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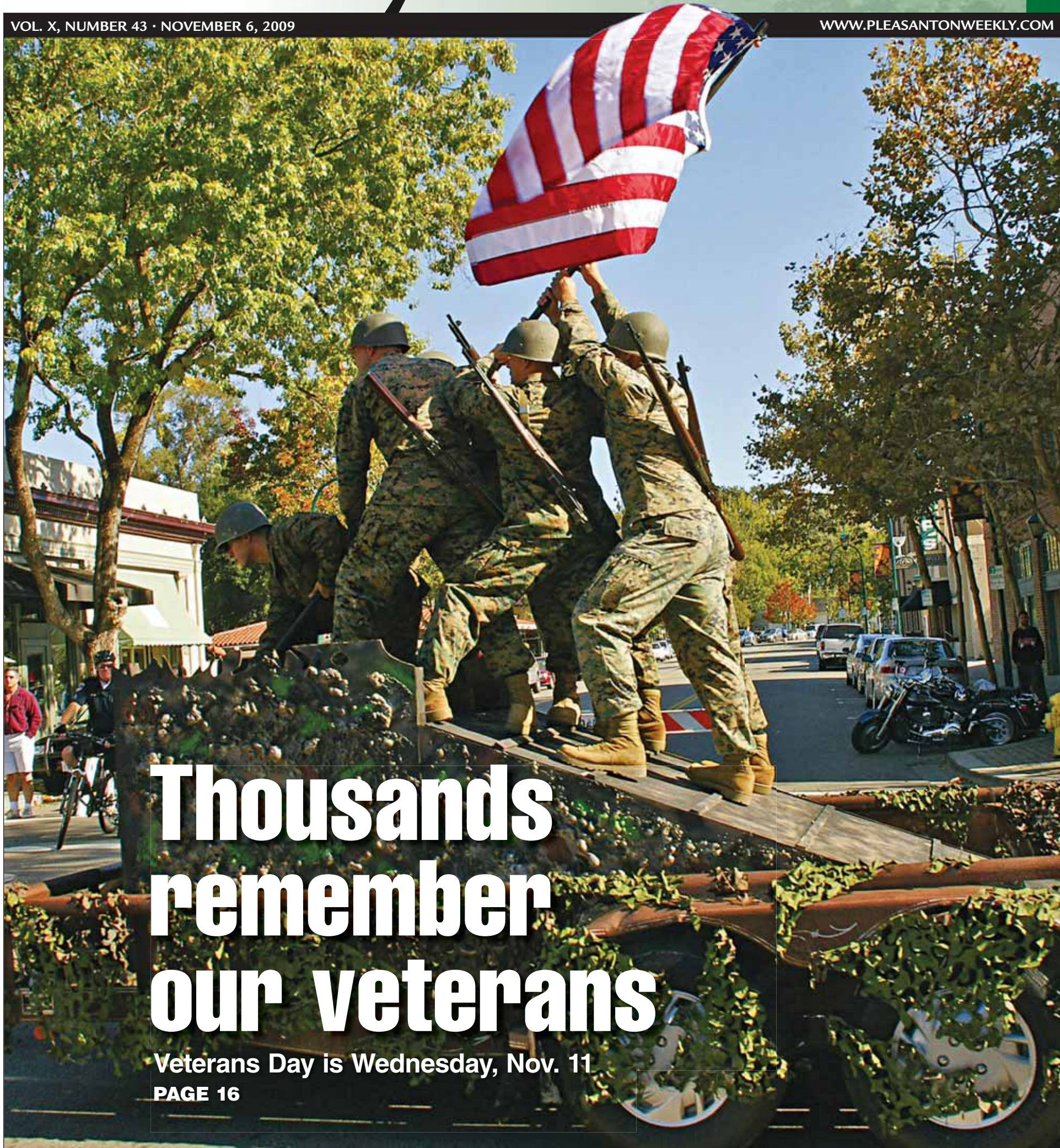
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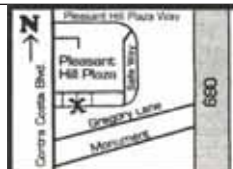
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Many food allergies are classified as "hidden" allergies due to the fact that an individual may be consuming a food, often times on a daily basis that they have no idea they are allergic to. Frequently, symptoms such as stomach aches, irritable bowel syndrome, acid reflux, indigestion, heartburn and bloating are directly related to food allergies.

Additionally, conditions such as migraine headaches, chronic sinusitis, post nasal drip, rashes, eczema, chronic fatigue, ADD/ADHD, mood swings and difficulty losing weight in many cases can be caused by food allergies.

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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Horses don't come cheap, but the lifestyle is exhilarating

Sarah Vernlund doesn't have any children but she has hundreds scattered throughout the Tri-Valley and beyond whom she considers part of her extended family. Many of them are accomplished equestrians who first learned to ride as 7-year-olds during Vernlund's 30 years as a professional riding instructor and trainer, much of it spent on her Highland Riding farm just off Tassajara Road between Pleasanton and Danville. She lives on the 5.6-acre ranch with her husband Tom Hall, an environmental engineering consultant in Oakland. They met at the University of Vermont where they both rode horses and she had just earned the North American Junior Team riding championship. By then, Sarah Vernlund already had 12 years of horseback riding and jumping experience behind her, jumping onto ponies, she says, as soon as she no longer fit in her baby carriage. Her mother, still living at the family home in Connecticut, raised Morgan horses, a particularly popular breed, so the lifestyle of riding was already engrained in Vernlund and her sisters.

After earning advanced degrees at the University of Florida — she in dairy science and her husband in environmental engineering — they headed to UC Berkeley where Hall pursued a doctorate. Vernlund went to work as a trainer for horse farms in Richmond and later in Martinez before the couple found “the most perfect and scenic place in the Valley,” which she named Highland. Every morning, she goes galloping off around the farm or at competitions around the country, and in recent years always on her 9-year-old grey gelding KF MacGuinness, or Mackie for short. Together, they've won a number of competitions including finishing in fourth place among more than 100 entries in last weekend's Gateway Downs International at Temecula, in southern California. Turning 55 years old this month, Vernlund has turned over the horse training program at Highland Farms to her partner Alex Helffrich. Although she plans to slow down a bit, she has no plans to hang up her spurs. I'm not much for horseback rid-



Sarah Vernlund rides her nine-year-old gray gelding KF MacGuinness.

ing, usually regretting the next day the physical fallout of an hour or two in the saddle. So it was fascinating to see the skills and determination of Vernlund and Mackie because the two really have a highly visible partnership. It requires togetherness when competing in cross-country endurance tests, with Mackie sensing every touch and feel of Vernlund on top of him as they approach 3-foot, 7-inch barriers, with Vernlund high off the saddle and leaning far forward parallel to Mackie's back as he jumps high to clear the obstacle and then moves forward back onto the path or sometimes into a water landing. Both have to have the absolute confidence of their partner to make these successful jumps, trusting each other to make the right moves.

This is part of the training Vernlund offers to her students, usually about 7 years old when they take their first lessons. She has a stable of highly trained horses to help soften the first 30-minute lessons. To develop their skills, Vernlund insists that they ride two or three times a week, always on her horses, not theirs if they own one. At age 13, most are ready to move to competitive riding and jumping, which means they leave Highland Farms for professional trainers she recommends. This is also the age when those enthused and committed lease or buy a horse of their own, boarding them but also providing daily care. It's not an inexpensive lifestyle. Vernlund's lessons cost \$200 a month. That usually jumps to \$500 or more for more advanced training and boarding. Horses can be leased but Vernlund says real horse enthusiasts want their own. But be prepared for the sticker shock. Vernlund says a horse suitable for showing and competition can cost \$15,000. I know now why I never really got into the sport. ■

## About the Cover

Marines from the recruiting office in Fremont, with Gunnery Sergeant Felton Williams in the lead, re-enact the raising of the American flag at the summit of Mt. Suribachi during the battle for Iwo Jima in March 1945. These Marines poised motionless in this formation as their float was driven down the length of Main Street in the 13th annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton last Sunday. Photo by Jay Flachsbarth.

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## What future transportation improvement would you like to see in Pleasanton and why?



**Stacy Compton**  
*Tasting room associate*

It should be easier to get to BART because parking is so difficult. There should be a shuttle, like in Walnut Creek. There's a shuttle that takes you from Broadway Plaza to the Walnut Creek BART station.

**John Young**  
*Technician*

Transportation has improved since they added the lane on I-580 and increased metering on on-ramps. It's always nice to have more lanes, but they're limited. There are just a lot of people on the road. I've noticed with the economy down there have been less people, so I think that has actually helped more than anything.



**Grace Liu**  
*Pharmacist*

I used to live on West Las Positas and I loved the wide lanes with room for bikers. It would be nice if Pleasanton was more like Davis and really encouraged biking. A lot of the roads are narrow, so it would be nice to see more bike lanes and wider lanes. We're so sedentary; it would be nice if everyone biked a little more.

**Erik Olson**  
*Grad student, teacher*

I don't think the Iron Horse Trail Railroad ever should have been pulled up. It would be nice to still have that option. Also, the ACE train doesn't run often enough. In terms of morning and evening, it runs maybe once an hour. I am a student at San Jose State and live in Dublin, so if I could take the train that would be great. The times just don't work.



**Sandy Soska**  
*Retired*

I would like to see more BART trains. It seems like after the commute hours the trains run a lot less frequently. Sometimes I take the train after commute hours and it seems like I wait a long time between trains.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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## DIGEST

### Youth food drive needs helpers

Youth service groups in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol, San Ramon, Alamo, Danville Walnut Creek and Concord may volunteer and request collection sites for the eighth annual Youth Food Drive to be held March 6. Sign up at [www.youthservicecouncil.com/Volunteer/Volunteer.html](http://www.youthservicecouncil.com/Volunteer/Volunteer.html). All donations will go to food pantries in the Tri-Valley or to the Contra Costa Food Bank. To learn more, call 998-6513.

### Donate a coat

Through the end of November, the Lands' End Shops at Sears across the country, including the one at Stoneridge Shopping Center, is collecting coats to be distributed through the National Coalition for the Homeless in nearby communities. Lands' End is also offering a coupon for a new coat for each donated coat. To learn more, visit [www.bigwarmup.com](http://www.bigwarmup.com).

