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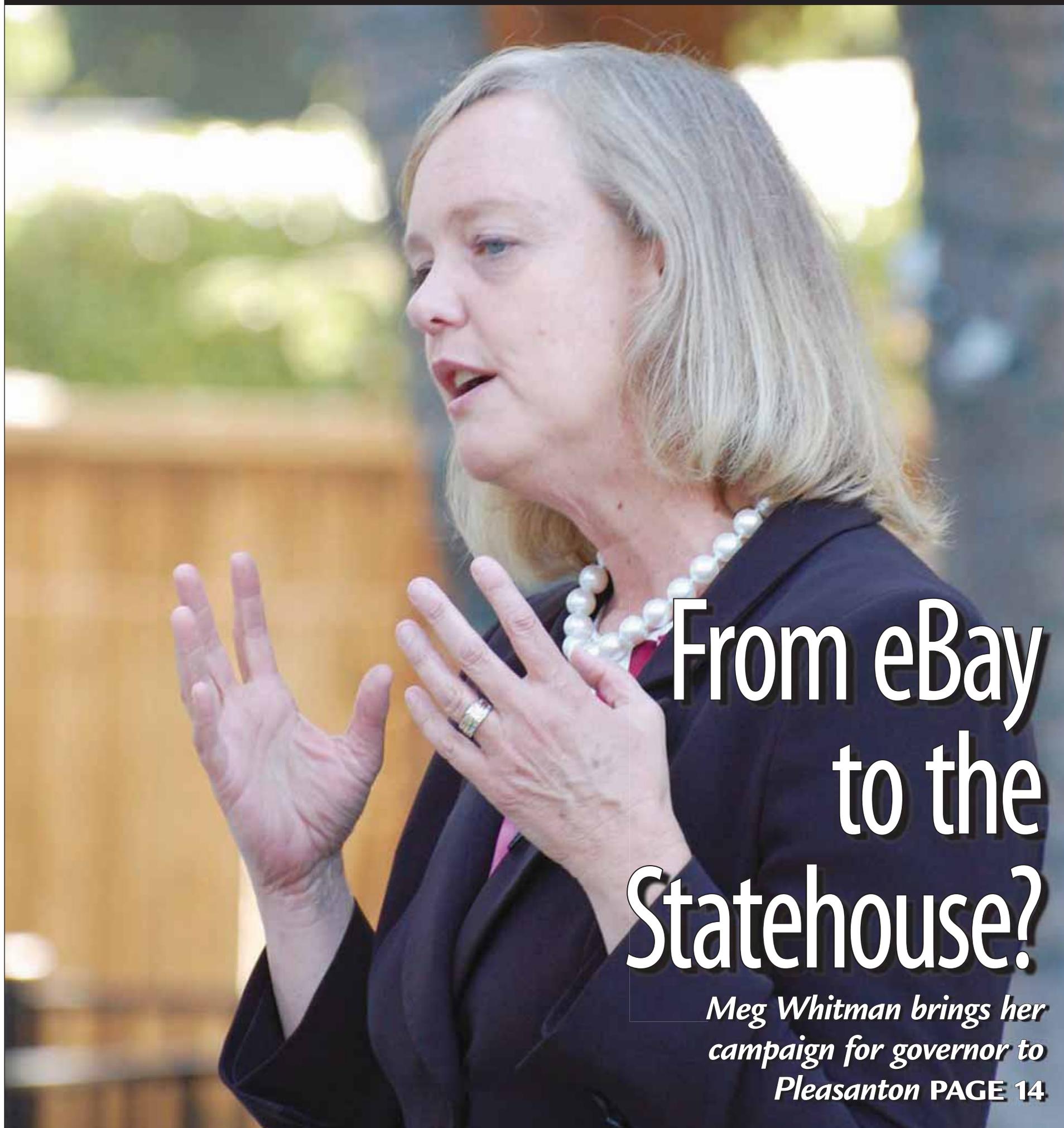
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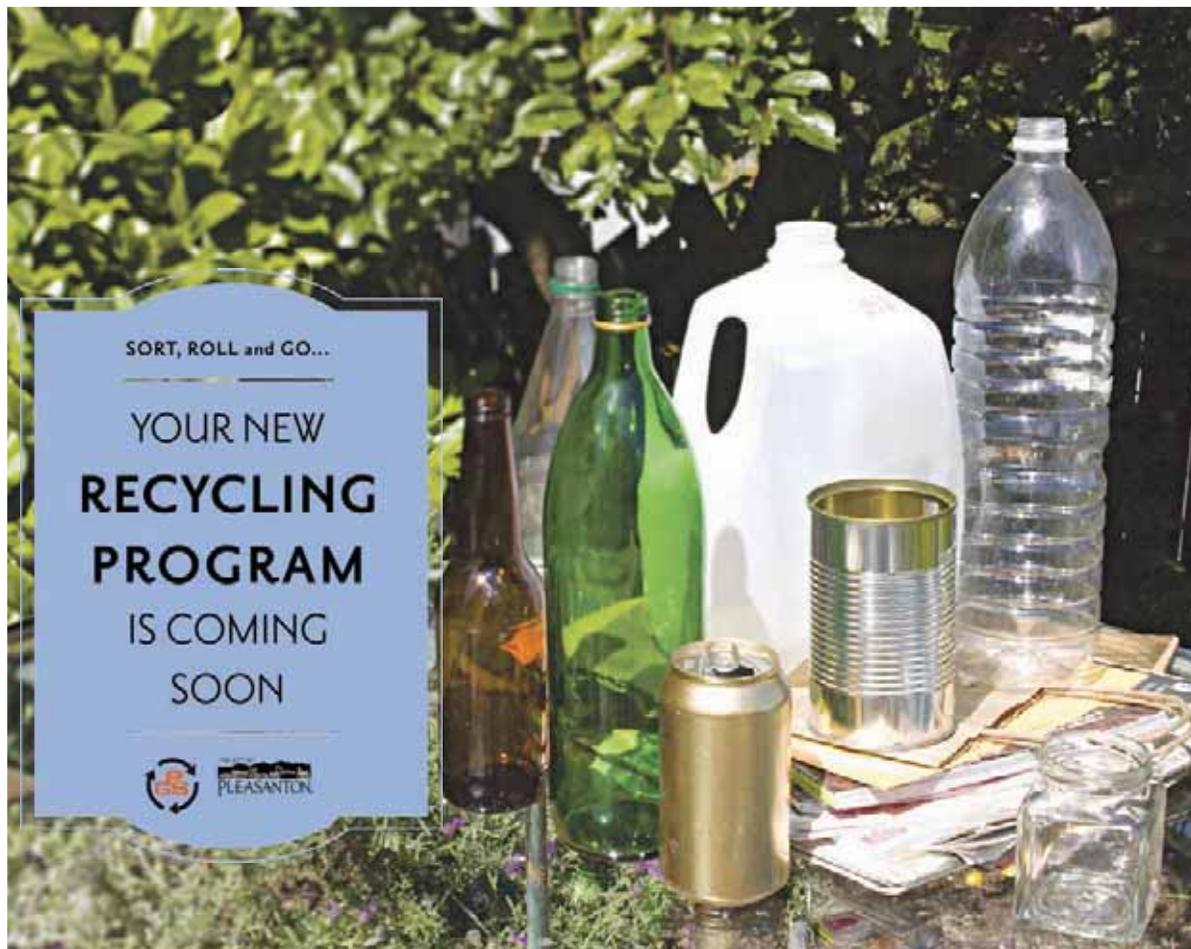
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The workshop includes an overview of the program, a Question and Answer session, and a display of the trash, green and new recycling carts that will be used in the program, along with the materials that should be placed in each bin.

For more information about the October 13 workshop, please call (925) 931-5002.

AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Livermore Airport back in the news again

Livermore Airport Manager Leander Hauri has his work cut out for him over the coming days, even the coming months. Tomorrow, he'll be on hand to welcome hundreds expected to show up for the 14th annual airport open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a free community event that will offer exhibits, food, entertainment and a chance to pilots and see their planes. More than 600 aircraft will be on display, including military "warbirds," restored classic airplanes that are decades old, experimental and home-built planes and airplanes designed for aerobatics seen at air shows. There will even be sign-up sheets for those between 8 and 17 years of age for "Young Eagle" airplane rides that will take place at a later date.

