

Budget woes

State deficit hurts school finances > **page 5**

Shop 'til you drop

Stores offer big deals for Black Friday

> **page 5**

Vol. IX, Number 43 • November 21, 2008

www.PleasantonWeekly.com

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

On a roll

SF Bay Bombers skate for a comeback

> **section 2**

Holiday Fund

Give now to help others in our community
PAGE 10



KEEP US COMING!

YES, I want to continue receiving the Pleasanton Weekly! If you haven't done so already, please fill out the online form at: PleasantonWeekly.com/request or look for the envelope that's inserted in today's paper. Or just give us a call at: (925) 600-0840 and say, "Keep my Pleasanton Weekly coming!"

Thanks for your support!



Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Mariela at 29: A birthday celebration to remember

Army Sgt. Mariela Meylan had a roaring welcome as she was driven up to the Morgan Territory Road hill-top home of her parents Lisette and Emile in far north Livermore last Friday for her 29th birthday party. And I do mean "roar," with more than 30 motorcyclists from the Patriot Guard Riders escorting her from a downtown Livermore meeting place, north on Livermore Avenue and Manning Road and to the waiting celebrants. There were more than 100 of us there, waving flags and banners as her car came up the steep hill. We weren't there just to sing "Happy Birthday," which we also did, but the surprise gathering of well-wishers was to officially welcome her home in the tradition Pleasanton and Livermore veterans groups always do for those returning from military duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This homecoming was special because Mariela has been recuperating in veterans' hospitals and clinics for nearly three years, slowly learning to walk, talk and write again after suffering massive injuries Dec. 18, 2005 in Kuwait. It was there that an unidentified civilian vehicle ran her down as she changed a tire on her military vehicle. In a coma for seven months, she was told when she awakened that she would never walk again. But through determination to prove the doctors wrong, she has spent most of the time since then in special therapy and recovery programs in Washington, D.C., at the Veterans Clinic in Palo Alto and in Livermore rehabilitation centers. With the help of a walker, she joined fellow veterans last Nov. 2 in the Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton, gaining special recognition from Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) in a ceremony that followed.

At home last Friday, she was all smiles as she cut her birthday cake and talked briefly as representatives from scores of local veterans' organizations saluted her during an hour-long welcome home ceremony. They included Retired Army Major Doug Miller of Pleasanton, who heads the Army's Wounded Warrior Program and helped organize the event; Cathy Cordova of the Pleasanton Police Department and a representative of the Women Overseas Service League; Councilman Jerry Thorne; and representatives of the VFW, American Legion, Blue Star Moms, Pleasanton Military Families, and the Sentinels of Freedom, which has helped in Mariela's rehabilitation.

Mariela said she was on her second tour of duty in Iraq and heading back there when the accident happened. She was in a convoy when her Army truck had a flat tire and she climbed out to change it. Three others were hit by the speeding car, which crushed almost every bone in Mariela's body. She was rushed to a nearby military hospital and then transferred back to a special facility in Washington where doctors pretty much gave up on her, according to her father Emile. But her parents didn't and with the help of Sentinels of Freedom and local and regional veterans and military family groups, they found physical therapists and even a spiritual healer who had the right procedures to give her a new start on life.

As she sat in her special walker-chair and then stood for a few minutes to thank everyone for her party, she hugged her parents, telling everyone they are the ones who gave her the hope that has made her 29th birthday—and many more—possible. ■



Tahara
Weight Loss and Wellness Center

LOSE 15 TO 30 LBS. in 2 Weeks

Acupuncture and herbal medicine practitioners
Marcia Murray, RN, LAc
Benjamin Krieg, LAc
Reiki Master,
Energy Therapist, C.H.T.
Dr. Kamran Azizi, N.D.

Indulge in the therapies we offer to be your best self! Call for our full menu of spa and skincare services
* All services followed by a complimentary far-infrared sauna session

HOLIDAY SPECIAL
2 for 1 Glo mineral makeup application and updo

Give yourself and the ones you love the gift of ultimate health and well-being

(925) 249-9642
4725 First Street #270
Downtown Pleasanton
Visit www.taharacenter.com

CARDEN WEST SCHOOL

Success for every child, every day

- Licensed
- Nonsectarian
- Nonprofit

Conveniently located in Pleasanton near the 580/680 interchange at 4576 Willow Road, Hacienda Business Park

- 1st-5th Grade
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Preschool
- Toddler Program
- Extended Care
- Summer Camp

"SMALL CLASS SIZES"
NURTURING, QUALIFIED TEACHERS
"INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION"
"SPANISH, FRENCH & MANDARIN!"
"MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY"

School Tours Every Wed. & Sat. 10 am to 12 noon or by appointment at (925) 463-6060 or www.cardenwest.org

4576 Willow Road, Pleasanton
info@cardenwest.org

RyNck TIRE & AUTO CENTERS

TIRES AND SERVICE AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

VALUE
Republic ENSIGN AS **\$39.95** P175/65R14
As Low As

PERFORMANCE
DUNLOP DIREZZA DZ 101 **\$75.95** P205/50R15 BLACKWALL
As Low As

Service You Can Trust!

30-60-90K SCHEDULED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
\$25 OFF
Must present coupon. Expires 11/27/08

- Includes Tune up (new spark plugs) • Transmission service
- New PCV valve
- Radiator drain & fill with up to one gal. of antifreeze.
- Oil, lube, & Filter • Rotate tires

DELUXE LUBE, OIL, FILTER CHANGE & TIRE ROTATION
\$29.95 Most vehicles Plus disposal fee **Reg. \$39.95**
Must present coupon. Expires 11/27/08

- Includes up to 5 quarts 5w30 premium oil
- New Oil Filter
- Chassis lube (if applicable)
- 32-pt. Visual Inspection
- 4 Tire Rotation

FRONT/REAR BRAKE SERVICE
\$50 OFF
Must present coupon. Expires 11/27/08

- Lifetime Warranty Disc Pads, Brake Shoes
- \$25 Off Front or Rear Axle

NORTHSTAR AT TAHOE

Buy any 4 Goodyear or Dunlop brand tires and receive 2 Free tickets to Northstar at Tahoe!

Offer valid at participating Retailers for tire purchases 11/02/08 - 11/29/08. See Retailer for complete details. Tickets expire end of 2009 ski season. Valid Monday through Friday (non-holidays). Subject to availability. Hurry! While supplies last!

PLEASANTON	3420 Stanley Blvd.	925-462-4900
PLEASANTON*	4216 Rosewood Dr.	925-734-3444
LIVERMORE	1485 First St.	925-455-4330
DUBLIN	6028 Dougherty Rd.	925-833-9700

Mon thru Fri - 7am to 6pm, Sat - 8am to 5pm • Locations with a * are open Sun - 8am to 5pm

RyNck TIRE & AUTO CENTERS

About the Cover

The season of giving is upon us and the Pleasanton Weekly is back with our annual Holiday Fund. There are seven deserving non-profit organizations serving the growing number of local families in need. With help from the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, each contribution will go a long way, as they'll match dollar for dollar. Illustration by Lili Cao.

Vol. IX, Number 43

The Pleasanton Weekly is published weekly by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840. USPS 020407. The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from Pleasanton residents. Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$40 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566. © 2008 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

elevate
your fitology



At ClubSport we'll teach you the science behind staying fit and the tools to keep you looking and feeling great!

3·2·1
RESULTS

- 3 - Personal Training Sessions
 - 2 - Nutrition Sessions
 - 1 - Restart Kit
- Results**

Elevate your Fitology

**Join ClubSport in November and
Get the 3·2·1 Results Package Free**

Visit www.clubsports.com For a Free Guest Pass*

Club Sport
PLEASANTON
sports • fitness • spa
life elevated

(925) 271-0557

7090 Johnson Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

*Some restrictions apply. Cannot be combined with any other offer. 3-2-1 Results Package, only one per membership. Guest pass for new members over 21 years of age and local resident. Offer expires 11/30/08.

Streetwise

Q: What do you have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving?

Asked at Muirwood Community Park



Vinee Naik

I am thankful for who I am. I am an eighth grade math teacher in Castro Valley and I feel like I make a significant difference in my students' lives which makes me very happy.

Renee Vernon

I am thankful for my health, my great friends, and especially my job. I am a second grade teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary and I am thankful everyday to be teaching at a great school with such great kids.



Leslie Petty

I am most thankful for my family's good health. I believe that if you are healthy you should be happy. If you don't have good health you don't have anything. What else is there?



Michael Shaffer

I am thankful that my civil liberties haven't been taken away yet. In the spirit of bi-partisanship I'm also thankful for hope and change. But most of all, I'm thankful for my family.



Zack Beata

I'm thankful for the ability to play sports. There are some people who can't play because of physical disability so I'm thankful for just being able to do everything I can do when I play any type of sport.



Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Compiled by Hillary Bessiere

Golf Apparel

Jamie Saddock
DKNY
Lija
Sport Haley
Tehama
Nike • Adidas
Tail

Golf Equipment

Adams
Bridgestone
Callaway
Cleveland
Mizuno
Nike
TaylorMade

Tennis Apparel

Nike • Adidas
Tail
Bolle
Fila
LBH
Lija
Eliza Audley

Footwear Tennis

Nike • Adidas
New Balance
Wilson
K-Swiss
Prince

Equipment Tennis

Babalot
Head
Prince
Wilson



Enjoy

15%-25% Off New
Nov. 21-Dec. 24 Holiday Inventory!

Free gift wrapping and a Holiday gift for you!



PLEASANTON
Golf & Tennis

5480 Sunol Boulevard
In the Raley's Market Shopping Center

Phone 925 426 7207

www.pleasantongolfandtennis.com

PG&T SUPPORTS HEALTHY LIVING and FAMILY FUN!

STORE HOURS

Monday -Friday
10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Newsfront

News Digest

Scouting for food

Boy Scout troop 908 recently collected 4,790 food items, more than double the amount collected by any other unit, according to pack leaders. The 67 scouts were able to visit over 1,500 area homes. All the food collected went to the Alameda County Food Bank.

Congressman collects cards

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is collecting holiday cards to hand-deliver them to soldiers, sailors and marines in Washington D.C.; Bethesda, Md.; and Dublin. Residents are encouraged to write a message of thanks inside a holiday card and deliver the card to McNerney's office, located at 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Ste. 175, by Dec. 10.

Main Street gets magical

From 6 to 9 p.m. tonight, downtown will be transformed with the spirit of the season as the city celebrates Magical Holiday Evening. Several shops will be open and other festivities include carolers, choruses, bell-ringers, fire juggling, balloon sculptors and more. To learn more, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Calendars support the classrooms

The doorways of downtown Pleasanton are featured in calendars that will help raise money for Foothill High and Lydiksen Elementary schools. Made by Linda Zaiss and her Foothill alums son Sean Herrero and daughter Nicole Herrero, the calendars sold out at registration, netting over \$2,000 for the schools. It also coordinates with the school and downtown events. More are being sold at the following downtown businesses: Towne Center Books, The Berry Patch, Milfleur and Sincerely Yours; as well as at the farmers' market Saturday.

Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or e-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Council considers appeal of Oak Grove ruling

City wants to await court order on home site development before signing land gift contract

by Jeb Bing

The Pleasanton City Council will consider what action to take at its Dec. 2 meeting in response to an order by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch that directs to sign and formalize an agreement the council earlier approved with developers of a 600-acre project in the southeast hills.