### Free bluegrass concert

Bluegrass mainstays Bill Evans and Megan Lynch will perform a free concert at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Evans is a banjo player and author of "Banjo for Dummies." Lynch has earned national championship fiddling credentials.

### Charitable gifts collected soon

Operation Christmas Child is collecting gift-filled shoeboxes in the Bay Area to be distributed to children in more than 90 countries. Families wrap and pack empty shoe boxes with items like toys, toothpaste and school supplies. From Nov. 16 to 23, completed boxes may be dropped off at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin. It is also listed as a drop-off for large volumes of shoe box donations. For more information, call 800-343-1459 or visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

### Corrections

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

## Council rezones 32 acres in Hacienda for more housing

Move seen as effort to show court city is compliant with state-mandated requirements

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council Tuesday finalized its decision two weeks ago to rezone 32 acres of commercial properties in the Hacienda Business Park for high-density residential use and at the same time established a task force to help shape the needs of any residential expansion before actual development plans are proposed.

The long-planned task force would have 14 to 19 members, including two from the council and two from the Planning Commission, with other members coming from the business park, home owners and rental group associations and property owners. Others, such as BART and school district representatives, will be invited to participate as "stakeholders" but would not have voting privileges in preparing

recommendations for the business park's residential expansion.

Tuesday's rezoning allows mixed-use development on three sites located within half a mile of the Pleasanton/Dublin BART station. They include 11 acres at the southeast corner of Owens Drive and Willow Road, owned by W. P. Carey; 8.2 acres at the north corner of Hacienda and Gibraltar drives, owned by BRE, and 12.4 acres south of Gibraltar Drive and between Hacienda Drive and Willow Road, owned by Roche Molecular Systems.

The land use change allows residential development on the sites with a density of at least 30 units per acre with buildings up to six stories tall. The city's inclusionary zoning ordinance would require that at least 15 percent of the 950 housing units that could be built

on the three sites be affordable to low and very-low households

Many of those already living in Hacienda have complained that

**"The land use change allows residential development on the sites with a density of at least 30 units per acre with buildings up to six stories tall"**

their community lacks basic amenities, such as a grocery store or other retail businesses, and that there's no elementary school in the busi-

ness park. Children are assigned to nearby schools, such as Alisal Elementary on Santa Rita Road.

The advisory committee will meet with homeowners associations and rental groups in Hacienda to hear their complaints and suggestions as part of the study to determine what's needed there and how best to provide it.

Although the task force proposal generated unanimous support on the council, Council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan questioned the 12-month timeframe given the group to complete its work. After a near-hour-long debate over the time needed for such a study, the council agreed to keep the 12-month schedule but with the understanding that more time would be granted if needed.

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### Welcoming autumn

These scarecrows outside the Museum On Main Saturday don't seem to frighten Halloween princess Fiona McCoy (above), 6, a student at Valley Christian School.

Fiona was one of many people to fill Main Street to celebrate Halloween last Saturday. The Fall Festival was put on by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and had activities such as a children's scavenger hunt and face painting.

Eight-year-old Taylor Potter (right) was one of the many kids to partake in Halloween facial decorations, applied by Bailey Roush, a freshman at Las Positas College.

There were also contests for best scarecrow, won by Valley Plumbing and best dessert, won by Bibiane Bakery. Four winners were named for the pumpkin carving contest: Lane Gaidos, age 3, won the 10 and under category; Hannah Schwartz, age 11, won the 11 to 17 category; Richie Tokunaga won the 18 and over category; and Rob Wensing won the best overall.

—Story and photos by Jeb Bing



## Players needed for Ryan Gordon soccer games

Money raised benefits Foothill and Amador Valley high school soccer programs

It's that time of the year when people begin to start making their holiday plans. And for many local Pleasanton athletes — both former and current — that includes the Ryan Gordon Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Games.

This is the seventh year for the annual event, which will be held Dec. 27. Two games will be played: men's and women's matches featuring Foothill and Amador alumni from the 1970s, '80s, '90s and 2000s.

The games are named after Ryan Gordon, who was a 2003 Foothill graduate killed in a boating accident shortly after receiving his diploma. Gordon, an avid soccer player, played for Foothill all four years and had planned to continue playing soccer at Santa Barbara City College. The original Alumni Games were organized to fund a scholarship that benefits a graduating member of the Foothill womens' or mens' soccer team who aspire to play soccer in college. Since the first year, all proceeds go directly to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two high schools.

The teams will be playing for trophies that will be awarded to the schools of the winners. The winning school will gain possession.

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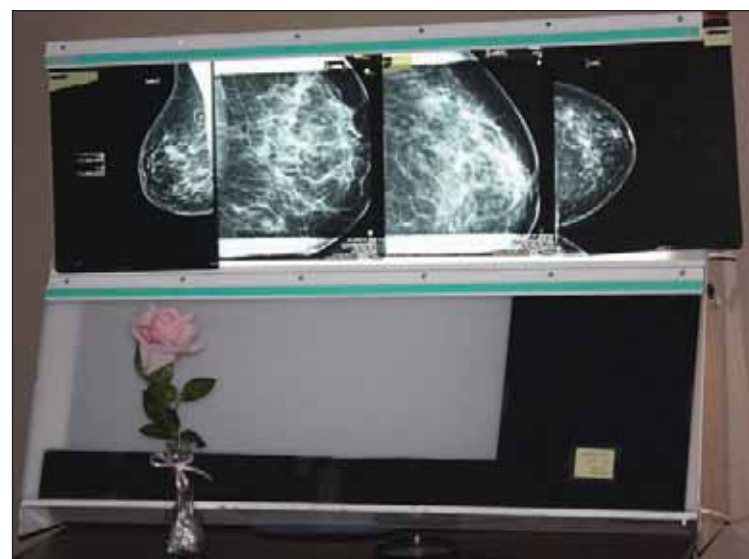


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JANET PELLETIER

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will offer tours of the new Breast Center facility on Wednesday.

## San Ramon Regional opens new Breast Center

Public invited to see facility offering state-of-the-art imaging technology

BY JANET PELLETIER

San Ramon Regional Medical Center began operating its new Breast Center last weekend, offering patients state-of-the-art imaging technology.

The hospital will offer tours to the community and a special breast health seminar Wednesday, Nov. 11. Tours will be given from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and a seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m., featuring speakers Yuriria Lobato, a radiologist and lead interpreting mammographer, and Rishi Sawhney, a medical oncologist, who will discuss research about avoiding breast cancer.

A ribbon-cutting for the center was held on the night of Oct. 29 to celebrate the opening.

Tim Ulrich, who is director of diagnostic imaging at the center, said female patients will get the best care around.

"We offer a real 20-minute procedure," he said of the mammograms offered. "Most hospitals say they offer that, but then they start helping another patient 10

minutes into your visit. Here, you get 20 minutes of free, individual time. We also offer screenings for women with breast implants."

Featured at the Breast Center, located in the South Building of the hospital campus at 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon, are two digital mammography units, computer-aided detection technology that can better detect calcifications in the breast tissue, ultrasounds, ductography, bone density scans, x-rays and a ste-

reotactic biopsy room.

Ulrich said the hospital conducts 90,000 mammograms per year, an average of 35 per day. Patients are already signed up for services beginning this weekend.

He said the stereotactic biopsy machine is not offered in many area hospitals.

"This is something necessary and needed, something not offered in the community," Ulrich said. "I have four patients already scheduled for next week."

"This machine is a lot less invasive," he continued. "The patient doesn't need full sedation."

Kari Chandler, a supervisor at the new center, said the facility caters to women and has a doctor on-site, which isn't common.

"It's exciting," she said. "It's going to help patients have a comfort level here. Monday through Friday, there will be a doctor on staff. There's no waiting game."

San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson, who attended the ribbon-cut-

ting, praised the new center, saying it's not just for women, but for families.

"We are so blessed to have a facility like this in the Valley," he said. "When you hit a wall, to be able to walk in here and know someone cares, that's half the battle."

Reservations are required for the community event Nov. 11. Call 800-284-2878 or visit [www.oursanramonhospital.com](http://www.oursanramonhospital.com) for information. ■

**"This is something necessary and needed, something not offered in the community"**

**Tim Ulrich,**  
director of diagnostic imaging  
at San Ramon Regional  
Medical Center

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# Garamendi wins 10th Congressional District race with 53% of votes

## Heads to Washington to start voting on health care bills

By JEB BING

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi comfortably defeated his four opponents in a special general election yesterday for an open U.S. Congress seat in the East Bay, according to complete unofficial election results.

He was scheduled to fly to Washington D.C. to be sworn in Thursday in time to vote on health care measures.

Also in San Ramon, voters re-elected Mayor Abram Wilson, who received 95.8 percent of the votes cast, and City Councilmen David Hudson and Jim Livingstone.

Two replacement parcel taxes without expiration dates saw overwhelming approval in the Walnut Creek and Acalanes Union High School districts. Measure H received more than 75 percent of the vote, keeping the \$82 annual tax to fund the Walnut Creek School District. Measure G, winning by nearly 74 percent, will continue to collect an annual tax of \$189 beyond the original tax's June 2011 expiration.

Garamendi, a Democrat, beat Republican David Harmer and three other candidates in the race for California's 10th Congressional District, which includes Livermore and other parts of Alameda County,

much of Contra Costa County, as well as parts of Solano and Sacramento counties.

The election will fill the seat vacated by Democrat Ellen Tauscher, who was nominated in March for a State Department position that she accepted in June.

Garamendi received about 53 percent of the vote, compared to nearly 43 percent for Harmer, according to the unofficial final vote count of the secretary of state's office.

Garamendi said he's "excited about the reality of going back to Washington and working on issues," particularly health care. A vote on a health care reform bill in Congress could take place as soon as this weekend, he said.

Garamendi said he had talked to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) about being sworn in as soon as tomorrow so he can participate in that vote. He said he will likely be flying to Washington today to prepare for the swearing-in.

Garamendi will serve the rest of Tauscher's term, which ends in January 2011.

