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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Leadership Pleasanton: An inside look at how Pleasanton works

This week marks the 20th time Leadership Pleasanton participants have spent a day at City Hall and other municipal facilities to gain a unique insight into what makes our city work. The 28 members of the Class of 2010 met with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, City Manager Nelson Fialho and department heads, engineers and even water analysts who have a major role in how our taxes are used to keep Pleasanton operating efficiently. I'm proud to say I'm a Leadership Pleasanton graduate. Even in my years of living in Pleasanton and writing for newspapers, the Leadership program offers a "look under the rug" not readily visible to most about how government, businesses, schools and nonprofits work. It can be an eye-opener such as the time I was in a briefing by a local nonprofit whose purpose was supposed to be helping pregnant teenagers deal with their situation, but in fact took them first through a series of videos showing embryos in various stages of development before offering birthing or abortion information. A trip to the county jail offered a first-hand look at overcrowded conditions, and that was in 2000. As we know, jails and prisons are much more overcrowded today.

The leadership program, co-sponsored by the city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Chamber, gives participants close-up views and upfront discussions pertaining to current affairs. This week's City Hall visit, for example, included a mock City Council meeting with five chosen for the council and others as proponents and opponents of a key measure that the council actually was considering, with detailed staff reports to review. At the end, the council voted with the usual groans and cheers that actually follow council decisions on Tuesday nights.

This year's Leadership class was treated to a special evening of fun on opening day with the First Annual Leadership Pleasanton Alumni Great Race. Based on the popular television series, "The Amazing Race," teams of alumni raced through downtown,

completing tasks associated with their experiences and ending with contest winners announced at a Pleasanton Chamber mixer at Comerica Bank. The Class of 2010 can look for calmer days ahead. Meeting all day on the first Wednesdays of the month for nine months, the program, coordinated by Joyce Shapiro, moves from local government to business and economics, education, health and human services, cultural arts, public safety and environment and transportation. Media Day on the first Wednesday in January is led by Tim Hunt, former associate publisher of the Tri-Valley Herald, who kindly gives me and other journalists a chance to talk about how we cover the news and, yes, the declining circulation of the country's daily newspapers.

This year's economics day, coordinated by John Sensiba, will offer a detailed business outlook for the Tri-Valley and Pleasanton, with a working lunch with business leaders and a discussion of issues and challenges related to business ownership. School Supt. John Casey, who will retire in June, will give his final report to the Leadership class on the budget shortfalls the Pleasanton district faces. Sue Compton, chief executive of Axis Community Health, will lead another program on health in the Valley and how we might be affected by the flu bug and by a national healthcare plan that could be formulated by then.

Leadership Pleasanton is open to all, although the Chamber tries to keep each year's class limited to 25, a more manageable number than the 30 who were enrolled last year. It costs \$800 with some "scholarships" available for solo proprietors and nonprofit organization leaders who would benefit by the exposure to Pleasanton and Tri-Valley operations that this program affords. It's not unique; other communities have similar programs. It is based on the view that one measure of a dynamic, progressive community is the caliber of leaders and their voluntary contributions to that community. Leadership Pleasanton provides a means for emerging leaders to gain a broad exposure to issues considered vital to our community. Of the 475 who have graduated from Leadership Pleasanton since 1989, almost all are names recognizable on the rolls of key city commissions and committees, civic organizations and as board members of major nonprofits serving our community. ■

About the Cover

NFL great John Madden, who calls Pleasanton home, is spending a lot more of his time here nowadays, having retired from broadcasting. But the football legend isn't exactly slowing down — as he starts a new job advising NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and coaches the sub-committee, among other roles. Photo courtesy of the Madden family. Cover by Manuel Valenzuela.

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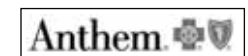
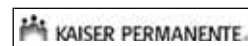


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Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

Should Roman Polanski be brought back to the U.S. to stand trial for rape charges?



Erick Loudahl

Nonprofit Management

I don't know that much about it. Whatever the law is, I think that should be followed. If he'd just be brought back to stand trial because he's Roman Polanski, I don't think he should be. But if the law says he needs to stand trial, I think he should. The law is the law; it should be upheld.

Harvey Ho

Customer Service

Yes, of course. He raped a 13-year-old girl. That's horrible. If you raped someone, you should go to jail. Period.



Lisa Fairchild

Family and Relationship Coach

Absolutely. I was talking with friends about that today — how people in Hollywood are signing petitions saying he shouldn't be brought back. But he's like anyone else. What he did was terrible, and he should be held accountable like anyone else.



Andre Green

Musician

It's the same as that thing that happened over here in Antioch with the kidnapped girl living in the backyard. It happened a long time ago but the crime doesn't go away. If he did what he was accused of, I think he should be punished in jail.



Aaron Freyler

Firefighter

I do think he should be brought back but I know the victim wanted to drop charges. If she doesn't think he should stand trial, I don't think he should. If she doesn't have a comment, then he should stand trial. I'd say it's up to her, but if she doesn't want to, I don't think she should be forced to make a decision either.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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

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Ball at the Mall postponed

The New Year's Eve fundraising event, Ball at the Mall, planned for this year has been postponed until Dec. 31, 2010. Local nonprofits organizing the event, including Axis Community Health, School of Imagination, Tri-Valley Haven and Valley Humane Society, said they were unable to get sponsorship support in time despite enthusiasm from the community. The event website, www.theballatthemall.org, is still live and will have information for next year's event, including sign-ups for sponsors and volunteers.

Eat for education

Bon Appetit, the sixth annual culinary event by Pleasanton Partnerships in Education, is from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the CarrAmerica Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive. It features 15 culinary teams comprised of a corporate sponsor, a Pleasanton school principal and local chef creating dishes paired with wine. Tickets are \$60 and proceeds will fund grants and programs for students and faculty. Reserve tickets online at www.ppie.org. Must be 21 or older to attend.

Library hosts local author

Peggy Kennedy will discuss her book, "Approaching Neverland: A Tale of Epic Tragedy and Happily Ever After," at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The book follows her experiences in dealing with her mother's mental illness, which she will also share with audiences. To learn more, visit www.approachingneverland.com.

Ghostly encounters

Terri Carlson, owner of Mil-fleur gift shop in the historic Kottinger Barn on Ray Street, will share her 22 years of experiences as an intuitive at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4455 Black Ave. As a part of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series, she will discuss how to recognize, make connections and appreciate interactions with spirits. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for museum members, teachers and students.

'Amore' for animals

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's 10th annual dinner and auction, Amore Goes Hollywood!, will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Goal Line Production Studios, 5959 Coronado Lane. It includes dinner, a no host bar, live and silent auctions, raffle baskets and a grand prize drawing. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.tv-ar.org.

Pleasanton, Livermore to launch search for new fire chief

Chief Cody announces his retirement same day that City Atty. Roush starts his

By JEB BING

Firms that specialize in hiring top fire department managers, including fire chiefs, are being considered for a national search for a new executive for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department to succeed Fire Chief Bill Cody, who announced his resignation last Friday.

At the same time, the search for a successor to Pleasanton City Attorney Michael Roush appears to be over, with an announcement due at any time following a scheduled closed-door meeting of



LPFD Chief Bill Cody

the City Council to approve a final recommendation. Roush retired on the same day Cody resigned after 32 years in the municipal attorney profession, including the last 21 years here.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the council was expected to meet late yesterday to review final details of the new city attorney's offer. The city attorney reports to the City Council with all other municipal employees reporting to Fialho, who also reports to the council.

Roush was named city attorney for

Pleasanton in 1988, succeeding Peter MacDonald, who held the office for six years and left to open his own private practice. Prior to taking the Pleasanton post, Roush was in the city attorney's office in Vallejo for 11 years, which he joined after receiving his law degree from Golden Gate University School of Law. He received his undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley.

Married for 35 years, Roush also plans to spend more time with his wife Vicky in their Pleasanton home and to visit more often with their three children, all graduates of Amador Valley High School.

"It's been a great run as Pleasanton's city attorney," Roush said.

"I've had the opportunity to work with various councils and they've all been very good to me. It's my family, so to speak. Leaving here is going to be a big change. But as of last month, I have served 32 years with city governments. It's time for someone else to take over day-to-day affairs and it will give me an opportunity to do some of the things that I have wanted to do."

It's expected that Roush will continue to represent Pleasanton in several pending lawsuits that he has handled in recent months, and he will keep his office in City Hall until

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JANET PELLETIER

From L-R: Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency Executive Director Dennis Fay and Congressman Jerry McNerney experience the new HOV lane along eastbound I-580 on a WHEELS bus ride taken after the ceremony.

First segment of Interstate 580 carpool lane complete

Work starts on second phase of project, and Isabel/84 interchange in Livermore

By JANET PELLETIER

City leaders and elected officials lauded transportation improvements last Friday that are expected to bring some relief to the 150,000 people who commute daily on Interstate 580.

The California Department of Transportation held a ceremony in Livermore for the completion of five miles of what is planned to be an 11-mile high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on eastbound 580.

The \$123-million project, which broke ground in August 2008, is being funded by state Proposition 1B, a transportation bond passed by voters in 2006.

This is the first in a three-phase project. The first segment runs from the Portola Road overcrossing to Greenville Road. The second phase will be from Hacienda

Drive in Pleasanton east to Portola and the final phase will include the construction of auxiliary lanes from Isabel Avenue to North Livermore Avenue and from North Livermore Avenue to First Street.

The HOV lane is anticipated to shave time off of motorists' commutes as well as encourage carpooling. Interstate 580 is one of the most congested freeways in the Bay Area. The eastbound commute in the evening is the third worst, and the worst on a per-mile basis, according to a study by Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty praised all who worked on the project, saying it came in on time and within budget.

"I drive out on this road every day and I'm looking forward to

using it," he said.

Haggerty said the carpool lane will not only improve congestion, but also air quality. The HOV lane is just one of a few improvements made in the past year to help ease traffic backup in the mornings and early evening weekdays. Metering lights that were installed at on-ramps along 580 "are saving 10, 15, 20 minutes on (motorists') commute times," he said.

While the HOV lane is for carpoolers, solo drivers will be able to use the express lane by paying a toll.

Congressman Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, whose district includes the 580 corridor, helped secure federal funding for the project and said the freeway is very important to national trade.

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Pleasanton named top U.S. city for environment

Green building, energy conservation focus gain recognition

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman announced Tuesday that Pleasanton has been named one of the top 34 cities among 1,040 that are part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors "green coalition" of environmentally-focused American communities.

Hosterman made her announcement at Tuesday's Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit, an annual public discussion group sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce of Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville.

Hosterman said she learned about the recognition while in Seattle over the weekend at the U.S. Mayors Conference Leadership seminar. Named recently as co-chair of the conference's Council on Water, she was invited to the prestigious leadership meeting to join other mayors holding similar positions.

"This is the first time that the mayors have identified leading cities among those that have signed on to the Mayors' Conference climate protection goals," Hosterman said. "It's exciting to be among other environmentally-focused cities such as Seattle, Los Angeles, Atlanta and even smaller towns such as Carmel, Ind."

Describing what Pleasanton has done to deserve the recognition, Hosterman cited construction of the new fire station on Bernal Avenue that is partly solar-powered, new solar panels being installed on the city's Operations Center to provide power for that facility, the city's extensive Green Building ordinances and the newly established city committees on energy and water conservation.

The mayors' forum was held at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.