Four days later on Wednesday, Sept. 30, Hauri, who has managed the Livermore airport for 11 years and was at Hayward's Executive Airport for eight years before that, will be the point man again. With land use consultants, he will direct a public outreach meeting to provide information and solicit comments on the airport's rezoning and General Plan Amendment project, a long overdue effort to replace the 1975 Livermore Airport Master Plan with a new one that acknowledges the unique aviation-related uses at the airport. Up to now, the city-owned airport that is situated on 643 acres is zoned for education and institutional uses which hardly cover airplane hangers, air-related office and fuel services, including the 45,000-gallon underground aviation fuel storage facility and a host of airport business operations. The proposed new zoning plan would bring a 403-acre portion of the airport into compliance with standards affecting its current and future operations.

Many of us remember the packed meeting rooms and sometimes raucous protests two years ago when the Master Plan Update Advisory Committee that included Pleasanton and Dublin representatives tried to agree on a new airport plan. At those meetings and subsequent hearings by the Livermore Planning Commission and City Council, which led to no decisions being made, complaints focused on noisy aircraft overflights in the Mohr and Fairlands school neighborhoods in Pleasanton and those living closer to the airport in Livermore. Subsequently, noise monitoring equipment has been installed and a more responsive noise

complaint system has "caught" the few pilots whose planes were making the most noise with the result that few calls are coming in from those households. There was also concern over jet noise as some believed that Livermore was about to become a major transportation hub for private and corporate jets.

Of course, it could be that the reason there are fewer complaints these days is that there are fewer flights. In 1993, the Livermore airport had its busiest year with 280,000 operations. That number has dropped steadily with only 159,000 landings and takeoffs last year. Daily traffic this month totals about 300 flights, half of what the airport had a year ago. The downturn is attributed both to the sluggish economy and to the continued high cost of airplane fuel, which today costs \$4.42 a gallon with a typical small plane burning about 12 gallons an hour. Jet traffic is also down as businesses curb corporate flying. The number of Livermore-based corporate jets has also remained steady at seven.

Still, Livermore is the 10th busiest airport in the state and by far the easiest and safest for pilots who can generally find clear skies here and plenty of room to maneuver away from hills and homes. The airport protection zone established in the 1990s has kept new developments from butting up to the airport or building under flight paths. That will change once Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton, a 45-acre senior continuing care community to be developed by Continuing Life Communities, builds up to 800 units for assisted living, skilled nursing and independent living residents on the airport protection zone's northern boundary, a development the Pleasanton City Council has now approved. Presumably, those buying the independent living homes on the airport zone's border will be told they'll be living under the flight path of planes, including jets, taking off from Livermore that bank to the north to avoid passing over Pleasanton neighborhoods.

Hauri said that after Wednesday's informational meeting, the airport's rezoning and General Plan Amendment plan will go before the Livermore Planning Commission for a public hearing on Oct. 20. All comments on the plan are due by Nov. 2 and Hauri and city staff will have 60 days to respond to those comments. Then the Planning Commission will hold a second public hearing before sending its recommendation to the City Council. The council's decision on the proposed plan is not expected before next March. Next Wednesday's informational meeting is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., in Livermore. ■

About the Cover

Meg Whitman, who for the last 10 years served as the CEO of eBay, one of the most successful Internet startups ever, is seeking the Republican nomination for governor of California. She talked about her background and how she'll return the state to financial and political stability to a Pleasanton group. Photo by David Rice. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela. Vol. X, Number 37

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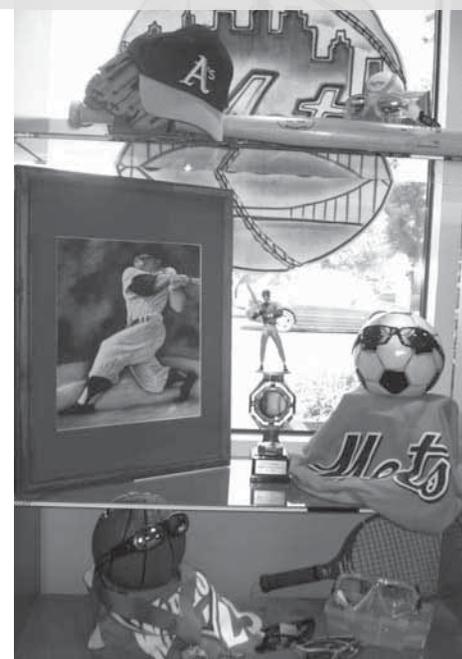
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Are competitive sports good for Pleasanton youth or too demanding and stressful?



Roni Murphy
Business Owner

We have three children and one played Division I sports in college and one still is. There's good and bad in both. Today's youth don't have enough free time to just play. But the structure from competitive sports — there is a lot of good in that, too.

Tyler Hanson
Student

It's a good thing. You can stay healthy and you can have fun and at least do something. You can meet a lot of friends. I'm learning how to organize my time with my brother and my dad.

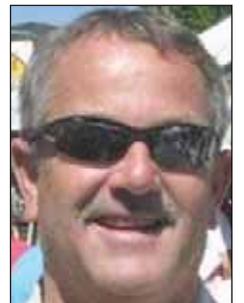


Prajakta Lele
Homemaker

I'm always for competitive sports. I think it brings out the best in you and is the only way to test your limits. If I'm always all by myself, how will I know I can better myself?

Tom Martin
Network Technician

Considering my wife works for the school district, we're very supportive of youth sports. Sports keep kids out of trouble and give them a head start in life. You learn to deal, to interact with people of different ages, not just your own. It's a travesty to cut these programs. Unfortunately it's going to go to the parents' shoulders to keep them going.



Mary Jo Harlan
Homemaker

I think it's hard because kids have so much going on with things at home, family life and homework. But I think it rounds them out, too. Personally I don't want my son to play, but I know my husband will want him to.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome



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DIGEST

Pigskin roast at Amador tonight

The Amador Valley Athletic Boosters Club will host its annual Pigskin Roast from 5-7 p.m. tonight outside the high school's football field. Students, teachers and parents from over 30 school clubs and organizations will be selling Amador Valley spirit wear and merchandise. †There will also be games, face painting and a barbeque dinner catered by Cabana Daveis. At 7 p.m., the Amador Dons take on Del Norte High School. †For more information please contact Lori Rice at lorijamesrice@yahoo.com.

Go 'all in' for Foothill athletics

The Texas hold 'em tournament fundraiser is from 6 to 11 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Masonic Lodge, 3370 Hopyard Road. All levels are welcome, but participants must be at least 21. The evening includes food, drink and play, with proceeds benefiting Foothill High School athletics. The cost to play is \$50, which includes \$1,000 in chips and a raffle ticket. Grand prize is \$500. Call 413-7788 or visit www.FAB.ticketleap.com.

ACE train has a second home

The Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) now has an office location in town. Tri-Valley residents are invited to stop by their open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. Their office is located at 4305 Hacienda Drive, Ste. 340. There will be food and information about commuting on the ACE train. To learn more call 209-944-6251.

Career fair for veterans

San Francisco-based veterans service agency Swords to Plowshares is hosting the second annual Veteran Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at The San Francisco War Memorial Building, green room, 401 Van Ness Ave. More than 20 Bay Area employers will be present to help veterans find training programs and career opportunities. To learn more, visit www.stp-sf.org.

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School district starts year with \$350,000 deficit

Board approves borrowing after shortfalls in developer fee, cafeteria funds

By EMILY WEST

It's early in the school year, but the Pleasanton Unified School District is already talking about budget cuts.

In the regular board meeting Tuesday night, the trustees looked over the 2009-10 budget that will soon be looked over by independent auditors and then passed on to the county and state for review and approval.

This budget was approved in June, but shortly afterward a revision from the state led to a \$350,000 deficit. This resulted in the school district having less than the required 3 percent reserves.

With the standard rollover from year to year being about \$2 million, including increases such as payroll and utilities, and likely no increased cost of living adjustment funding from the state, it looks as if there will be at least \$2.3 million in reductions to the 2010-

11 school budget. The financial picture over the next couple of years doesn't look too rosy either, according to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Luz Cazares.

This amount could be increased to \$3.6 million if the board would hope to continue to fund the reading specialists, counselors and vice principals that were spared late in the school year. These positions were funded by various one-time sources, such as management givebacks, a delayed payment and the I Love Pleasanton Schools fundraising campaign.

Using the fiscal year 2008-09 as a guide, Cazares said mid-year reductions from the state could be likely.

She added that while only 20 percent of the promised federal stimulus for special education has been received, it is all earmarked and is therefore not "new money."

Another federal funding source, Race to the Top, could be headed towards California, but Cazares said the qualification progress is stalled at the state level.

In closing out the 2008-09 school year, there were two funds that did not meet the required levels. The board voted unanimously to borrow from the Sycamore Property Fund. As of January of this year, it had \$5.6 million from the sale of a potential high school site near Happy Valley and typically funds technology for the schools.