Roesch ruled in favor of a lawsuit by landowners Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic that the agreement approved by the council in a

4-1 vote last fall should be put into place. The agreement calls for the Lins to give 496 acres of the land they own atop Kottinger Ranch to the city free of charge for public and recreational use as part of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) that was also approved for 51-custom home sites to be developed on the rest of the acreage.

The PUD approval was the target of a petition by Save Pleasanton's Hills, a citizens' coalition founded by former City Councilwoman Kay Ayala, for a referendum to overturn the council's decision. Earlier,

Roesch ruled in favor of the Lins who had asked the court to nullify the petition, and Ayala and the citizens organization is appealing that decision in a case now before the state Court of Appeal.

With regard to the development agreement, the Lins, through their attorney, Andrew Sabey of the San Francisco law firm of Cox, Castle & Nicholson, successfully argued that the development agreement between the Lins and the city was separate from the PUD and should be signed as a contract.

City Manager Nelson Fialho,

who was specifically ordered to sign the agreement, was advised by City Attorney Michael Roush not to sign the document. He told Roesch that the city preferred to await the outcome of the citizens' group's appeal since both the PUD and the land use agreement are related. Judge Roesch disagreed and said the council voted on each document separately.

Besides turning over the 496 acres to the city, the development agreement also agrees to pay the city \$1

(continued on page 8)



Jeb Bing

Why did the turkey cross the road?

With Thanksgiving less than a week away, these brave wild turkeys crossing Foothill Road in front of Foothill High School Tuesday seem terribly indifferent to a holiday that focuses on them. The birds are part a of huge flock of turkeys spotted in the Foothill Road corridor this fall and also across town at the Stanley Business Park near Valley Avenue and Busch Road. But on close examination, these birds are too scrawny for most chefs to take notice when this year's meat counter prices for turkeys are still reasonable.

Budget still a burden for schools

Proposed state plans could mean further losses to revenue

by Emily West

The state of the school district's budget appears to have gone from bad to worse. As California's deficit climbs to an estimated \$11.2 billion, educational funding will likely take a hit as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed a \$9.2-billion plan to cut state spending and increase revenue.

At the Oct. 28 board meeting, Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, said the state had adopted the final budget, showing a reduction in the cost of

living adjustment (COLA), from 5.6 to 0.68 percent. Typically the district would receive \$4.5 million in COLA revenue to start the year and the changes would result in the district receiving only \$617,408.

As it turns out, the budget isn't entirely final and the \$617,408 may be in jeopardy as the state considers cutting the COLA completely in order to make up for the state deficit.

The other big change to the governor's proposal was the revenue limit per student. Currently the district receives about \$6,697

per student. The new proposal would cut that amount by about \$300, which would be a loss of \$4.3 million.

In preparing for these changes, Cazares said the district has asked all managers to again scrutinize their budgets to designate things as luxury or must-have expenses. Another avenue she suggested would be to take a look at enhancing revenues, to make sure they're charging what they can for facility use fees.

Superintendent John Casey said

(continued on page 7)

Black Friday? Not so much

Stoneridge mall braces for challenging holiday retail season, but remains optimistic

by Janet Pelletier

Next Friday is what many typically refer to as Black Friday. It's when the retail industry crosses over from being in the red in sales totals to the black because it's the busiest shopping day of the year.

But the day after Thanksgiving may have more of the distinction of Red Friday this year because the financial crisis has depressed retail sales and left many working families with less discretionary income to spend on Christmas gifts.

Retail analysts say retailers are working to accommodate customers' lack of desire to spend this year by promoting cheaper gift options.

"Americans may be hesitant to purchase expensive gifts this holiday season, but personal and practical gifts will resonate most with shoppers this year," said Tracy Mullin, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation.

A recent survey conducted by NRF found that consumers will shop for similar items as last year such as clothing and accessories (57.4 percent); books, CDs, DVDs and video games (55.6 percent); toys (41.6 percent); personal care or beauty items (20.8 percent) and jewelry (19.3 percent), just on a cheaper scale. Gift card sales are expected to drop 6 percent. The survey also found that consumers will be putting less of their pur-

(continued on page 9)

WHERE SERVICE AND QUALITY MATTER



CARPET • HARDWOOD • LAMINATE • TILE • VINYL

DIABLO FLOORING, INC

FREE ESTIMATES

(925) 426-RUGS (7847)

5600-D Sunol Blvd
Pleasanton, CA 94566
License #898787
Bonded • Insured up to \$2 Million

Go Green with us!

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM
OR SHOP-AT-HOME
WWW.DIABLOFLOORING.COM

Happy Holidays!
Register to win a FREE 8X10 Area Rug
SEE OUR WEBSITE!

\$500 OFF INSTALLED HARDWOOD Min. 1000 sq.ft. • Exp. 12-31-08	5% OFF INSTALLED CARPET Min. 1000 sq.ft. • Exp. 12-31-08
---	--

Volunteers, parade entries sought

The planning starts in the triple-digit heat of the summer and culminates with a big celebration in just a couple short weeks, a marker that the holiday season is in full swing.

That favorite city tradition, the Hometown Holidays Celebration, will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 6. This year's theme is "Sights and Sounds of the Season." Street closures will begin at 4 p.m., with a parade starting at 5:30 p.m. along Main Street downtown. Parade entrants are encouraged to decorate floats and marching units within the broad range of opportunities that mesh with the theme.

Following the parade will be the traditional holiday tree lighting in front of the Museum On Main, address. The tree lighting will feature a special appearance by Santa, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman will light the tree and there will also be

a community sing-along.

Event organizers begin planning in the summertime, according to city spokeswoman Joanne Hall.

Volunteers are needed to serve as barricade assistants, formation assistants, setup/teardown crews, parade check-in assistants, disband attendants, hospitality assistants, tree lighting attendants, flagmen and volunteer check-in assistants.

Youth volunteers ages 13-17 are welcome to participate under adult supervision. Youth groups are also welcome to apply provided that a designated number of adult volunteers participate to supervise their group. Eligibility for the specific volunteer activities will be determined and assigned by the volunteer coordinator. Visit www.hometownholiday.com to download a volunteer application.

—Janet Pelletier

Germain's case continued again

Accused child molester to enter a plea Dec. 16

by Emily West

Henry Germain was back in court Wednesday, only to have his case continued again Dec. 16.

A representative for his attorney, Elizabeth Grossman of Berkeley, and Deputy District Attorney Susan Torrence agreed to the continuance.

Germain, the former Castlewood Country Club tennis director who faces 16 charges of child molestation with six alleged female victims, was last in court Oct. 22 when the case was continued. At that time, Judge

Hugh Walker allowed changes in visitation of his children by allowing him to spend time with his two sons without adult supervision.

He is still required to have supervision when spending time with his daughter. Other conditions of his release are that he is not allowed to leave the state or contact any minors or the alleged victims.

Germain is out on \$1.14 million bail and has yet to enter a plea. The next hearing is at 9 a.m. Dec. 16 at the Pleasanton courthouse on Stoneridge Drive. ■

FLANDERS HEAT & AIR SYSTEMS, INC.

Call us at **(925) 461-3333**
www.flandersair.com

UP TO
\$1,550
PG&E AND
FACTORY REBATE*

12 months no payment, no interest financing

*with the purchase of a complete
Carrier Infinity™ System

Ends Dec. 31, 2008

FREE ESTIMATES



Turn to the Experts™



Fall Clean & Check
\$79.95

Expires on 12/05/08



SMOG INSPECTION

Special **\$45** + \$8.25 CERT. (with coupon)

Harry's Auto Repair
Test and Repair
925-462-3237

We can smog any vehicle!

- Test Only
- Gross Polluters
- Change of Ownership
- Bi-annual

No Appointments Necessary!

Mon-Fri 8-4pm
183-A Wyoming St., Pleasanton
— Gold Shield Station —

Record number of families seek help from Tri-Valley Haven

Pantry needs donations for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday

More than 1,200 families need extra help at the beginning of this holiday season, and they're looking to Tri-Valley Haven.

Families have registered to receive ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and it's nearly twice as many people compared to last year, according to Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven's executive director.

"People are really hurting because of the high costs of food, housing and gas," she said. "These are hard-working families, and even though parents may be working one or more jobs,

they need some assistance to make it through the month, especially during the holidays."

King also said the economic hardships seen around the country are hitting nonprofits as well.

"Individual donations are down almost 40 percent from last year," she said. "The group that has donated most of our turkeys for several years informed us that they will be giving us 200 fewer turkeys this year even though our need has doubled."

Tri-Valley Haven accepts cash donations, as pantry space is lim-

ited, as well as gift cards from local grocery stores in \$10 or \$20 amounts. These can be delivered to the Haven at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore.

They will also be conducting a "paper food drive" from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the following Livermore locations: the Lucky and Starbucks stores on Portola Avenue, Panama Red Coffee Company on First Street and Grocery Outlet on Stanley Boulevard.

To learn more, visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or call 449-5845.

—Emily West

Linking survivors across the country

National Survivors of Suicide Day broadcasts from Pleasanton

The Saturday before Thanksgiving marks the National Survivors of Suicide Day. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention brings together the survivors—those who have lost someone to suicide—for support, healing, information and empowerment.

These survivors are connected through simultaneous survivor

conferences throughout the country and in other countries. This year, a conference will be held at the ValleyCare Medical Plaza, located at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Guest speakers include Dr. Bridget Melson of Trinity Life Solutions and Bruce Massarsky, a survivor and life coach. There

will also be group discussions with facilitators.

Registration for the Pleasanton event is \$15, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. For more information, call Shirley Kaminsky at 872-5634, or Karen Carlson at 336-1633.

—Emily West

Schools

(continued from page 5)

they will continue to look into administrative cuts and delaying spending, but that it is very likely that the list of reductions will be fairly large.

"The downside of not doing mid-year cuts is that next year, cuts may be more extensive," he said.

The district doesn't anticipate the state funding or lack thereof to get much better over the next year or two, especially when the district needs about \$2 million each new school year to keep up with demand.

"For us as a school district,

every time we roll a budget over, we have to add \$2 million," Casey said. "That's agreed upon salary increases, and the increase in goods and supplies. Even if we get zero new dollars, we have to cut \$2 million."

In the effort to cut district spending, Casey and the board members agree that it's their objective to keep the reductions as far from the classrooms as possible.

"We are always going to try to minimize the impact in the classroom," he said. "But we do have to have administrative and classified employees. Classrooms will



John Casey

be impacted more in the future than they have in the past."

Tapping into the reserves doesn't appear to be a viable option at this point. The board has been fiscally conservative in the past about the \$5.5 million in reserves (more than required by the state) as well as the \$7-million Sycamore property. When these funds have been used, it has not been for ongoing costs.

Casey said they encourage people to advocate for education at the state level, as well as contribute suggestions for raising money and reducing expenditures. ■

NORCAL Weight Loss Center

Lose weight...and keep it off!

- A Variety of Healthy Diet Programs
- Staffed by Professional Doctors & Nurses
- Lunch, Evening & Saturday Appointment Available
- Non-Medication Programs Available
- Latest FDA Approved Medications



Shauntrell lost weight on our program and you can too!