—Jeb Bing

ValleyCare lawsuit allegations heat up

Hospital, patients' rights group representatives disagree on how medical provider is operating

By JANET PELLETIER

Neither side can agree on where legal proceedings are headed, but the war of words is intensifying over how the Tri-Valley's largest medical provider is doing business.

The Patient-Physician's Alliance filed a lawsuit against ValleyCare Health System last month, alleging the health care provider hired doctors through an illegally formed entity in violation of state law. Their chief claim is that patients will have less choice over their care because ValleyCare is referring patients to favor employed doctors over community doctors, forcing physicians out of their offices and out of private practice.

ValleyCare has vehemently denied the accusations, saying the medical foundation does comply — its 41 doctors are associated with ValleyCare Physicians Associates, which is an independent medical group owned and controlled by physicians who practice in the

Tri-Valley.

Dave Hyams of Solem & Associates, a public relations firm representing ValleyCare, said the Patient-Physician's Alliance's claims that the case is headed to trial are premature and incorrect.

"The court invited our attorneys to file a demurrer to throw the case out," he said.

But Bond said Hyams is in the wrong.

"The other side seems to think that they're somehow going to get it thrown out, but they haven't done that. I find it very fantastic that they would suggest the judge invited any kinds of motions to dismiss. There is no such language in the transcript and it would be entirely improper for a judge to indicate that he was prejudging the matter."

In any event, Jan. 15 has been set aside for a case management conference to go over matters in the case, #RG-09471909. ■



JANET PELLETIER

Safeway opens new eco-friendly office building

Executives from Pleasanton's largest employer celebrated the opening of a sustainable office building that will house 450 employees Wednesday. Safeway's latest corporate office building at 11555 Dublin Canyon Road, less than a mile from its other corporate offices on Stoneridge Mall Road, underwent an extensive renovation since it was purchased from Farmer's Insurance Group. Green features such as natural and energy-efficient lighting, a new heating and air conditioning system, bamboo flooring and recycled glass were implemented. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, pictured above, lauded Safeway for helping put Pleasanton on the map, saying "we know you are our bread and butter," and said the city aims to provide more workforce housing for employees as the country comes out of the recession. Other office amenities include a fitness center, cafe, wireless Internet, lactation room for new mothers and a transgender restroom.

I-580

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"This is a true corridor," he said. It opens the Bay Area to the rest of the country, Stockton. The more we keep this flowing, the more it benefits the country."

State Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, D-Alamo, echoed McNerney's comments, adding that the

population in the Tri-Valley region has grown from west to east and as a result, 580 has become a parking lot during the commute periods.

"One of the greatest challenges we have ... is getting people from point A to point B," she said, adding that this will benefit the movement of goods with the Port of Oakland, the third largest port in the state, and the Port of Stockton, the fourth largest. ■

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New farmers' market opens this weekend

More than 60 vendors to set up shop at Stoneridge Mall Fridays, Sundays

By EMILY WEST

Starting this weekend, a trip to Stoneridge Shopping Center could have patrons picking up fruits and vegetables in addition to a new gadget or pair of jeans.

A portion of the parking lot between Sears and Macy's will transform into a farmers' market from noon to 6 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Carrie Williams, marketing di-

rector at Stoneridge, said the ongoing market will be a regional destination with about 60 vendors participating.

"It is our goal to only feature foods and products from within a 200-mile radius of the mall," she said. "We'll have meats, fruits, cheeses, flowers, breads, handmade jewelry and soaps."

Part of the reason to not operate on Saturdays, Williams said,

is to not compete with the popular downtown Pleasanton market, which is held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. With the mall location, however, the Friday and Sunday events are likely to attract people from nearby cities.

Put on by Island Earth Farmers Market, it also also operates a daily indoor farmers' market at the Metreon in San Francisco.

To learn more, visit www.island-earthfarmersmarket.org. ■

Preparing for the next big quake

Pleasanton joins millions in the Great California Shakeout next Thursday

By EMILY WEST

Predicting when the next big earthquake will hit is anyone's guess, but pretending it will be at 10:15 a.m. this Thursday is one way to be ready.

Modeled after last year's program in Southern California that had more than 5 million participants, the Great California Shakeout marks the 20th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake the rocked the Bay Area.

More than 810,000 Bay Area residents, including more than 201,000 in Alameda County, are registered to be a part of the 6.1 million Californians who will participate in what organizers say will be the largest earthquake drill ever.

Students and staff at Pleasanton schools and the district offices are said to be participating at that time with duck-and-cover and evacuation drills, similar to those that schools are required to do throughout the year.

Genevieve Pastor-Cohen with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department said each station is also planning to act as if there were an earthquake happening.

"At each station they will do the drop, cover and hold, pull equipment out of each station and do a mock structural assessment," she said. "They will go through normal emergency procedures and do a simulation of what they would do

in a neighborhood."

They have also encouraged CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) graduates and neighborhood watch groups to participate. Even if they're in the car at 10:15 a.m., Pastor-Cohen said people should pull over to a safe spot as they should in an earthquake.

Even for those unaware of the drill beforehand, organizers hope seeing others participate can help spread the word.

"We encourage people to register so that the U.S. Geological Survey can know how big of an earthquake drill it was," Pastor-Cohen said.

To register, visit www.shakeout.org. ■

OF NOTE



George Miller, director of Livermore Lab, presents a \$5,000 check to Axis CEO Sue Compton and Development Director Carol Beddome.

Axis Community Health receives grants

Axis Community Health, which provides medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to the uninsured and underinsured, recently received two grants totaling \$35,000.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District awarded Axis Community Health \$30,000 to provide direct medical and educational interventions for approximately 335 patients who suffer from severe asthma. The grant will allow for one-on-one medical care that will include educational sessions, telephone advice and follow-up care from Axis' medical staff and program nurse. In addition, \$5,000 was received from Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), the contract manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, as part of its 2009 LLNS Community Gift Program. The funds will provide additional medical visits for low-income Tri-Valley children who otherwise would not be able to access medical care.

"At a time when our patient load is exploding due to layoffs and the resulting increase of uninsured people in our community, these funds are urgently needed and very much appreciated," said Axis CEO Sue Compton. "The Lab funding will allow us to serve more children by extending hours at our pediatric clinics and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District funding will help us to significantly improve the health of low income patients who are struggling with asthma."

Teen qualifies for national equestrian event

The American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) recently announced that Lauren Gorfinkle of Pleasanton has been awarded with the AMHA Hunter Seat on the Flat Silver Medal Award for her outstanding performance at the Morgan Medallion Classic Morgan Horse Show. This highly competitive event was held in August in Santa Barbara. Gorfinkle qualified to compete for the Gold Medal at the 2009 Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show held in Oklahoma City, Oct. 10-17.

Dingler elected to post

Nathan Dingler, a 2005 Foothill graduate, has been elected to be SFSU ASI (student body) School of Business Representative. He's currently president of SFSU chapter of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He is in the process of earning a triple major in finance and marketing, graduating in the spring.

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Healing Therapies Foundation provides financial aid to cancer patients

BY JANET PELLETIER

Sandra Wing knows firsthand the benefits healing therapies have on cancer patients. In just a few short weeks, she'll be celebrating three years being cancer-free.

Certainly not a substitute for traditional treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation, therapies such as acupuncture, massage and deep-breathing techniques are what helped the longtime Pleasanton resident get through the often grueling side effects the traditional treatments caused.

It was Nov. 16, 2006 that Wing underwent surgery to treat uterine cancer, what she calls her own blessing in disguise. During the procedure, doctors found she also had Stage 1 ovarian cancer, often called the silent killer because it shows no symptoms until it's too late.

"I consider myself very fortunate because they were both caught in the very early stage," she said. "It was the uterine cancer that was very fortunate to have because that's the one that has symptoms."

Battling both cancers through rounds of chemo, Wing endured the usual and debilitating side effects of nausea, body aches and pains, numbing of the fingers and toes and the emotional toll a cancer diagnosis brings. And while traditional treatment worked, it was also through healing therapies that she made a



Sandra Wing started her healing therapies foundation to help cancer patients pay for treatments.

complete recovery. Acupuncture helped the numbing, clinically called neuropathy, while acupuncture, massage and deep-breathing meditation helped in other ways.

But Wing considers herself fortunate. Why? Because most people can't afford these types of secondary therapies.

"It wasn't covered by insurance, and it can be quite expensive just on your co-pays and all the other expenses that aren't covered treating the cancer," she said.

In August 2008, Wing founded the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation to help cancer survivors treat these side effects through the various therapies.

"We raise money to give away to people with cancer in the Tri-Valley area and we're focused on five cities—Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville," Wing said.

Wing is also quick to add that the foundation is not meant to be an alternative to traditional cancer treatment, but hopes to help patients in conjunction with their chemo or radiation.

After spending the first part of the year raising money, the foundation gave grants to six people for \$1,000 to help pay for these treatments. Unfortunately, the sixth person died before he could use the grant money. The grants may not seem like much, but many of these healing therapies are as little as \$50 per treatment, so that can get someone up to 20 sessions, Wing said.

The foundation will hold a fundraiser Oct. 17, where those battling cancer can experience the therapies the organization provides financial aid for. The day will begin with a guided meditation, followed by a labyrinth walk, chair massage, acupressure sessions and an introduction to the healing benefits of acupuncture, closing with a sound immersion meditation.

The Healing Oasis fundraiser will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 5858 Stoneridge Mall Road. The cost for the day, including lunch, is \$80. Proceeds support the foundation and its programs. Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org or call 866-862-7270.

The foundation has two open seats on its board, is seeking volunteers and donations. Those who wish to apply for a grant must be undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation and have their doctor's approval. ■

CODY

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his replacement comes to work.

Cody's retirement also caps a 32-year career in fire services that began in Southern California with the Los Angeles City Fire Department, where he started as a firefighter and moved up the ranks during his 25-year tenure with that agency. He then joined the Newark Fire Department, where he served as assistant fire chief before joining the LPFD in 2005 as chief.

He has been highly regarded for his operational expertise and spearheaded the development of the XAL Regional Academy. Working together with the leadership of fire agencies in the City of Fremont and the County of Alameda, the academy was established to train new recruits. Today it serves as a model of regional collaboration and capitalizes on assembling the instructors and resources from all three agencies.

In addition, Cody has served on the board of directors for the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA), which is charged with developing a state-of-the-art communications system to serve the public safety agencies of the East Bay for many years to come.

Roush, whose base pay was \$187,370 in 2008, will receive a pension from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) based on a three-point system that provides 3 percent of the final year's base pay for each

year of service to a maximum of 90 percent, which Roush will be entitled to receive. He also received a cost of living increase this year which will be added to his 2009 base pay, but accrued vacation and any other financial benefits are not part of the base pay formula that CalPERS uses.

Also, Pleasanton will be responsible for a pension payout formula for the 21 years Roush worked for the city with the other 11 years the responsibility of the city of Vallejo, where Roush first worked.

Both the search for a new fire chief and Cody's pension formula are more complicated. Because the fire department is operated under a joint agreement by Livermore and Pleasanton, Livermore City Manager Linda Barton and Fialho will be the assigned city executives to develop a replacement plan and hire a search firm. Fialho said the process could take until March or April before candidates are selected for interviews and a final decision is made.

When he retired from the Los Angeles force, Cody became eligible for that department's pension plan which is funded and managed by the county of Los Angeles and is not part of the CalPERS system.

