveyard, surrounded by a—hopefully—realistic looking cemetery fence," he said. "I have a couple dozen tombstones, which I made from construction Styrofoam. I also make a couple of coffins, and of course, several skeletons and stuffed bodies."

With his kids leaving for college, he began bringing automation into the set-up to keep things interesting. Now, an air compressor and

electric motors help keep the timing right for things to "pop up" for the optimal scary fun.

Years of experience has led him to perfect his haunted house approach. One key to a great attraction is flow, where they wind around the property and encounter several of what Massie calls "gotchas."

"I also try to incorporate some humor," he said. "Most of the gravestones look realistic, but the words are really pretty silly. I try to provide a fairly detailed display, so that visitors who take the time to look at everything often find a surprise or two."

A fan of horror movies of the humorous variety, it even led the Pleasanton resident to write his book, "Death By The Drop" in the same spirit. For Massie, Vampire novels didn't have relatable characters.

"I figured that if I were somehow to become a vampire with special powers, I would have a blast with it," he said, adding that he doesn't actually believe in vampires.

The book came out in March and anyone interested in learning more about the book can visit www.deathbythedrop.com, Amazon.com or Towne Center Books on Main Street.

Visitors are welcome to stop by the Massie's haunted home, located on Hall Court, on Halloween until about 9 p.m. Children need not worry because when it comes to providing the scares, he said it's much more fun to frighten parents than kids. ■

Halloween happenings

• Pleasanton Ghosts Speak Out:

Local psychic Irma Slage will tell the stories of the spirits she encountered while touring downtown Pleasanton businesses at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Tales will include the digging of tunnels under Pleasanton, the founders of Pleasanton and the famous murder of the prostitute in the Pleasanton Hotel may have been solved. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling 462-2766.

• **It's Like, Halloween:** Stoneridge Shopping Center's kid's club, Kidgits, invites members to go back in time with three material girl witches. The performance, at 4 p.m. Oct. 31, includes '80s hits at the Witch's Ball, where Punkin' Pie, Battrina and Candy Rapper host "Star Search" to find a new bandmate. After the show, children are invited to trick-or-treat at various stations around the mall. A Kidgits membership is \$5 and information is at guest services.

• **Ghosts of Pleasanton:** While the annual downtown Ghost Walk events are over, the museum is now offering encounters of past Pleasanton residents in your own home. That is, footage from Ghost Tracker investigations into downtown ghostly activity is now on DVD. "Ghosts of Pleasanton" may be purchased for \$12 at the Museum On Main.

• **Museum Haunted House:** From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday, children can touch scary things, get a tour, decorate trick-or-treat bags, receive a plastic pumpkin and a snack—all activities will be well-lit without creatures jumping from hidden places. The younger set, kids in kindergarten through third grade, can get try their hand at creating a jack-o-lantern at the pumpkin carving contest from 5 to 7 p.m. today or put together their best scarecrow from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. A \$5 fee for parent and child or children applies. The grand finale event is the trick-or-treating and costume parade from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Halloween.

Now Showing

W.

★★★★

Rated: PG-13 for language, alcohol abuse and mature themes
2 hours, 11 minutes.

Oliver Stone's scathing indictment of the 43rd President of the United States reads more like an SNL sketch than a thought-provoking biopic, but it's no less entertaining.

Josh Brolin nails George W. to the wall as an alcoholic party boy with lifelong daddy issues. From his privileged days at Yale as a Delta Kappa Epsilon brother to a series of professional missteps in sporting goods, on oil rigs and a stint in investment, George is far more interested in chasing tail and seeking out his next beer than engaging in the family business.

George lives in the shadow of straight-shooting brother Jeb, who's cut from the same cloth as George Sr.: smart, sincere and perpetually on the political arc. Junior sees politics as a "kick-ass, skull-crushing war" and evidently goes that route—running for governor of Texas—as a slap in the face to Jeb's campaign for Florida's top spot.

When *W.* becomes born again in a world of wounded sinners—not to mention eschewing the drink once and for all—his call to the Presidency becomes part of a divine plan: a legend in his own mind. And how.