Also Offering Botox® / Restylane® Treatments

Dr. David Melamed, MD
Dermatologist
925-846-5614



Unretouched clinical photo taken while frowning before and 14 days after treatment with Botox® Cosmetic

NEW Botox® Service
for underarm perspiration problems!

\$75 OFF
Botox® Treatment
plus Free Consultation to new clients only
Not valid with other offers. Expires 12-31-08

FREE CONSULTATION
New clients only

Pleasanton
374 St. Mary St.
925 846-5614

San Ramon
2701 Crow Canyon Blvd.
925 837-6400

Is Your Bra Uncomfortable?

90% of Women Wear the Wrong Size Bra

Free Bra Fitting Seminar & Clinic

Sponsored by Panache International

In Downtown Pleasanton at LilyAnn's Lingerie
Saturday Nov 22, 2008 Noon to 6pm



Seminar Starts at 12 Noon
with Fit Clinic to Follow

Call Now & Reserve
Your Fitting Time
for this Event

Largest Selection of
Bra Sizes in California
Sizes 30 - 46 * Cups A - K

We Carry in Stock the Largest
Selection of Bra Sizes
in California

*FREE GIFT WITH
PURCHASE

925-846-1950

*Some Restrictions Apply

Open Sun & Mon 12:30 - 5 pm Tue - Sat 10:30 to 6 pm
350 Main Street (suite B) ♥ At Angela ♥ Downtown Pleasanton

DRUG-FREE ADD/ADHD



You have non-medication options, even if your doctor doesn't tell you.

Our techniques, developed at NASA, UCLA, UCSF, among others, are safe, non-invasive, fun and drug-free. They have been proven to be just as effective as using medications, but with sustained, long-term results and without negative side effects. Offices in Pleasanton, Walnut Creek and Fremont. **Results guaranteed.**

Not a Healing Arts Practitioner.

ATTENTION & ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
925.416.1400 • drugfreeadd.com

New Luxury Baths

BATH & KITCHEN SHOWROOM



CONVENIENT INSTANT
FINANCING
NO INTEREST AND
NO PAYMENTS FOR
12 MONTHS*

13 E Airway Blvd
Livermore
925 443-2284
NewLuxuryBaths.com

Plumbing • Lighting • Hardware

Showroom Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5 • Sat 10-4

Happy Thanksgiving from the Pleasanton Police Department



Safety while shopping

As the holiday season begins, please remember that it is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Unfortunately, there are criminals who use the holidays to target victims who may be distracted by the busy season. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe from those turkeys:

- Stay alert to your surroundings, especially in crowded areas and don't let your guard down.
- Park in well-lighted areas, close to store entrances.
- Close all windows and lock all car doors.
- Put packages in the trunk or under the seats, do not leave them in plain view.
- Never leave your purse or wallet unattended or out of your sight.
- Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash or multiple credit cards.

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



By working together, we can build a community of character.

10-year-old boy killed in crash near Ruby Hill

Police said teen driver is at fault for passing on Vallecitos Road

boy was a soccer player, returning from a match in Manteca.

According to police, the 17-year-old driver of a Toyota Corolla caused the crash when he attempted to pass another vehicle through the merge and lost control of his car.

The Toyota slid sideways and was broadsided by a Mercury minivan carrying a woman driving her three children, police said.

The woman, 55, her 15-year-old son, 12-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son were taken to the hospital, where the younger son died, police said.

—Bay City News

A boy who was killed in a crash in Livermore near Ruby Hill Saturday afternoon has been identified as 10-year-old San Jose resident Jonathan Manzo, an Alameda County coroner's deputy said Sunday. The cause of death is still unknown at this time.

The crash happened at about 2:45 p.m. on Vallecitos Road south of Ruby Hill Road, where two lanes turn into one. Reports have said the

Oak Grove

(continued from page 5)

million in mitigation fees for traffic and other public impacts related to the Lins' housing project.

As a practical matter, both sides agree that without the PUD, the houses won't be built and the Lins won't turn any of their property over to the city. However, legal advisors said the sign development agreement gives the Lins another bargaining chip in persuading the appellate court to reject the Ayala appeal. If that happens, the public feud between the City Council and the Save Pleasanton's Hills citizens' organization would be over and the Lins can proceed with the provisions in the development agreement and start planning their development.

It's now been a year since the citizens' group was organized and took to the streets to gather enough signatures to force a referendum. By collecting more than 3,700 sig-

natures from registered Pleasanton voters, their petition should have qualified to force a referendum.

However, Judge Roesch, responding to a suit by the Lins, said the citizens' group had not carried all of the documents they needed to thoroughly brief those signing the petition just what their argument was about. Because of that, he ruled the petitions invalid and said the Lins could proceed under terms of the council's approval of their project.

At the Dec. 2 meeting, the council will meet in closed session to consider an analysis of the development agreement order by City Attorney Roush and his recommendations. The council could appeal Judge Roesch's decision ordering Fialho to sign the development agreement on behalf of the city, or it could accept the ruling, sign the document and await a decision by the Court of Appeal on the main argument, the PUD that would actually allow the Lins to develop the home sites. ■

HEY, STUFF THIS!




FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING. MAKE IT SECOND NATURE.

STOPWASTE.ORG

A Non-Profit Organization

Discounted Services to our Local Heroes!
Home Loans • Real Estate • Insurance • Financial Planning • Credit Restoration



Who is eligible?




- Military
- Educators • Medical
- City, State & Federal
- Police, Fire, & EMT

Call today to learn what Herocare can do for you!

1.877.HERO.411
1.877.437.6411 | www.herocare.org

Take Us Along



A lot to be thankful for

Paul Hrycewicz, wife Kim Lounsbury and son Theo Hrycewicz, 10, enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and brought the Weekly to boot. Theo is in the dual immersion program at Valley View Elementary and was able to use his Spanish skills while on vacation.



Juneau we brought the Weekly?

Sonia and Mark Sanchez tackle the wilds of Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska. It was one of the ports on the pair's Alaskan cruise. They took a helicopter ride to the top of the glacier where they went on a 2-mile trek.

Black Friday

(continued from page 5)

chases on credit—41.5 percent will primarily use a debit/check card and 22.8 percent will use cash.

Stoneridge Shopping Center will get Nov. 28 off to an early start by opening at 5 a.m., earlier than last year's opening at 6 a.m.

"JCPenney's will be opening at 4 a.m. while Sears and Macy's Women's and Men's will open at 5 a.m. and Nordstrom will open at 7 a.m.," said Carrie Williams, who is director of marketing and business development for Stoneridge.

And to provide more incentive to shop, the first 200 shoppers at the mall's guest services counter will receive a "shopper survival kit" including a tote bag, Starbucks gift card, energy drink, energy bar, receipt holder, bottled water and a CFL light bulb, along with coupons and offers.

The kits are just one of a number of programs the mall's parent company Simon Property Group is rolling out as part of its new "shop smarter" campaign, Williams said.

"We're optimistic," she said when asked what effect the economic turmoil will have. "Stoneridge is in a great position. We have over 165 stores and restaurants, still lots of activity going on at the center."

"We're obviously not naive to the fact that it is a difficult time, so that's why we're putting these things into place and really reinforcing that you don't need to go all over town or go to a lot of places," she added. "Stoneridge is really the place to get everything done."

As part of the "shop smarter" campaign, customers traveling in a car with four or more people will receive free valet parking from Nov. 28 through Dec. 31. On Nov. 28, there will be "rejuvenation stations" set up at two places in the mall featuring magazines and children's books, free WiFi, bottled water and entertainment. There will also be a shuttle service through-

out the holiday season to transport customers from the mall entrances closer to their cars. California High School cheerleaders will run a gift wrap station during the holiday season with donations accepted for their services.

The Wal-Mart on Rosewood Drive is also looking to get a piece of the day after Thanksgiving action, opening at 5 a.m. The big box store is poised to weather this year's lackluster holiday season better than most with its traditionally discounted items.

A wave of online shopping the past few years has coined a new term—Cyber Monday, which is the Monday after Thanksgiving. A website dedicated to that—CyberMonday.com—has revamped itself and is promoting ways for shoppers to save

money and get the best deals.

Stoneridge rolls out new eco-friendly security vehicles

Stoneridge will begin using new T3 security vehicles this holiday season—a move that mall officials say will reduce the center's carbon footprint and enhance safety and security.

"Not only do the T3s produce zero gas emissions, but each one will actually reduce the mall's carbon footprint by over 5 tons of CO2," said a spokeswoman.

The three-wheeled T3s are expected to make officers more visible and have a zero-degree turning radius and compact design to easily maneuver through crowds and tight spaces. The vehicle can go up to 20 mph. ■

Trina Turk • Bejeweled
Ann Ferriday • Da Nang
Twisted Heart
Faith Connexion
Ed Hardy • Free People
Rebecca Beeson
Joe's Jeans
Frankie B.
Kasil Jeans
Red Engine Jeans
Nicky Hilton

50% OFF All Denim!
expires 12-31-08 (some exceptions apply)

350 Main Street, Suite E,
(off West Angela St.)
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-249-1209
www.shopsugarshack.com

sugar shack

Chris Hopper Computers



- Serving the Tri-Valley
- Service and Repair
- Small Business & Home Users
- Day, Evening, & Weekend Appointments

925 846 7845
ChrisHopperComputers.com

Lic #050693

Luxury is still affordable this Holiday



JEWELERS gallery

925.846.7511

614 Main Street Downtown Pleasanton

Gemologist • Goldsmith • Design • Manufacture • Repair • European Trained

Wish List

- be strong
- feel great
- stand tall
- be flexible
- breathe deep
- have fun



Pilates on Spring

Call 925-461-3008 to schedule your individual or small group sessions.

273 Spring Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566
www.pilatesonspring.com

Complimentary gift for you with December gift certificate purchase

a valued gift

2008 Holiday Fund

Give now to help others in our community

by Jeb Bing

Seven nonprofits have been selected as this year's recipients of the sixth annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, the community-wide campaign that starts today to provide needed funding for vital local nonprofits.

Last year, the Holiday Fund raised \$150,000 in direct contributions and matching funds. Each of the targeted nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the community—eight in all—received \$18,750 to help them continue their work this year.

"We all know how difficult the economy is this year which makes this extraordinarily challenging for the nonprofits in our community," said Gina Channell-Allen, president of the Pleasanton Weekly. "Their needs are increasing at the same time donations are dwindling. For that reason, this year's Holiday Fund is more important than ever for the organizations we are targeting."

"Contributors from past years have already donated more than \$13,000 to help us launch our campaign early," she added.

The organizations that will benefit from the 2008-09 campaign are Axis Community Health, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Tri-Valley Haven, Valley Humane Society and the Emergency Room expansion program at ValleyCare Medical Center.

"This year, the Pleasanton Weekly will be able to increase the contribution our readers, advertisers and others make by 100 percent because of the partnership we have established with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation," Channell-Allen said. "It has agreed to provide matching funds to our campaign drive so for every \$1 contributed, another \$1 will be given to these local organizations."

Unlike most other fundraising drives by individual organizations, the Holiday Fund has no administrative expenses or other overhead. The Pleasanton Weekly donates all the support services so all money raised can support local non-profit groups.