Here, Cody earned a base pay of \$171,634 in 2008. He will be eligible for a CalPERS pension based on the three-point formula, with the cities of Newark and Pleasanton each responsible for about four and a half years of pension liability, which will total about 25 percent of his 2009 base pay. ■



The City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Garbage Service present a free informational workshop on Pleasanton's new recycling program.

**Tuesday, October 13, 2009
at 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building
301 Main Street
Downtown Pleasanton**

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.

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LETTERS

Freedom of speech takes away others' rights to a good time

Dear Editor,

My husband and I, who are 25-plus-year residents in the wonderful city of Pleasanton, and very proud of that fact, were absolutely astonished, shocked and horrified Sept. 5, to come upon the horrid, inflammatory, loud and profane people who ruined the normally pleasant weekly trip to Farmers' Market downtown. They frightened children large and small, and made many visitors to the Market ill with their vulgar, uncouth, crude and rude yelling about their hatred for homosexuality. Unfortunately they implied that if those who passed by did not believe in their highly prejudicial points of view that they were sinners.

We understand the importance of "freedom of speech," however, they took away the public's right to enjoy a quiet and serene morning of buying fresh produce and hearing beautiful music provided at the market. We understand that a permit isn't required for activities such as the one they chose to perform, but please, to perpetuate the wonder of our city, can you take immediate action to have in our city's records a provision to prevent such horrendous activity? They were shouting to the point of being deafening; many others in the area were complaining about their activity and they stated their huge disapproval and upset over the obscenities that descended upon our most special city. We fervently hope that incidents such as this will never occur in our lovely town, thus spoiling our heretofore wonderful Saturday mornings!

My husband and I would gladly do anything suggested to help our town achieve the ridding of the unpleasant occurrences that we experienced two days ago. We hope that with some work and cooperation on the part of other willing citizens as well, that we will achieve a positive resolution of this matter.

Helen and Thomas Changras

Rising water rates baffling

Dear Editor,

I was struck by Zone 7's recent announcement that they will be raising water rates by a minimum of 9 percent. How can this be happening in the low inflation economy we are experiencing? Is this the prize we the public receive by conserving water as requested?

I investigated and here is what I found – another classic example of government spending out of control. Zone 7 operating expenses have increased 52 percent the past four years relative to an inflation rate of 12 percent. Wholesale water

costs are one reason, but I was surprised to learn that line items like chemicals have increased 100 percent just in the past year. I would love to get the purchasing agent's rationale for this. All other Zone 7 cost line items have grown much faster than inflation.

Zone 7 will defend the increases due to the new Mocho desalinization plant and Bay Delta costs, but these items represent only one-third of total cost increases. The majority comes from lack of basic management and cost control. I guess when you can count on unlimited revenues from your customers, cost containment is not a priority item. In fact, Zone 7 is projecting our water rates will double over ten years, three times a projected inflation rate.

We need to start holding our public organizations to the same standard we hold ourselves within our households and private companies. Letting Zone 7 know at their next meeting on Oct. 21 would be a good place to start.

Bart Hughes

Pleasanton experience not so pleasant

Dear Editor,

My family is from Manteca and on our road trip back from Monterey Sept. 27, we had our truck broken into at your city's mall.

Our camera bag, including a digital camera (worth \$700), a second camera (\$200), and a camcorder (\$400) were taken from our vehicle. A stuffed duffel bag with clothes and iPod equipment were also taken. All of our sentimental value from the trip and much more of our history was now gone. We were eating dinner at P.F. Chang's when the event took place. Mall security showed up within 20 minutes, but was no help whatsoever. When he came, he had thought we had left one of our doors unlocked. I also called the police and they took a good 20 minutes for to come, but when the officer came, he knew the car was broken into (by popping our lock with a screwdriver). Both basically said this happens all the time. A female restaurant employee co-incidentally told me her car was broken into the same exact way and in the same exact spot about a year ago.

There are no cameras videotaping this area of the parking lot. My family is devastated and disappointed in the way security and police handled this situation. If break-ins happen all the time at your mall, what has been done to decrease them? It would be nice if city members would help take a stand against these kinds of horrible crimes. This makes Pleasanton seem not so pleasant.

Monique Grijalva
Manteca

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Stopping thieves before they steal

A letter from Monique Grijalva of Manteca (see adjoining column) reports on her pick-up truck's break-in while she and her family shopped at Stoneridge Shopping Center. A camera bag and about \$700 worth of other valuables, all neatly stashed in a duffel bag visible in the cab and just behind the driver's seat were taken. She complains that it took mall security 20 minutes to respond to her phone alert and then another 20 minutes for Pleasanton police to arrive.

Grijalva's complaint checks out with a police report we read on the incident, although police records show that the responding officer was on the scene 8 minutes after her call to the Pleasanton dispatcher. It's another unfortunate incident we see in malls and parking lots, even in home driveways, most often caused by predatory thieves searching for valuables left in cars and other vehicles. As of Aug. 31, there have been 208 burglaries from vehicles in Pleasanton, roughly a 3 percent increase from the 202 incidents reported in the same first eight months in 2008. Part of the increase this year is attributed to a series of 47 auto burglaries on West Las Positas and Santa Rita Road early in the year, including 26 by one individual who was caught, prosecuted and jailed.

Sgt. Craig Eicher, special operations commander of the Pleasanton Police Department, says that auto burglaries are usually crimes of opportunity involving individuals or small groups that drive or walk around looking for valuables. Only if they see something that catches their attention—a cell phone, laptop, portable GPS system—do they move into action, smashing a window or prying open a door or trunk lock. For those with some experience, this all happens within 30 to 60 seconds. In parking lots such as those at Stoneridge or near sport workout centers such as ClubSport, these thieves will sit in their vehicles until they spot valuables being moved from a car to the trunk. Particularly vulnerable are women, Eicher says, who place their purse in their car's trunk before walking off to the gym. That trunk can be opened and the purse taken before its owner ever reaches the gym's front door.

As unfortunate as Grijalva's experience was, Pleasanton is really a fairly safe place. The overall crime rate is low. Police response time is fast. The "clearance rate" for crimes that are solved with the individual or group of individuals caught and stolen goods returned was 15 percent higher than the state average for the first eight months of 2009. Eicher attributes the low crime numbers and fast apprehension of criminals to Pleasanton residents who are better than most in keeping alert in their neighborhoods and on the streets and quickly reporting anyone or anything that seems suspicious. That helps because, as Eicher points out, police can't be everywhere at all times, but the department's rapid response gives our community a better chance of stopping a burglary or other crime in progress.

With the holidays approaching, Eicher offers this advice to shoppers. Keep valuables out of sight. Even a stuffed duffel bag like Grijalva's might look inviting to a would-be thief passing by. If possible, take valuables with you into the stores and use lockers, which are available at health clubs and at the mall, to store them while you're there. Be aware of your surroundings. When parking, look at who's around before moving anything to the trunk. If someone is just sitting in their car nearby, make eye contact with that individual so that he knows he's been seen. That also could enable you to identify him later if there's an incident. Always make a mental note of the car they're in. Most often, a thief on the prowl will move to another site once he thinks he's been spotted.

Always carry your cell phone and quickly call 911 if you suspect trouble. If you see something suspicious, call the police. "If the hair on the back of your neck is standing up because something doesn't feel right, we'd rather get that call and come check it out than have to come later after something's happened." Good advice. ■

OBITUARIES

Mert Murray

Mert Murray died peacefully Sept. 23 at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was 79.



He was born Aug. 16, 1930 in Graceville, Minn. and was a 66-year resident of Pleasanton. He attended Pleasanton Grammar School and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1949.

He joined the Air Force in January of 1951 and married his high school sweetheart, Gladys Cardoza, in October of 1951. He was stationed at Travis Air Force Base

until 1955. They then returned to Pleasanton to raise their family.

He was a very successful building contractor in Pleasanton, building a 5,000-square-foot addition to the Community First National Bank, the Adobe Plaza Shopping Center and Redwood Place condominiums on Ray Street and the Chianti Villas on Norton Way.

He retired in 1987, and enjoyed spending time in Pleasanton and at their Lake Wildwood home near Grass Valley, Calif. He and Gladys enjoyed traveling and spending lots of time together.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; son, Kevin of Grass Valley; daughter, Lori Fraser; and son-in-law, Bruce of Lake Wildwood. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews and many longtime friends. He was predeceased by his 11-year-old daughter Leslie in 1969; parents, Melvin and Margaret Murray; sisters, Melvina and

Muriel, and brother Mervin.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 15 at Saint Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Private internment will be at Saint Augustine's Cemetery. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Susan J. Dawson

Susan J. Dawson died peacefully at home Oct. 3 after a long battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends.

Mrs. Dawson was born in 1959 on Prince Edward Island in Canada and spent her childhood in Canada and Europe. She learned to speak French, German and Icelandic and graduated as a computer software programmer with an additional de-



gree in marketing. In 1985, she moved to California and soon after married her husband Ken. They settled in Pleasanton where she dedicated her life to raising her family and helping the local community.

She was full of life and love and was the true embodiment of grace. She made lasting friendships wherever she has lived and touched the lives of thousands through her involvement in local sports, school spirit and large charity projects.

Mrs. Dawson is survived by her husband, Ken; daughter Michelle; son, Trevor; mother, Moyra Benediktson; father, Tom Cmikiewicz; great-grandmother, Rose Cmikiewicz; sister, Connie and brother-in-law Bert (niece Tessa, nephew Jesse); brothers, Bruce and Jeff; parents in-law, Wilma and John Dawson; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Veronica Dawson (niece Tiana, nephews Chad and Christopher); sister-in-law, Cindy Dawson; numerous aunts; uncles and cousins; and her little dog, Spencer.

The family would like to thank everyone for their help and support and especially those who helped with her care and made her final days more peaceful — the Nightingales of Pleasanton.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. today at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. Donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen

Breast Cancer Foundation.

Larry Craig Jenkins

Larry Craig Jenkins died peacefully at home Oct. 3 after a courageous battle with Multiple System Atrophy. He was 55.

He and his wife resided in Pleasanton since 1986.

Mr. Jenkins was born Dec. 17, 1953. He graduated from the University of West Florida with a B.A. in accounting and was self-employed.

He is survived by his wife, Bronwe; son, Eric; mother, Pauline; sister, Debbie (Joey) Jones; sister-in-law, Brooke (George) Smith; and five nieces and nephews, Kevin Smith, Krista Smith, Sara Jones, Leah Jones and Rachel Jones.

The family thanks his devoted caregivers, Patty and Vida, as well as everyone at Hope Hospice also, a special thank you to Patsy Valenziano.

A service will be held at 7 p.m. today at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Ste. 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or the Valley Community Church Benevolent Fund.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Landscaper sentenced for tax evasion

A local landscaper who performed work in Pleasanton and Livermore has been sentenced for tax evasion, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Kevin Matthew Hoggatt was sentenced last week to five months community confinement followed by five months home detention, three years of supervised release, a \$30,000 fine and ordered to pay restitution of \$53,593 for tax evasion.

Hoggatt, 45, pleaded guilty June 24 to four counts of tax evasion. According to the plea, Hoggatt admitted that he was the sole proprietor of his landscaping business — Norcal Landscape and Maintenance, which recently changed to KH Maintenance and Irrigation Repair, LLC. Hoggatt was said to have under-reported his gross receipts from his business

by at least \$364,318. Some of Hoggatt's customers paid him with checks made payable to his business, some paid him with cash while others paid him with checks made payable to him personally. Hoggatt reported only some of the checks made payable to his business and did not report the cash or the checks that were made payable to him personally.