Jeremy Cloward of the Green Party, Mary C. McIlroy of the Peace and Freedom Party, and Jerry Denham of the American Independent

Party received the remaining 4 percent of the votes.

Garamendi had a built-in advantage heading into the election in the heavily Democratic district.

In September's primary election, the six Democratic candidates received a total of 69,130 votes, compared to 37,040 for the six Republican candidates.

Turnout for the race was "a little higher than expected" in Contra Costa County, which makes up nearly 69 percent of the district, according to Steve Weir, the county's clerk-recorder.

Weir said turnout in Contra Costa County should end up being just under 40 percent of the county's total registered voters, higher than the 32 percent that voted in the special primary election on Sept. 1.

Pending an informal certification of the election by Secretary of State Debra Bowen today, and confirmation that he will be sworn in on Thursday, Garamendi said he intends to resign his seat as lieutenant governor Thursday morning.

Garamendi has served as a state legislator, state insurance commissioner and Deputy Secretary of the Interior under President Bill Clinton. ■

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The rezoning of the three parcels was aimed at fending off a possible court decision later this fall that could find Pleasanton in violation of state requirements to provide more affordable and workforce housing in the community. The rezoning would more than meet the city's share of regional housing needs to provide for at least 521 more housing units, according to City Atty. Michael Roush.

Litigation by the Urban Habitat organization and State Attorney General Jerry Brown is scheduled to be heard in Alameda County Superior Court on Dec. 18. With the rezoning, Roush can show that Pleasanton has sufficient land now zoned for accommodating workforce housing if developers approach the city to build it.

Brown and Urban Habitat are asking the court to nullify the city's 29,000-unit housing cap, which they argue limits future housing growth as required and dissuades developers from seeking workforce housing developments in Pleasanton.

But with 2,500 to 3,000 units left to build before Pleasanton reaches the cap, and with Tuesday's rezoning for affordable and workforce housing, City Attorney Michael Roush expects to show the court that Pleasanton is now in compliance with its housing numbers. ■

## GORDON

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sion of the trophies each year. The women's game will be held at 2 p.m. and the men's at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 27. Each game will be divided into periods for the "older" players and the "younger" players.

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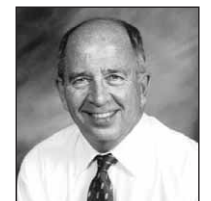
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Sue Compton, CEO of Axis Health, in blue sweater, helps cut the ceremonial ribbon Oct. 28, celebrating the opening of a new women's health clinic and the renovation of the adult medical clinic.

## Axis celebrates new women's health clinic

Axis Community Health had a lot to celebrate last week as the nonprofit, which provides health care services to low-income residents, opened its new women's health clinic and reopened its newly-renovated adult medical clinic. Both are located at Axis's campus of medical suites located at 4361 Railroad Ave.

Axis CEO Sue Compton said the need for these services is greater now more than ever with the down economy. She said they're serving 400 new patients per month, which is double what it was before the recession. As part of the new changes, Axis plans to relocate the drug and alcohol services to Livermore once they locate a property to purchase. The women's clinic cost \$350,000 and the renovation work at the adult clinic cost \$100,000. Money came from the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore.



## OF NOTE

### Holmgren earns Eagle honors

John Holmgren, a 2008 graduate of Foothill High School, recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boys Scouts of America. John started as a Cub Scout in 1996 in Pack 944 and advanced in the ranks from Tiger Cub to Webelos Scout, where he also received the Arrow of Light award in 2001. That same year, Holmgren crossed-over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and joined Troop 998.



In order to reach the rank of Eagle, he was required to earn at least 21 merit badges and held various leadership positions in Boy Scout Troop 998, including patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader. Holmgren also organized and led a community service project where he restored the landscaping around the library at Thomas Hart Middle School. He designed the new landscaping; obtained donations for the desired materials and plants; replaced the drip lines; and worked and supervised the

project which took a total of 249 hours to complete.

Outside of Boy Scouting, Holmgren also was involved in band at Fairlands Elementary and Hart Middle schools, and was in the marching band, wind ensemble and jazz A bands at Foothill High School. He is now a sophomore at U.C. Davis and is majoring in Music Composition.

### Lydiksen Elementary wins 'green' contest

Lydiksen Elementary School recently was announced as the winner of a "Going Green" contest sponsored by the University of Phoenix Bay Area Campus and radio station KNBR-AM. As a winner, Lydiksen received a \$1,000 cash prize from the University of Phoenix Bay Area Campus and a pair of luxury suite tickets to a San Francisco football game in December, donated by KNBR. Lydiksen was nominated by a local parent who described the school's green efforts, and was selected from a number of Bay Area schools who were also nominated for their environmentally friendly practices.

Some practices include distributing email newsletters to conserve paper and participating with the Pleasanton Unified School District in using solar panels to capture reusable energy for the school. Lydiksen also encourages recycling

at home; attending environmental committee meetings; bringing bottles, can, and ink cartridges back to the school for recycling; and attending family ecology events. Additionally, the school hosts Earth Week activities in April where children are encouraged to wear green on Earth Day, walk or bike to school with their parents, and to turn off classroom lights during the last hour of a specified school day.

### O'Hair joins Valley Dance Theatre leadership

Valley Dance Theatre, celebrating its 30th anniversary as the Tri-Valley's ballet company, recently announced that Livermore native Brenna O'Hair has been named head of its children's division.

O'Hair, a Livermore native, has "known since kindergarten" that she wanted to be a dance instructor. She began dancing in 1988, studying jazz, hip-hop, tap and ballet. She participated in competitive dance for 13 years. She began ballet classes at Valley Dance Theatre in 1995 and has experience in various genres.

Learn more at [www.valleydance theatre.com](http://www.valleydance theatre.com). ■



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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### A winning plan for Pleasanton

The City Council's decision Tuesday to rezone 32 more acres in Hacienda Business Park for residential development bodes well on the litigation front for Pleasanton vs. the Urban Habitat affordable housing coalition and Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown. Both are suing Pleasanton for its failure to meet its state-mandated affordable and workforce housing numbers, a process that city officials agreed got off-track over the past several years as planners and the council wrestled with updating the city's outdated 1996 General Plan. With that work now completed, city leaders have moved quickly to rezone sufficient acreage in Hacienda to accommodate 950 more housing units, more than enough to meet the numbers imposed on Pleasanton by the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The rezoning takes care of the 1999-2009 RHNA numbers, which Pleasanton missed and which caused the state to decertify the city's housing element. It also goes a long way toward meeting the new numbers imposed by RHNA for the 2009-2014 period, with city officials already eyeing sites around the Stoneridge Shopping Center, in downtown Pleasanton and on undeveloped parcels on the city's east side for residential rezoning.

The council's action comes just in time for City Attorney Michael Roush and outside legal consultant Atty. Tom Brown to prepare their responses to the Urban Habitat-Jerry Brown suit ahead of the Dec. 18 hearing in Alameda County Superior Court. The suit is basically over Pleasanton's 29,000-unit housing cap, which both complain is illegal and a deterrent to any developer who might want to consider affordable and workforce housing projects here. With the rezoning, that argument goes away although it's expected that Brown and Urban Habitat will press the court to void the housing cap ordinance, which was overwhelmingly approved by local voters in 1996. Even if that happens, the council is already making changes in its growth management strategies to make sure any housing spurt would not exceed the city's infrastructure capacities. Given today's housing and commercial markets, it's unlikely we'll see any significant influx of development bids, but it's good that the council is making sure strategies and policies are in place to control growth in line with acceptable state laws. Some cities such as Petaluma, Walnut Creek, San Luis Obispo and Rohnert Park already have growth management policies in place which City Manager Nelson Fialho and city staff are reviewing in preparation for recommending some of those policies for Pleasanton. Instead of a firm housing cap, such as Pleasanton's, these cities and others measure allowable growth as a percentage of population or infrastructure capacity. So far, Brown and Urban Habitat haven't questioned the legality of those policies.

It should be pointed out that while the Hacienda land rezonings just approved provide for high-density developments on these sites, none of the three owners — Roche Molecular, BRE or W. P. Carey — are seeking building permits. Development on these properties will probably await a turnaround in the economy and the housing market. The council, in its wisdom, has now established a task force comprised of Hacienda residents, property owners and two members each from the City Council and Planning Commission to study the impact of another 950 housing units in the business park. These needs may include more retail stores, especially a supermarket, and an elementary school. Once the task force is organized and operating, it will have 12 months (longer if necessary) to recommend an action plan for Hacienda, a business park that has moved into the forefront of a mixed-use community of businesses, homes and apartments, all conveniently located near rapid transit with good freeway access. It looks like a winning plan. ■

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## LETTERS

### Thanks to Veterans Parade participants

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who made the Pleasanton's Veterans Day Parade a huge success.

To the men and women of Pleasanton's Support Services who spent their time and energy along with A-1 Rental, Gay '90s Pizza, Pleasanton Weekly and Independent newspapers, Raley's/Nob Hill Foods, Smart & Final, Wal-Mart, Callippe Golf Club, The Rose Hotel and Safeway for their continued support to the veterans of the Tri-Valley. To all the participants in this year's parade, the Foothill Band, Ben Ali Pipes and Drums, Legion of Honor Pipes, Oakland Military Academy, various organization from the community that participated: Operation SAM, Pleasanton Military Families, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Cadets, Young Marines, all the Color/Honor Guards and the numerous military vehicles provided no only by the U.S. Army, but those from the community. To the Pleasanton Community Band, Singing Blue Star Moms

and Ms. Marzena Jones who provided the music and entertainment during the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building.

To the mayor of Pleasanton, Jennifer Hosterman, Livermore's Vice Mayor John Marchand and Congressman Jerry McNerney for thanking the veterans for the freedoms we enjoy each and every day. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and the Alameda Supervisors for proclaiming this year's parade in the "Honor of the U.S. Marine Corp." To Jeb Bing for once again being our parade announcer and to MSGT Richard Pittman, USMC, (retired) for not only being our Grand Marshall but keynote speaker as well at this year's ceremony.