The first loan, which is to be paid in four years but would likely come in earlier, would cover the \$103,117 not made up in the Cafeteria Fund. Cazares cited the need for more free/reduced cost lunches and the state only funding 2 cents for instead of 22 cents that was projected last year.

The board also voted to ap-

prove a \$1,106,972 loan after that amount that wasn't received through the Capital Facilities Fund. This was expected, Cazares said, as these usually are funded through developer fees. These haven't been collected because of the lack of new development in Pleasanton, which has been blamed on the economy.

Superintendent John Casey mentioned a loan source that was offered by the city last school year, but said the district would prefer to use its own resources first.

Board to move on finding new superintendent

Last month, Casey announced his plans to retire at the end of the school year. On Tuesday night he described the general process to finding a replacement, which could

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Ryan Hall and his daughter Shelby, 12, were part of a crew of dozens from the LDS church that cleaned along the Arroyo de la Laguna last weekend.

Cub scouts join with LDS, Beth Emek members to clean arroyos

Effort part of 25th annual California Coastal Cleanup

Local cub scouts and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Congregation Beth Emek joined forces recently to tackle trash-ridden Pleasanton arroyos.

The cleanup was organized to be a part of the 25th annual California Coastal Cleanup.

Cub scouts came from Packs 902, 916 and 934. About 200 volunteers helped clean nearly

12 miles of local waterways. The hard-working crews braved triple-digit temperatures to haul 78 tires and 1,330 pounds of garbage from the creeks.

Much of that mess begins as trash on local streets or parking lots and ends up washing down the storm drains, according to cleanup organizers. Clearing the creeks of debris at the end of summer helps prevent pollution

and makes sure our local waterways are ready to handle flows for the next season's storms.

The annual California Coastal Cleanup event is sponsored locally by the City of Pleasanton with support from Zone 7 Water Agency, which provides the Livermore-Amador Valley with flood protection and water supply services.

—Janet Pelletier

McNerney, others salute UC police specialist

'Intuition' led to capturing of kidnap-rape suspect

By JEB BING

UC Berkeley police specialist Lisa Campbell was honored earlier this week by Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and others in a ceremony in the San Ramon City Hall for her work in the arrest of Phillip Garrido for the kidnap 18 years ago of Jaycee Dugard.

Dugard and her two daughters, who are believed to have been fathered by Garrido, were subsequently rescued from the backyard of Garrido's home in Antioch where they had been held captive.

McNerney praised Campbell for her police work in suspecting there was "something wrong" when Garrido approached her Aug. 24 with his two daughters asking for a permit to conduct a religious-themed event on the UC campus.

Campbell, who manages special events at the Berkeley campus, said her intuition told her something wasn't right and asked Garrido to return the following day. Meantime, she worked with fellow officers to run a background check on Garrido and learned he was on federal parole for kidnapping and rape.

"We had a young girl who was kidnapped 18 years ago and was held in conditions that would just be unimaginable for all of us," McNerney said. "Yet,

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BART board approves four-year contracts with key unions

New agreements eliminate work rules, achieve \$100-million in labor cost savings

BART directors voted unanimously last week to approve contract agreements with two of the agency's largest unions, bringing to an end a long-running drama that nearly led to a strike last month.

The contracts approved are for Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555, which represents about 900 train operators, station agents and power workers, and American Federation of Local, State and Municipal Employees Union Local 3993, which represents roughly 200 middle managers.

BART directors voted on Aug. 13 to approve a contract with Service Employees International Union Local 1021, which is the transit agency's largest union and represents about 1,500 mechanics, custodians, safety inspectors and clerical employees.

All of the contracts are for four years.

Contract talks began April 1 and

after four months of negotiations the three unions reached a tentative agreement with management on July 31. Members of SEIU Local 1021 and AFSCME approved the contract in early August but members of ATU Local 1555 voted against it by a margin of two to one.

After additional talks failed to produce an agreement, BART directors voted unanimously on Aug. 13 to impose pay and work rules on the union.

ATU Local 1555 leaders announced a few hours later that they would go on strike the following Monday morning, Aug. 17, and leaders of the other two unions said their members would honor the picket lines.

But a strike was averted the night of Aug. 16 when ATU Local 1555 reached another tentative agreement with management. About 80 percent of the union's members who participated in a vote ap-

proved the contract on Aug. 25.

BART management said the new contracts eliminate work rules that are inefficient and costly. They say it also achieves \$100 million in labor cost savings to help the transit agency cope with its large budget deficit, which it estimates to be \$310 million over the next four years.

BART spokesman Linton Johnson said management reached a tentative agreement with the union that represents managers in the agency's police department.

Members of that union will vote on the contract soon and if they approve it, the contract could be ratified by BART directors at their meeting next Thursday, Johnson said.

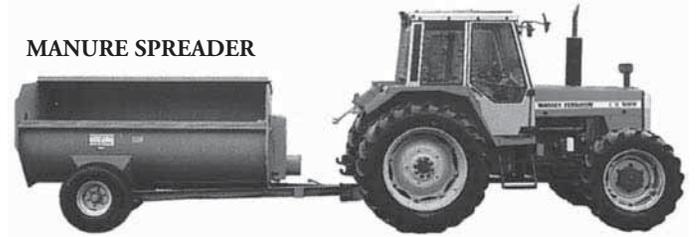
He said there are a few more issues that need to be resolved but management hopes to deal with them soon.

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News;
Jeb Bing

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Downtown "And the Walnut Tree"

MANURE SPREADER



Hey Locals! Remember "Downtown and Greed," the article where I promised when I saved enough money I'd tell you the story of the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) and the investor who rode into "old town" wearing a white hat, and that you could decide for yourself who should be strung up from the nearest black walnut tree. Well, I got the money, but now the walnut tree is gone. Anyway, here's the story as it's recorded in my mind. I believe the relevant facts are accurate. PDA refused to comment.

White Hat rode into old town, purchased a residential property on the corner of Peters and Saint John streets and despite strong objections from neighborhood businesses and residents acquired PDA support for a tandem parked mini subdivision that also eliminated a half dozen or so existing public (meaning yours) parking spaces literally across the street from downtown businesses like Barone's and only one block from Main Street itself. And in the only quadrant of old town's tiny commercial district where any meaningful amount of additional public parking is highly unlikely.

Before one could say "building a community of character" PDA and White Hat are holding hands in council chambers as white hat makes vows to you, me and the whole town like "I'm not in this for the money" and "My own granddaughter plans on living in one of the units." PDA whispers "I Do" and an all too busy and all too trusting city council consummates the union. White Hat then sells the property, only now with city approvals, for twice what he paid and rides out of old town without even saying "so long suckers."

The second investor then tears down the old home, cuts down the big beautiful "Heritage" black walnut tree that stood proudly onsite and sells the dark, dense wood to a furniture maker for near what the tree and the public parking spaces cost White Hat in the first place. Wow! Either these guys are good or our guys need help.

Chainsaw then develops the project and sells it to a third investor, a Mr.1039 Tax Exchange, who's now renting furnished units to corporations until Pleasanton's friendly little downtown with character and its hardworking inhabitants increase their value. Yikes! I can't keep up. I need help. Where's Donald Trump when a guy needs him? I can certainly understand what White Hat, Chainsaw and 1039 got from old town, but I never could figure out what old town got back in return. And PDA never would tell me either. So I'm thinking, maybe someone out there with clout would ask PDA that question and tell the rest of us what PDA says?

Anyway, next time I'll tell you the story of PDA's proposed plan on private downtown properties. It's a who done it. Who wins! Who loses! Who wrote the plan! Who paid to have the plan drawn up! Here's a clue...you! And here's something else you might want to keep in mind. Whenever concessions are given to an investor downtown, one can pretty much figure that parking and the "In-Lieu Parking Fee" program will be involved. But hey, another story for another time. Thank you.

—Robert W. Byrd

CAMPBELL

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despite numerous opportunities to rescue her, none of those were realized."

"It took the intuition of an officer to recognize a situation that didn't seem right," he added. "In my opinion that's the essence of good police work and she deserves this recognition tonight."

Calling Campbell to the front of the San Ramon City Council chambers, McNerney presented her with a framed copy of a statement commending her police work that appeared in the Congressional Record and also with an American flag that had been flown atop the U.S. Capitol.

"Your good work has had a profound impact on Jaycee and her family's lives and also led to the capture of a very dangerous person," McNerney added. "We won't have to worry about another Jaycee being kidnapped by this evil person, so your action has benefited the family and the community. You've been a light of inspiration for all of us."