Hoggatt used some of the unreported income to pay off his mortgage on his home in Livermore, investigators reported. He also purchased a 2004 Ford F250 for \$31,000 and opened a 10-month certificate of deposit in the amount of \$40,000. Hoggatt also failed to file Form 941, Employer's Quarterly federal tax returns. He falsely reported to the IRS that he did not have any employees, when during that time he had up to three employees who he paid in cash.

—Janet Pelletier

POLICE REPORT

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

Sept. 28

Vehicular burglary

- 7:36 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 8:43 p.m. in the 7700 block of Highland Oaks Drive
- 8:18 p.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 8:55 p.m. in the 5500 block of Serenity Terrace
- 9:36 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 11:03 p.m. in the 4700 block of Corwin Court

Sept. 29

Theft

- 9:33 a.m. in the 1200 block of Concord Street; identity theft
- 12:55 p.m. in the 400 block of Main

Street; grand theft

Sept. 30

Theft

- 10:29 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; grand theft
- 3:51 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen car

Vehicular burglary

- 7:19 a.m. in the 600 block of Windmill Lane

DUI

- 1:59 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:37 p.m. at the intersection of Abbie and Second streets

Indecent exposure

- 6:26 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 1

DUI

- 2:06 a.m. in the 4500 block of Fairlands Drive
- 9:32 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol

Boulevard and Riddell Street

Oct. 2

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:24 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Interstate 580; DUI
- 1:26 a.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue; public drunkenness, DUI, paraphernalia possession, under the influence of a controlled substance
- 1:35 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue; paraphernalia possession
- 5:27 p.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive; public drunkenness
- 7:06 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 10:28 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue; DUI

Battery

- 7:57 a.m. in the 5700 block of Genovesio Drive

Peeping Tom

- 8:21 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• PCUP 254, IvyMax, Inc.

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a tutoring center for students at 5820 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 108.

• PCUP 255, USA Wu Chi Kung Fu Academy

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Kung Fu, Tai Chi, Chinese Arts and Dance, and Yoga facility at 425 Boulder Court, Suites 200 and 300.

• PRZ 46, City of Pleasanton

Review and consideration of amendments to Chapter 18.104 and various related sections of the Pleasanton Municipal Code regarding Home Occupations.

• PUD 02 07M/PSPA 02/PCUP-210, Scott Trobbe, South Bay Development

Work session on the Pleasanton Gateway PUD development plan modification located on the southwest corner of Bernal Avenue and Valley Avenue. Zoning for the property is PUD C (Planned Unit Development – Commercial) District.

Housing Commission

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation by GRID Alternatives Regarding the Solar Affordable Housing Program
- Discussion of Draft Priorities for Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2014
- Discussion Regarding Housing Commission Meeting Schedule

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Youth Commission

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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Youth Master Plan Implementation

Committee (Workshop)

Monday, October 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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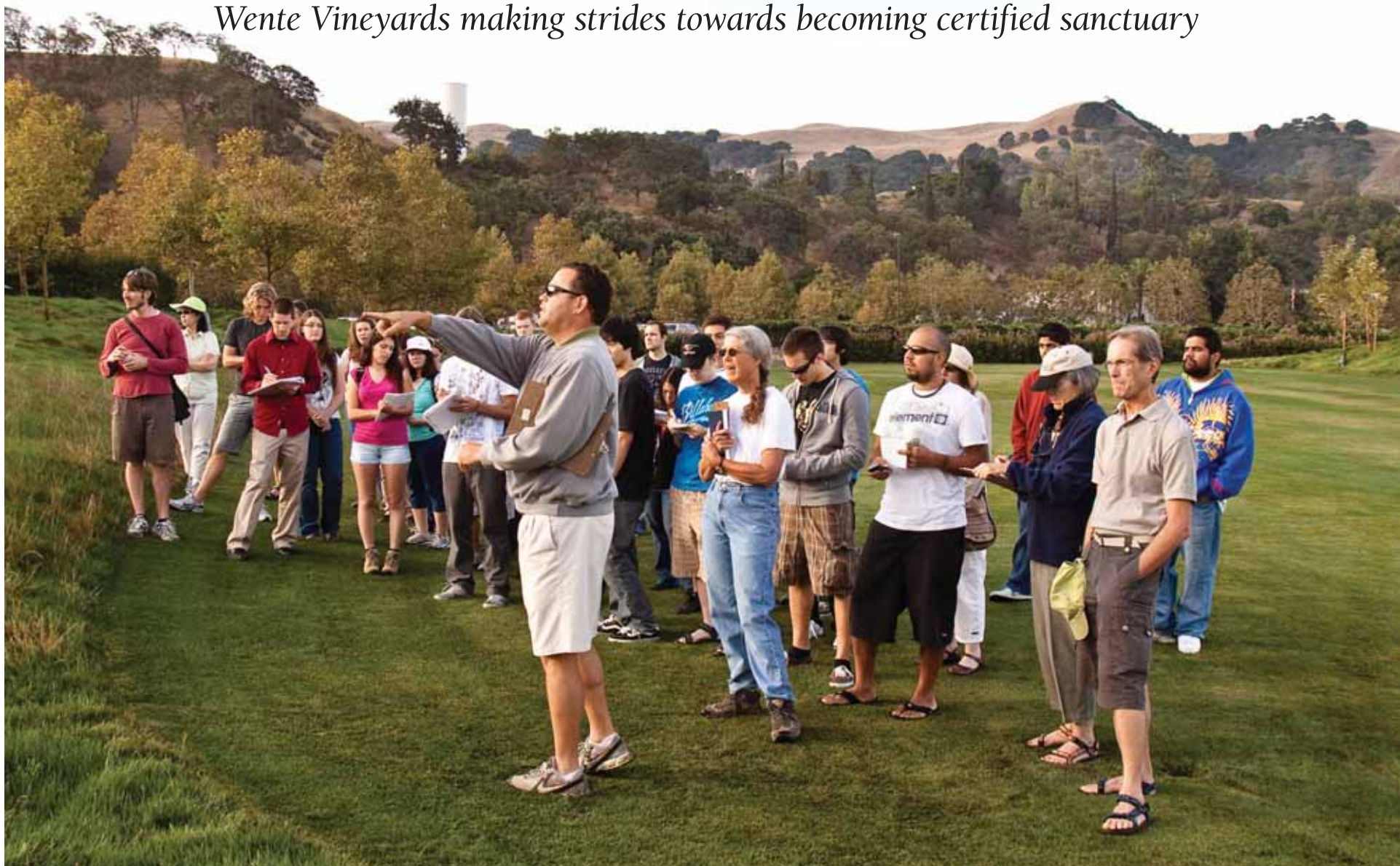
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Seeking sustainability

Wente Vineyards making strides towards becoming certified sanctuary



ELI PITTA

Glenn Matthews (center) shows Wente Vineyards' efforts to become a sustainable facility to a group of science students and professors from Las Positas College.

By EMILY WEST

It's not uncommon for golf courses to have meticulously crafted landscapes and be submerged in nature. Yet Wente is working beyond what is par for the course to go green on the green.

Working with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, the idea is to revisit the company's practices and change anything that could be harmful to the environment.

Glenn Matthews, golf course superintendent for Wente Vineyards, has been working on the process of completing six certifications, which would make the Livermore golf course a certified sanctuary. Visitors often ask Matthews about wildlife or the natural surrounding at Wente, and they are working to educate employees to know about the various species and the conservation efforts to keep them there.

"It's the right thing to do for our business," he said about the becoming sustainable. "We want to have a golf course and business for many years to come. People can know they are playing on a course that isn't harming the environment."

As businesses and individuals are be-

coming more concerned being ecologically friendly, people are considering how their past practices could potentially be harming people and the rest of the natural world.

"In years past, it was just easier to do it the other way," Matthews said, mentioning the use of synthetic fertilizers and various chemicals. "Now we try to find balance between economics and the environment. Prices are becoming more competitive for more natural and authentic products."

The Audubon certification process begins with a site assessment that would reveal areas for improvement in the following categories: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, water quality management and outreach and education.

One of the ways Wente has reached out to the community and share about their efforts is to invite some science classes from Las Positas College. In September, students and professors toured the facilities on Arroyo Road in Livermore, learning about the various ways to run a business facility with goals of sustainability and care for the environment.

The visitors were able to see what improvements Wente has made since Audubon representatives assessed the site just over a year ago. As a part of the assessment, Audubon took inventory of plants and animals as well as the facility management practices from fertilizers to how they clean equipment.

"What we found was that our practices were consistent and even exceeded the criteria," Matthews said. "After the site assessment, we were told the areas for improvement and we set goals."

The green goals aren't just limited to the golf courses, as the vineyards and restaurant are working towards achieving high standards of environmental awareness and conservation.

"There is a lot of biological diversity here," Matthews said. "Through the introduction of the course 10 years ago, we've increased the biological diversity. We hope to maintain that. One way to do that is doing nesting box programs, marking the areas where birds are nesting and create a better habitat for the wild."

Other changes they have made include utilizing the organic waste collected from the golf course in landscaping across the prop-

erty. Before that, the organic waste went to the landfill. In the restaurant, all of the to-go cups are starch-based, meaning they will be tossed in the compost pile and biodegrade within 90 days.

Recycling options have also improved, as they are making it more widely available around the facility — including everything from glass and aluminum to corks from the tasting room and grease from the kitchen — while collecting money and saving on waste removal when possible.

Right now, Wente is Audubon certified in environmental planning and habitat management. While they have implemented all the goals from the site assessment, they are awaiting the final steps to be completed in the other four categories, which Matthews expects to happen by the year's end. Once they reach sanctuary status, they will join nearly 600 other sanctuary courses in the world.

"With about 17,000 golf courses just in the United States, there is a small percentage in the world that are certified," Matthews said.

To learn more about Audubon's programs, visit <http://acspgolf.auduboninternational.org>. ■

READY TO RENT

REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JOE RAMIREZ

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Disney DVD
1 hour, 23 minutes
Director: David Hand

It's easy to be cynical about a Walt Disney movie, especially in their media bonanzas of the last 10 or so years, where product seems to come before art. However, when you watch a Disney movie, especially one made before 1955, you can still see proverbial Uncle Walt's pathologic desire to be taken seriously as an artist who dreams of commercial success. When you look past the packaging, iconography, and hoopla of this week's release of 1937's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" you will find a great movie. It's one in American lore where, like "Citizen Kane," an artist and his very talented team synthesized the previous 30 years of silent film and world cinema and shaped something both new and invigorating.

Walt Disney, depending on your biography, was either a shrewd businessman, insecure artist, paranoid patriot or D., all of the above (he gets my vote for all). "Snow White," was a progression from "Silly Symphonies" which were in brilliant Technicolor (Disney had an exclusive contract) and were concerned more with the innovation of movement and sound, experiments for something bigger. Disney and his team of animators worked on this movie for two years, with an assembly line of young women painting the millions of cels (each frame had to be hand drawn and then painted and then photographed) while the licensing department worked overtime in order to break even.