All funds are held in trust by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

David Rice, President of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, said giving to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund this year is more important than ever.

"These are truly desperate times for organizations that serve the needy—those with fixed incomes, with little or no health insurance and without jobs or whose employers have significantly reduced their working hours," Rice said. "A number of these individuals and families were among those who contributed to the Holiday Fund in years past and now they need our help, too."

"The organizations that are contributing this year in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley are providing needed relief for thousands," he added. "It's important that those of us who can afford to give add something extra this year because of the pressing needs we are seeing."

"Although Pleasanton is ranked as one of the wealthiest cities its size in the nation, there are thousands who rely on these seven organizations for individual and family assistance, emergency aid when they're suddenly without



Volunteers help sort out loaves of bread at a recent hot meal service provided by Open Heart Kitchen at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. With the economy in crisis, Open Heart has seen a 25 percent increase in demand and a 45 percent decrease in donations.

jobs and health care," Rice added. "Not everyone is wealthy here, not everyone has a job, not everyone has health insurance. These are the people who need our help."

He pointed to increased requirements by the nonprofits to meet the needs of low-level-paying jobs.

"Whether we're employers or among the employed or in business for ourselves, each of us is being affected by the economic slowdown," Rice said. "Those on the bottom rung of the employment ladder may have a job, but they don't earn enough to meet their current living costs and they are faced with uncertainty over just how long their job may last. They often have inadequate or no health insurance at all. Some have lost their jobs or their benefits, or both, because of corporate downsizing, layoffs and benefit reductions. Just this month, several thousand have been laid off by employers."

Open Heart Kitchen, for example, expects to serve more than 170,000 meals in its current 2008-09 fiscal year, according to Linda McKeever, executive director. She said 11,500 of those meals will be served at its Pleasanton location at Trinity Lutheran Church and another 112,150 at Ridge View Commons. Open Heart also distributes 90,000 box lunches each weekend to elementary school children to take home on Fridays.

"Open Heart Kitchen is often the 'bridge' that enables a family stay on its feet from week to week," McKeever said.

Axis Community Health, another recipient of this year's campaign, is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical care for the area's working families who do not have health



Lisa Demarest, a volunteer for Valley Humane Society, which takes in cats and fosters dogs, clutches a golden retriever puppy. The Holiday Fund will help the humane society pay for a permanent home on Nevada Street.

insurance. Axis provides services for more than 12,000 Tri-Valley residents, including 3,500 children and teens.

"Last year we provided more than 4,300 pediatric medical visits, which was a 4 percent increase over the previous year," said Sue Compton, chief executive officer. "As the economy worsens, we are seeing a rapidly increasing number of people at our clinics. We're up 10 percent in just the past three months, and we're enrolling 250 new patients each month."

"This year, more than ever, many of our friends and neighbors need help," she added. "We are very grateful for the support of the community through the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund. It truly makes a difference for many members of our community."

Tri-Valley Haven offers a 30-bed domestic

violence shelter, a 16-bed homeless family shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, rape crisis center, group and individual counseling, two weekly restraining order clinics, a food pantry and community education.

"Funds from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be utilized to support the Life Skills program at our domestic violence shelter, and to help with the cost of utilities at the shelter," said Vicki Thompson, associate director. "Our annual PG&E bill for the shelter is nearly \$20,000 and these utilities are seldom funded by private foundations. We depend on the community—and the Holiday Fund—to keep the lights on!"

Another recipient of this year's Holiday Fund will be the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, which offers a variety of services at no cost to seniors or to their families throughout the Tri-Valley.

"As we are all aware, the U.S. population along with Pleasanton's is aging in greater numbers," said Marlene Petersen, executive director.

"A report released last week states that Americans will enjoy an average life expectancy of at least 79 years, and many will live even longer," she added. "Before 2030, our senior population may very well comprise the majority age-group in our nation and community."

The programs provided by Senior Support include health maintenance, nutrition, fitness, disease prevention, partners-in-safety, in-home counseling, friendly visiting programs and nurses on the staff who regularly visit clients.

This year's Holiday Fund also will provide money to help expand ValleyCare Medical Center's emergency room. The ER was built in 1991 and has only 4,000-square-feet of

Holiday Fund donors

At the launch of the 2008 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, 79 donors have contributed \$13,217 to the fund. Fourteen anonymous donors have given \$1,895 of that total.

Individuals

Rick & Dawn Barraza.....	250	Violet Masini.....	50
Verla Becker.....	**	Ken Mercer.....	300
Chris & Glenda Berattis.....	500	Ruth Morlock.....	100
Jan & Jeb Bing.....	200	Greg & Janet O'Connor.....	**
James Brice & Carole Peterson.....	**	Dr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Pennisi.....	**
Mike & Diana Champlin.....	500	Jerry & Josine Pentin.....	100
Herbert & Stella Chang.....	**	Alan & Jean Purves.....	**
Vincent Ciccarello.....	1000	Thomas Rasmus.....	30
Pauline Coe.....	**	Don & Ann Rathjen.....	**
Patrick & Wendy Costanzo.....	200	Rose M. Schoop.....	25
The Craig Family.....	100	Ted & Dee Slosek.....	**
Richard & Judy DelTredici.....	25	Debi, Mike & Alison Smith.....	**
Alice Desrosiers.....	100	Pat & Sue Spangler.....	100
Greg & Sue Evans.....	**	Duane & Donna Stevens.....	300
Bernice Hansen.....	**	Jim & Debbie Tracy.....	**
Hank & Corrine Hansen.....	100	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wenig.....	100
Ryan Brown & Julie Harryman.....	100	Walter & Martha Wensel.....	100
William Herlihy.....	200	Bob Williams.....	500
The Huangs.....	107		
Charles & Kay Huff.....	**	In honor of	
Bill & Cathy James.....	**	Grandma Adeline.....	**
Rudy & Marge Johnson.....	100		
Jean Jones.....	100	Businesses	
David & Carol Kratky.....	100	DeBernardi Development Construction & Remodeling.....	**
John & Jane Loll.....	**	Mission Pipe & Cigar Shop.....	150
Walt Lupeika.....	100	Ponderosa Homes.....	**
Srikant, Christina & Ashley Mantha.....	**	The Home Works Group.....	200

**The asterisk designates that the donor did not want to publish the amount of the gift.

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund was created to provide financial support from our readers for a select group of local nonprofit organizations to help alleviate the needs that exist, despite our community's prosperity. This marks the sixth year of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. It provides an opportunity to aid local groups at a time when the numbers of those without jobs or with low-paying jobs and few if any health benefits have increased.

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund drive could not exist without the help of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and its generous donors. This will enable us to double your donation and allow your gift of \$1 to total \$2 to the nonprofits. An added benefit: Neither the Pleasanton Weekly nor the Tri-Valley Community Foundation will take any fees or expenses for administering the fund. One hundred percent of donations go to the intended grantees.

We appreciate your support of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and these worthy nonprofits.

floor space when it needs 10,000, "We see 26,000 patients a year in the emergency room and it was built to handle 13,000," said ValleyCare's vice president Ken Mercer. It will cost \$6.7 million to replace the facility and upgrade the equipment, with the first phase of development scheduled to start in January. Contributions from the Holiday Fund will help get that started, Mercer said. Hope Hospice is known throughout the Valley for the special kind of healthcare it offers. It's unique because it works to not only meet a dying patient's physical needs, but supports their emotional, social, and spiritual needs as well. Hope Hospice care is provided regardless of the ability to pay and relies on contributions such as those raised by the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund to provide services.

Its mission is to provide compassionate, quality end-of-life care and grief support to patients and families. Hope Hospice and its volunteers step in when medical science can no longer add days to life, and what matters is the quality of life that can be added to each day.

Last but not least is help for our furry friends who give so much to us in return. Once again, the Valley Humane Society is on the list of recipients for the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

This all-volunteer group, with its mission to educate others on responsible pet ownership,

recently moved into temporary quarters on Nevada Street and is in need of funding to complete a permanent structure that will provide more space for its services. The organization also rescues, treats and funds home for abandoned or injured animals. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate.

"We seek to provide our community with educational outreach and collaborative programs that enrich the bond between people and companion animals and eliminate unnecessary euthanasias," said Wendy McNelley, program director.

Dave Rice said that "what's important about giving to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund is that, in partnership with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, we can identify these programs and activities that need our help and serve our entire community."

"We know what the needs are locally because of our expertise in covering these nonprofits in the Weekly's news columns and through the Foundation's programs to help serve their financial needs," he explained.

"We can put money to work very quickly where as it might take quite a long time for these organizations to partner up with donors themselves," he added. "So this is a much more effective and direct way to get money to work in the community by giving to the Holiday Fund." ■



How to give

Your gift helps seniors, children and others in need

Contributions to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be increased by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. For every \$1 contributed, \$2 will be donated to these local organizations. All contributions will go directly to programs that benefit Pleasanton and Tri-Valley residents. Contributions will be distributed by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation to the seven agencies listed below. No administrative costs will be deducted from the gifts, which are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

This year, due to the tremendous need of all nonprofits, donations will be shared equally among the seven recipient agencies.

For more information call us at 600-0840 or e-mail editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

The following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund:

• **Axis Community Health:** Provides medical, mental health, addiction counseling and health education services to more than 20,000 patients and clients each year, regardless of their ability to pay. An estimated 70 percent have no medical insurance or are underinsured, including some that have recently lost their jobs and health benefits. Call 201-6017 or visit www.axishealth.org.

• **Emergency Room Expansion at ValleyCare Medical Center:** ValleyCare, a nonprofit health system, needs funds to expand its emergency room, built in 1991 to accommodate 13,000 patients a year and now handles more than 26,000. It will cost \$6.7 million to replace the facility and upgrade equipment, and the Holiday Fund will help get that started. For more information, contact Ken Mercer at 925-373-4566.

• **Hope Hospice:** Hospice care is unique because it works to not only meet the needs of those at the end of life but also supports the emotional and spiritual needs of the family as well. Hope hospice care is provided regardless of the ability to pay and relies on contributions such as those raised by the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

• **Open Heart Kitchen:** As the only nonprofit free soup kitchen in the Tri-Valley area, this service provides nutritious meals for low-income people in the Pleasanton-Livermore area at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton and Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. Visit www.openheartkitchen.org or call 580-1616.

• **Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley:** An independent, nonprofit organization, this group offers a variety of services at no cost to seniors or to their families. Programs include health maintenance, nutrition, fitness, disease prevention, partners-in-safety, in-home counseling, friendly visiting programs and nurses on staff who regularly visit clients.

• **Tri-Valley Haven:** Runs a domestic violence shelter as well as a homeless shelter for families and a rape crisis center. Its mission is to aid those who have experienced abuse and offers counseling, a legal clinic and other practical advice. Call 449-5845; 24-hour hotline: (800) 884-8119 or visit www.trivalleyhaven.org.

• **Valley Humane Society:** This nonprofit group is all volunteers, with the mission to educate on responsible pet ownership. It assists in rescuing and placing abandoned or injured animals and operates an adoption center in downtown Pleasanton. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate. Call 426-8656.

Name of Donor _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I wish to designate my contribution as follows:

- In my name as shown above OR:
- In honor of: In memory of: As a gift for: _____
(Name of person)
- Business or organization: _____
- I wish to contribute anonymously. Don't publish the amount of my contribution.