Campbell, who is originally from Chicago but now lives in San Ramon, praised "the fabulous team I work with in doing the police work we all do every day."

"It was a collaboration of great police work," she said. "It was just three people coming together to accomplish something that we had no idea what a monumental achievement it would be. I'm grateful and thank you so much and I feel at home."

Joining in the ceremony were State Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-15th), Contra Costa Supervisor Mary Piepho, San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson and the four other members of the San Ramon City Council. ■



JEB BING

Congressman Jerry McNerney presents a framed Congressional Record entry praising UC Berkeley police specialist Lisa Campbell for her work that led to the arrest of kidnap-rape suspect Phillip Garrido.

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Mold remediation plan in the works at Hearst

School may add portables to alleviate temporary classrooms in library, science rooms

By Emily West

A mold specialist spoke to parents at Hearst Elementary School Monday night in the first follow-up meeting since the discovery of mold in several classrooms that cancelled the first day of classes.

Mike Noel, president of Millennium Environmental Consulting Associates, answered questions from parents as well as outlined the extent of the mold, potential danger levels and measures the school district took to clean the classrooms.

A remediation plan from Millennium is still in the works and repairs are expected to take several months.

Myla Grasso, school district spokeswoman, said some classes have been meeting in the science

room and library because the mold has closed some rooms in the C building. She said the district is looking into adding portable classrooms in hopes of getting students in those by Thanksgiving break.

Grasso couldn't confirm how many portables would be needed, but said each costs around \$30,000.

In the meantime, Hearst principal Michael Kufhal said in a letter to parents that the school will continue to test the air in occupied rooms and that extra custodial support is available.

The mold is believed to be caused by a lack of caulking around the PA speakers at the time of construction, in 2000, which allowed moisture to seep into the walls. ■

SCHOOL

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include hiring a firm for about \$25,000.

The ideal firm, Casey said, would gauge the community and involve stakeholders in the initial interviewing process, in addition to advertising and finding qualified candidates.

The goal would be for the board to choose a replacement in May.

Board president Chris Grant said the board should look ahead about 10 years from now and decide "what characteristics of that superintendent that will set the right tone, the right culture and have the right hiring criteria and discipline" to achieve the district's goals. ■



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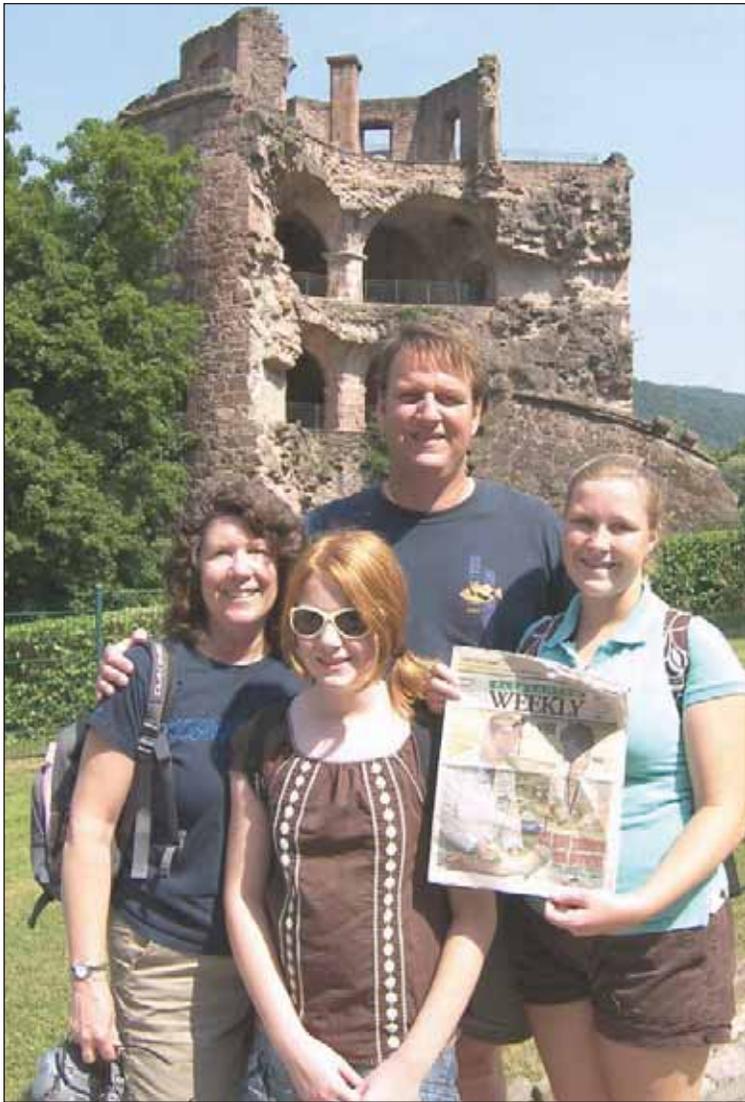
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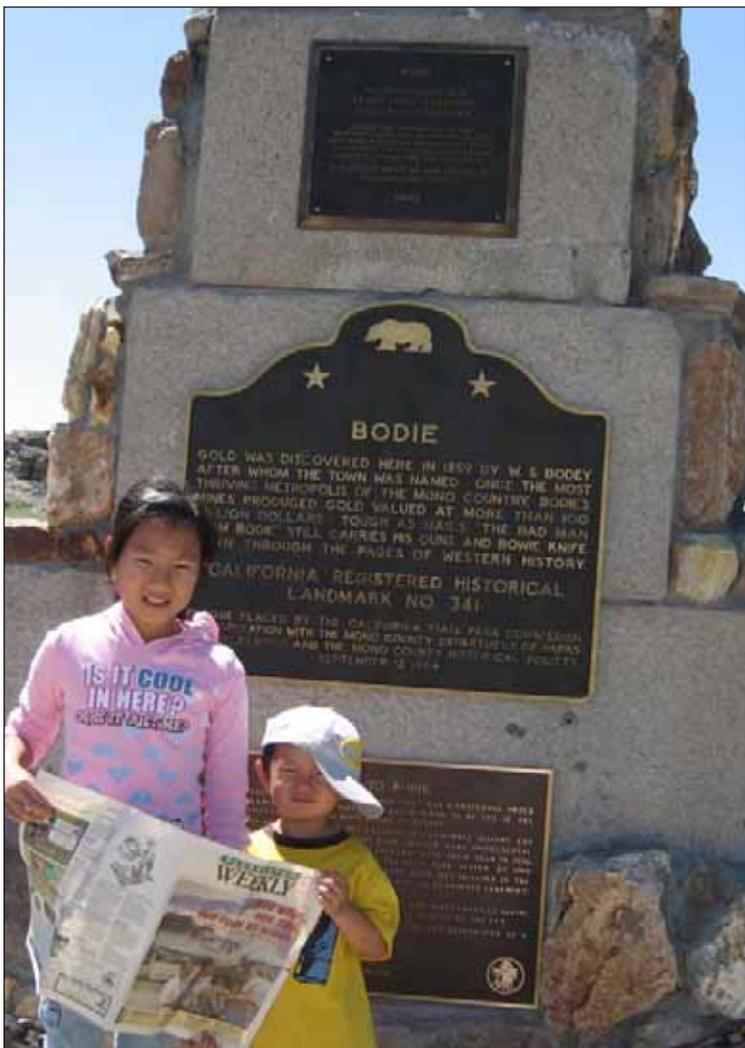


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LETTERS

We need solutions other than war

Dear Editor,

In the past few years new national leadership has been elected with a mandate to end the wars in the Middle East. At the same time that Iraq seems to be finally winding down, the war in Afghanistan is ramping up dramatically and alarmingly.

Eventually, we will need to admit to ourselves that war to end terrorism only creates more terrorists and that we need to look to other solutions. Despite the new administration's call for "change" we seem to be getting more of what we had before. History has shown that meaningful change has always come from the bottom. This is true just within our generation — ending the war in Vietnam, the Civil Rights movement, the environmental movement, and countless other social and economic justice victories all started at the grassroots, and only when sufficient numbers of citizens became involved to demand change did our elected leaders act. It is no different now.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, a group of local residents, has been working for almost two years on raising awareness, talking with our elected representatives, and providing a means to connect with others who share the be-

lief that there is another way forward than "endless war." If you share these concerns please join us at the Peace Vigil we hold the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Museum on Main Street in Pleasanton. We can't rely on politicians to do this — we need to rely on each other.