The plot is almost textbook. Snow White (voiced by Adriana Caselotti) lives with the

wicked queen who, threatened by her beauty, keeps Snow White in poverty and servitude. One day the enabling and ominous magic mirror confirms the queen's greatest fear — that she is not the fairest in the land — and she

orders the assassination (I'll call it like I see it) of Snow White who is spared out of pity and is told to run into the woods. As luck would have it, she encounters a cottage of seven male dwarfs whose monikers embody their personalities and who, like most men, live only for the moment and leave housework at the wayside. What ensues is either a travesty of female empowerment or a celebration of optimism as Snow White whistles while she works to clean their house thus befriend them. All the while, the queen is plotting Snow White's murder (and this is meant for kids!).

Kidding aside, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" still manages to overwhelm due to its imagery alone. I say challenge yourselves and, if you don't mind feeling dorky, watch the movie with the sound off or with another piece of music (try The Cure's "Disintegration" or Beethoven's 9th). The images alone are enough to draw you in and taken right from the silent era, with theatrical poses, skewed camera angles and deep shadows. It is imagery, associated with dreams and nightmares, is simplified but sublimely multifaceted. In the end, what makes "Snow White" brilliant is its simple, transparent approach to the story, whose frames render the complexities of pre-WWII America; a very living artifact. ■



NOW SHOWING

REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES

By KARLA KANE

Capitalism: A Love Story

★★★
Rated R for language
2 hours, 7 minutes

It's been 20 years since populist filmmaker/gadfly Michael Moore made his landmark documentary "Roger and Me," and in that time the bleak economic shadow over his hometown of Flint, Mich., has only gotten bleaker and spread over the United States as a whole.

In "Capitalism: A Love Story," Moore revisits some themes of "Roger and Me," this time attempting to tackle the nation's capitalistic structure itself.

All Moore's trademark schticks (comical agitation outside office lobbies, use of 1950s film strips and stock footage, common-folk sob stories) are present.

"Capitalism ...," with its wildly ambitious subject matter, sprawls and meanders across such topics as the mortgage crisis, the shockingly low pay of commercial airline pilots, the business practice of taking out secret life-insurance policies on workers (chillingly referred to as "dead peasants" by corporate big-wigs), union busting, and the political corruption involved with the recent federal financial bailout.

Moore interviews families who have lost all their worldly possessions, Catholic priests who decry capitalism as immoral and un-Christian, a slimy Realtor proudly billing himself as a "condo vulture," government officials and even

his own father, a former General Motors employee.

The film's essential argument is that the current U.S. system of capitalism (based on greed and profit for the rich at any cost) is evil. It's a purposely inflammatory argument and, if overly simplistic and shaky at times, raises an appropriate level of outrage.

Why, Moore asks, have so many Americans been left destitute while the government gives billions of taxpayer dollars to already wealthy financial fat cats? And why do we the people allow it to happen? Good questions!

Moore's tactics can grow tiresome (do the already tear-jerking stories of suffering families really need to be underscored with such mawkish music? Do we really need more cheap shots at Bush and Cheney?) and the revolution he's calling for seems to lack clarity. The values of capitalism vs. democracy vs. plutocracy and so forth may be just too broad a venture for a single two-hour movie to address satisfactorily. But whatever your political persuasion, whether you love Moore's films or hate them, "Capitalism: A Love Story" will anger you, entertain you and make you think.

A timely and impressive piece of propaganda, "Capitalism ..." should impassion both right- and left-leaning viewers, if for different reasons. It's a firecracker of a film and, even if audiences aren't entirely convinced by Moore's call to arms, well worth viewing and discussing. ■

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Home Sweet

NFL legend John Madden settles back into Pleasanton

BY DENNIS MILLER

There is no denying John Madden's resume is certainly extensive, very impressive and speaks volumes to the success he's achieved.

- Professional football coach, where he was the youngest coach to win 100 career regular season games, including a Super Bowl title and finishing without ever having a losing season as a head coach — check.

- Broadcasting career, where he lasted 30 years and became arguably the greatest and most beloved color announcer in the history of professional football, where he earned 16 richly deserved Emmy awards — check.

- National Football League Hall of Fame member, where he was inducted in August of 2006 — check.

- Cultural icon, with his name — and voice — are associated with the top selling sports home video game of all time — check again.

But Madden's crowning glory is the section of his resume which usually gets one line, buried in the middle of a lengthy story, but is the most important in his mind — loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather.

It's those final three accomplishments which drove Madden to retire from broadcasting in April of this year, leaving behind the incredible legacy he created in 30 years of coming into America's households through their televisions each fall and winter during football season.

Even though Madden loves football — the man still lives, eats and breathes the game — make no mistake about it, his first love always has and always will be his family. Countless times over the years, Madden would draw reference to Pleasanton and his family on both television and any radio programs he would do. It's educated football fans across the country as to exactly where Pleasanton, Calif. is located.

Now after stepping away from the career which kept him on the road from late August through January for the last 30 years, Madden, who has put Pleasanton on the map, now has the chance to be John Madden, the full-time family man.

At 73 years old, with five grandchildren and his 50th wedding anniversary with wife Virginia coming in December, it was time to walk away from the broadcast side of football and focus on family.

One week ago was a perfect example, as Madden was able to sit high up the stands at Foothill High and watch his sons Mike and Joe coach their freshman football team to a 34-7 win over Miramonte. Running around John and Virginia were some of the grandchildren. It was a classic scene and one which seemed so natural. There's no denying he was enjoying every minute of it.

Had it been a year earlier, chances are he'd have been on his bus heading out for this week's Sunday night football game.

"I think at sometime in your life, you have to get that," Madden said of the family time. "When you're a coach you don't get to see others play and when you're a broadcaster, you zone in on your own game. This is one of the great things now. For the first time, I can sit and watch other people play during the football season. I will be able to watch Joe and Mike coach the freshman team and be able to see the grandkids' games."

In other words, the loss to football fans across the country is the Madden family and Pleasanton's gain.

It's been a while since Madden has had the luxury of setting his own agenda this time of year. In fact, since 1950, when Madden was a freshmen in high school, he's seen his fall schedule pretty well set with football, first as a player in high school and college, then as a coach and finally, the incredible career as a broadcaster.

Now it appears, on the surface at least, Madden has time to burn and he's getting no shortage of suggestions how to fill the time.

"During football season, I would never see other people, but now I've got people asking me to go duck hunting," Madden said with a laugh. "(The fall) is duck hunting season, so I've never duck hunted and I'm not getting started now. I even had someone ask me to go dove hunting and I didn't even know they hunted dove."

While some may think Madden now has an empty slate, that couldn't be further from the truth, as Madden's plate is still very full. For starters, Madden is now a special advisor to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, a job which includes a conference call once a week, as well as one face-to-face meeting a month, which will probably take place in New York.

"I am trying to keep this to football as it's played," explained Madden of the advisory position. "There are plenty of guys in the NFL office who do the business and revenue sharing. I want this to be about the game as it's played on the field and everything which goes with that. It's about the competitive spirit — making sure it doesn't go in the wrong direction."

In addition, Madden is also the chairman of the Coaches Sub-Committee, which also involves a weekly conference call with coaches around the NFL. Add in any promotion he does for the legendary Madden football video game and it's obvious he's not going to be just sitting around.

"I was worried about being bored," Madden said. "But advising the commissioner is going to take some time and the coaching sub-committee is taking up some time. I'm not bored yet."

And when he needs his football fix, Madden has a set-up which would make any football fan envious. Located in his Pleasanton office, Madden's got a man-cave for the ages, with nine, 63-inch monitors, as well as a big pro-



CHRIS SCOTT

jection screen. It gives Madden the capabilities to watch every NFL game on TV, with audio options available for all 10 screens.

"The idea started years ago with CBS," Madden said. "They had a room with all the games they called, 'Roast Beef Central.' I had some weekends off and would go in there to watch all the games."

Even with the NFL season in the early stages, it didn't take Madden long to immerse himself in an NFL Sunday, something he's never been able to do before.

"I had all nine games on at 10 a.m., then the three or four games at 1 p.m., followed by the Sunday night game," Madden said of the first week of the season. "By the end of the day, I had a pretty good idea what was going on."

Week two of the NFL season saw Madden back on his bus and headed to Dallas for the regular season grand opening of the new Cowboys Stadium, which featured the Sunday night game of the week with the New York Giants.

"People ask me what I did with the bus,"

"Just because I stepped away from broadcasting, I didn't lose my passion or energy. I don't want to just sit in a rocking chair — that's the last damn thing I want to do."

John Madden

Madden said. "I still have a bus and I am still going to travel. The first two weeks (of the NFL season) have been pretty hectic. I went to the Raiders (Monday night) game the first week, then down to Dallas. Just because I stepped away from broadcasting, I didn't lose my passion or energy. I don't want to just sit in a rocking chair — that's the last damn thing I want to do."

Credit his passion for football or his love and adoration for his family for his staying busy, as certainly both are true. But also give an assist to the late Walter Cronkite.

"When Cronkite died, I remember hearing something he said," Madden said. "When someone asked him for his advice to someone retiring, he said, 'Don't do it.' I really changed my tune by saying I didn't retire, I just retired from broadcasting football. I still have all these things — I just retired from a part of it. I can see Cronkite's point and it's well taken." ■

at home

on while still keeping busy



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Football broadcasting legend John Madden is spending more time at home these days. Here he sits in the stands watching a Football Falcons freshman high school football game on a recent weeknight. His son Mike Madden is the head coach.



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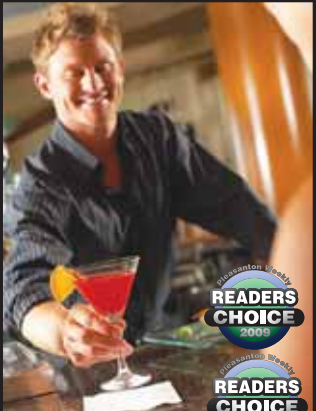


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Clubs

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS The Amador Valley Quilt Club meets at 1:30 Oct. 10 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Speaker Marie Strait will talk about “Successes and Failures on a Fabric Diet.” Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend. Visit amador-valleyquilters.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION This group meets on the second Saturday of every month in Pleasanton. Members are descended from patriots of the Revolutionary War. Prospective members are welcome. For information, call Susan at 699-4147.

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TRI-VALLEY INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS Tri-Valley Insurance Professionals meets from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Road, for fellowship, networking and educational opportunities relating to the insurance industry. Cost is \$30. Visit www.tvipca.com.

Concerts

FREE FLUTE & PIANO RECITAL The recital is at 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the New World Music Academy, 1258 Quarry Lane and features internationally renowned flutist Isabelle Chapius and pianist Mark Anderson. For more information, call 462-5400.

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Events

ARTIST’S RECEPTION An artist’s reception for Tricia Poulos

Leonard’s show, “From Realism to Abstracton, an Artist’s Journey,” is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Wild Vine, 2187 First St., Livermore. Show is open during October. Call 462-8263 or visit www.triciastudio.com.

AU PAIR WINE & CHEESE TASTING Cultural Care Au pair will host a wine and cheese tasting at Little Valley Winery, 739 Main St., from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 11. Families hosting an au pair and those interested in hosting one are welcome. No children, babies in strollers are OK.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Valley Humane Society is hosting a Blessing of the Animals event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 10 at 3670 Nevada St. All pets are welcome on a leash or in a carrier. Pets will receive a blessing from the friar and a St. Francis medallion. Blessing is free. Donations appreciated. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Holiday Boutiques, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Veterans’ Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Variety of handcrafted items including holiday decorations, jewelry, knitted items, homemade jams, candles and more.