Please make checks payable to **The Holiday Fund**

Enclose this coupon and send to: **The Holiday Fund, Pleasanton Weekly
5506 Sunol Blvd, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566**



The Tri-Valley Community Foundation is located at 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Ste. 112, Pleasanton, CA 94588. More information about the Foundation can be obtained by contacting the organization at the above address, by calling its President David Rice at (925) 734-9965 or through its website: www.tvcfoundation.org. The Pleasanton Weekly will make every effort to publish donor names for donations received before Dec. 31, 2008, unless the donor checks the anonymous box. All donations will be acknowledged by mail.

Opinion

Letters

Where's the coverage of historic presidency?

Dear Editor,

I was surprised there was no article on our 44th President-elect Barack Obama and the change that has come upon us.

I'm aware the Pleasanton Weekly is a local newspaper dealing with Pleasanton news but it would have been nice to have an article on our president-elect instead of a the Streetwise question regarding what do you want to see our new president take as top priority. This is a momentous time in our nation, the people have spoken and they are ready for a change. A local newspaper reporting local news should also embrace our nation's news in a way that relates to the residents in Pleasanton. As always thank you for bringing us the local Pleasanton news every week.

Nichelle Baviera

Obama vandalism shameful

Dear Editor,

I am appalled by what happened to the Patrick family home and property the morning after the election.

Have we forgotten that we live in a democracy? Have we forgotten that we have the right to vote for whomever we want? Have we forgotten that our community is made up of many nationalities and that we have the right to live peacefully in

our own community? Since when has Pleasanton turned into a narrow-minded and hateful place?

We have lived in this city for 20 years and have generally found its people to be friendly, welcoming and warm. This incident is something I would have never expected to occur in Pleasanton.

Given the type of vandalism done to the Patrick property, I believe this was probably the work of kids. However, kids learn from their parents and their beliefs often mimic those of their parents. This was a hate crime and should be treated as such. I am hopeful that this was an isolated incident. I am hopeful that this does not represent the views of a majority of Pleasanton's residents.

To the Patrick family, I am so sorry this has happened. I had thought we were beyond this.

Marcia Berardi

Generosity alive and well

Dear Editor,

Generosity is alive and well in our area. First, I would like to thank everyone who purchased the Pleasanton recycle bags to help raise money for the Firehouse Arts project. A special thanks goes to Liz Gaouette, owner of the Berry Patch, for assisting me with this project. Over 200 bags were sold with all profits donated

(continued on page 13)

Editorial

Help our community: Give to the 2008 Holiday Fund

Today we are launching our 6th annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign, a community-wide fundraising effort to provide needed financial resources to the vital nonprofits serving Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. The organizations that will benefit from the 2008 campaign are Axis Community Health, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Tri-Valley Haven, Valley Humane Society and the Emergency Room expansion program at ValleyCare Medical Center. These nonprofits serve the homeless, the hungry and disadvantaged, those with little or no health care coverage, emergency medical treatment facilities, the educational and arts needs of our city, and even our furry friends in the animal kingdom who mean so much to so many of us, especially to seniors and the disabled.

Contributions from you, our valued readers, and matching funds from the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and its generous donors can help ease the anguish of those faced with severe economic challenges, whether from temporary or permanent job losses, wage cutbacks or loss of adequate medical benefits. With many more in need today, our 2008 campaign is probably the most important ever.

There are three good reasons to contribute to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund:

- 100 percent of your gift will go to nonprofits serving people in our community.
- Neither the Pleasanton Weekly nor the Tri-Valley Community Foundation will take any fees or expenses for administering the fund. All donations will go the intended recipients.
- Because of matching donations, your gift will be doubled up to this year's goal of \$100,000 and thus be twice as effective.

Thanks to advance donations, our campaign at launch-time has received \$13,217, which, with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation match, gives us \$26,434 toward our goal. We hope contributions will provide even more so that we can offer financial support to the groups that make a difference in our community.

We thank all those who have generously contributed to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund in the past and hope you will make this fund and the organizations it supports part of your holiday giving in the coming weeks.

Code of ethics

The Pleasanton Weekly seeks to adhere to the highest level of ethical standards in journalism, including the Code of Ethics adopted Sept. 21, 1996, by the Society of Professional Journalists. To review the text of the Code, please visit our web site at www.PleasantonWeekly.com

Your Turn

The Pleasanton Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or issues of local interest.

Submit letters to the editor of up to 250 words and guest opinion pieces up to 500 words with a short bio to editor@PleasantonWeekly.com. Include your name, address and daytime phone number so we can reach you. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted.

Submitting a letter to the editor or guest opinion constitutes a granting of permission to the Pleasanton Weekly and Embarcadero Publishing Company to also publish it online, including in our online archives and as a post on Town Square.

For more information contact Editor Jeb Bing at (925) 600-0840.

PLEASANTON
WEEKLY

5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Phone: (925) 600-0840
Fax: (925) 600-9559

President

Gina Channell-Allen, Ext. 119

Publisher

Jeb Bing, Ext. 118

EDITORIAL

Editor

Jeb Bing, Ext. 118

Managing Editor

Janet Pelletier, Ext. 111

Features Editor

Emily West, Ext. 121

Contributors

Julie Nostrand

Jerri Pantages Long

Joe Ramirez

ART & PRODUCTION

Design Director

Rick Nobles, Ext. 117

Designers

Trina Cannon, Ext. 114

Lili Cao, Ext. 125

Kristin Herman, Ext. 114

Manuel Valenzuela, Ext. 120

ADVERTISING

Advertising Sales Manager

Esmeralda Escovedo-Flores, Ext. 123

Account Executive

Paul Crawford, Ext. 113

Karen Klein, Ext. 122

Real Estate Sales

Nancy Taresh, Ext. 110

Inside Sales

Art Gordillo, Ext. 112

Ad Services

Sandy Lee, Ext. 116

Real Estate Ad Services

Tracey Fordahl, Ext. 130

BUSINESS

Business Associate

Lisa Oefelein, Ext. 126

Circulation Director

Bob Lampkin, Ext. 141

Front Office Coordinator

Kathleen Martin, Ext. 0

How to reach the Weekly

5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Phone: (925) 600-0840

Fax: (925) 600-9559

Editorial e-mail:

editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

calendar@PleasantonWeekly.com

Display Sales e-mail:

sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales e-mail:

ads@PleasantonWeekly.com

Circulation e-mail:

circulation@PleasantonWeekly.com

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100 Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840.

Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407. The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from Pleasanton residents.

Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$50 per year.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

© 2008 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.



Window-ology®
We Have Window Coverings Down To A Science

Blinds, Shades, Shutters and More...

Serving Clients with Exceptional Service for over 20 years

Highest Quality Products • Great Selection

925.462.1207

Showroom and Factory Located at 4225 Stanley Blvd. Near Downtown Pleasanton

www.window-ology.com

Contractor's License #904282

Guest Opinion

Thank you for passing Measure WW

by Ayn Wieskamp

The mission to protect open space and create recreational opportunities in the East Bay will continue, thanks to the commitment of residents in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Voters approved Measure WW by a wide margin in Nov. 4's election. The measure will extend at the existing rate—no increase—the 1988 bond measure that has been instrumental in developing our world-class network of regional parks and funding hundreds of local recreation facilities in all parts of the two counties.

On behalf of East Bay Regional Park District's elected board of



directors, it is important to express how grateful and proud we are of your continued support for our work even as you endure the most difficult economic climate in recent history. We are thankful that the public showed interest and participated actively in our two-year process to develop a comprehensive plan for the funds expected from a Measure WW extension. Input from our constituents was thoughtful, specific and realistic. It was clear that participants in the process and voters follow the issues and news coverage of our efforts, and many review the public information materials we provide to keep you informed.

It is also clear that the community understands how much we have accomplished using the 1988 Measure AA bond program and recognizes how much more work there is to do. We pledge to the community that we will achieve their goals to protect more open

space, restore sensitive environments, and provide quality recreation for all residents.

Recognition of the public's role in passing Measure WW would be incomplete without noting the efforts of the many friends and volunteers of the Regional Parks, whose passion for our mission brought them together to work hard for this measure. They are the embodiment and reflection of seven decades during which this district has enjoyed remarkable support from a community where natural beauty, the environment, and accessible recreation in the great outdoors are placed in high value. We thank you all and reaffirm our commitment to continue serving as trustworthy stewards of your parks.

Ayn Wieskamp is president of the EBRPD board of directors representing eastern Alameda County and parts of southern Alameda County.

Letters

(continued from page 12)

to the Firehouse fund.

Thanks also to Martha Brown, a RAGE soccer board member, for assisting her daughter Sophia Brown and teammate Kennedy Truex to organize a Hike for the Firehouse. I felt privileged to lead this group and together we collected \$1,238. Currently, Phoebe Brown, Sophia's older sister, is organizing another fundraising hike for her RAGE Under 15 team. This is a Hike for the Kitchen (Open Heart) who desperately needs help to avoid closure. The hike is Nov. 30 with our goal being \$2,500. The RAGE organization has offered to match whatever is donated. I have great admiration for these young women who not only train hard for their sport, but also are willing to participate in an activity that benefits others in need.

In a time when people are struggling to put food on their table, organizations like Open Heart Kitchen are critical for those in need. If you would like to make a donation for our Hike for the Kitchen please write your check to Open Heart Kitchen and mail it to: Sue Evans, P.O. Box 1612, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Their tax ID number is available upon request.

Sue Evans

Kids' Prop. 8 protests expressing family values

Dear Editor,

In his letter, ("Participation good, using children not," Letters, Nov. 14, page 10) Paul Stewart expressed dismay at seeing young children holding Prop. 8 signs at a Pleasanton street corner before the election.

The children were ours. Voicing opposition to Prop. 8 is an expres-

sion of our family's values, which include marriage equality. We feel a close connection to this issue. We are an interracial couple, and we see Prop. 8 as similar to the prejudicial laws that would have barred our marriage in some states as recently as 40 years ago. Our children have friends from a family headed by two (recently married) moms. Our kids understand that Prop. 8 takes away the right to marry for others like their friends' moms, and they recognize that as unfair.

Involving children in an issue that touches their family and friends is not "using" them. It's teaching children to put their values into action to spur social change. Parents have a responsibility to teach children about the democratic process, and prepare them to responsibly exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Regarding Mr. Stewart's concerns about our children's safety, we'd like to reassure him that safety is our top priority. We believe they were in no more danger than if they had been crossing the intersection with us.

The passage of Prop. 8 disappointed us. However, the experience our children had in putting their values into peaceful action have started them on a path of political involvement that will last a lifetime.

Brian and Lynn Gunney

Stovers make Pleasanton a great place

Dear Editor,

Julie Nostrand's article on the Stover family adoption brought tears to my eyes, "A family completed worlds apart," Living, Nov. 7, page 21).

What a wonderful story and what a great couple for having such big hearts. People like the Stovers

make Pleasanton such a wonderful place to live and inspire others to reach out in our community.

Janine Mattison

I'm honored, grateful to be elected

Dear Editor,

I am so honored and grateful to be elected to the Pleasanton school board and to serve the community. It is exciting to me to be the first person on the board who is a graduate of a Pleasanton high school.