Matt Sullivan
Pleasantonians 4 Peace

Street 'preaching' doesn't represent Christ

Dear Editor,

As a follower of Christ, I am saddened by the recent street "preaching" demonstration on Labor Day weekend. This group does not represent the message or method of Jesus Christ. In fact, Christ came not "to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" John 3:17. The message of the New Testament is clear — Jesus' kindness is what leads to repentance, not yelling and belittling. Christ commands his followers to love others and to look out for the best interest of others.

In my opinion Pleasanton's Christian community is following Christ's commands. We are caring for the needs of others and serving our community, not condemning our community. This small group of religious demonstrators who apparently do not reside in Pleasanton, do not represent us or Christ.

Sharon Collard

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Recycling means a better environment

Pleasanton will join other Alameda County cities next Thursday when Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) launches the city's new "Sort, Roll and Go" recycling program on Oct. 1. The new program will take effect on trash collection days starting Thursday. The new program is expected to capture more recyclable material and send less material to the landfill in an effort to meet a 75 percent diversion target adopted by all cities in the county. The green waste carts currently used for grass clippings, garden debris and other organic plant material will still be used. The change will come with the addition of another cart—either an additional 96-gallon cart for non-recyclable waste or a smaller—and less expensive—35-gallon cart. The third cart, also a 96-gallon-size container, will be marked with a new recycling sticker and can be used only for recyclables. The blue bags that have been used by some residents to separate recycled items will no longer be used.

The City Council gave its unanimous approval last April to this more extensive curbside refuse recycling program that requires residents to sort out their recyclable materials from all other garbage instead of having PGS do it for them. The new service will cost more, jumping by \$1.09 a month for those who cut back on sending non-recyclable waste to the garbage collector, to as much as 14 percent more for those who don't. The new rates have been increased from \$28.04 to \$29.13 a month for those opting for the smaller 35-gallon general refuse cart to \$34.57 a month for the larger 96-gallon cart, which is the same size as the all-purpose carts residents now have. These will be used for all refuse that is not recyclable, such as broken glass, empty aerosol cans, chip bags and other non-paper packaging, cat litter and pet waste, diapers, feminine hygiene products, tissue paper, drink boxes and pouches and any plastic other than plastic bottles.

In addition to the all-purpose refuse cart, residents also will be given a 96-gallon cart for recyclables only. These will be used for materials clearly capable of being recycled, including cardboard, aluminum foil, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, newspapers and magazines, and narrow neck plastic bottles and jugs with the numbers 1 to 7 printed on the bottom, including most water bottles.

Residents will keep the 64-gallon carts they now use for grass clippings and other yard debris. Paper towels and napkins, food-soiled paper and cardboard, such as pizza boxes, coffee grounds and filters, and other food scraps, including meat and bones, can also be placed in these smaller carts. However, a small, under-the-sink plastic bucket that Pleasanton residents were given free several years ago for these food scraps, will no longer be provided.

For years, Pleasanton residents dumped all of their refuse, except grass clippings, into a single 96-gallon can which was picked up weekly and taken to the PBS material recovery facility at its Busch Road transfer station. There, crews sorted through the refuse on a fast-moving conveyor belt, separating possible recyclables from wet garbage, old clocks and radios and hundreds of other materials. Then a separate sorting-out took place to send recyclable plastics, glass, paper and other discards to special bins that were sent to recycling companies.

The process, which was heralded as a breakthrough in garbage recycling when the facility opened, has since lagged in meeting Alameda County's higher diversion target, with a notice from the county that only 54 percent of refuse collected in Pleasanton was being diverted from landfills. This year, Pleasanton found itself to be the only city in Alameda County without curbside recycling. With residents now required to sort their recyclables before taking garbage curbside, the recovery facility will be converted to handle only the separation of those recyclable materials. Garbage placed in the all-purpose refuse cans, whether the 96-gallon or the 35-gallon size, will be taken directly to the landfill without sorting.

There's an added benefit to asking individuals to join personally in the recycling effort. Recycling increasingly is part of our environmentally-focused culture. Households, schools and many businesses throughout the country recycle on a regular basis. We're glad to see Pleasanton joining this national movement for a better environment. ■

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Monday, October 28 - 10:00am
Yizkor Memorial Service - 11:30am
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POLICE BULLETIN

Bicyclist allegedly strikes car on way to school

A 14-year-old boy allegedly struck the side of a car Monday morning on the way to school, according to Pleasanton police. Reporting officers said the boy didn't appear to be injured.

Police said he appeared to be in a rush, having entered the crosswalk at Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue when the red hand on the crossing signal was blinking. He was also said to be on the bicycle while crossing, which is against the law.

OBITUARIES

Michael Rose

A public memorial service organized by friends for local counselor Michael Rose who died July 25 will be held from 2-7 p.m. this Sunday at Val Vista Park, 6701 Payne Drive.

The memorial will be a potluck. Contact Larissa Manjarrez at lmanjarrezmf@yahoo.com for further details and for information about donations in his honor.

Michael Curran Gable

Michael Curran Gable died unexpectedly Sept. 17 at the age of 38.

Mr. Gable was born Nov. 16, 1970 in Seattle, the son of Beverly and Thomas P. Gable.



He grew up in Monroe, Wash. and then moved to California where he played Division I soccer and graduated from Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

He was known for his passion for life. His energy lit up a room, had a warm and caring personality, infectious smile and was known to all as a great listener. He dreamed "big," and in many

cases, made his dreams come true.

He was very successful in his professional career which included many top sales awards and was a role model to his colleagues. Family and friends were everything to him, and he would go above and beyond to help those around him. He loved soccer, music, golf, reading, finances and travel.

Mr. Gable is survived by his wife, Michelle; son and daughter, Matteo and Grace; parents, Beverly and Thomas Gable; sister, Monika Little; and numerous family and friends.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. today at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with a reception immediately following. A private interment will be held.

In honor of Mr. Gable, a fund has been established for his children. Donations can be made to the Michael Gable Children's Fund at Fremont Bank, 6654 Koll Center Pkwy., Ste 345, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

James Albert Callahan

James Callahan died Sept. 12 after a one-year battle with cancer at the age of 61.

Mr. Callahan, a native of New York and Pleasanton resident, was born Sept. 21, 1947.

He is survived by his son, James, Jr.; three sisters, Sheila, Sally and Sherry; and brother, Tim.

A service was scheduled to be held Sept. 24 at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

POLICE REPORT

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

Sept. 13

Identity theft

■ 12:25 p.m. in the 700 block of East Angela Street

Burglary

■ 2:29 p.m. in the 5200 block of Riverdale Court

Vandalism

■ 11:32 a.m. in the 1500 block of Calle Santa Anna

■ 5:37 p.m. at the intersection of West Angela Street and Pleasanton Avenue

DUI

■ 1:31 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

■ 2:24 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Sept. 14

Vehicular burglary

■ 3:48 p.m. in the 300 block of Adams Way

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:16 a.m. at the intersection of Johnson and Owens drives; DUI

■ 2:05 a.m. in the 4400 block of Oracle Lane; public drunkenness

Sept. 15

Theft

■ 11:41 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; stolen vehicle

■ 1:38 p.m. in the 3900 block of Old Santa Rita Road; petty theft

Burglary

■ 8:16 a.m. in the 3500 block of Old Santa Rita Road

■ 7:02 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 10:22 a.m. in the 5500 block of Baldwin Way

■ 8:17 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:25 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

■ 1:43 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Old Bernal Avenue; DUI

■ 6:02 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

Truant

■ 11:15 a.m. at the intersection of

Muirwood Drive and Redwood Court

Sept. 16

Burglary

■ 5:27 p.m. in the 6500 block of Singletree Way

Vandalism

■ 12:07 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 3:43 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley and Old Stanley boulevards; under the influence of a controlled substance, DUI

■ 3:45 p.m. in the 4300 block of Railroad Avenue; non-narcotic controlled substance possession, controlled substance possession

Sept. 17

Theft

■ 11:41 a.m. in the 3700 block of North Gettysburg Court; petty theft

■ 11:50 a.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; stolen property possession

■ 8:06 p.m. in the 3900 block of Mt. Rainier Court; identity theft

Vehicular burglary

■ 2:41 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Vandalism

■ 3:51 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:15 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; under the influence of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession, controlled substance possession

■ 2:00 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

■ 9:00 p.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Payne Road; DUI

Truant

■ 12:17 p.m. at the intersection of Oak Creek Drive and Foothill Road

Sept. 18

Theft

■ 8:08 a.m. in the 1300 block of Orloff Drive; petty theft

■ 11:04 a.m. in the 3100 block of Paseo Robles; identity theft

■ 2:40 p.m. in the 500 block of Rose Avenue; stolen vehicle

■ 3:12 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 6:57 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:24 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 9:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle

Vehicular burglary

■ 10:45 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 12:11 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

■ 10:47 a.m. at the intersection of Sorrel Downs Court and Foothill Knolls Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:11 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

■ 1:08 a.m. at the intersection of St. Mary Street and Peters Avenue; public drunkenness

■ 1:57 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; DUI

Vehicle break-in

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- Current funding of Project 017037: General Trails Improvements
- Trails Projects Status Report
- Vineyard Avenue Trail Section Replacement
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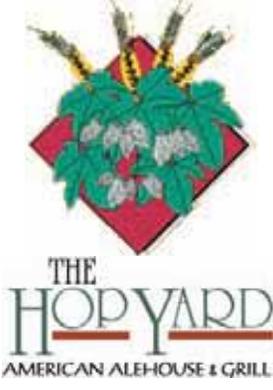
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From eBay to the St

Meg Whitman brings her campaign for governor

BY JEB BING

Former eBay CEO Meg Whitman announced Tuesday that she's seeking the Republican nomination for California's governor to succeed another Republican, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who can't seek re-election because of the state's term limit law.