PILLARS OF THE TRI-VALLEY The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative will host the Pillars of the Tri-Valley from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at CarrAmerica Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive. It’s an opportunity for non-profits to recruit volunteer board leadership to their organizations. The event is free and those interested should pre-register at www.trivalleypillars.org.

PLEASANTON DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION ANTIQUE FAIRE The faire is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 on Main Street. It features over a mile of antiques and collectibles will be displayed by more than 400 professional dealers from all over the West. The show will feature free appraisals by Steve Yaska, noted appraiser and journalist from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Exhibits

‘MUESTRA DE ARTE’ AT MURRIETTA’S WELL WINERY Muestra de Arte is a fine arts show from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 17 at Murietta’s Well, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. The event includes art by Livermore artists and wine tasting. Call 606-1088 or visit www.murrietaswell.com.

DR. SEUSS COLLECTION Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St., will unveil Dr. Seuss Collections “Wisdom of the Orient Cat,” a secret collection, and “Anthony Drexel Goldfarb,” an unorthodox taxidermy collection, from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 17. Event includes wine, appetizers and live music. RSVP to info@studio7finearts.com.

Fundraisers

BROTHERS, BAR ROOMS, AND BANDITS Return to the Pleasanton of old from 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd,

for a fundraiser for the Museum On Main Street. Tickets are \$40 and include food and gaming chips. Dressing up in period attire is encouraged. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

GOOD NEWS BEARS’ OCTOBEAR AFFAIRE Alden Lane’s Fall Festival, Octobear Affaire, is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11 at 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. It will feature drawings for gift baskets and bear-related items for sale. New this year is a 2010 “Bears Around Town” calendar for \$10. They will also collect new and gently used stuffed animals to give to those in need. Visit www.goodnewsbears.org.

HEALING OASIS: DAY TO RENEW AND RELAX The Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, which provides financial aid to cancer patients for complementary therapies, will hold Healing Oasis from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at 5858 Stoneridge Mall Road. It includes holistic therapies, including guided meditation, acupressure, and chair massage. Tickets are \$80, which includes lunch. Proceeds go towards the foundation. Call 866-862-7270 or visit www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

LIONS CLUB BIG MONEY GIVEAWAY The Amador Valley Lions Club hosts the 23rd annual Big Money Giveaway Oct. 22 at the Alameda County Fairground’s Palm Pavilion. The group has raised more than \$260,000 to date. Tickets are \$100 and only 250 are available. For more information, call Chuck Doran at 484-4097 or Buzz Valente at 443-8649.

VFW CRAB FEED AND BLACKJACK GAMES Pleasanton’s Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will host its annual crab feed and blackjack games Oct. 10 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. This event, which often sells out, provides all-you-can-eat crab and a free glass of wine. Proceeds will support local VFW activities, including the support of currently deployed service members and local veterans in need. Tickets are \$38. For tickets, call Larry Jackson at 462.0788. Visit www.vfwpost6298.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

CRAFTING CHARACTER: A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION The California Writers Club (CWC) – Tri-Valley Branch will celebrate the CWC’s 100th birthday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St., with a presentation by David Corbett, author of three successful thrillers, on how to craft memorable characters. There will be birthday cake. For reservations, call 462-7495. Cost is \$21 for members or \$27 for non-members.

ERGONOMICS SEMINAR State Compensation Insurance Fund presents an ergonomics seminar at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at their offices, 5890 Owens Drive, Pacific/Atlantic Conference Room. The free seminar

will show employers simple, cost-effective solutions to ergonomics challenges in the workplace. Following the first session, it will be split into two interactive workshops covering office and home health-care ergonomics. Call 523-5617 or visit www.scif.com.

GROWING UP FEMALE WORKSHOP Mothers and their fifth or sixth-grade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female at 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Led by RN specialist Amy Sluss, this two-hour workshop explores the normal changes that occur in girls ages 9 to 16. The session is crafted to build self-esteem, positive body image and a healthy sense of “being a girl.” The cost is \$45 and advanced registration is required. Call 858-0702 or register online at www.fab2bfem.com.

On Stage

DC INSIDER JOHN HAMRE TO SPEAK The East Bay will can gain policy insights from Washington D.C. insider and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$30, \$12 for students 21 and under. Call 373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org.

Political Notes

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE The group will again hold a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 in front of the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. They will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. The event will continue monthly as long as necessary.

Seniors

FALL PREVENTION & HOME SAFETY Bay Alarm Medical presents a class on fall prevention and home safety from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Learn about resources available that can assist seniors in living independently. Cost is \$1.75 for residents and \$2.25 for non-residents. Call 931-5369.

Spiritual

ECK WORSHIP SERVICE The public is invited to attend the monthly ECK worship service from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 18 at the Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. (ECK means Holy Spirit.) Each service focuses on an aspect of Eckankar. The title for this month is “The Creative Power of Soul.” People of all faiths are welcome. Call 944-0118.

ENTERING THE CASTLE STUDY GROUP Study group now forming to discuss and explore the book “Entering the Castle” by Caroline Myss. The book is a call to those who wish to find guidance on their spiritual journey. First meeting is from 2 to 3:30 Oct. 11 in Pleasanton. Call Mari at 202-1752 for details.

HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE Blazing Fire Church and Revival Cry Ministries present a Holy Spirit Conference with Jason Upton, Sean Smith, Dennis Reanier, and Andrew Phillips Oct. 15 to 18 at Celebration Christian Center in Livermore. Register online at RevivalCry.com or call 406-522-7107 for details.

Sports

CCOP MUSIC MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT The tournament is at noon Oct. 16 at Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 1306 Happy Valley Road. Hosted to benefit the ministry’s Rome Pilgrimage Scholarship Fund. Registration includes a round of golf, lunch, and a gala awards dinner with raffle and auction. Registration deadline is Sept. 28. Cost is \$175 per player. A foursome is \$600 for a foursome before Sept. 20 or \$700 thereafter. Dinner only is \$40. Call 408-803-6262 or visit www.ccopmusic.org.

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BUSC U16 Hawks get ‘brownie’ points

The U16 Ballistic Hawks took first place in the San Ramon Scramble Tournament recently. The Hawks completed three shutout games in their bracket, taking them to the championship game where they faced Livermore United. After regulation and overtime the contenders were still tied, forcing a penalty kick situation. The Hawks were victorious after their 9th PK. Pictured here, receiving post-game brownies are Steven Kinnard, Michael Roeder, Goalkeeper Amir Sahabi, Viswa Rao, Dakota Yates, Kevin Faggiano, Sean Walsh, Eric Crispell, Grayson Meurrens, Warren Bacal, Raja Jain, Ogb Kanu, Daniel Reedy, Joel French, Bryson Sherman, Tyler Miller, Qiu Fang and Josh DiPiazza.



BUSC U7 Fireballs show prowess

The BUSC U7 Fireballs demonstrated incredible passing skills two weeks ago while showing great determination and speed in moving the ball down the field. Kevin Lee led the offense by shooting two goals. Charley Jetter added to the goal total, while Tyler Chen scored the game winning goal. Gabe Payne showed great goalkeeping skills and Matthew Hong was effective in clearing the ball while on defense.

Rage U14 place 2nd in Santa Cruz tournament

The Rage U14 Orange took second place in a Santa Cruz tournament two weeks ago. Rage fullbacks Patricia Norcross, Katie Oross, Olivia Deutschman, Laura Morgan, Claire Hickel, and midfielders Claire Williams, Kayla Bautista, Lindsay Curlett, Rebecca Dumanski and Ariel Gershman, with goalie Nikki Costello only gave up one goal in the tournament. Kayla Bautista lead the Rage's seven tournament goals with two goals and two assists, with other top scorers Paige Peterson getting one goal and two assists, and Vanessa Villanueva and Rebecca Dumanski with one goal and one assist each. This is the third RAGE U14 Orange Medal in three tournaments.



Pictured back row left to right: Joe Santana, Paige Peterson, Courtney Seams, Rebecca Dumanski, Claire Hickel, Vanessa Villanueva, Claire Williams, Malcolm Cerri; second row left to right: Erica Goldhawk, Kayla Bautista, Patricia Norcross, Laura Morgan, Lindsay Curlett, Ariel Gershman, Katie Oross; laying down left to right: Olivia Deutschman and Nikki Costello.

Rage U16 fights off strong play for win

Rage U16 Div 3 Orange came away with a 4-2 win Sunday against a previously unbeaten U15 Div. 3 Orange team. The U16 team took an early 3-0 lead with two scores from Katie Cloonan and another from Delaney Holmes, before the U15 team netted one. Gabby Perko added a fourth goal to make it 4-1 at the half. The second half was very exciting with both teams fighting off strong advances. The U15 added one final goal off of a corner kick, to make the final score 4-2. Nicole Torquato anchored the defensive effort for the Rage U16 team.



Nicole Torquato plays defense for Rage U16 Orange.

SPORTS DIGEST

Rage U18AC step it up against a physical Livermore Arsenal

In their opening game of the week-end, the Pleasanton Rage U18AC fought hard against the very physical Livermore Arsenal for a 1-1 tie. Arsenal scored first, but Rage answered back when Breahna Berry blasted one past the keeper. Sunday, Rage battled to the end to beat Diablo FC 2-1. Berry scored both Rage goals. One goal came when Morgan Dorsey and Kim Denne put pressure on the Diablo defense, forcing the keeper out, allowing Breahna Berry to slip one past her. The other when the speedy Breahna slipped past the Diablo defense. The stingy defense of Sara Ramirez, Alyssa Malfatti, Victoria Piazza, Laura Yoshida, Jillian Johnson and keeper Megan Piper kept op-

posing team shots to a minimum. Forwards Danielle Paxton and Brittany, Carrolan had great shots on goal while midfielders Kira Capaccioli, Brittany Repac, Amanda Briones, Sarah May, Chrissy Waite and Paisley Miller controlled the center.

Divas battle it out against Dominoes

The Rage U6 Division 4 Divas left their sunglasses and necklaces at home to play a good game against the Dominoes last weekend. Ella Andrews, Kayla Galvez and Ava Ricker showed their speed up and down the field while scoring goals for their team. Laney Lopez denied the Dominoes from a score by blocking a kick at the goal box. Teammates Karla Aello, Madison Neves, Rachel Mattison and Emmy Damiani worked together to moving the ball to their opponent's goal.

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Level 4 and 6 gymnasts win first place at meets

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy's girl's team started their competitive season with great success. Their level 4 and 6s have won first place team at both meets attended this year so far. Sept. 26 and 27, both level 4 and 6 won individual all around titles, along with first place team awards at Technique Gymnastics located in Sacramento. Over 700 gymnasts competed. Results are as follows:

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
Level 4					
Shayne Estill	9.5750 (1st)	9.3750 (2nd)	9.200 (1st)	9.250 (1st)	1st middle age
Alexander Kim	9.3750 (4th)	9.150 (2nd)	9.150 (1st)	9.350 (1st)	1st younger age
Chasia Wong	9.3 (3rd)	9.200 (4th)	9.250 (2nd)	9.075 (1st)	1st older age
Natalie Boyle	9.4250 (2nd)	8.850 (4th)	8.6750 (5th)	9.100 (4th)	3rd Younger
Level 5					
Jaala Downes	8.6250 (4th)	9.4250 (1st)	8.3750 (8)	9.00 (6th)	4th
Level 6					
Carly Isreal	9.550 (1st)	9.250 (1st)	9.150 (3rd)	9.350 (1st)	1st middle
Lauren Kobayashi	8.950 (8th)	8.625 (2nd)	9.0750 (1st)	9.150 (1st)	1st older
Anna Siebel	9.00 (6th)	8.8250 (1st)	8.9750 (5th)	8.7500 (6th)	3rd younger
Loren Couture	9.00 (7th)	8.6750 (1st)	8.6250 (3rd)	8.9250	3rd older

DIGEST

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Rage U11 Premier remain undefeated

Winning their toughest game yet, the U11 Premier team kept their undefeated streak alive last weekend. It wasn't easy, but in the end the Rage walked away with a well-deserved 4-3 win over the Antioch Dynamite. The first half was rough going when the Dynamite quickly scored two early goals, but the Rage answered with Amy Schoendienst's well-placed assist to Ryan Murphy.