And to the men and women of VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 who spent the past five months putting together another great parade and to anyone else I might have forgotten, a big thank you.

**Dave Ham**  
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### Fireman to the rescue

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the crew from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department for coming to our rescue recently out in Happy Valley.

We had a very old, very large, creekside oak tree fall on to our barn. Fireman Peter Richert, our neighbor, came to the rescue. He almost beat us out to the site. It was the day that we had the heavy rains and we were in the position with an open roof of losing everything in our barn. Peter made a quick as-

essment of the problem, and took charge.

The tree fell right at sunset, making the situation more difficult. But he called it in to the fire department and went into action. Peter went back to his house picked up his chainsaw and a large canvas to cover the hole. He spent the rest of the night cutting away the branches and securing the roof from rain. Thanks to Peter and the crew from the fire department.

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## OBITUARIES

### Dale Edwin Tucker

Dale Edwin Tucker died Oct. 13 at the age of 70.

Mr. Tucker was born June 25, 1939 in Ogden, Utah. He graduated from Ogden High School, Weber State University and attended Utah State University, member of Alpha Kappa Psi and Sigma Delta Pi Fraternities. He was a member of Dublin Lions Club, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Sister City, National Odom Assembly (genealogy) and St. Clare's Episcopal Church. He was a past member of Idaho Jaycees and former board member of Axis Community Health. He served in the Army Reserves in Ogden, Utah. He was also self employed for Tucker Insurance Agency/Farmers Insurance Group for 30 years and was a California resident for 40 years.

Mr. Tucker enjoyed reading, camping, photography, traveling the U.S. and abroad, computers and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 49



years, Paula Merrill Tucker; children, Brett D. Tucker of Elk Grove and Natalie Tucker of Pleasanton. He was the "papa" of Eric B. Tucker of Elk Grove. He is also survived by extended family, Michelle, Paul and Katrina Culver, Lynn Amaral, Gary, Karen and Kelsey Huff; sisters, LaRue (L. Brent) Thomas, LuAnn (David) Sanders and Sherrie Dame, all of Utah; and many cherished nieces, nephews and friends.

A service was scheduled to be held Oct. 24 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Clare's Memorial Bench Fund (address above) or Lions Club Blind Centers, c/o Dublin Lions Club, P.O. Box 2035, Dublin, CA 94568.

### Angel Naranjo, Jr.

Angel Naranjo, Jr. died Oct. 17 at the age of 79.

Mr. Naranjo, Jr., a longtime Pleasanton resident, was born April 19, 1930. He was a tireless volunteer for many charitable organizations, including the Knights of Columbus. As a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church for 38 years, he participated in many ministries, including Eucharistic, homebound and hospital. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Delfina; son,

David; daughter, Angela (Brothers) and her husband, Roger; and grandchildren, Melinda, Catherine and Alexandra Brothers.

A service was scheduled to be held Oct. 24, followed by a private burial.

### Sandra Connell

Sandra Lee Connell died Oct. 30 near her home in Pleasanton.

She was born Sept. 6, 1939, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to John and Frances Jensen of Dubuque, Iowa. She attended school in Fayetteville until her family relocated to Dubuque in 1954.

She is survived by her parents; her sons, John Connell and family of Camas, Wash., Jim Connell and family of Ft. Myers, Fla.; her daughter, Karyn Connell of Concord; and eight grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, John Jensen of Panama City Beach, Fla. and her sisters, Janis Kaufman of Hazel Green, Wis., and Julie Elliott of Jasper, Ind.

A memorial service and Mass was held at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105. To reach the family online, visit [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com) or email [info@graham-hitch.com](mailto:info@graham-hitch.com), with Karyn Connell as the subject.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The City Council is accepting applications for five at-large members of the Hacienda PUD Modification Task Force. Applicants should be residents of the City of Pleasanton with an interest in planning for transit oriented development near the BART station. Each City Councilmember will be selecting one city-wide representative from the applications received.

Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us). For additional information, contact Janice Stern at (925) 931-5606 or [jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us)

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2009.

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

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Boy found safe after two-hour search

A 10-year-old fifth grade Hearst Elementary School student was found safe near his home on Arlington Drive just before dark Tuesday after his mother reported him missing a few hours earlier.

The student, who according to reports was not at the Hearst pick-up zone to meet his mother, couldn't be found. After a search by school administrators and the mother failed to find him, police were notified.

About 30 from the Pleasanton Police Department and volunteers from the Rosepointe community searched along streets and parkland near Hearst School. A California Highway Patrol helicopter equipped with an infrared device and police department canines also joined in the search.

Police quickly made copies of a photo of the boy and several officers walked along Valley Avenue to Sunol Boulevard and down the street to Arlington asking pedestrians and motorists to be on the lookout for the boy.

His backpack and baseball cap was found in his backyard around 4:50 p.m., but the child was nowhere to be found. Police said a K-9 began searching and alerted officers to a wooded area about 50 yards away from the family's home near a small ravine where the boy was found hiding in bushes around 5:30 p.m.

Police said the boy appeared to be upset about a poor grade he received in school and was afraid to tell his parents. He walked home, instead of waiting to be picked up by his mother, and reportedly hid near his home when he saw police officers arriving.

—Jeb Bing

## POLICE REPORT

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

### Oct. 25

#### Burglary

- 7:17 a.m. in the 30 block of West Neal Street
- 7:22 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street
- 10:35 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; vehicular

#### Vandalism

- 10:04 p.m. in the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

#### Marijuana possession

- 3:06 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Battery

- 1:22 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

- 3:31 a.m. in the 4300 block of Mirador Drive

### Oct. 26

#### Identity theft

- 1:55 p.m. in the 400 block of Mavis Drive

#### Burglary

- 12:43 p.m. in the 5700 block of Black Avenue
- 2:46 p.m. in the 4100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; vehicular

#### Robbery

- 9:43 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue

### Oct. 27

#### Theft

- 12:38 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; grand theft
- 3:04 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue; identity theft
- 4:18 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Burglary

- 5:56 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 9:56 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Division Street

#### Public drunkenness

- 5:42 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street

### Oct. 28

#### Theft

- 2:10 p.m. in the 4100 block of Rennellwood Way; identity theft
- 5:19 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

#### Vandalism

- 11:34 a.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:49 p.m. at the intersection of Muirwood Drive and Lemonwood Way; marijuana possession
- 5:23 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; public drunkenness
- 11:14 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; paraphernalia possession, non-narcotic controlled substance possession
- 11:34 p.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street; public drunkenness

#### Battery

- 8:35 p.m. in the 5500 block of

Springhouse Drive

### Oct. 29

#### Theft

- 7:40 a.m. in the 600 block of Palomino Drive; stolen vehicle
- 7:58 a.m. in the 500 block of St. John Street; grand theft
- 9:12 a.m. in the 100 block of Spring Street; forgery
- 1:32 p.m. in the 3600 block of Dunsmuir Circle; grand theft
- 6:55 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; identity theft

#### Burglary

- 8:26 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Vandalism

- 7:03 a.m. at the intersection of Vervais Avenue and Main Street
- 9:24 a.m. in the 1100 block of Harvest Road

### Oct. 30

#### Theft

- 7:52 a.m. in the 400 block of St. John Street; petty theft
- 12:12 a.m. in the 8000 block of Regency Drive; petty theft
- 3:57 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 7:25 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 11:13 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; petty theft

#### Vehicular burglary

- 9:14 a.m. at the intersection of Shawnee Way and Apache Drive
- 3:32 p.m. in the 3700 block of Fairlands Drive

#### Vandalism

- 8:43 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 9:48 p.m. in the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:58 a.m. in the 500 block of St. John Street; public drunkenness
- 5:41 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; marijuana possession
- 8:29 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 8:41 p.m. at the intersection of Silver Oaks Lane and Vineyard Terrace; marijuana possession, non-narcotic controlled substance possession



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Artist Ron Norman works on a tree for a mural depicting olde Pleasanton at Rose and Peters Avenues.

## Strokes of history

Artists creating sepia-toned mural on the side of Valley Plumbing building downtown

By JANET PELLETIER

A peek into Pleasanton's past is coming alive through the hands of artists, the latest mural to surface in downtown as public art.

Artists Ron Norman and Bill Weber are hard at work on a sepia-toned mural on the side of the Valley Plumbing building on Peters Avenue at its intersection with Rose Avenue. It will showcase remnants of Pleasanton's history — from railroading to ice cream shops to Model Ts.

The work began a month ago and will wrap up in the next few weeks, but there's still plenty of time for anyone interested to see it take shape, as Norman and Weber will be out many early mornings through the lunch hour.

Mike Cheney, owner of Valley Plumbing, which also has a rich history in town, said he received approval for the artwork from the Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission last month. The mural was an idea of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, which Cheney said approached him about the project.

"We thought it would be great to see what they would propose we paint on the side of our warehouse," Cheney said. "The metal siding was not attractive and was a great space for something like this."

Weber and Norman approached the PDA with their bid to use the surface as it is and paint a mural that looks like a sepia-tone photograph.

The two artists said they've never painted on a rippled metal surface before, but it's been a welcomed feat.



JANET PELLETIER

Artist Bill Weber sketches a design on paper which will then be transferred to the mural.

"It's a little bit harder, but we're up for the challenge," Norman said.

Norman, now a resident of Pacheco up near Pleasant Hill, lived in Pleasanton for over 20 years and painted the mural in the City Council Chamber depicting Pleasanton's

and Tulancingo, Mexico's sister city relationship in 1984. Weber has also created murals that can be seen across the Bay Area, including a jazz-themed one in downtown San Francisco.

The pair had to use a special primer paint to cover the galvanized metal and finished with a coat of Navajo white. The next step in the process has been using large sheets of white paper to sketch out the design that is then transferred onto the mural. Brown paint will be the only color used to create the historic effect.

The mural is about 40 percent complete. When finished, it will feature what Main Street used to look like in the 1920s with an ice cream shop (Meadowlark Dairy), Ford Model Ts, the Pleasanton train depot and a giant Southern Pacific steam train that appears as if it's leaping out onto the street. To properly capture Pleasanton's history, the artists said they went to the Museum on Main to gather old photographs. They then took the photos and created a pastiche or collage that could then translate into a mural.