I am so blessed to have so many people in this community who supported my campaign. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who voted for me and contributed to the campaign, by walking, hosting parties, emailing, displaying a yard signs and writing letters. The biggest thank you goes out to Tanya Ludden, my volunteer campaign manager and to my family who put life on hold during the campaign season. Thank you Pleasantonians for electing me.

Jamie Yee Hintzke

Prop. 8 is mean-spirited

Dear Editor,

When we see something that is wrong, we need to speak up. How does a committed, legal relationship between two men or two women affect—in any way—traditional marriage? Children in such a family—as in a single parent family—are wanted, cared for, nurtured and loved.

Prop. 8 is mean-spirited and unkind to persons who are born a little different. Eventually this will become a non-issue. Let's set this right and reject Prop. 8—sooner rather than later.

Pauline Coe

10% OFF*

Zen Wellness

Foot Reflexology • Full Body Massage • Skin Care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep Tissue Massage • Swedish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxation • Therapeutic Massage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples Room • Shower Room
--	---	---

Full Body Oil Massage 30 minutes—\$45 60 minutes—\$60	Foot & Body Massage 60 minutes—\$35 (feet) 75 minutes—\$45 <small>*excludes foot massage</small>	Skin Care Facial: \$35 up Waxing: \$12 up
--	--	--

925.737.0888

4040 Pimlico Dr., Ste. 124
 Pleasanton, CA 94588
 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 7 days a week

*Expires 11/30/08

580

Santa Rita Rd

Pimlico Dr

Free Parking

Under New Ownership

LIVERMORE

J&R SPORTS SUPPLY LLC

BUY • SELL • TRADE • CONSIGNMENT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ammunition • Reloading • HSC Provider 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optics • Knives • Firearms
---	--

DISCOUNT PRICES

OPEN M-F 10-6, SAT/SUN 10-3

925-443-9691 • TOLL FREE 877-937-4668

2558-B Old First Street, Livermore

A Feast of Fashion

From Our Home to Your Home...
Happy Thanksgiving

Foothill
Optometric Group

Serving the Tri-Valley for 25 years

463-2150

6155 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton
 (at the corner of Stoneridge & Franklin, between Hopyard & I-680)

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Planning Commission

- The November 26th planning commission meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 10, 2008.

Trails Ad-Hoc Committee

- The November 24th and December 22nd meetings of the Trails Ad Hoc Committee have been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on January 26, 2009.
- A special meeting will be held on December 8, 2008.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parade Entries and Volunteers Needed

for 2008 Hometown Holidays Parade

The 2008 Hometown Holidays Parade, hosted by the City of Pleasanton, will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parade entry applications are now available online and are due by Wednesday, November 26, 2008. Please visit www.hometownholiday.com to download an application and parade rules. A parade float building guide is available upon request by calling (925) 931-3432.

More than 80 volunteers are also needed to serve as barricade assistants, formation assistants, setup/teardown crews, parade check-in, disband attendants, hospitality assistants, tree lighting attendants, flagmen and volunteer check-in. Youth volunteers ages 13-17 are welcome to participate under adult supervision. Youth groups are also welcome to apply provided that a designated number of adult volunteers participate to supervise their group. Eligibility for the specific volunteer activities will be determined and assigned by the volunteer coordinator. Please visit www.hometownholiday.com to download a volunteer application.

2009 GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

The Cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton are co-sponsoring application workshops for the following programs for FY 2009 (09-10): Dublin Community Development Block Grant, Livermore Housing and Human Services Grant, Pleasanton Community Development Block Grant, Pleasanton City Grant. Staff will discuss the application processes, and will distribute application packets. Attendance is mandatory to apply for City of Livermore funding and strongly encouraged for the Cities of Dublin and Pleasanton. Please choose one workshop to attend and RSVP as indicated below.

Date: Monday, December 8, 2008
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: Pleasanton City Council Chambers
200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Livermore City Council Chambers
3575 Pacific Avenue, Livermore

To RSVP for a workshop, please contact Tim Shurtleff at 925-960-4016 or tmshurtleff@ci.livermore.ca.us

Employment Opportunities

- Assistant House Manager – Part-Time, Temporary
- Police Officer, Lateral or Academy Graduate – Full-Time, Permanent
- Senior Civil Engineer – Full-Time, Permanent

For more information, visit our employment page at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/employment/opportunities/

**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



12-foot cross vandalized

A 12-foot wooden cross on the property of R. Roman, was chopped down sometime between the evening of Nov. 6 and 7. The Happy Valley resident said it was on a hill and visible from northbound Interstate 680 at the Sunol Boulevard exit.

Roman said there were tire marks on the hill and he believes it was cut down using a power tool, because the cross was so substantial.

In the 10 years it was up, Roman said he never had any trouble.

"I don't believe in any way, shape or form that (the vandalism) really represents the values of the people of our town," he said. "It's just a few people who have resorted to do something in a negative fashion."

Alleged bank robber arrested

The "well dressed" man believed to have robbed the Washington Mutual on Main Street Oct. 30 as well as two banks in Campbell has been arrested, according to Campbell police.

Numan Pinarli, a 22-year-old resident of Mountain View, was arrested Nov. 14 at his residence.

While police wouldn't say if Pinarli admitted to the robberies, Capt. Greg Finch said they felt confident that he was the robber based on evidence and consistent statements. Surveillance cameras from each incident showed a man in a buttoned shirt and tie with a knitted cap. The identity of the suspect was progressively clearer with the images captured by the banks.

Finch also said the news of the first Campbell bank robbery may have gone unnoticed because it was so close to Election Day. However, once the second Campbell bank was robbed Nov. 10, they had a tipster call the same day that led to that arrest.

Police Report

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

Nov. 10

- Theft:
 - 8:30 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; stolen vehicle
 - 10:59 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; stolen vehicle
 - 12:31 p.m. in the 3500 block of Pimlico Drive; identity theft
 - 2:43 p.m. in the 4000 block of Nevis Street; stolen vehicle
 - 3:39 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft
 - 4:58 p.m. in the 40 block of Craig Court; identity theft
 - 5:07 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft
- Burglary:
 - 8:04 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 11:03 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- Drug violations:
 - 3:40 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; controlled substance possession

-11:59 a.m. at the intersection of Coronado Lane and Hopyard Road; under the influence of a controlled substance

Nov. 11

- Theft:
 - 9:31 a.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
 - 2:16 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Marijuana possession:
 - 2:13 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

Nov. 12

- Identity theft:
 - 9:16 a.m. in the 6900 block of Corte Antonio
 - 11:14 a.m. in the 4900 block of Sutter Gate Avenue
- Burglary:
 - 2:01 p.m. in the 1 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; vehicular
 - 3:51 p.m. in the 8300 block of Moller Ranch Drive
- Vandalism:
 - 11:24 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Milani Avenue
 - 10:45 p.m. at the intersection of

Mohr Avenue and Kamp Drive

Nov. 13

- Vehicular burglary:
 - 1:58 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street
 - 9:02 a.m. at the intersection of Boulder Street and Quarry Lane
- Vandalism:
 - 9:08 a.m. in the 4700 block of Harrison Street
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 1:14 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI
 - 1:44 p.m. in the 11200 block of Dublin Canyon Road; DUI
 - 10:42 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; marijuana possession

Nov. 14

- Vehicular burglary:
 - 12:36 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
 - 1:33 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
- Public drunkenness:
 - 11:08 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Diet & Exercise: This Stuff Works!



925-353-4894
www.ReActiveGym.com

"Re-Active personal training changed my life"
-Tony Sanchez
Owner, B&S Hacienda

"Re-Active has taken my fitness to another level"
-Kevin Comerford
CEO, Service Champions

"I am the healthiest I have ever been"
-Troy Treto
Nortel Account Executive

"I have the confidence to do anything now"
-Scott Mamola
CEO, Main Electric

"I lost 10% Body fat in 8 weeks!"
-Mike Cartisano
Sales Manager

"At 53, I'm in the best shape of my life"
-Ray Dias
VP of Operations

Transitions

Obituaries

Nedo Simi

Nedo Fabrizio Simi died Nov. 11 with his loved ones by his side. He was 67.

Mr. Simi was born Sept. 28, 1941 and was a native of Lucca, Italy.

He ran a successful cabinet

manufacturing business for 26 years. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed bocce ball.

Mr. Simi is survived by his loving family, beloved wife of 46 years, Elena of Pleasanton; daughters, Cynthia Johnson of Pleasanton and Stephanie Simi Agrella of Livermore; brother, Lorenzo Simi of San Francisco; and grandchildren, Selena, Damian, Massimo, Dante and Abrianna.

Services were held Nov. 17 at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Births

Addison Sugako Cortez

Big sister Malea is proud to announce the birth of her sister, Addison Sugako Cortez. She was born at 2:11 a.m. Oct. 17 at Kaiser Walnut Creek weighing in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Carina and Tim Cortez of Pleasanton.



Affordable Dental Services

We offer more than a Beautiful Smile at

viewdental.com
(925) 225-9552

*We accept all major Dental Insurance

Affordable Dentistry for Your Situation.
Your needs. Your wants. Your Smile.

Two Locations

Dublin
7040 Dublin Blvd.

Pleasanton
5720 Stoneridge Mall Rd., #295

SAVE ON FURNITURE

New and Consigned Furniture Arrives Everyday

Huge Showroom

Order From Our Manufacturers Catalogs & SAVE

Now Accepting Quality Furniture & Accessories

10% OFF

On Any Purchases of \$500 or more

With Coupon. Exp 11/30/08. Excludes Stanley Furniture.

Mon-Sat: 10am - 5pm
Sun: 12pm - 4pm

Consignment Furnishings

6891 Village Parkway • Dublin
(Next to Post Office)
925.803.0221
consignedfurniture@sbcglobal.net

Check Out These Unique And Unusual Gifts!

3-Day Fanny Pack Survival Kit

\$49⁹⁹ or
2 for \$79⁹⁹

Roadside Emergency & 3-Day Backpack Survival Kit

SALE
\$79⁹⁹
Regularly \$99⁹⁹

2-Person Premium 3-Day Backpack Survival Kit

\$99⁹⁹ or
2 for \$149⁹⁹

Stocking Stuffers

(a collection of a la carte emergency items)

ALL 20% OFF

EARTHQUAKE & SAFETY SUPPLIES

For Homes, Schools & Businesses

YOUR SAFETYPLACE™

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Mon 10-5, Tues-Sat 10-8, Sun 12-5

7197 Village Parkway, Dublin
925.829.0350 • www.yoursafetyplace.com

Sale prices apply to in-store purchases only. Sale prices and offers in this ad cannot be combined with any other offer, discount or promotion.
© Copyright 2008, Your Safety Place Inc. All rights reserved.

The Holidays Are Fast Approaching

Is Your Home Ready?

We can help.

Call us for our current specials* on:

- Recessed Lighting Packages as low as \$750
- Electrical Panel Replacement
- Lighting fixture installations as low as \$93. Call for details.
- Lighting Tune-Up
- Electrical Panel Tune-ups for \$59. Complete home inspection for \$89

Independently Rated
Highest in Quality

We have a Diamond Certified Customer Satisfaction Rating of 100%

*Expires Nov. 30, 2008

Give us a call for a **free in-home consultation** by one of our highly trained **Electrical Safety Consultants.**

Bonded & Insured Lic #830250

We Are your Residential Electrical Connection!