Yes, he's "misunderestimated," and in the hands of Stone also a dimwit loser with no grasp of foreign policy or national intelligence. Much is made of the war in Iraq: Some of the film's most disquieting confirmations spring from agitated group sessions in the situation room.

The trouble with "*W.*" is that it's a reread of the last eight years: not much we don't already know about the most controversial figure in the history of politics. Or was before Sarah Palin made her move.

The laughs are unintentional, but *W.*'s public and private gaffes are vastly amusing. More sinister is his

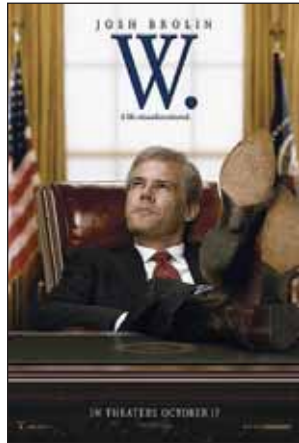
hodgepodge corps of groupies. Karl Rove (Toby Jones) slithers around like an oily reptile (I shuddered when he boasted of being a "lifelong student of political horse-flesh"). A bumbling Donald Rumsfeld (Scott Glenn) can't perceive up from down, and a conflicted Colin Powell (Jeffrey Wright) stands alone as the voice of military prudence shot down amidst the power-mongers and yes-men.

Laura gets the Stepford treatment by fresh-faced Elizabeth Banks, and daddy is played to patriarchal perfection by James Cromwell. Best are Richard Dreyfuss as VP Dick Cheney (scary!) and Thandie Newton doing a frighteningly dead-on impersonation of Condoleezza Rice.

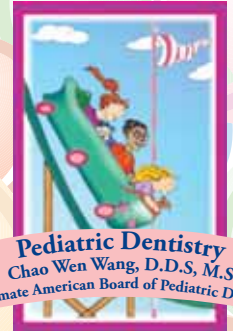
Stone knows presidential biopics—think "*JFK*" and "*Nixon*"—but "*W.*" isn't as accomplished as those projects nor as wickedly complex. There's an unfinished feeling to this tale of our current Commander in Chief: history light, if you will. Rumor has it the film was rushed into production to beat the November election and it shows, a slapdash affair with enough damning evidence and melodramatic style to make it work.

Stone's flashback/flash-forward technique is a narrative challenge, but an intriguing foundation for his psychoanalysis of Bush's arrogance and insecurities. The comic cure for what ails, as November 4 looms fast and furious.

—Jeanne Aufmuth



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Amanda Paull, Adam Siegel and Drew Reitz of teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse prepare for their Halloween production of Tri-Valley High- Episodes of Terror Oct. 30 and 31 at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building.

Teens of 'Terror'

Creatures of Impluse, the city of Pleasanton Civic Arts' teen improvisation group, will take their cues from the audience as they dictate they story in their upcoming performance "Tri-Valley High: Episodes of Terror." With shows at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., the 13 high school students will display skills learned from the city's improv classes.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and include popcorn and soda. To purchase, visit the Parks and Community Services office

at 200 Old Bernal Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or visit <http://online.activecommunities.com/Pleasanton> and enter code 43878 for the Thursday performance or 43879 for the Friday performance.

The show is appropriate for all ages, although it may be difficult for young children to understand.

The young improv class meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at the Cultural Arts Center, 4477 Black Ave., and put on several shows each year. For more information on this class, call 931-3481 or visit www.pleasantoncivicarts.org.

—Emily West



Bank near mall robbed Friday

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*Miss Saigon
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Called one of the most stunning theatrical spectacles of all time, "Miss Saigon" is the modern interpretation of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, formerly Pleasanton Playhouse, takes on the classic love story starting tonight, which marks the opening of the group's 2008-09 season. Set in the time of the Vietnam War, an American soldier and a Vietnamese girl fall in love, but are separated during the fall of Saigon. Years spent struggling to find each other ends in tragedy for her and a fighting chance for the child he never knew he had.