Whitman's decision comes as no surprise to a group of 75 who gathered in Pleasanton for a pre-announcement reception for the gubernatorial candidate to hear her views on how she'd manage the state government if elected. The meeting, an invitation-only get-together hosted by Toby Brink, chief executive of the Tri-Valley Business Council, was held in Joe Barone's backyard garden patio next to the restaurant he owns on Saint John Street.

Pleasanton was one of Whitman's final stops before announcing her candidacy at a rally in Fullerton in Southern California. She said her meetings here with civic and city leaders, as well as at the Business Council's forum, was among dozens of such occasions.

"I've been going non-stop listening to people, sharing ideas and thinking hard about the problems Californians face," she said.

Whitman, who became a billionaire as the CEO of eBay, is also the only gubernatorial candidate so far who has brought her campaign to Pleasanton. The two other Republican hopefuls in the June 2010 primary race are Tom Campbell and Steve Poizner. State Insurance Commissioner Poizner is a Silicon Valley entrepreneur who became a multimillionaire by putting GPS into cell phones. Campbell was elected five times to the U.S. Congress, representing districts in the Silicon Valley. He also was elected to the State Senate and served as the state's finance director. Unlike his two competitors, Campbell has limited financial resources.

The two leading candidates on the Democratic side are San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and State Attorney General Jerry Brown. Newsom will officially announce his candidacy at a rally Oct. 5 in East Los Angeles where former President Bill Clinton is expected to endorse him. Brown, who served as California's governor from 1975 to 1983, has yet to officially announce that he'll seek the post again, although he is expected to do so.

Whitman talked about her background at the Barone's meeting, saying she attended public schools while growing up on Long Island in New York. Accepted into Princ-



Ex-CEO Meg Whitman talks about her campaign for California Governor at a Pleasanton briefing outside Barone's restaurant.

JEB BING

eton University in 1973, she found that she was in only the fourth class where women had been enrolled, with 100 women in a class of 1,200 freshmen. She continued on to Harvard Business School, earning her master's in business administration in 1979. It was there that she met and later married Griff Harsh, a Harvard Medical School student. An aspiring neurosurgeon, the two moved to San Francisco when he accepted his residency work at UC San Francisco. He is now a neurosurgeon at Stanford University and the couple lives in Atherton, where they raised their two sons.

Whitman has spent the past 30 years in business, working for Procter & Gamble, Disney, Hasbro, Stride Rite, and FTD. For the last 10 years, she was president and the chief executive officer of eBay, which was a 30-employee, \$4-million company when she took over and now has 15,000 employees with nearly \$8 billion in revenues. She resigned March 31 in order to focus on her gubernatorial campaign.

"At eBay, I helped millions of people create small businesses in the marketplace," she told the Pleasanton group. "And, I became intimately familiar with the challenges small businesses face in this country. I came to understand that job creation is dependent on a fragile mix of circumstances, circumstances that are all too often disrupted by the intrusive hand of government."

"Government does not create wealth in this country," she added. "Inspired individuals create wealth. Helping those people succeed on eBay was the privilege of a lifetime."

She admitted that her latest career move may be her biggest gamble yet, but she's convinced that Californians are hungry for change, anxiously awaiting new leadership and that her experience and credentials will appeal to those wanting California to return to its rightful place of politically and fiscally sound leadership.

So about two years ago, Whitman began planning to run for governor. She consulted with her husband Griff and their sons because she

knows how rough campaigns and media exposure can be on families as well as the candidate.

"I was concerned that this would not be an uplifting experience for them," Whitman said. "This is a tough business and I think it's very hard to have your wife criticized. It's even harder to have you mom criticized. So I wanted to make sure we were ready to be in this altogether, and we are."

But in the end, Whitman said her decision to move forward was that she refuses to let California fail.

"Make no mistake about it," she said at her Pleasanton gathering. "Our state is in the worst shape I've seen in the last 30 years that I have lived here. We have a 12.2 percent unemployment rate; we are losing jobs, not so much to India and China, but to Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Texas and Arizona. And it's easy to know why. It's easier to do business there, taxes are lower, regulations are more streamlined, those states want businesses to succeed."

More than 2.2 million Californians

are out of work," she said. "Think about what that means. Think about the number of heartbreaking conversations that have taken place: Employers telling long-time employees they must go, husbands telling wives that they can't afford their homes and parents telling children their college dreams are over."

Adding to these concerns, Whitman said the state's infrastructure hasn't kept pace with population growth, with rapid transit, highway and water delivery systems lagging behind.

"We also have a kindergarten through 12th grade education system that we must once and for all turn around," she added. "What is tragic about this, and you probably know this, is that back in 1956 we had the No. 1 public school system in America. People moved to California to put their children in this public school system. But last year we were rated 48th out of 50 states."

"So over the last 50 years we have effectively lost one rating point every single year," she noted. "We have to turn this around. It is not acceptable to

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Gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman greets City Manager Nelson Fialho at Pleasanton reception. Others include (L-R) Livermore Councilman John Marchand, Whitman aide Kristen Hueter and Mark Triska of Colliers International.

deny the vast majority of our children an opportunity at the California dream and ultimately the American dream."

Whitman continued: "We also have a state that is effectively bankrupt with revenues right now running about \$1 billion a month below forecasts. So we have to fundamentally change the financing architecture that runs the state. So that is why I decided to run and here is what I want to do."

As governor, Whitman said she would focus on job creation, cutting state spending and fixing the state's "broken" education system.

First and foremost among Whitman's priorities are jobs, which will require fixing the fundamental economic engine that drives California businesses and keeps them in the state. Thirty years ago, companies wanted to do business in California. That's changed, Whitman pointed out, citing a recent Forbes magazine article rating California 50th out of 50 states as the best places to do business.

"In the last 30 years, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and Utah have

stepped up and they are competing for our jobs," she said. "I know. When I was CEO of eBay, I frequently got calls from governors around the country trying to get me to move business to their states."

"If I'm elected, you can bet I'll be burning up the phone lines to businesses in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Texas, and beyond," she added. "As my husband would say, it's not brain surgery; it's economics."

Whitman's second priority would be to balance the budget and cut state spending. She said the state doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem "of epic proportion."

"Two facts you should know," she said, "for the last 10 years California state spending has increased by 80 percent. Has state aid gotten better? Have the school become 80 percent better? Do we have 80 percent more people? There's a tremendous opportunity to run this state much more efficiently."

She said that while others seeking the governor's post say there are only

two ways out of the budget deficit mess, she suggests a third.

"It's called getting the government under control," she explained. "There are 357,000 people who work for the state, up from 313,000 just five years ago, although revenues in the state are about where they were five years ago. I will work to get the number of people who work for this state back down to that same level."

Whitman said her third priority as governor will be to change "the trajectory of our schools."

"While we have some very fine public schools here in Pleasanton and in other parts of the state, the vast majority of schools are not doing the job. Otherwise we would not be rated 48th out of 50 states," she said.

"When I started on this journey, a number of people came to me and said that California is too big, too diverse, with too many languages spoken to excel in education," she continued. "But other big and diverse states have met that challenge and are doing a better job."

She said Jeb Bush, when he was governor of Florida, changed that state's formula 11 years ago to start grading every single public school, and then state educators made those grades public. He also increased the number of charter schools dramatically. These are regular public schools but they operate with a lot more autonomy with teachers and principals better able to deal independently on academic and student issues affecting their schools.