Norman and Weber have known each other for over 25 years and often work as a pair, putting art shows on across the Bay Area. Their primary medium is surrealism, Weber said, but they both enjoy doing murals, and are increasingly turning their business pursuits toward painting murals in people's homes.

Cheney said he's happy to be leaving a piece of history for residents to see.

"This will be a great addition to the downtown," he said. ■

## NOW SHOWING

REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES

By PETER CANAVESE

## Michael Jackson's This Is It

★★★

Rated PG for suggestive choreography and scary images  
1 hour, 51 minutes

Pay some attention to the man behind the curtain. "Michael Jackson's This Is It" — like the life and career of the man it documents — is a hall-of-mirrors investigation of extraordinary talent, emotionally stunted personality, a performer's process and the cruel mistress of celebrity.

By its very existence, this unprecedented concert (rehearsal) film proves the public's insatiable desire to obliterate the boundaries celebrities try so hard to protect, but it also serves as a powerful performance version of a last will and testament.

"Michael Jackson's This is It" compiles material culled from a reported 120 hours of rehearsal footage shot as reference and archive material. No doubt some of it was destined to one day be a DVD extra, but when Jackson died on June 25, the footage instantly became a treasure trove, the only record of a massive production only three weeks away from starting a sold-out 50-city tour. Though Jackson hadn't embarked on a comparable enterprise for more than a decade, the film makes one thing abundantly clear: The "This Is It" concert would have been quite a show.

The film we're left with is only a sketch of what the concert would have been. Stitched-together takes from various HD and "consumer-grade" video sources make "This Is It" the "JFK" of concert movies, complete with switching film stocks and the creepy if historic "don't look away" quality of the Zapruder film. Kenny Ortega ("High School Musical"), who was in the process of co-directing the concert with Jackson, agreed to direct the concert film as a tribute to the star and a gift "for the fans." He has succeeded in both aims, though the film's unavoidably piecemeal quality may turn off those

happily accustomed to the modern music scene's obsessive production polish.

For those of us turned off by the airbrushed, artificially enhanced quality of most musical products, the rough edges make "This Is It" all the more fascinating, not out of prurience (those looking for anything remotely gossip-worthy can stay home) but rather for the fly-on-the-wall view of the artist at work.

Jackson here is as unguarded as he comes. The King of Pop comes across not as a diva but as a surprisingly chivalrous professional. Ortega doesn't hide the scarecrow-thin Jackson's eccentricity — in fact, the director flaunts it at times — but the emphasis is on the concert's celebration of dance, awesome musicianship and Jackson's legacy of contributions to both.

Two hours spent in the cavernous claustrophobia of the bizarrely lit Staples Center and The Forum (Ortega at one point half-jokes: "What day is it? What time is it?") may help the audience to empathize with a celebrity's otherworldly existence. Despite the scope — and the inclusion of film footage and special-effects montages representing the show's spectacle — the film has a potent intimacy.

No segment hits harder than Jackson's solo rehearsal of "Billie Jean" as his dancers stand below and cheer him on. Though watching the scene is akin to being invited to a private after-hours disco on Mars, Jackson's swift, smooth moves serve as stunning proof of his undimmed talent. With false modesty, he concludes, "At least we got a feel of it," a sentiment fans will take to heart at the multiplex. ■



## Bundles for babies

Group needs help in gifting  
to new families in need

By EMILY WEST

A little more than a year ago, the Bundles of Joy project started as an outreach project at Lynnwood United Methodist Church. People like Heidi Stark and Kristen Speck have put together care packages of baby items for low income, uninsured families in the Tri-Valley.

It has now grown to include groups such as the Pleasanton Mother's Club, Asbury United Methodist Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore, Tri-Valley Unity Church in Dublin, Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley, Girl Scouts, Latter-day Saints congregations in Pleasanton and Dublin, and Tri-Valley residents.

Stark said the bundles are given to families participating in the prenatal program at Axis Community Health, with about 20 percent of all deliveries taking place at Valley Care Hospital.

"The people we are serving are struggling to provide for the very basic needs of a newborn," she said. "Each bundle is gratefully received and truly appreciated."

As the holidays approach, Stark and Speck are hoping to receive donations from the community to help them provide



CAROL BEDDOME

Axis CPSP Provider Brenda Cortez (right) gifts Arisbey a care package from the Bundles of Joy program.

packages through the new year. While they have plenty of baby blankets, needed items include newborn diapers, wipes, baby wash, lotion, powder, ointment, three-pack bottles, baby booties or socks, bibs, rattles, pacifiers, cloth toys or stuffed animals, and cash or gift cards to stores like Target and Babies R Us.

Anyone interested in donating items can drop them off at Lynnwood UMC, 4444 Black Ave., between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays or at Asbury UMC, 4743 East Ave., between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. ■

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# NOW SHOWING

REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES

By PETER CANAVESE

## Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant

★★★

Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense supernatural violence and action, disturbing images, thematic elements and some language  
1 hour, 48 minutes

The U.K. has a phrase for thrilling but not terribly deep stories that appeal especially to thrill-seeking children: "ripping yarns." Irish author Darren Shan (aka Darren O'Shaughnessy) has written at least 12 of them in his series "The Saga of Darren Shan."

Mythologizing himself as an apprentice vampire, Shan whipped up a world of warring bloodsuckers and peaceful freaks. Now the first trilogy of books becomes a ripping yarn for the big screen in "Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant."

"Cirque du Freak" gets a sort of Gothic pop treatment from writer-director Paul Weitz ("About a Boy," "In Good Company"), who has adapted the first three novels into an imaginative, fast-paced fantasy romp that's hardly run of the mill (Brian Helgeland gets co-screenwriter credit). Newcomer Chris Massoglia stars as Darren Shan, a preppy teen who blends into his high-school crowd by making good grades and obeying his parents.

His best friend, however, is the archetypal "bad influence." Steve (Josh Hutcherson) encourages Darren to cut class and generally stray from what Darren's dad calls "the path to a happy, productive life."

It's a canny setup to another wish-fulfillment adventure rescuing a teen protagonist (and, by extension, the audience) from a bland world of studies, chores and the sinking feeling that life sucks and then you die. One day, "Destiny" invites Darren and Steve to a one-night-only performance by the traveling troupe Cirque du Freak. In the film's wittiest moment, the boys face towering, big-browed ringmaster Mr. Tall (Ken Watanabe) at the threshold of an old vaudeville theater. "Are you 21?" he asks. "Say yes." To a young generation familiar with illicit Web surfing, the come-on will be an "it's funny because it's true" moment.

As edited, the performance is a frenzied fever dream of freakishness, introducing snake boy Evra Von (Patrick Fugit), the regenerative Corma Limbs (Jane Krakowski), and psychic bearded lady Madame Truska (Salma Hayek), among others. But none makes a greater impression on the spider-loving Darren and the vampire-obsessed Steve than Mr. Crepsley (a droll John C. Reilly). Steve immediately recognizes Crepsley as a legendary vampire, while Darren goes gaga for Crepsley's trained-spider act. A series of mishaps and a life-or-death ultimatum leads to a surprising outcome: "goody two-shoes" Darren agrees to become a "half-vampire" while eager "bad boy" Steve gets left out in the cold.

As the man said, "This isn't over," and indeed "The Vampire's Assistant" often gives the impression that it has an infinite number of shoes to drop.

Since the film is positioned as the hopeful first chapter in a saga, closure is not a priority, especially in the area of a desperately threatened 200-year-old truce between vampire factions.

The path to war leads right up to the film's ending, and it's hard to know if the film will make enough money to justify a sequel, so if you want to see the rest of the story, vote with your dollars. ■

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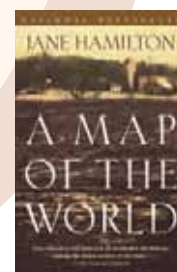
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Scenes from last Sunday's colorful 13th annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade and ceremony in downtown Pleasanton include (near right) VFW Post 6298 Commander Doug Miller, who talked about public attitudes toward past wars; (far right) parade grand marshal Marine Master Sergeant Richard Pittman, who received the U.S. Congressional Medal of honor for risking his life to save his comrades in Vietnam; (lower center) Mayor Jennifer Hosterman waves from gun turret in a military attack vehicle; and (lower bottom) truck poster remembering Lance Corporal Travis Layfield, who was killed April 6, 2004 in Iraq.

JAY FLACHSBARTH



Families of soldiers killed in Iraq carry poster photos



# Thousa

BY JEB BING

A crowd estimated at more than 2,000 gathered along Main Street in Pleasanton Sunday to watch hundreds more march and ride in the 13th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade, the biggest Veterans Day parade ever in Alameda County.

Many joined in special ceremonies that followed at the Veterans Memorial Building downtown, saluting veterans and remembering those who have sacrificed their lives in the defense of America.

The national Veterans Day holiday is Nov. 11, and the sponsors of last Sunday's ceremonies — Pleasanton's Veterans of Foreign Wars



JAY FLACHSBARTH

s of their loved ones in Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade on Main Street last Sunday.

# nds remember our veterans

## Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov. 11

motionless on a float in a re-enactment of the raising of the flag over Iwo Jima in World War II. A sculptor of the famous flag-raising stands in Arlington, Va., across the Potomac from Washington, D.C.

Speakers at the ceremony following the parade included Doug Miller, commander of the VFW's Pleasanton post; Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), Alameda

County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman of Pleasanton and Vice Mayor John Marchand of Livermore. Patriotic music was provided by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band under the direction of Bob Williams with soloist Marzena Jones singing the "Star Spangled Banner," and the Singing Blue Star Moms singing songs made popular during WWII by the Andrew Sisters.

In honoring Medal of Honor recipient Richard Pittman, American Legion post commander Joe Stieber talked about the 64-year-old former Marine's action in Vietnam in 1966 that earned him national recognition.

"While his company was conducting an operation along the axis of a narrow jungle trail,"

Stieber said, the leading troops came under heavy enemy fire suffering many casualties. Sgt. Pittman quickly exchanged his rifle for a machine gun and rushed forward to aid his comrades. He was suddenly confronted with a bold frontal attack by 30 to 40 enemy and, totally disregarding his safety, calmly established position in the middle of the trail and raked the advancing enemy with devastating machinegun fire."