The epic, daring pop opera features showstopping numbers such as, "I Still Believe," "Why God Why?" and "The American Dream."

The cast features Antonio Rodriguez III (The Engineer), Kelly Park (Kim), Ronald Houk (Chris), Morgan Breedveld (Ellen), Alex Orenberg (John), Mema Mataban (Gigi), Bryan Pangilinan (Thuy),



Eric K. Wood

Ronald Houk (Chris), Kelly Park (Kim) and Antonio Rodriguez III (Engineer) star in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "Miss Saigon."

Meggy Hai-Trang (Yvette), Susie Manivahn (Mimi), Zelah Brandt (Yvonne), James Trinidad (Asst Commissar), Charles Orlando (Club Owner), and Miori Kennedy (Tam).

The ensemble cast includes Kathleen Ben, Pia Barton, Bernadette Tuason, Ali Lane, Zoe Brandt, Nick Quintell, Brian Dea, Michael Palad, John Vietch, Barry Bailey, Julian Reisenhel, Amy Poon, Leslie Autenreith, and Frances Fon

"Miss Saigon" is directed by John Baiocchi and produced by Kathleen Breedveld. The produc-

tion staff includes Joe Simiele (Vocal Director), Amy Nielson (Choreographer), and Jo Anne Fosselman (Musical Director).

Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 9 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in Livermore.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, ages 18 to 60; \$33 for seniors, and \$25 for juniors. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount.

For more information, call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.com.

—Emily West

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Rage's Olivia Klei selected to FIFA Under-17 team

Olivia Klei, a midfielder for the Pleasanton Rage U18, has been selected as one of 21 players representing the United States at the 2008 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup, being held Oct. 28-Nov. 16 in New Zealand.

The historic tournament, which will mark the first-ever world championship for women at the U-17 level, will feature 16 nations divided into four groups of four teams each. The U.S. team was drawn into Group C, which also features Japan, France and Paraguay. The U.S. will play its first two group matches at Waikato Stadium in Hamilton, opening the tournament on Oct. 30 against Japan before facing Paraguay on Nov. 2. The U.S. moves to Auckland for the third group match on Nov. 5, facing France at North Harbour Stadium.

Lady Hustle take 3rd at Octoberfest tournament

The Lady Hustle 14U took third place out of 15 teams at the RR Gold Octoberfest Tournament, held Oct. 18-19 at the Arnaiz Fields in Stockton. The team started strong in the semifinal game against the Grapettes with a double from Alyssa Lanza and a triple from Karen Chaw bringing in two runs but the Grapettes quickly adjusted their pitching game to challenge the Hustle offense. The Hustle defense was solid holding the Grapettes to no runs until the last inning with stand out players Breanna Herrera, Karen Chaw, Morgan Taylor and Rachel Norman and Bianca Devoto who made tough plays and a great throw by Ashley Sweeney from CF. Josie Howatt and Alyssa Beights pitched well holding the Grapettes to only three hits but came up short, losing 6-2 and ending the weekend with a record of 4-1-1.

The Lady Hustle record is 15-5-2 and the team will play at the Grapettes Tournament Nov. 1-2.

Ballistic U-13 Boys pulls into 1st in Golden State gold division

The Ballistic United U-13 soccer team moved into first place in the Golden State Soccer League gold division with a 5-1 victory over the Union City Tecos. Ballistic jumped out to a one goal lead with a score by Joey Devivo. Union City tied the game on a long shot that beat Ballistic goalie Daniel Slominski.

After that, it was all Ballistic. Joey Devivo scored to make it 2-1, and Eric Toombs, Jackson Adams, and Salvator Morales added additional goals to put it out of reach. The win put Ballistic on the top of the table two points clear of Mustang. Ballistic will be traveling to Las Vegas this weekend to play in the Mayors Cup tournament and then have the final GSSL game on

Nov. 1 where they will be hosting Mustang at the Val Vista soccer complex to determine the champion of the GSSL.