In the second half they really turned up the heat when Haley Okumura kicked a high ball towards the penalty box enabling Shanece Hunsaker to tap it in for a winner. The Dynamite came back to score their third goal putting them in the lead temporarily, suddenly with the speed of a gazelle Shanece Hunsaker took off down the field to even up the game 3-3. Sarah Broacha and Sam Frost both did an excellent job of keeping the ball forward, while Tiara Lewis kept the Dynamites main scoring threat under control, a sensational block from Haley stopped her cold in her tracks. The defense of Ariana Nino, Lorna Roberts and Juliet Allen denied the Dynamite any more scoring opportunities; a beautiful assist from Jo Salinas to Shanece Hunsaker finished the game off with the Rage winning 4-3.

BUSC U19 Advanced win fourth league game

As a follow up on their third-place finish in the Fall Harvest Tournament two weeks ago, BUSC U19 Advanced won game four of their league play on Saturday. The Advanced team warmed up in the first half giving false hope to the Oakland Leopards. On fire in the second half, four rapid fire goals sealed the deal for the win. The back line once again came up to the front line allowing Luis Castillo a direct cross in front of the goal for a bullet in by Michael Fontana. Second goal was a repeat and when Oakland put on some pressure leading to a corner kick, Max Delaney bent it in. The final goal came with a solid Max Delaney shot without hesitation, clinching the 4-1 victory.

Rage U9 Black put up a fight, but fall to Lightning

Rage U9 Black midfielders Regan Mah and Emily Esparza controlled the middle and supported an offense of Madeline Hildebrand and Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf last Saturday against the Livermore Lightning. Jasmine Erickson and Emily Ferrey showed excellent ball handling and speed which lead to scoring opportunities for the Rage squad. But, in the end, the team fell to Livermore Lightning 6-0.

BUSC U13 battle it out for 4-0 win against Livermore

Ballistic United U13 Division 1 defeated Livermore 4-0 in a hard fought game by both teams last weekend. Salvador Morales scored the first goal for Ballistic on a nice assist from Jared Siegel. The next goal came off a corner kick by Morales to Daniel Rodriguez for a beautiful header that found the back of the net. Ballistic's next score came from Jared Siegel who brought the ball down the field and battled to score. Ballistic's forth and final goal was scored by Eric Johnson. Cameron Casby, Daniel Payne, Stephen Dougherty, Matthew Powell and Morales did a great job controlling the ball in the middle. The defense of Collin Richardson, Collin Alexander, Alex Krause, Omid Eibagi, Brad Pilkington, Alex Lee, Blaz Perko and Daniel Rodriguez kept Livermore from scoring. Keeper Jordan Ott did an outstanding job stopping any scoring attempts by Livermore.

BUSC U16 Select score late for 1-0 victory

In a heavyweight battle between two talented teams, the BUSC U16 Select scored late to pull out a thrilling 1-0 victory over the Mustang Scorpions Sunday. The Scorpions used a talented pair of forwards to create numerous opportunities in the Select end of the field. In

the 10th minute, GK Lukas Moses made a spectacular punch out on a dangerous cross and then cleared it himself out of danger.

The Select were on their heels a bit, but reorganized at the half. Nick Bayley stepped up to be the hero. Taking a pass with his back to the goal from Jake Lorentz, he turned on his mark and fired to the right low post. His shot curved in just inside the bar in the 74th minute. The newly energized defense, led by Randy Copeman, Frank Morley, and Yashar Benham, held off the Scorpions' furious attempt at a rally for the 1-0 victory.

BUSC U16s dominate Alliance Tecos 6-0

On Sunday, Ballistic United U-16s hosted the once formidable Alliance Tecos from Union City at the Sports Park. They made a bright start playing with the advantage of a slight slope. After a period of concerted pressure, they finally broke through after eight minutes when Jason Chow crossed from the left wing for Colin Hartland to chest home from close range. Chow was again the provider some 10 minutes later when he drove into the penalty area and pulled the ball back for Seth Niermeyer to tap home easily. Ballistic continued to dominate play and were duly rewarded with a third goal after 34 minutes when a free-kick by Connor O'Neil found its way to Colin Hartland, who curled his shot round the diving keeper and into the net. Just before halftime Chris

Franzella delighted the home crowd by wriggling free of his marker and chipping the goalkeeper to round off the first half in style. Ballistic led at halftime by 4-0. They would go on to score two more for a 6-0 victory.

BUSC U19 Select defeat Castro Valley United 4-0

Jared Chinn had a fantastic game scoring twice in leading Ballistic United's U19s over Castro Valley Saturday. The Pleasanton boys controlled the flow of the game early with a dazzling display of possession. The central midfield combination of Jonathan Ramirez, Brodie Roberts and Jason Scott completely outclassed their opponents with precision combination plays that freed up the wingers. Chinn's first brace came in the 17th minute courtesy of Troy Stetson's cross from the right side. Chinn took the cross first time, putting a volley through at the back post.

Ballistic United continued to keep the pressure on with Castro Valley seeing little of the ball. The final brace of the half was a brilliant goal by Chinn setup by Albert Lin's corner in the 45th minute with seconds remaining. Lin's corners were dangerous all game creating some tense moments for the Castro Valley defenders.

In the second half Ballistic United continued to dominate possession while creating excellent scoring opportunities. However, it was Right Back Brian Bui striking unassisted from 35 yards out who netted the fourth and final goal. ■



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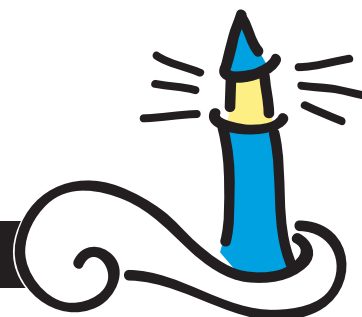

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Weekly Oktoberfest

Ken Bloom, Randy Hahn, Dennis Colvin, Ronnie Heller, Chris Seams, Mike Callahan, Mike Azevedo and 45 others took their annual Oktoberfest trip to Munich, Germany – with the Weekly of course – with Newcomers' Eric Everson, David Orozco, Mikey Azevedo and Mark Kearns. Eric Everson won the all-expenses-paid trip through the Par 4 Kidssake Golf tournament fundraiser for the Cure For Autism



Camping, Weekly style

Jesse, Audrey, Alanna and Megan Goodman; JP, Owen, Abby and Grace McKeag; Heather and Bryan Collins; Meghan and Ryan Hogue; David, Hannah and Rachel Thoe; Ava, Grace and Faith Martin; Hailey and Brooke Christian and Maddie and Jack Simmons enjoy the Weekly while at a family camp at Skylake.



Taking a peak at the Weekly

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COUNTRY LIVING **\$427,000**
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DUBLIN

11501 SOLEADO CT
WESTSIDE LOCATION BEAUTY **\$735,000**
4 BR 2.5 BA + huge loft, many upgrades, updated kitchen & parklike large backyard 925.847.2200

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LIVERMORE

1221 ECHO SUMMIT ST
MUST SEE! **\$489,000**
4 BR 2.5 BA beautiful hrdwd flrs, many upgrades, very clean, inground pl, across from park, excellent loc 925.847.2200

980 CROMWELL STREET
BEAUTIFUL & UPDATED **\$445,000**
3 BR 2 BA Dual pane windows, cherry wd kitchen cabs, granite counters/island, remodeled guest bath 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

558 SANTEL COURT
GORGEOUS SINGLE STORY **\$1,640,000**
4 BR 2 BA office + bonus rm, upgrd kit/opens to family room, pl/spa in backyard, court loc, hrdwd flrs 925.847.2200

2924 AMOROSO COURT
HANDSOME & CONTEMPORARY **\$1,100,000**
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2927 LETHBRIDGE COURT
FABULOUS IN PLEASANTON! **\$739,000**
4 BR 2.5 BA Apx. 2165 sf, w/huge private bckyrd, lot apx 7150 sf, lrg deck! Great school district, gr8 loc 925.847.2200

6928 CORTE MONTEREY
GREAT HOME! **\$739,000**
4 BR 3 BA + bonus, 2422 SF, gorgeous remodeled

Pondorosa home in cul-de-sac, granite countrs/ hrdwd flrs 925.847.2200

5121 BIANCO COURT
NICE HOME **\$725,000**
3 BR 2.5 BA in desirable Avila! Court location, eat-in-kitchen, large living/family rm w/frplc/built-ins 925.847.2200

2930 LIBERTY
REMEDELED HOME! **\$509,000**
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Featured Properties



Gorgeous, 3 BR, plus a loft, 2.5 BA home with approx 2233 sq ft of living space, & a gourmet kitchen with Granite counter tops, Cherry wood cabinets and pendent lighting over the island. Great floor plan with an open kitchen, nook & family room with a cozy fireplace. Move in condition.
1775 Rose Gate Common, Livermore
\$499,000



Unique 4 BR, 2 BA home with approx 2256 sq ft and 8700 sq ft lot. 3 BR upstairs, 1 with a sun room (not included in sq ft), and 1 BR downstairs. 2 attached units, both currently rented, are great for rental income. Great rear yard with many fruit trees. This is something so different, you must see it.
1844 Elm Street, Livermore
\$699,000



Beautiful 4 BR, 3 BA Monaco floor plan, featuring approx 3,252 sq ft and a 10,185 sq ft lot, located near the Ruby Hill Clubhouse. Private rear yard with built-in BBQ island, a gourmet kitchen with large center island and granite counter tops, and a downstairs study/4th BR with built-ins.
2461 Romano Circle, Pleasanton
\$1,190,000



Immaculate, pristine, private, and secluded describes this 5 BR 4.5 BA Ruby Hill home! Featuring approx 6200 sq ft and a 26,000 sq ft lot, a formal office and a huge bonus room. Relax by the pool, spa and cabana. Seller financing is available on this American Traditional masterpiece.
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\$2,599,000



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655 EAST VINEYARD AVENUE \$4,695,000
Fabulous 20+ acre parcel with 8090 +/- sqft custom home. 14.8 acres of income producing Chardonnay grapes. Gorgeous views, peaceful. Part of Ruby Hill Vineyard Estates. Guest apartment, pool, spa, wine room. This property has it all.
CAROLE CLINE, CRS 925.648.5415

GOLDEN EAGLE ESTATES



PLEASANTON

8044 GOLDEN EAGLE WAY \$3,187,000
Beautiful custom home in gated Golden Eagle Estates. Designer features throughout w/ extensive use of cherry wood, stone & more. Wine cellar, exercise room, workshop, main flr master, Heritage Oak trees, large rooms- Truly elegant. Level park-like backyard with pool, spa, lrg grass area, too much to list!
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2801 GRAY FOX COURT \$2,598,000
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EXPERIENCE VINEYARD LIVING