"Sgt. Pittman's daring initiative, bold fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty inflicted many enemy casualties, disrupted enemy attack and saved the lives of many of his wounded comrades," Stieber said in reading from the Medal of Honor citation. ■

Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 — urge everyone to fly the flag on Wednesday.

This year's theme was a tribute to the U.S. Marines, known as "The Devil Dogs." Leading the parade as grand marshal was Marine Master Sergeant Richard Pittman, who received the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor for risking his life to disrupt an enemy attack on his unit in Vietnam, saving the lives of many of his wounded comrades.

The parade featured nearly 100 units, including military, veterans and police color guards. Most impressive and drawing loud applause as they passed by were Marine recruiters from Fremont, under the direction of Gunnery Sergeant Felton Williams, who posed

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## Civic Meetings

**LAVWMA MEETING CANCELED** The regular meeting of the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency has canceled the meeting planned for 6 p.m. Nov. 18. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin.

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

## Class Reunions

**AVHS CLASS OF 2004 REUNION** The graduating class of 2004 will have its five year reunion at 6 p.m. Nov. 27 at Barone's Restaurant, 475 Saint John St. The evening will include appetizers, cocktails and dancing. RSVP by Nov. 13. Tickets are \$50. Checks are payable to AVHS Class of 2004. Mail to 608 Abbie Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Call 200-7440.

## Classes

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

## Clubs

**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.

**KIWANIS CLUB** The Kiwanis Club meets at 11:45 a.m. Fridays at Vic's AllStar Kitchen, 201 A Main St. For information, call 1-800-Kiwanis.

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) meets Nov. 12 at the Harvest Park Middle School auditorium, 4900 Valley Ave. The speaker will discuss daylilies. All levels of garden enthusiasts are welcome to attend. Call 461-1725 or visit [www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc).

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. They meet for a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit [www.PleasantonRotary.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary.org).

**WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF REALTORS** This group meets from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Networking is from 11:15-11:45 then the meeting is from 11:45-1:30. Key note speakers are at every meeting. Cost is \$25 for members with reservations; \$30 for guests, including lunch. Call 455-7000.

## Concerts

**AN AFTERNOON WITH GILBERT AND SULLIVAN** An afternoon with Gilbert and Sullivan is from 3 to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. It features the choral arrangements of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Enjoy traditional British treats and enter to win raffle prizes. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$35. Call 866-4003 or visit [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

**AUTUMN STRING CONCERT** Students from Sycamore Strings Academy will perform a free concert at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct. Pieces for violin, cello, and chamber orchestra by Vivaldi, Shostakovich and J.S. Bach and others. Call 606-5818.

**THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK** Broadway Chorus will perform "The Great American Songbook" at 8 p.m.

Nov. 6 to 8 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. It features swing songs such as "I Got Rhythm" and "Chattanooga Choo-Choo." The show also features a six-piece band featuring members of the Rudy Salvini Big Band and the Broadway Kids Chorus, made up of local children in grades 1 to 8. Tickets are \$10 to \$18. Call 462-2121 or visit [www.broadwaychorus.org](http://www.broadwaychorus.org).

## Events

**AN EVENING WITH JANE HAMILTON** Best-selling author Jane Hamilton will speak and sign books at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Two of her novels, "Book of Ruth" and "A Map of the World," were Oprah Book Club selections and award winning best sellers. Cost is \$30, \$12 for students 21 and under. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER FOR HART MIDDLE SCHOOL PFA** Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road, is hosting a drive-through electronic waste recycling fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8. TVs, monitors, laptops and cell phones are free to recycle. CPUs, phones, printers, copiers, DVD or VCR players, fax machines, stereos or video games are \$5 each to recycle. Call 200-8915.

**GOODGUYS 20TH AUTUMN GET-TOGETHER** The giant two-day event is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. It features more than 2,500 American powered hot rods, custom cars, classics, trucks, muscle cars and street machines of all years, makes and models, plus a Street Challenge Autocross, automotive swap meet, vendor exhibits, arts and crafts, model car show and more. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$6 for kids 7 to 12. Call 838-9876 or visit [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com).

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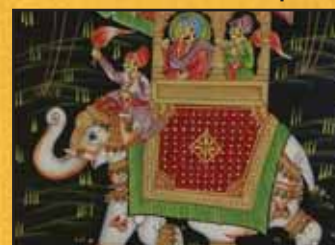
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**HERITAGE ESTATES HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE** The residents at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, are having a holiday boutique from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7. The event will include hand-made crafts and home-baked goods. Call 518-5752

**HOMETOWN HEROES CELEBRATION** The Dublin Senior Center will host "Hometown Heroes," a veterans celebration, at 2 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. The Travis Brass ensemble will perform. Reservations required. Call 556-4500 or visit [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com)

**MANSION WINETASTER DINNER AT ELLISTON VINEYARDS** Elliston Vineyards, 463 Kilkare Road, Sunol, hosts the next Winetaster Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 14. Cost is \$75 which includes the dinner, wine, tax and gratuity. Dinners begin with a champagne/hors d'oeuvre reception and tour of the historic mansion followed by a 5-course dinner with wine pairings. Visit [www.elliston.com](http://www.elliston.com).

**PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART** This event, supporting Open Heart Kitchen, is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at Blacksmith Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. It features classic rock guitarist Roger Kardinal, wine tasting and appetizers, jewelry and sports memorabilia sales, and raffle prizes. Call 580-6793 or visit [openheartkitchen.org](http://openheartkitchen.org).

**SHAKESPEARE ON TOUR'S 'HAMLET'** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents Shakespeare On Tour's production of "Hamlet" at 2 p.m. Nov. 15. The one-hour show will be followed by Q&A with the cast.

**TINKER BELL AT ALEXANDER'S FINE ART** Tinker Bell is coming to Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St. From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., meet Disney's original reference model for Tinker Bell, Margaret Kerry, and illustrator/artist Ron Dias. RSVP to 846-6015 or [info@disneyarton-main.com](mailto:info@disneyarton-main.com).

**TRI-VALLEY VEGETARIAN POTLUCK** From 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the San Ramon Library, 300 Montgomery St., Tri-Valley resi-

dents can enjoy plant-based foods and listen to a guest speaker talk about how to improve health and achieve goals. Cost is \$3 with side dish or \$11 without. Call 989-1811 or visit [www.ThriveHolistc.com/vegociety.html](http://www.ThriveHolistc.com/vegociety.html).

## Exhibits

**HEAVENLY VISTAS** This exhibit features photography with encaustic wax painting and encaustic landscape paintings from contemporary California artists Thea Schrack and Paula Wenzl Bellacera. It is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 26 at Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. A reception is from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 5. Call 866-561-0838.

**LAA EXHIBIT** The Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, hosts an exhibit featuring the Livermore Art Association in November. The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays. The exhibit will depict artwork in various mediums and showcase the immense talent of these fine artists. A reception to open the exhibit will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 7. Call 973-3200 or [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov).

**MEET THE ARTIST KAREN HONAKER** Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St., presents an open studio with watercolorist Karen Honaker from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 13 and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov.

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**OIL PAINTINGS BY NORMA WEBB** Norma Webb will show oil paintings during the month of November in the Tasting Room at Wente Vineyard Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. The winery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**OVER A DECADE OF THORPE** Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St., will be hosting a trunk show from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 14, featuring many sold-out Mackenzie Thorpe works. This is an opportunity to see and acquire rare, sold-out and never-before-seen images from the past 10 years. Call 846-4322 or visit www.studio7finearts.com.

## Fundraisers

**ANIMAL LOVER'S BOUTIQUE** Help Tri-Valley animals while shopping for unique gifts for people and pets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Proceeds will benefit the Just Like New Fund which assists with one-time emergency veterinary costs for sick or injured pets to prevent euthanasia due to lack of funds. Visit www.valleyhumane.org or call 484-1224.

**BREAK FOR GRAPES CHARITY EVENT** Break for Grapes Charity Event benefiting Oakland Children's Hospital Oncology Department is Nov. 7 at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, 3053 Marina Ave. Proceeds to benefit families whose children suffer from life-threatening and terminal cancer. Executive Chef Tracy Flores will be teaching two cooking classes at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Call 447-4280 or visit www.rmwinery.com.

**BURNIN' UP THE FLOOR** The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation will hold "Burnin' up the Floor: Benefiting the Firehouse Arts Center" at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. The event features live big band and swing music from The CoolTones, dancing, light refreshments and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Call 846-1007 or visit www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org.

**CELEBRITY CRAB FEST & SPORTS AUCTION** The 10th Annual Biletnikoff Foundation Celebrity Crab Fest and Sports Auction is from 6 to 11 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Tickets are \$130 and attire is casual. Last year's event raised \$60,000 towards the foundation. For tickets and information, call 556-2525 or visit www.biletnikoff.net.

## Health

**BREAST CENTER TOURS** San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites the community to tour its new Breast Center and to attend a free seminar on breast health on Nov. 11. Tours will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Breast Center is located in the South Building on the hospital campus at 7777 Norris

Canyon Road, San Ramon.

**USING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION TO REDUCE STRESS** Shelley Barnhill, RNC, BSN, MA from ValleyCare Health System will teach participants how to use mindful meditation to reduce stress. The free class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 734-3319 or visit valleycare.com.

## Holiday

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DISCOVERY SHOP** The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop Holiday Store, 1987 F Santa Rita Road, is open. It features wreaths, trees, ornaments, dishes, decorator items, music, books and clothing. All proceeds go to fund research, and patient services.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** This event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore. It features handmade gifts, ornaments and holiday decorations, as well as homemade jams and jellies, baked goods and candies.

**DONLON ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE** Donlon's Parent-Faculty Club is hosting a Holiday Boutique from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 5 at the school, 4150 Dorman Road. Space is available for hand-craft vendors and an 8-foot table plus one donated raffle prize is \$30. Email donlonboutique09@yahoo.com.