JV Dons cruise to 34-0 victory

The Amador Valley JV Dons used a balanced air and running attack, along with a dominating defense to cruise to a 34-0 victory over the Livermore Cowboys last weekend. Patrick Gibbons led the Amador offense, completing eight of 16 passes for 135 yards and two touchdowns. The game got away from Livermore in a hurry. With 3:15 still left on the first quarter clock, the Dons had a 21-0 lead and the game was pretty much in hand.

The scoring started on Amador's first possession. Following a 26-yard pass from Gibbons to Alex Osterholt and 15-yard scamper by Chris Digangii, Osterholt ran around right end and scored from 25 yards out to put the Dons up 7-0. A big hit by Cameron Seams caused a Livermore fumble on the Cowboys' first play from scrimmage and the Dons had the ball right back. The Dons wasted little time taking advantage of the turnover. On the next play, Gibbons found Osterholt behind the secondary for a 23-yard TD strike and a 14-0 Dons lead. After the Amador defense forced a Cowboys' three-and-out, a big punt return by Osterholt was called back for holding. The penalty proved to be only a minor setback however. On Amador's next play, Carson Ewanich took the hand off and sprinted untouched up the middle for a 64-yard touchdown to put the Dons up 21-0.

The Cowboys put together two fourth quarter drives, each of which got down the Amador 15-yard line. James Cook, Cameron Astiani, and Codey Heidebrecht took turns stopping three successive plays at the line of scrimmage to end the first drive.

Ewanich led Amador in rushing with 95 yards rushing on only four carries. Osterholt chipped in 59 yards on eight carries, and Digangii and additional 35 yards on four carries. Osterholt also chipped in three pass receptions for 87 yards.

Players sought for Ryan Gordon Alumni soccer games

Foothill and Amador High School alumni will be playing in the sixth Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Games on Dec. 28. There will be two games featuring men's and women's soccer players from the '70s, '80s, '90s and 2000s. Each game will be divided into periods for the older players and the younger players. The women's game is at 2 p.m. and the men's at 4:30 p.m.

Ex-soccer players from Amador or Foothill interested in playing can get more information and/or register at All-Star Sports. Another way to register is to download an application and mail it to Curt Gordon, 205 Heritage Lane, Pleasanton,

CA 94566. Cost to play is \$20 and the deadline to register is Dec. 26. The games benefit the Foothill and Amador High School soccer programs. Players and fans are invited to the Hop Yard Alehouse after the games. Fifteen percent of proceeds will be donated to the programs. There will be special entertainment during each of the halftimes this year.

Seahawks host Bingo fundraiser

The Pleasanton Seahawks, along with the Buena Vista Home, are hosting Bingo on Oct. 25 and Nov. 8 at Livermore Bingo Ranch, 851 Rincon Ave. Bingo play begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 606-7777 for more information.

Rage U15AC go on scoring blitz

The Rage U15AC went on a scoring frenzy last weekend to beat Newark Freedom 4-2 and Diablo FC 6-2. In Rage's first game on Saturday against Newark, Charlee Garcia got them started scoring a beautiful goal from the 35-yard line on a free kick. Ashley Jenezon, Olivia Zhu and Cassie Scroggins followed with three more goals assisted by Erin O'Loughlin. On Sunday, Erin O'Loughlin got a hat trick to keep Rages scoring momentum going in their game against Diablo FC. Ashley Jenezon, Haley Boehmer, and Cassie Scroggins assisted by Elena Victor, and Erin Schoendienst scored three goals to finish 6-2. Haley Paxton, Melissa Atkins, Stefanie Little and Marisa Victor controlled the Rage's midfield not allowing opponents balls through the middle. The Rage stingy defense Delaney Holmes, Lindsay Rigel, Megan Ash Gabriella Perko kept Newark & Diablo FC at bay and keepers Carley Boehmer and Jillian Beck allowing only three goals.