PLEASANTON

2156 CANOSA CT \$2,499,000
Gorgeous Mediterranean home; Premium cul-de-sac location with expansive city views from the front and hills in the back. Grand marble foyer with wrought iron stairway. Enjoy the privacy of pool-sized yard with covered patio nestled among sloping hills.
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PLEASANTON

4328 W. RUBY HILL DRIVE \$1,999,000
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PLEASANTON

860 CASTLEWOOD PL \$1,995,000
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108 AC. FENCED RANCH PROPERTY



LIVERMORE

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Picturesque Setting-Panoramic Views. 3 Bedroom Home W/ 20x20 Bonus Room-Six Stall Barn-Tack Room-120'x300' Arena-Wells & Springs-1/4 Mile Road to Poss. Building Site. Private, Quiet Country Living In Convenient, Great Location.
THE NAGLE TEAM 925.736.4155

FINEST MATERIALS THROUGHOUT



PLEASANTON

3737 NICOLE AVE \$1,495,000
One of the most remarkable homes you will see in this area and price range, everything top of the line. Rare and exotic woods, granite, marble, etc. Gorgeous private 1/2 acre lot with gated pool, spa, basketball, gazebos, and your own vineyard w/well.
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CLASSIC RANCH STYLE



LIVERMORE

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PREMIUM LOCATION ABOVE PARK



PLEASANTON

3249 ARBOR DRIVE \$964,950
Rarely available! Custom 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on a huge lot of almost 13,000 sq ft! Completely updated with granite counters, designer lighting, 2 stone fireplaces, hardwood floors and more. Professionally landscaped with several outdoor patios great for entertaining.
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GREAT COUNTRY LIVING



CASTRO VALLEY

34442 PALOMARES \$973,000
Home features a nice step down family room, nice kitchen and bath, New paint and carpet thru-out. Over 4.5 acres with outbuilding and almost all level with a beautiful creek. Plenty of great water. This is a perfect place for farming, growing plants, animals, and more.
KRISTY & COMPANY 925.251.2536
WWW.ESTATESANDRANCHES.COM OPEN SUN 1-3

SPACIOUS & UPDATED



DUBLIN

8462 RHODA AVE \$775,000
Spacious & updated! Freshly painted inside & out. New carpet. Views from front bedrooms. Retractable patio awning for enjoyable patio entertaining. 1 bedroom & 1 bath downstairs. Crown molding in family room. Terraced yard with French Drains and more!
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GORGEOUS HOME W/VIEWS



PLEASANTON

1339 VALLEY AVE CALL FOR PRICE
Walk to new Bernal Pk & schools K-8! Gourmet kit w/granite, maple, SS appl, 18X18 tile & laminate flrs. Plan shuttes & c.molding throughout. Prof lands priv yd w/new Trek deck
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COTTAGE LIVING IN DOWNTOWN



PLEASANTON

4075 NEVIS STREET \$679,900
Approximately 2000 square feet, 3 full bedrooms with 2 master suites, 3 full baths, hardwood floors, updated throughout, close to downtown and schools.
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UPDATED THROUGHOUT



LIVERMORE

140 LEE AVE \$499,000
This amazing home has been lovingly cared for...loaded with updates throughout including kitchen & baths. Separate living quarters above garage with own entry. Close to all conveniences including schools, shopping, parks & freeway access.
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POSSIBLE VACATION PROPERTY



CAPITOLA

4995 B CLIFF DRIVE \$850,000
Is w/in 2 min. walk to Beach, Wharf, Restaurants, Shops in Capitola Village. Spacious & light 2 bed, 2 bath home. Has a peek of the ocean. Two covered parking spaces. All furnishings to stay except a few personal items. Sleeps 8, full kitchen, full baths, extra storage.
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The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton Market Update – Where has all the inventory gone?

The Pleasanton real estate market saw the inventory of available homes shrink further in September, ending the month with 152 single family homes for sale. This is a continuation of the shrinking inventory trend that started in April, when there were 237 homes on the market in Pleasanton. And historically, it is low when compared to September of 2008 (236 homes on the market) and 2007 (206 homes on the market). And historically, inventory in the 150 range is a very, very low number, especially with a couple of months left in the market. Sales were down slightly, but still strong. There were 58 pending sales of single family homes in September, down from 72 in August and 78 in July. Some of the dip can be explained by the lack of inventory. After all, a buyer can't buy a home that is not for sale. Here is a graph of the inventory and sales activity.

The under \$1 million market segment continues to see most

of the activity, with 48 pending sales of single family homes in September, down slightly from 52 in August. Inventory dipped as well, with 70 available homes at the end of September, down from 81 at the end of August, and 87 at the end of July. Low rates and first time home buyer incentives continue to drive activity on the lower >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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SINGLE STORY!



Newer luxury 5 BR, 4 BTH single story home on prime .31 Acre cul-de-sac lot with hardwood floors, granite/cherry/stainless kit, and more!
\$1,459,000

GREAT VALUE!



Room to grow! 5 BR, 2 BTH detached home, approx 2600 sq ft, with huge family room, private yard, and excellent location close to award winning schools!
\$639,900

PENDING SALE!



Bridle Creek Area. 5 BR + Office, 5½ BTH, gourmet granite/cherry/stainless kitchen, .47 acre lot, luxurious master suite, & more!
\$1,469,000

JUST SOLD!



Fabulous Country Fair home with granite & cherry kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, and private almost ¼ acre lot w/ pool & spa.
\$1,000,000

Recent Pending & Sold Homes

5769 San Carlos Way \$699,900
2824 Foothill Oaks Ter \$1,789,000
5682 Sunset Creek Ct \$1,600,000
2608 Daylily Ct \$605,000
9459 Blessing Dr..... \$1,549,500
5179 Muirwood Dr..... \$875,000
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BRIDLE CREEK



902 SUMMIT CREEK COURT, PLEASANTON

Wow! Highly upgraded Premier Model on premium elevated .34 acre lot. Expansive views of Pleasanton Ridge. Over \$400K in front and rear yard landscaping! Built by Greenbriar Homes. Beautifully landscaped private rear yard with built-in pool, separate built-in spa, travertine/Napa Stone patios and outdoor kitchen. Four bedrooms + bonus room and formal office, three bathrooms. Approx. 3,445 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Custom limestone flooring, crown moulding, plantation shutters, and custom built-ins. Close to downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **OFFERED AT \$1,495,000**

SAN LEANDRO



1307 WAYNE AVENUE, SAN LEANDRO

Five bedroom, three bath home. Approximately 1,795 square feet. Great for larger family! Separate living and family rooms. Central heat. New carpet. Newer dual pane windows. Private rear yard with fruit trees, newer perimeter fencing and new rear deck. Two car garage.
OFFERED AT \$449,000

LAGUNA OAKS

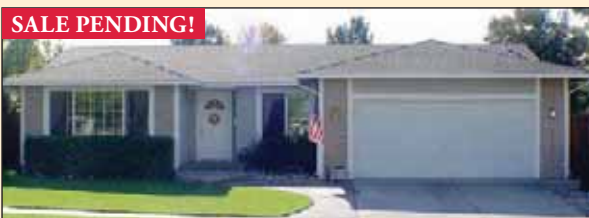


OPEN SUN 1-4

2505 ARLOTTA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Best location in Laguna Oaks! Desirable Newport model on premium .40 acre lot. Quiet court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, plus formal office. Private guest/ in law quarters (4th). Three and a half bathrooms. Approximately 3,830 square feet. Beautifully landscaped private rear yard. Expansive lawn area (pool site). Large gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, tile flooring and large eating area. Spacious master suite with views of Pleasanton Ridge, and large walk in closet. A short walk to the community pool, park, and tennis courts. **OFFERED AT \$1,399,000**

MISSION HILLS



SALE PENDING!

451 JUNIPERO STREET, PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded Mission Hills home with views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private Yard with in-ground pool. Large, open upgraded kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms. Approximately 1,919 square feet. Remodeled bathrooms. Formal living and dining rooms. Laminate flooring, crown molding. Newer dual pane windows. Close to Mission Hills Park, schools, shopping & Downtown!
OFFERED AT \$739,500

CASA DE CAIAFIA



5464 BLACK AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Custom builder meets Casa de Caiafia!!! Three bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms. Remodeled kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Approximately 1,330 square feet. Upgraded bathrooms. Custom tile flooring, crown molding, upgraded baseboards. Large master with walk-in closet and balcony. Two car garage. Great location! Walk to Downtown!
OFFERED AT \$429,500

GREY EAGLE ESTATES



SALE PENDING!

4 EAGLET COURT, PLEASANTON

Experience breathtaking panoramic views from this secluded hilltop home, located in the gated community of Grey Eagle Estates. This beautiful private estate (1.36 acre lot), features 5,460 square feet of living space with five bedrooms, AuPair/ Guest Room (4th) and four and a half baths. Large downstairs bonus room and private office (5th). The remodeled gourmet kitchen and master bath. Extensive basement storage area and separate wine cellar. Marble and hardwood flooring. Separate pool house with pool/spa/waterfall/kitchen/bathroom. Tile roof. Four car garage. Don't miss this one! **OFFERED AT \$1,995,000**

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PLEASANTON \$3,995,000
Magnificent Ruby Hill Italian Villa! Exquisite estate with 6 bd/ 6.5 baths, 9,100 +/-sq. ft. Over 1/2+/- acre level lot. Must see to appreciate!

UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,799,000
Style throughout! 7000+/-sf, 7.5bd, 5ba, 6.5 car garage, movie theatre/game room/ wine cellar. This custom estate has it all!

SUSIE STEELE OPEN SUN 2-5



PLEASANTON \$2,399,000
Gorgeous 5bd/3full/2half bathroomsxs, bonus room. 5200+/-sf custom home in Golden Eagle Estates with stunning views over 1 acre w/pool. Every upgrade imagineable. 1531 Honeysuckle

ANNIE HAGFELDT BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,704,999
5bd/4.5ba beautiful custom home in desirable Kottinger Ranch. Panoramic views, large backyard, pool and more.

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.

DOUG BUENZ BY APPOINTMENT



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!

SUSIE STEELE OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,299,000
Absolutely Charming in Castlewood! Completely Rebuilt from Floor to Ceiling, this 1 story 4bd. Plus Office on a 1/2 Acre is a dream come true! 10 Castlewood

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!

SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$859,000
Just listed in one of South Livermore's 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.

KAREN CROWSON OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$669,950
Beautiful 4bd/3ba 2539+/-sf in Murrieta Meadows. Features tile floors/granite counters/stainless steel appliances/newly painted/beautifully landscaped with pond on a 7700+/-sf lot. 66 Sparrow St.

DOUG BUENZ OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$639,900
Room to grow in this charming 4 BR home. Hardwood floors, sunny upgraded kitchen, large master suite with upgraded bath. 9543 Ernwood

DANIEL ALPHER OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



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

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$514,950
Beautiful single story home close to Downtown Pleasanton. This property has 3bd/2ba. Upgraded to perfection!!! www.3634reflections.com

MARTA REIDY BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$399,000
Fabulous opportunity to own this wonderful 1751+/-sf home. Low HOA @ \$77/ month. Only 7 years old!

GINA HUGGINS BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$349,000
Great South Livermore location, close to everything. 4bd/2ba, large kitchen. Central A/C and side yard access.

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LIVERMORE | 2300 First Street 925.583.1111