- Recessed Lighting
- Spa Wiring
- Tripped GFI's
- New Switches
- Fan Installation
- Outlets and Much More!

www.maineelectricinc.com

Scott Mamola
Owner

925-443-3377

Calendar

Book Clubs

Great Books of Pleasanton The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

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.

Civic Meetings

City Council The Pleasanton City

See Your Best! Look Your Best!

- Quality eye examinations for contacts or glasses by experienced optometrists
- Personalized assistance with your eyewear needs by our highly trained optical staff
- Designer eyewear including Coach, Juicy Couture, Dolce & Gabbana
- Prescription and non prescription designer sun glasses including Maui Jim, Ray Ban & Oakley
- Most vision insurances accepted



VALLEY EYECARE CENTER
Medical Associates

Jonathan Savell, M.D. • Michael Gagnon, M.D.
Stanford Medical School Faculty
Gina Trentacosti, O.D. • Keri Owyang, O.D.

(925) 460-5000

5575 W. Las Positas Blvd. #240
Pleasanton, CA 94588

NOW 0%
Financing on LASIK

(925) 449-4000

28 Fenton Street
Livermore, CA 94550

Caring for the Tri-Valley Since 1975
ValleyEyeCareCenter.com



Class Reunions

AVHS Reunion Amador Valley High School's Class of 1998 will be holding its 10-year reunion Nov. 28. The event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at Roe Restaurant and Lounge, 651 Howard St., San Francisco. Advance tickets cost \$40 and include an Asian fusion buffet-style dinner and free admission to the restaurant's nightclub. A no-host bar will also be included on site. For more information, email avhs98@gmail.com.

Granada High School Class of 1989 Reunion The reunion committee for Granada High School Class of 1989 in Livermore is searching for classmates to celebrate their 20th year reunion. It will be held Sept. 5, 2009. For information, visit www.GHS1989.NET.

Classes

Yoga For The Holidays Beth Fox instructs this yoga class during the stressful holiday times 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.

Clubs

Boutique Textile Art Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins.

Livermore Lioness Club The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. The Lioness Club is a service club, sponsored by the Livermore Lions Club, that helps many worthy causes in our community. Lioness main focus areas are women, children and family issues, in addition to helping the blind. Call 443-4543 for more information.

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@trivalley-rotary.org.

Concerts

Handel's Messiah The Pacific Chamber Symphony will team up with the Valley Concert Chorale for a special early version of the beloved holiday music, Handel's Messiah. The performance is at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$26-\$38, or \$7 for students. Call 583-2310 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Events

Candlelight Vigil: Justice for Lucky and Choctaw Horse and animal lovers unite from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 22 at Robertson Park, 1100 Arroyo Road, Livermore, to call attention to the investigation to find the person(s) responsible for the shootings of two horses on a private range Oct. 21. The reward for the case has grown to \$20,000. Call 510-563-4611.

Free Reverse Mortgage Seminar Presented at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, by Maggie O'Connell, 16 year veteran in reverse mortgages and featured KRON 4 with Rob Black. Call 344-4500.

National Survivors of Suicide Loss Day The 10th annual national broadcast is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at ValleyCare Medical Plaza, West Las Positas Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive. It is part of a network of healing conferences that helps survivors connect with others who have survived the tragedy of suicide loss. Speakers will be Bridget Melson of Trinity Life Solutions and Bruce Massarsky, a survivor and life coach. There will be group discussions. Registration is \$15 and scholarships are available. Call 872-5634 or 336-1633.

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. Following the vigil is a peaceful march to City Hall. Contact Cathe Norman, 462-7495; Matt Sullivan, mjs7882@gmail.

*For Over 30 Years,
Quality Assured in Every Step*

HARDWOOD

LAMINATE

CARPET

VINYL

TILE

Family Owned
Lifetime Installation Warranty

Free Estimates

SILMAR
FLOORING
Residential • Commercial • Hospitality

(925) 846-7600
www.silmarflooring.com

Hours: M-F 10:30am-5:30pm,
Sat 10:30am-4pm
3950-C Valley Ave., Pleasanton

Are you paying too much for COBRA?

Or do you just need individual or group health coverage at affordable rates?
Call today to save money!

Charlene Beasley

Lic#0C26292

Beasley Insurance Services

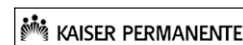
925-803-9799

www.beasleyinsurance.com



Plans
as low as
\$49⁰⁰
per month

*Based on HealthNet PPO-HSA plan for singles age 19-29



Free Quote go to www.beasleyinsurance.com

com; or kdowding@pacbell.net.

Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House Thomas Coyne hosts a fall open house Nov. 28 to 30 at the historical tasting room, 51 E. Vallejos Road, Livermore. They will release four new wines and serve a selection of fine fruits and cheeses. Call 373-6541 or visit www.thomascwynewinery.com.

Exhibits

Come Home for the Holidays The exhibit at Museum On Main, 603 Main St., runs through Jan. 11 and will showcase winter holiday traditions in Pleasanton and Pleasanton's sister cities Tulancingo, Mexico, and Blairgowrie, Scotland. The cost is a \$2 donation. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

From Livermore to Lhasa Me & MAI Friend's Deli Café, 4713 First St., Ste. 150, features photography of Carole Hilton through Dec. 9. Photographs are from Latin America, Tibet, Spain and California.

Fundraisers

Cool Yule Fundraising Gala The Tri-Valley's newest performing arts group, Pride of the Pacific women's a cappella chorus, presents their inaugural concert at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Ahmes Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave. Cool Yule is a dinner show and will feature a tri-tip dinner (vegetarian entree available), silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$35. Call 980-0311 or visit www.prideofthepacific.org.

Music in the Halls This event, from 7 to 11 p.m. Dec. 5 at Carden West School, 4576 Willow Road, benefits the Wine for Wheels Foundation, providing wheelchairs for those in need. It includes wine and chocolate tasting, hors d'oeuvres and music by professional and amateur artists. An auction will feature four tickets to the Inauguration of the President and an Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. Tickets are \$25. Call 463-6060 or visit www.cardenwest.org.

Health

Fall Immunization Clinics for Children Clinics are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. 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.

Holiday

Breakfast with Santa Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., hosts a pancake breakfast, storytime with Santa, puppet show by the Fratello Marionettes, face painting, crafts and more from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20. Tickets are \$5 before Nov. 20 or \$7 after. Call 727-7094. Register online at www.livingvinefellowship.com.

Downtown Magical Evening From 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 21, the public will celebrate the holidays at Downtown Magical Evening. Downtown will come

alive with the sights and sounds of the holidays including Santa, elves, carolers, choruses, bell ringers, Dana Smith and Lacey, balloon sculptors, face painters and Crackers the Clown. Call 844-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Holiday Food Drive Pleasanton CPA firm, JL Consulting, is coordinating a holiday food drive benefiting people in need served by the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Donations of nutritious, non-perishable foods can be dropped off at 1024 Serpentine Lane, Ste. 105 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays until Dec. 19. Call 846-1859 or email info@jlcpa.net.

NBC Bay Area/John Farley Holiday Food Drive From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22, NBC Bay Area anchor/reporter Jessica Aguirre and local Kiwanis volunteers will be at the NBC Bay Area Holiday Food Drive held at Lucky supermarket on W. Las Positas collecting food for needy families. Visit www.nbcbayarea.com.

Remembering our Heroes Winter-Holiday Drive The Remembering our Heroes Winter-Holiday Drive, sponsored by Operation: S.A.M. (Supporting All Military), will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Drive. They will collect goodies for holiday packages to send to military men and women. Visit www.operationssam.org for details.

Lectures/ Workshops

Bra Fitting LilyAnn's Lingerie, 350 Main St., Ste. B, hosts a free bra fitting event from noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 22. The seminar includes a Q&A session and is sponsored by Panache Lingerie from England. Call 846-1950.

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.

Tangerine presents Jon Troast Tangerine, 7038 Village Pkwy., Dublin, presents Jon Troast from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 25. Celebrate the holidays with live music, community and refreshments. Guests invited to bring a treat to share. Call 548-8447.

On Stage

Shakespeare in Hollywood Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, presents

Schuck's
HAND CAR WASH
and Dent Extractors

7925 Dublin Blvd, Dublin • 925.829.2020
(Next to Kragen and Wheel Works)

Hours:
7 days a week
9am - 6pm

Dent removal
available Wednesday
& Saturday 10-1

WITH THIS COUPON

\$3 OFF Silver Wash

- Exterior hand wash
- Tire Dressing
- towel drying
- Clean Wheels
- Vacuum Interior
- Blue Coral Triple Coat Wax
- Dash and console damp wiped
- Blue Coral Sealant Protectant
- Clean windows inside and out
- Air Freshener

With coupon only. May not be combined with any other offer. Expires 11/30/08.

The Perfect Blend

THE INDEPENDENCE YOU WANT, THE ASSISTANCE YOU NEED.



INDEPENDENCE IS ALL ABOUT CHOICE.

- Apartments with kitchenettes
- A wide array of amenities
- On-site memory care

CALL TODAY!
925/461-3042
WWW.ESKATON.ORG
MANAGED BY ESKATON



THE PARKVIEW

ASSISTED LIVING IN PLEASANTON




License #015601283

Purchase or Refinance to 100% of your value!

Call for details & other FHA options!



Lori Smith
Certified Mortgage Planner
925.461.6959
lsmith@rpm-mortgage.com



Angel A Iose
Sr. Loan Agent/VP
925.461.6955
angela@rpm-mortgage.com

* Credit score & income limits apply *

30 W. Neal Street, #105, Pleasanton, CA 94566
www.rpm-mortgage.com

National Hospice & Palliative Care Month

November 2008

Hope, Dignity, Love...

It must be Hope Hospice



Finding hope within each day, dignity to live as fully as possible, surrounded by love up to the final moment.

Together, hospice & palliative care can bring peace at a time when it's needed most.

For information call: 925-829-8770



6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste. 100
Dublin, CA 94568-3151
www.hopehospice.com

True Value

Start Right. Start Here.

YOU CAN FIND
OVER 200 SALES
ITEMS IN OUR
FLYERS



AFTER THANKSGIVING SALE

NO SALES TAX

ON ALL REGULAR-PRICE ITEMS
FRI 28TH - SAT 29TH - SUN 30TH

100-Ct. Stay-lit Premium Light Set Patented microchip technology keeps set running even if bulbs are missing. Clear or multi. T 753 887, 885 812 While supplies last.

\$5.99

Your choice

6', 16/2 Household Extension Cord White or brown. E765 644, 636 624 While supplies last.

99¢

Your choice with coupon

Compact Ceramic Heater With thermostat, heat mode control high/low and fan-only settings. 1,500W. 8"H, W 262 706 B6 While supplies last.

\$17.77

BARGAIN

of the month

BARGAIN

of the month

BARGAIN

of the month

Workbench True Value Hardware

1807 Santa Rita Rd, Suite N • (925) 846-0660

"Shakespeare in Hollywood," a mad-cap farce about the creation of the 1935 Max Reinhardt film version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Written by Ken Ludwig, the author of "Lend Me a Tenor" and "Moon Over Buffalo." Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 14 to 23. Tickets are \$10 general admission; or \$7 for students and seniors. Call 424-1166.