"He (Jeb Bush) created a system to pay teachers more for performance," Whitman said. "The results have been dramatic. Florida has moved up in the ratings scheme in last 10 years about 10 points where California has gone from 38th to 48th. So this is not demography or destiny, it is a different approach."

Interrupted by applause numerous times, Whitman was praised by those attending the Pleasanton meeting.

"I believe that Meg Whitman has a clear vision of how to create jobs in California and a real understanding of how California can regain its competitive advantage as a market leader," said Judy Lloyd, president of Altamont Strategies.

"I can't imagine an individual more suited to take on the challenging public policy and budget issues before our state," Lloyd added. "She has an advantage over her competitors — Democrats and Republicans — because she understands business and has spent the majority of her career outside of Sacramento. Businesses will thrive with Meg Whitman as our governor." ■

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CAL FOOTBALL GAME VIEWING PARTY Tri-Valley Cal Alumni Club invites you to join us for a game viewing party Sept. 26 at Redcoats Pub & Restaurant, 336 St. Mary St. Kickoff is at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15, which includes all-you-can-eat appetizer buffet with a portion going to the club's Cal scholarship fund. No host bar. Call 463-6615.

FALL BOOK SALE The Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library host the Fall Book Sale 2009 Sept. 25 to 27 in the large meeting room of the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. More than 40,000 books of all types will be for sale. Paperbacks will be 50 cents and hardbacks will be \$1. Videos and other media will also be on sale. The Friday night sale from 6 to 9 is for members only and memberships can be purchased at the door. The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Call 462-4368.

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HAWAIIAN BEACH PARTY The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association hosts a Hawaiian Beach Party with the Tulancingo sister city delegates from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Sept. 25 at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Dress in Hawaiian beach attire and enjoy a traditional Hawaiian feast and dance. Audio Jetz will play rock and dance music throughout the evening. Tickets are \$35. Call Frances Hewitt at 487-4748.

LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE Join Harmony Fusion Chorus for an evening of musical entertainment at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. They present "Love in Any Language" with performances by Solstice, Ignite, Moore's School of Irish Dance. Tickets are \$20 or \$15 for seniors and students. Visit www.harmonyfusion.org.

ZITTIN ART PREVIEW AT ALEXANDER'S Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St., hosts Floy Zittin from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 to discuss her Asian art-influenced watercolor paintings of birds and branches. Call 846-6015 or visit www.alexandersgallery.com.

Film

'SWEET OLD SONG' Dublin Reads presents a showing of "Sweet Old Song" from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. This film chronicles the courtship and marriage of musician Howard "Louie Bluie" Armstrong and artist, Barbara Ward. Filmmaker Leah Mahan will offer commentary. Call 803-7266.

Fundraisers

ALTAMONT CRUISERS NOSTALIA CAR SHOW The 20th annual Nostalgia Day Car Show will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, in downtown Livermore. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit local charitable organizations with a special interest to the Tri-Valley Youth programs. Call 461-2020 or visit www.altamontcruisers.org.

E-WASTE FUNDRAISER FOR HUMANE SOCIETY Valley Humane Society is hosting an electronic waste recycling event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 3 at 4 California Ave., about one block from VHS. Proceeds benefiting homeless pets. Most items are free to recycle, but some require a small fee that will be donated to VHS. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

E-WASTE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER The Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Alameda County hosts an e-waste recycling fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 3 and 4 at 6689 Owens Drive, Suite 100. Items recycled for free include TVs, electronics and textiles. Call 463-3760 or visit www.unwaste.com.

GROWL, MEOW & WINE This benefit event for the East Bay SPCA is Oct. 4 at the Tri-Valley branch, 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin. A pre-party with the board of directors' champagne reception is from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by wine, music, hor d'oeuvres and silent auction from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for both events or \$40 for general celebration. Must be 21 to attend. Call 563-4605 or visit www.eastbayspca.org/events.

JEANS & JEWELS Tri-Valley Conservancy's second annual Jeans and Jewels fundraiser is from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 1 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave. The evening includes food and dancing in a casual atmosphere. Wear jeans and jewels (real or faux). There is also a hat contest. Tickets are \$75, not available at the door. Call 449-8706 or visit www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

SANDRA KAY AT PANAMA RED COFFEE Local author Sandra Kay will be selling copies of "Eat, Write and Exercise" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 3 at Panama Red Coffee, during the K Street block party in downtown Livermore. During this time, she'll donate the total pro-



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Holiday

KOL NIDRE Kol Nidre observance, a non-religious program of readings, music and examination of ourselves and our communities sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. There will also be opportunities to donate to other charities. Free for members, \$13 for non-member adults. Call 485-1049 or visit tri-valleyculturaljews.org.

Kids & Teens

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AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CLINIC Registration is now open for K to 8th grade. The clinic will be taught by the nationally-ranked Amador Valley High School competition cheer squad. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the school's small gym. The day will include a special gift, lunch, cheers, motions, jumps and dances. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration or \$50 at the door. Call 484-4805 or email vmahoney@smlinc.com.

On Stage

'CHARLOTTE'S WEB' Civic Arts presents "Charlotte's Web" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2, 3, 9 and 10; and at 2 p.m. Oct. 4 and 11 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$12, \$16 and \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12, and \$16 for children. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civictartickets.org.

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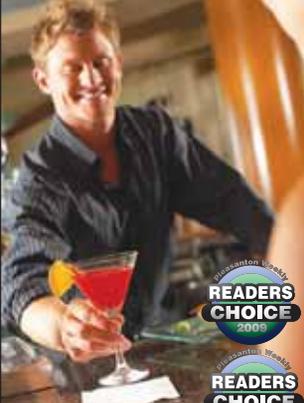
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Sports



Catch me if you can

Austin Nicolas, 5, takes the ball downfield. The Valley View first-grader played in his first ever soccer game Sept. 12 for the BUSC U7 team. Austin's mom Lura said the teams were evenly matched and all the boys played hard.

Rage U12 Premier top Rockers 5-0

The matchup against the Mill Valley Rockers saw Rage U12 Premier playing their aggressive, attacking, possession game that was so successful the opening weekend. Carley Robertson scored three goals Sunday, with assists from Christy Jensen and Brookey Villanueva, helping the team to a 5-0 win. The other two goals were scored by Malissa Shadle, with an assist from Makenna Elias, and by Julia Densmore. The defensive play of Jasmine Dessouky, Eilis Hegarty and Hannah McGillivray, anchored by goal keeper Sophia Brown, produced the second shut-out in as many weeks.

In addition to her play on the field, Dessouky made a wonderful save while the keeper was down. (RAGE Photo Info: Christy Jensen [center, with ball], Carley Robertson [right]. Photo taken by Paul LaBella)

BUSC U12 Premier rally for win against Turlock

Trailing 1-0 at the half to a well-organized Turlock Scorpions team, the BUSC U12 Premier rallied back to defeat the Scorpions 3-1 Sunday.

Jeffrey Klei began the comeback with a direct kick goal from just outside the top of the area. Jackson Still scored Ballistic's next goal with a lovely inward bender corner kick that snuck in underneath the keeper's hands, and Cameron Ritchie sealed the victory with a penalty kick conversion.

Once again Ballistic's defense was on top of their game, with Mitchell Wilson and Geoffrey Wiederecht taking charge.

Rage U16AC tallies second shutout against opponents

The Rage U16AC dominated Diablo FC 93 for a 3-0 win Saturday at the Sports Park. Rage got on the board early when Erin O'Loughlin scored off a great cross by Cassie Scroggins. The second goal came when Haley Paxton sent a pass to Abigail Moore who took a couple touches, then blasted it just under the crossbar. Megan Ash finished off Diablo when she scored the final goal from a great cross by Ashley Jenezon. The stout defense of Lindsay Rigel, Molly Rowse, Stephanie Little, Charlie Garcia and keeper Shannon Easley contributed to the second Rage shutout.

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Embracing childhood

The Taylor Family Foundation seeks help in sending kids to camp

BY EMILY WEST

For kids attending Camp Arroyo in Livermore, it's not just about having fun at summer camp, it's about feeling normal. Run by the Taylor Family Foundation, it serves kids with special needs who may not normally have a chance to have the classic childhood experience.

Ellen Taylor, president and founder of TTF, said the bonds campers create during a summer or weekend camp continue beyond the limits of Camp Arroyo.

"We want these kids to come together and learn from each other," she said. "They can build a sense of community, hope and awareness."

It's also helpful for the family members, with parents able to access information on topics like insurance and siblings connecting with other siblings to lean on each other.