Seahawks QB leads team from behind for 19-14 win

Seahawks quarterback Nick Mendonca turned in a poised performance, leading the Seahawks twice from being behind as they came away with a 19-14 win over the Steelers in PJFL Senior action. Mendonca led a late drive in the second quarter, when the Seahawks charged down the field in the final minute before scoring their first go-ahead touchdown when Mendonca went in for the first of his two touchdowns. The offensive line, led by tackle Nate Vickers did a tremendous job opening holes and pass protecting. Kevin Miller, Grant Soyka, Tyler Rains, Ryan Walsh, Usman Kahn and Harrison Heiser also all played well on the line. Cale Rubinson scored a touchdown as well, while fellow running back Marc Luey did a great job of hauling in some passes out of the backfield. Fullback Grant Sherrod did a great

job of pounding the ball up the middle against the tough Saints defense. The Seahawks defense did a great job against the talented and hard running Saints backfield. Parker Dalton keyed the defensive attack from his linebacker spot. Dalton got a load of help from Dylan Isquirdo and Raymond Bartolomucci. After the Seahawks scored a late touchdown to take the 19-14 lead, the defense once again, paced by KC Chisim, Alex Jader, Mike Harris, Sean Flynn and James Frair helped fight off the Saints comeback attempt. One of the big defensive plays of the game came from Logan Finley when he made a great play on a Saints pass to help save the game. The win moves the Seahawks to 5-1 and sets up a huge game with the Redskins this Saturday to determine the top seed for the upcoming playoffs.

BUSC U12 shut down Vipers

The BUSC U12 Division 3 White team took on the Fremont Vipers on Saturday morning in Fremont, winning 4-0. BUSC White worked together as a team with great passing and communication, with many shots on goal. Yousef Diyab had a beautiful run up the field for the game's first goal. The second half BUSC was able to change up their lineup giving Chris Klahr a chance at forward and his first goal of the season. He also had two assists. Ben Chau-Chiu had a great run in the first half with a beautiful shot on goal. The game saw much aggressive play on defense by Reed Marques, Alex Martinez, and Max Demaria. Daniel Mendoza scored with a well-placed goal.

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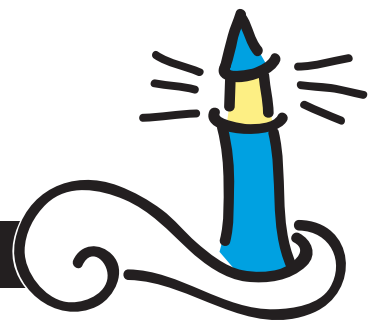
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YES on QQ

A Better Way to Protect Hillsides



Ensures a Permanent Greenbelt for Pleasanton

Strengthens requirements for open space dedications to Pleasanton for parks, trails, and open space.

Protects Our Environment

Emphasizes the preservation of natural resources, sensitive habitats, and wildlands

Increases Hillside Protections

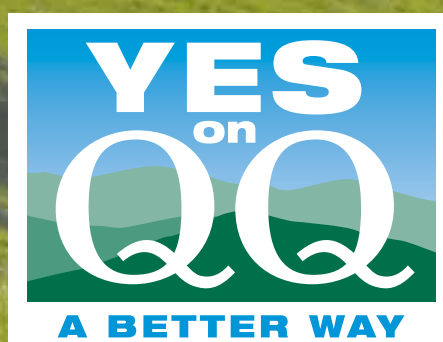
Expands existing hillside protections, including those already voted in for the West Pleasanton ridgeland

No Built-In Loopholes or Exceptions

Denies a 10 unit exemption and makes NO EXCEPTIONS when it comes to hillside protection

Limits Development

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Local Environmental Leaders Support Measure QQ Because It's a Better Way to Protect Hillsides

Greenbelt Alliance

Ohlone Audubon Society Conservation Chair Rich Cimino

Retired Pleasanton Parks and Community Services

Director Dolores Bengtson

Zone 7 Water District Director Dick Quigley

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"Rather than weakening open space protection with loopholes and exceptions, Measure QQ ensures that any new hillside ordinance can only strengthen the General Plan goals and policies that already protect Pleasanton's open space."

—Dolores Bengtson, Retired Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Director

Please join these community leaders in supporting Measure QQ

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman

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