The Seagull by Anton Chekhov
Chekhov's masterpiece of tragic-comedy takes the stage at 8 p.m. Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 22 and at 7 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Pre-show discussions on Friday and Saturday are 45 minutes before each show. Tickets are \$30-\$45. Call 443-2273 or visit www.livermoreshakes.org.

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.

Spiritual

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.

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.

Tri-Valley Unity Church Having Faith and Hope at Christmas is the topic of guest speaker Rev. Karen Schwindt for the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups as well. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

also includes a T-shirt, certificate, prizes and lunch. A parent performance will be at the end of the day. Space is limited. For registration and information, email Suzanne Oliveira at suz96GT@aol.com or call 510-226-8832 or Kim DeJoy at kdejoyfhscheer@comcast.net or call 360-6102.

Sports

Cheer Clinic Foothill High School's nationally ranked cheer squad will be holding a cheer clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 20. They will teach new dances, cheers, jumps, motions and other fun cheer games. The cost is \$45, or \$40 before Nov. 30, which

Support Groups

Cancer Support Group A general support group for people with cancer and their loved ones meets from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twcba.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.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Contact Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Vision Support Group Individuals with low vision, and their loved ones, are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us for low vision information, speakers, resources, discussions, and day trips. No reservations are required. Nominal fees may apply. Call 931-5369.

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.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. Registration is not required to attend the orientation. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvar.org.

Tri-Valley Basket Brigade Join us for a unique Thanksgiving food drive where volunteers gather as a group to assemble Thanksgiving baskets and personally deliver them to Bay Area residents in need. The Brigade will occur at, but isn't affiliated with, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 22. To sign up, visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.

TV30

Tri-Valley Sports Final Tune in as hosts Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr B" Baljevich and Dennis Miller provide up to the minute sports reporting on Tri-Valley High Schools. Exciting footage and commentary covering football, volleyball and water polo. On Channel 30, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, and at 10 p.m. Mon., Fri., Sat. and Sun.

ADVERTISEMENT

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

SELLER FINANCING BOOST

Billionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Group PLC bought a company that specializes in intra-family and seller-carryback financing, Circle Lending LLC. Real estate columnist Kenneth Harney suggests that this is a likely harbinger of more uses of seller financing in real estate sales.

In the 1980s, when mortgage rates edged toward 18%, seller financing was one of the few basic fuels for the real estate market. Sellers could take back a portion of the purchase price, generally in the form of a note and second trust deed, and then either hold the note and collect a steady stream of income or sell the note at a discount to an investor who would appreciate the income stream.

One of the reasons that seller financing didn't increase in usage beyond the early 1980s was that the market for seller financing notes was never made adequately "efficient." Several small companies began to dot the lending landscape, and they had inadequate groups of investors with which to work. A larger system, streamlined by computer programs that very effectively match the needs of sellers and investors, could make this a much more viable approach to home selling. And, given the interest of people like Richard Branson, that is precisely what we may see very soon. Need help? Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

Gerarda Stocking is the Owner/Broker of Stocking Realty.



7111 Amador Plaza Rd., Dublin
(Between Safeway and Circuit City)
www.tvaec.com

925.771.5630



Compassionate veterinary emergency care you can trust.

Doctors and nursing staff available on-site evenings, weekends and holidays when you need us.

Affiliated with:






Open 7 days a week
Daily Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

aldenlane.com

Alden Lane Nursery

Find the perfect centerpiece for your table! We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving & thank you for your continued support.

Visit the Bay Area's finest selection of plants, shrubs, trees, perennials and bedding plants in a 7 acre French Country Village setting. We have unique home and garden gifts, statuary & fountains, plus demonstration gardens. California Certified Nursery Professionals are here to help with plant selection and offer advice. Family owned and operated since 1955.

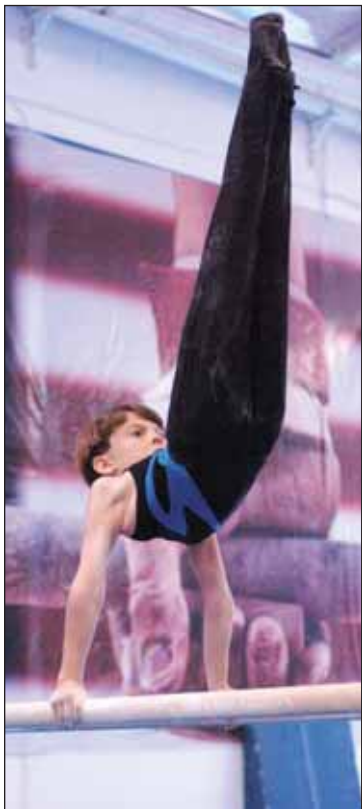


981 Alden Lane, Livermore (925) 447-0280
Present this ad at the nursery for a free gift.

Sports

Parent photographers

Send a jpeg to Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.



Siebel earns spot on U.S. team

Chris Siebel, 12, who trains at West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy in Pleasanton, has earned a spot on the U.S. National Development Team after competing at the 2008 Future Stars National Championship held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Targeting 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds, the competition judges athletes on six events using a basic skills compulsory routine of about 10 basic skill elements place together in a routine. There are also events that involve evaluation on flexibility, strength and body positions.

Siebel is trained by Vince Miller, who has produced numerous state, regional and national champions. Siebel is a seventh-grader at Wells Middle School in Dublin and will train at level 9 this year.



Outta my way

Nicholas Brdar, 8, of the PJFL Bantam Chiefs, fights his way in for the game-winning touchdown against the Lions.



Foothill comes from behind to beat Amador

They call him the comeback kid and Foothill High's quarterback Sean Mannion proved it again Friday night, leading his team to a 24-17 victory over cross-town rival Amador Valley High School before a capacity crowd at the Amador field.

Down 17-0 at halftime, Mannion and running back Michael Young made key plays that put the game in the can for the Falcons. The second-half march to victory started soon

after the team took the field after a half-time locker room boost by Head Coach Matt Sweeney when wide receiver Patrick Lynch ran the ball in a 98-yard return, with Mannion then making the touchdown to put Foothill on the board. It was like that through the second half as the first-half cheers from the Dons side of the field became quiet and their hopes of competing in the North Coast Section playoffs faded for the third straight year.

A Special Place For Children of All Ages



Pediatric Dentistry
Chao Wen Wang, D.D.S., M.S.
Diplomate American Board of Pediatric Dentistry



Pediatric Dentist

Most Insurance Accepted

426-8011

55 W Angela Suite 200 Pleasanton

www.kiddodontist.com

Accepting New Patients!

Car insurance with **PERSONAL SERVICE.**
No extra charge.

At State Farm* you get a competitive rate and an agent dedicated to helping you get the coverage that's right for you and the discounts you deserve. Nobody takes care of you like State Farm. Contact me. I'll prove it.



Jim Hocking, Agent
Insurance Lic. #: 0451825
2340 Santa Rita Road
Pleasanton, CA 94566-4100
Bus: 925-462-2866
Serving the Tri-Valley
for 35 Years



LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE.*
Providing Insurance and Financial Services

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company • State Farm Indemnity Company
P040201 05/05 Bloomington, IL • statefarm.com*



ZenStrength

3950-B Valley Ave
THE ART OF FITNESS (925) 417-2265

Personalized Fitness Training

An enlightened approach to strength training. A simple, effective resistance system using slow, form-focused movements, open breathing, and zen-like concentration.

Rewards

- Greater muscle strength
- Improved muscle tone
- Greater energy and endurance
- Strong, healthier bones
- Increased metabolism
- Reduced pain and injury

All sessions are one-to-one and by appointment only.

ZenStrength - It's simple really. Just slow down . . .and breathe.

Keeping Active People Active

BELL SPORTS
MEDICINE
INSTITUTE

David M. Bell, MD



Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery
Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine

- Sports injury specialist
- Same-day appointments
- Minimally invasive procedures
- On-site Physical Therapist and Sports Nutritionist

5000 Pleasanton Ave., Suite 200
Pleasanton, CA 94566

925-600-7020

www.BellSportMed.com





**YES, I want to
continue receiving
the Pleasanton Weekly
in the mail!**



**KEEP US
COMING!**

Dear Pleasanton Weekly Reader:

If you enjoy receiving The Pleasanton Weekly and want to continue receiving it, please support us by either becoming a paid subscriber in 2009 or by officially requesting the paper. With printing and distribution costs rising every year, readers can clearly help us qualify for lower postal rates simply by taking any one of these three steps:

1. Go to PleasantonWeekly.com/request
2. Return the card inserted in today's paper
3. Call (925) 600-0840 and say "Keep my Pleasanton Weekly coming!"

Thank you for your ongoing support. And be sure to "think, shop and buy" locally this holiday season. Your dining and retail dollars are also so well spent right here at home!

Happy Holidays!
Sincerely,

Gina Channell-Allen
President



Yes! I want to continue receiving the Pleasanton Weekly.
I have indicated below the name to whom the paper should be addressed.

Enter a subscription in my name for 1-year (\$30) 2-years (\$50)

Check enclosed Charge my Visa/MC # _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____ Exp. Date: _____

I don't wish to subscribe at this time, but please continue sending The Weekly free.

Signature (required by postal regulations): _____

Name: _____

Indicate the name of the person to whom you wish to have the paper delivered on mailing label.

SAMPLE FORM

Find your
request form in
this week's paper
or go online
PleasantonWeekly.com/request
to keep receiving your
Pleasanton Weekly
each week.

**PLEASANTON
WEEKLY**

5506 Sunol Blvd. Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925) 600-0840 Fax (650) 600-9559
PleasantonWeekly.com

**What Do You Have to Lose?
4-20 inches!**

Herbal Wrap

Customized to target
your problem areas

- Stomach
- Thighs
- Arms
- Face

CHANGES

for Skin & Body
555 Peters Avenue Ste 105
Downtown Pleasanton
925-484-3223

\$59
introductory
wrap*

*limit one per customer

Luxury Service at Affordable Prices

Manicures · Pedicures
Facials · Hair
Silk Wraps · Waxing

**New Client
Specials**

- Spa Pedicure-\$15
 - Manicure & Pedicure-\$25
 - New Set of Acrylic Nails-\$15
 - New Set of Silk Wraps-\$25
 - All Chemical Services-30% OFF
- Exp. 12/31/08

**Men's Haircut Special
Only \$5**

One coupon per person.
Exp. 12/31/08



Beauty Hair & Nails

124 Spring St. · Pleasanton · 925.699.3882

**Get your news delivered
directly to your inbox**

express

This week's top stories & hot picks

express is a weekly update from the Pleasanton Weekly delivered via e-mail every Wednesday and Friday morning.

express provides the perfect quick-read digest of local news and events in Pleasanton from the last week to the next. And all without any environmental impact. You will want **express** in your e-mail inbox every Wednesday and Friday morning.

PleasantonWeekly.com offers 24/7 coverage of everything local:

- breaking news
- searchable restaurant and movie reviews
- conversations among community members on Town Square
- and much more.

Call (925) 600-0840 to learn about
advertising options in Express.

**PLEASANTON
WEEKLY
.COM**