Founded in 1990, the foundation offers programs for kids with life-threatening and chronic diseases, developmental disabilities and those who are at-risk. Camps are held at Camp Arroyo, located near Lake del Valle in southeastern Livermore. The facility started in 2000 in a partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District and is co-operated by the YMCA of the East Bay.

Children come from all over Northern California with afflictions such as brain tumors, skin disease, diabetes, AIDS and burn survivors, to name a few, are able to come together and have carefree fun. While medical treatments and equipment could prevent these children from attending a typical camp, the facilities at Camp Arroyo have been designed to accommodate the campers.

In listing some of the more popular activities, Taylor said swimming in the 3,500-square-foot adapted pool is up there, along with the rock wall for climbing, ropes course, horse program, activities in the meadow, and skit and talent nights at the amphitheater.

"Each group brings in their own activities," Taylor said, mentioning casino night with jelly beans to pirate nights. "Every group has a dance night, which may be the most fun. Some are like proms because some children are so sick that they may never go to the prom."

Yet, times are tough for area nonprofits and TTF is not immune. Earlier this year, Taylor announced the cancellation of their popular fundraiser, Day in the Park. The down economy would make it difficult for restaurants to participate, as many of them are no longer in business.



THE TAYLOR FAMILY FOUNDATION

At Camp Arroyo kids with special needs are able to put those aside to be a kid. Put on by the Taylor Family Foundation, these camps include activities such as water games on the meadow, skit and talent nights in the amphitheater, rock climbing and swimming, just to name a few.

Without strong financial support as in years past, the foundation has had to reduce staffing in order not to affect the program offerings, which are still in high demand.

Taylor said the camp calendar

is booked through 2011 and said they will continue to find ways for the nearly 3,000 campers they serve each year to be able to attend. Right now, the effort is being made through their latest fundraising effort called Kids-to-Camp.

The foundation is seeking donations big or small to provide direct services to campers.

"Now is the time we need donations the most, to provide our nearly 3,000 Bay Area campers the best time of their lives, so they can

enjoy our camp and provide a respite time for almost 6,000 parents of the campers," she said.

To learn more about the Taylor Family Foundation or to donate, call 455-5118 or visit www.ttf.org. ■

READY TO RENT REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JEANNE AUFMUTH

My One and Only

★★★

Rated: PG-13 for adult situations
1 hour, 48 minutes

Renee Zellweger gleefully overplays her hand in this nostalgic ode to the nomadic childhood of George Hamilton.

Yes, that George Hamilton — calm, cool and perpetually tanned ex-leading man.

According to family lore, mom Anne Devereaux (Zellweger) is fed up with the philandering shenanigans of Big Band hubby Dan (Kevin Bacon) and packs up teenage sons George (Logan Lerman) and Robbie (Mark Rendall) to make her point.

Next stop Boston. And Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Albuquerque and glamorama Hollywood. Along the way Anne falls into one romantic conundrum after another, re-kindling with old flames and seeking the “support” of new ones in a relentless search for a wealthy catch.

Much to the chagrin of her post-pubescent sons, who crave the relative stability of hearth and home, lothario dad or no.

Call it the misadventures of a perpetual optimist. Zellweger trots out oodles of Southern charm as a sexy she-cat who continues to land on her feet. Her sparkling preen perfectly suits the 1950s sensibility: an unabashed valentine to big-finned cars, white gloves, TV dinners and the mellow, un-PC vibe of simpler times.

George's coming-of-age in a topsy-turvy world is a fine counterpoint to Anne's ditsy tomfoolery; his adolescent wisdom and self-exploration are nicely nuanced and solidly crafted.

Far from scintillating, “One” is nonetheless a lightweight and love-ly trip down memory lane. ■



POETIC PLEASANTON



By DEBORAH GROSSMAN

New season, new school year

Some questions arise every year, such as “What did you do this summer?” Around town this summer, many people wondered, “How can we enhance our kids’ education?” In ages past, youngsters left home at an early age to explore the world. As the classroom setting became the norm, some elements have changed — and some remain the same.

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of one brave boy
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who salutes his mother*

*as he is beached from playground
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a dark-haired boy
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and why volcanoes erupt
but is still, nervous.*

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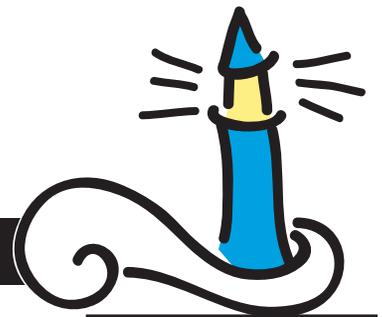
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4471 Linda Way	\$837,250
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3752 TRENERY DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Gorgeous Mediterranean custom home on premium +/- one acre estate lot. Private secluded location. This home has approximately 8,402 square feet (6,141 on main level), seven bedrooms plus private office, and seven and a half bathrooms. Expansive gourmet kitchen. Antique marble, and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors. Extremely private rear grounds—great for entertaining with in-ground swimming pool. Expansive lawn area and beautiful mature landscaping. Circular driveway and oversized four plus car garage. Conveniently located in town near services, activities, and walking distance to desirable Mohr Elementary! **OFFERED AT \$2,795,000**



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SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,399,000
Stunning Custom Home in Golden Eagle Estates nestled on 1+/-acre featuring a backyard paradise with pool backing to open space and incredible views of the Tri Valley. Reduced! Truly a showstopper!

ANNIE HAGFELDT OPEN FRI 5:30-7:30



PLEASANTON \$1,704,999
5bd/4.5ba beautiful custom home in desirable Kottinger Ranch. Panoramic views, large backyard, pool and more. Twilight Tour Friday 5:30-7:30pm. 4222 Remillard

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,699,000
6bd/6.5ba, 5096+/-sf home on .33+/-acre lot. 2 minutes from 680 5 minutes from downtown Pleasanton. Office & bedroom upstairs. Salt water pool with view of Ridge.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,495,000
\$400k+/- in extensive improvements. Gourmet kitchen/custom flooring/beautiful landscaping/built in pool&spa, Travertine/Napa stone patios/outdoor kitchen and more!

DOUG BUENZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,469,000
5bd+office/5.5ba, gourmet kitchen/granite/cherry. Luxurious master suite situate on .47+/-acre lot. Too much to list!

DOUG BUENZ OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,459,000
THIS IS IT! Rarely available luxury single story. .32+/-acre lot, 5bd/4ba, granite/cherry/stainless kitchen w/island. Designer carpeting, Better than New! 1075 Shadow Hills Court

SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,359,000
Absolutely charming in Castlewood! Complete rebuilt from floor to ceiling. This 1 story 4bd + office on .50+/-acre lot is a dream come true!

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,089,000
2006 remodel! Granite kitchen, built in stainless steel appliances, maple floors, new carpet/paint, new granite baths, new furnace/AC and Sparkling pool!

SUE MCKINLEY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$990,000
2 Master bd on main floor! Custom home with country views! Gourmet kitchen, coffered ceiling, crown molding, hardwood floors, ADA Compliant.

LINDA FUTRAL OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$949,000
Live in your own private resort with this magnificent South Livermore estate! Incredible pool/spa + more. Home boasts 5bd/4ba plus den. Sits on large private 17,000+/-sf corner lot. 820 Old Oak Rd

SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$859,000
Just listed in one of South Livermores most desired neighborhoods - Prima! Absolutely a charmer, extremely upgraded and well priced! Don't miss this fantastic opportunity.

MOXLEY TEAM OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$699,000
3bd/2ba 1204+/-sf home on 21k+/-sf lot. Possible 2nd home on lot or possible sub-divide. Close to freeways & downtown Pleasanton. 383 Christina Ct

D. ALPHER OPEN SAT 1-4/SUN 1:30-4:30



LIVERMORE \$639,900
4bd/2.5ba, 2172+/-sf on 10,000+/-sf lot. 3 car garage/sideyard access. Marble/bamboo, travertine floors/kitchen/ba remodel. Master has private balcony. A+ yard! 1939 Neptune Rd

OTT/RICHARDS BY APPOINTMENT



FREMONT \$550,000
Great 4bd/2ba court location 7520+/-sf lot. FL/eat-in kitchen has granite counter tops/recessed lighting/dual pane windows/coffered ceilings/updated baths. Newly landscaped front yard.

GINA HUGGINS OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$549,000
Large addition with tons of extra living space. 4bd/2ba, plus den. Sparkling pool. 141 Cameo Dr.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$429,500
3bd/2.5ba. Remodeled kitchen, granite counters, stainless appliances. 1330+/-sf lot. Custom tile floors, crown molding, master w/balcony, walk to downtown.