**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** Pleasanton CPA firm, JL Consulting is coordinating a holiday food drive benefiting people in need served by the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Donations of nutritious non-perishable foods can be dropped off at 1024 Serpentine Lane, Suite 105 in Pleasanton from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 11. Call 846-1859 or email info@jlcpa.net.

**LIONS 16TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** The Livermore Lions Club Christmas Boutique is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. It features hand crafted gifts, independent distributors, raffles, carols, children's activities, food, fun.

**MAGICAL HOLIDAY EVENING** Pleasanton's Magical Holiday Evening, the annual downtown open house, is from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 20. The streets will come alive with holiday sights and sounds, Santa, elves, candy canes, lollipops, carolers, choruses, bell ringers, balloon sculptors, face painters, Crackers the Clown and magical mini horses. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

## Kids & Teens

**FREE TEEN STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** Learn easy ways to cope with stress and live a more relaxed life from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Jenny to register 600-9762 ext. 7. Free snacks and Jamba Juice gift card.

**GROWING UP FEMALE: MOTHER-DAUGHTER WORKSHOP** The workshop for mothers and pre-teen girls

is from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. RN specialists Amy Sluss will discuss body changes and realities of being female. Cost is \$45 for mother-daughter pair. Register in advance. Call 858-0702.

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL No.14** This group meets at 7 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday of every month, at Pleasanton Masonic Lodge, 3370 Hopyard Rd. The group is for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 years old who have a Masonic relationship. It teaches the girls team work, leadership and public speaking. Call 683-5401.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**DIVORCE & SEPARATED WORKSHOP** This group meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays Oct. 7 through Dec. 16 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Join others who have lost a marriage and begin to build your life again. Call 600-1765 to pre-register.

**NCHRA TRI-VALLEY CHAPTER MEETING** Learn to manage the immigration function with increased enforcement and in an economic downturn. Workshop is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 11 at ADP, 4125 Hopyard Road. Cost is \$55 or \$35 for members. Call 415-291-1992 or visit www.nchra.org.

**SURVIVING STATE BENEFIT CUTS** This workshop is from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is for seniors, people with disabilities and agency staff. Learn about in-home support services, SSI, Medi-Cal, how to appeal and keep services, and how communities can fight for rights. Bring notices of action from IHSS, social security or Medi-Cal. RSVP to CRIL by Nov. 12 at 510-881-5743 or info@cril-online.org.

## Live Music

**JON NAKAMATSU & JON MANASSE** Jon Manasse, clarinetist, and Jon Nakamatsu, pianist, perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Their program includes The Sonata in E-flat Major for Clarinet and Piano, Op. 120, No. 2 by Johannes Brahms and The Sonata for Clarinet & Piano (1941-42) by Bernstein. Tickets are \$20 to \$30 or \$10 for high school and college students on the day of the concert. Call 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

## On Stage

**'THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL'** The Las Positas College Theater Arts department presents its fall play, "The School for Scandal -- A Comedy of Very Bad Manners" by Richard Brinsley Sheridan and directed by Wendy Wisely. Shows are at 8 p.m. Nov. 13, 14, 20 and 21 and 2 p.m. Nov. 22 at the college, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, room 801, Livermore. Tickets are \$12 or \$8 for

students and seniors. Call 424-1812 for advance reservation or 424-1166 for show information.

**GIZMO GUYS** Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker, the Gizmo Guys, will juggle and make audiences laugh at SaturYAY! at 11 a.m. Nov. 7 at the Amador Valley Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$10, \$14 and \$18 for adults and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civictickets.org.

**HELP! I'M TRAPPED IN A HIGH SCHOOL!** Amador Valley High brings this farce to the stage with hilarious results. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Nov. 12 to 21 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Visit amadordons.com or call 461-6100 ext. 6197.

## Political Notes

**PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE** Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., the second Wednesday of the

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## Seniors

**MATURE ADULT PROGRAM — 'UP'** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents the Disney/Pixar animated film "Up" at 1 p.m. Nov. 17. Call 931-3411.

## Spiritual

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP EVENING WOMEN'S CLASS** BSF is a 33-week, in-depth, interdenominational Bible Study at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. This year's study is the Gospel of John. Starts at 6:55 p.m. Sept. 14 and includes a full program for children grades 1-12. New members are welcome throughout the study. Call 426-0481 or visit [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org).

**CHORAL EVENSONG** At 5:15 p.m. Nov. 8, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, hosts a service of service of prayer and choral music. All are welcome.

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Anyone interesting in learning about how to become a Catholic can attend an Inquiry Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the St. Augustine Church Rectory, 3999 Bernal Ave. Call Father William at 846-4489.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** Remember and give thanks for people who have died at a Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Family and friends are invited to cherish those loved ones and to honor their lives.

**TRI-VALLEY UNITY CHURCH** Guest speaker Rev. Margaret Stortz will deliver the 10 a.m. message Nov. 8 "On Love," at Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or visit [www.TriValleyUnity.com](http://www.TriValleyUnity.com).

## Sports

**4TH LAS POSITAS COLLEGE TIP-OFF CLASSIC** This tournament include the following teams: Butte, Chabot, Columbia, De Anza, Gavilan, Holy Names, Las Positas and Los Medanos. Game times are 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Nov. 6; 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m. Nov. 7; and 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/athletics](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/athletics).

**LACROSSE REGISTRATION** Registration is open for the 2010 spring season of Pleasanton Lacrosse Club's boy divisions U-9 (\$175), U-11 (\$260), U-13 (\$290) and U-15 (\$290). Tryouts and team placements will take place the first two weekends of December. Register before Nov. 1 to avoid a late fee. Visit [pleasantonlacrosse.com](http://pleasantonlacrosse.com).

**LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION** Pleasanton Foothill Little League will join American and National Little Leagues in a joint registration for the 2010 season. All players ages 5 to 18 (as of April 30, 2010) are invited to play. Online registration is at [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com). First walk-through registration is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct 25 at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Fees vary. Visit [www.pflonline.org](http://www.pflonline.org).

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## Support Groups

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** The Wellness Community hosts a weekly support group for people actively fighting cancer and their loved ones from 2-4 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. This group is free. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twcba.org](http://www.twcba.org).

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**TRI-VALLEY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP** This group meets on the

second Saturday of each month. On Nov. 14 they will attend a special UCSF Conference in San Francisco. We will meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center at 10 a.m., as usual, and carpool to the Dublin BART station, returning to Pleasanton about 6 p.m. Call 831-9940 to register. Cost is \$20 plus BART fare.

## Volunteering

**AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE** The American Red Cross is holding a public blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Safeway Fitness Facility, 5858 Stoneridge Mall Road. Call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) or go to [HelpSaveALife.org/NC](http://HelpSaveALife.org/NC) (Sponsor Code: SAFEWAY84) to schedule an appointment.

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## SPORTS DIGEST

### Jack rabbits score late to tie the Jewels

The Rage U10 Division 3 Jackrabbits scored the equalizer in the remaining minutes of the game for a 1-1 tie. The Jackrabbits had a strong team effort on Saturday. They out shot their opponent and pressured the Jewel defense.

Top Offensive Players: Tessie Scavone scored the equalizer and tied the game. Naya Johal had a strong showing up front. She pressured their keeper with a few scoring opportunities. Top Defensive Players: Anna Bosse played well defensively. Ally Pethebridge and Jessica Cole also contributed to the defense and started the attack from the back field. Terra McHone had some critical saves in the box.

### BUSC U19 Advanced takes on Halloween tournament

Game one in the Hayward Halloween Tournament found BUSC U19 Advanced, once again, coming out strong. Offense by Luis Castillo, Max Delaney and Titus Norton dominated the first half but the forwards couldn't quite find the net. Richocets off the frame added to their frustration. In the second half, the game was more evenly matched with an unfortunate BUSC foul in the box which cost the team one goal on a PK. U19 Advanced played and defended well having at least double the shots on goal overall.

Game two against the Hayward home team was hard-played. With our five shots on goal to their 10, goalie Adam Johnstone saved no less than a dozen shots. Unfortunately, a hand ball in the box cost BUSC a PK goal. U19 Advanced offense, with Max Delaney, Titus Norton, Michael Fontana and mid-fielders Andrew Weinberg, Lawrence Lam and Jaesung Lee, played well and the strong defense by Spencer Miller, Jack Rogers and Kevin Briggs, demonstrated, once again, their ability to create opportunities for the team.

Game three against Almaden was the best played for BUSC U19 Advanced of the three weekend games. Advanced had solid shots on goal demonstrating more accuracy than ever before. All shots, however, were saved by opposing goalie. The front line with Max Delaney, Titus Norton and Michael Fontana, had very nice crosses which just could not find the net. Almaden came out strong, striking their goals in the first half, even with a half dozen saves from our goalie, Adam Johnstone. In the second half, the BUSC defense by Sam Onojafe, Kevin Briggs and Omar Mohammadi held Almaden at bay and shut them down but did not come away with a win.



### BUSC U14 Select bring home top trophy from Almaden Halloween Classic

The BUSC U14 Select team, coached by Pablo Espinosa, brought home the first place trophy from the Almaden Halloween Classic tournament held in Morgan Hill recently.

The team won the first three games to win their flight and advance to the Championship on Sunday. BUSC U14 Select met the Almaden Strikers in the Championship game. All the BUSC players went out very strong and the team scored early and often to end the first half with a 3-0 lead. The team went into a strong defensive mode and ended the game winning 3-1. Players Elijah Caluya, Mick Cuffe, Chris Ford, Nick Goldstein, A.K. Kang, Zac Lander, Collin LaPorte, Michael Liamos, Steven Morgan, Conner Neads, Spencer Petty, Kenny Rockwood, Willie Stafford, Connor Veit, Kevin Vigallon and Albert Wiseman all played strong and worked together to bring home their second tournament win of the season.



### BUSC U12 Select win second tournament of the season

The BUSC U12 Select team won all four games to take home the trophy from the Sierra Gold Halloweenfest hosted at Lotus Park near Placerville.

The boys won all three games in their group without conceding a goal and dominated the games with neat passing and movement off the ball. The foundation for the success lay at the back with strong performances by Alec Baldus, Jake Marchi, Nick Tucker and Miles Colwell who made sure any danger was dealt with and the team could build from the back. The boys won a thrilling final beating El Dorado Hills 1-0 and the winning goal scored by Robert Ota in the second half. In the group games the Select team beat Orangevale Thunder 4-0, Roseville Wolfpack 5-0 and Prospector Pythons 6-0. A number of different players scored goals including Jonathan Dorneau, Justin Brandt, Kane Millerstrom, Jake Fohner, Nima Habibi, Jamal Dessouky and Sahil Patel. The midfield was well organized with strong performances by JJ Nelson, Ayush Sangari, Zachary Stubbs, Julian Dessouky and four assists by Ethan Bennett.

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### BUSC U11 go undefeated at WC Octoberfest tourney

The BUSC U11 Div. III Select team went undefeated in the recent Walnut Creek Soccer Club's "Octoberfest" tournament. Overall, the BUSC boys played four very aggressive and strategic matches out scoring their opponents 24-3 for the entire tournament. Ndem Okoro was the team's top scorer with seven goals. Goals were also scored by Blake Tucker (4), Joey Cassetin and Cole Torquemada (3 each), Ben Spears and Griffin Chinn (2 each), Yuri Benadjoud, Donnie Morrissey and Daniel Castro (1 each). Assists were provided by Jake Perlman (2), Cole Torquemada (6), Daniel Castro and Griffin Chinn (5 each), Chase Godi, Donnie Morrissey, Joey Cassetin, Blake Tucker and Yuri Benadjoud (1 each). The defense flat out overpowered all attackers giving up only three goals. Chase Godi and Jake Perlman anchored the center of the field and warded off all attackers. Support on the outside was supplied by Anish Sangari and Ben Spears. Keeper duties were shared by Griffin Chin, Cole Torquemada and Yuri Benadjoud who registered a total of 12 saves and were key factors in limiting all opponents to only three goals for the tournament.

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### Foothill girls golf claim 2009 EBAL title

The Foothill High School girls varsity golf team has become this year's East Bay Athletic League champions, something that hasn't been done in seven years.

The girls went undefeated, winning the exclusive title at a tournament held recently at the Chardonnay Country Club in Napa. Amador Valley's golf team placed third. Four of the Foothill girls' scores were in the top 10 out of 42 girls. Alex Sborov placed second in an All League Honors and Kortnie Maxoutopoulos placed fourth.

Pictured are from L-R: Anja Kong, Katie Sborov, Winky Wong, Alex Sborov, Lauren Woolley, Kortnie Maxoutopoulos and Coach JT Taylor.



### He shoots, he scores?

Aldin Dallos, a freshmen at Foothill High, attempts a shot during play for the JV water polo team last weekend. The team played a tournament at Las Lomas High School in Wanut Creek, where they won against Alhambra, Amador and St. Ignatius, and lost to Drake and Cal High.

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Weekly history lesson** Sixteen eighth-graders from Hart Middle School joined history teacher Anne Everton in front of George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon, Virginia. Back row, L-R: Jack Reed, Shatika Rembert, Lexi Frye, Dustin Rhodes, Brett Bormann, Laura Kaelin, Nick Allen and Arin Miller; front row, L-R: Gareth Harvey, Everton, Nicole Ponzini, Taylor Hedge, Katey Cloonan, Marisa Victor, Jessica Morasoli, Elena Victor and Stephanie Little.



**Have a cow man** Josh Parr, Jake Isabel, Codey Heidebrecht and Paul Bretz, students and a teacher from Amador Valley High School, pose with "Bonnie" during the Running of the Cows, a fundraiser for the Alviso Adobe Community Park.

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Ready to shop

OK girls, let's make some fun weekend plans that help animals and require shopping! Join us for the 10th annual Animal Lover's Boutique where you will find unique animal-related items for your pets, home, yourself and loved ones. Start holiday shopping at this popular event which features garden art, home décor, jewelry, toys and much more. See what the boutique's "litter box" has to offer in the way of second-hand items. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Road.

All proceeds from this boutique benefit Jackie Barnett's "Just Like New" fund which is a program of Valley Humane Society. The Just Like New fund helps sick and injured animals by providing them with life-saving veterinary care.

Visit Bonnie, a 6-month-old, spayed female Tortoise-shell housecat at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. Bonnie, and brother Clyde, a black shorthair, are both super playful and would love to be adopted together if possible. Bonnie and Clyde love kids, enjoy other cats and even tolerate dogs. Visit [www.valleyhumanesociety.org](http://www.valleyhumanesociety.org) or call 426-8656.



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**It's not over till...you read the Weekly** The Rosenberg family took the Weekly along to the Opera House, seen here, in Budapest, Hungary.



**Taking a bite outta the competition** The Rage U13D3A girls took the Weekly to Santa Cruz, where they played a soccer tournament. Here, they celebrated a 3-0 second-round victory over host Santa Cruz Jaws. Pictured: back row, L-R: Patricia Norcross, Paige Peterson, Elysa Roman, Claire Hicel, Courtney Seams, Olivia Duetschman, Nikki Costello, Kayla Cerri, Nikki Cerri, Sarah Ryan, Vanessa Villanueva, Cassie Santana, Kayla Bautista, Alie Racer; front row L-R: Paige Zollars and Ariel Gershman.

# Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

4431 SANDALWOOD DR., PLEASANTON, \$612,000



This charming one story home has 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms with 1361 square feet of living space. The "Highland Oaks" home has been lovingly updated with granite countertops in the kitchen, and wood floors throughout. The backyard looks like a park, with a beautiful Pergola to enjoy a weekend BBQ or outdoor entertaining. Walk to Lydiksen Elementary, Cabana Club and Muirwood Park. Listed and sold by Julia Murtagh of Alain Pinel Realtors. (925) 997-2411

## 1st-time buyers' tax credit ends Nov. 30

Realtors, others urge Congress to extend funding

By JEB BING

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included an enhanced First-Time Homebuyer Federal Tax Credit, a housing stimulus that provides a maximum tax credit of \$8,000 for first-time home purchases. The tax benefit is due to expire Dec. 31 and for buyers to qualify, their transaction must be closed on or before Nov. 30.

To be eligible for the tax credit, qualified buyers must purchase and reside in the principal residence before Dec. 31. Other eligibility requirements apply, including income limits, but individuals who exceed the limit may be eligible for a partial credit.

Since its inception earlier this year, the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit has brought 1.2 million new buyers into the market, 350,000 of whom would not have purchased a home without the credit, according to the National Association of Realtors.

"While the urgency of trying to find and close on a home before the deadline may seem stressful, it doesn't have to be," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Bay Area. "For those first-time buyers who are in the early phase of the home buying process, there are seven steps for speeding up the process."



Rick Turley

The first, Turley said, is to get started right now.

"The clock is ticking," he explained. "You should plan to identify and purchase your home within the next 30 days, which would then leave you up to 45 days to obtain mortgage financing and complete all the necessary steps to closing, including appraisals, inspections and title work. That means you should be under contract this month in order to safely meet the closing deadline and qualify for this tax credit."

He also said that a team of experienced professionals is the key to making the home buying process simple and seamless. "First-time buyers can start by interviewing and selecting an agent who understands what

they're looking for. The agent can then arrange showings and keep track of the properties visited, and can also identify suitable lawyers, mortgage lenders, home inspectors and others who will play a role in the process.

Clearly, the first step in the home buying process is to have an idea of the type of property to buy. By separating the "must haves" from the "wants," buyers can focus on what's really important in a home. Free online tools are available from many real estate firms which also have information on neighborhoods, a quick view of what's on the market and price comparisons.

A sound financial track record and solid credit score also can help lock in a home loan and lower interest rates.

"Lenders today are looking at prospective borrower's credit reports more closely than ever, so it's important to examine your credit report for mistakes and eradicate any 'toxic' debt such as overdue credit-card payments before the home shopping begins," Turley said. "Rectifying mistakes is easy to do, but it can be a time consuming process. Checking a credit score and addressing any errors will help expedite the approval process when it comes time to make an offer."

At the same time prospective buyers are working to correct or improve their credit report, they should also pull together the documents they will need to provide the lender. These include verification of employment, two most recent pay check stubs, two most recent bank statements, copies of the last two W-2 forms received from employers, copies of any asset statements including those for retirement accounts, stocks, bonds or mutual funds, and a copy of social security cards.

"Once the paperwork is in order, it's time to get pre-approved for a mortgage," Turley said. "Pre-approval means that a lender has verified your credit and other credentials and is committed to making a loan. This is different (and more valuable to sellers) than pre-qualification, which simply gives you an idea of the size of the mortgage you might afford without actually committing to a loan."

Turley said buyers are not obligated to get

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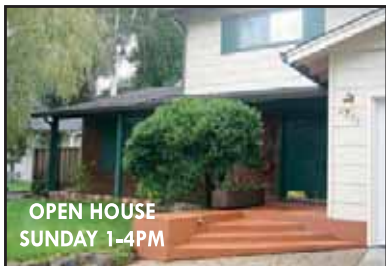
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HOME SALES

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Dublin

- 6302 Bray Court** Aurora Loan Services to S. Hayes for \$405,000
- 4223 Clarinbridge Circle** N. Qureshi to N. & J. Defries for \$340,000
- 5326 Eaglebrook Terrace** C. & E. Boucher to W. & H. Stollberg for \$865,000
- 2770 East Sugar Hill Terrace** Kahn Trust to G. Won for \$1,250,000
- 5204 Gali Court** J. & K. Santos to R. Patel for \$521,000
- 5880 Hillbrook Place** K. & G. Freitas to S. Fearn for \$610,000
- 7546 Honey Court** C. Rodoni to A. Nacu for \$379,000
- 11654 Luna Court** W. & M. Deplitch to R. & S. Roche for \$615,000
- 5617 North Dublin Ranch Drive** Deutsche Bank to N. Nari for \$765,000
- 6179 Shadow Hill Drive** J. Yang to P. Munoz for \$630,000
- 4837 Swinford Court** E. & M. Kim to R. & D. Rycerski for \$425,000
- 10728 Wallace Lane** B. & K. Shen to T. & A. Doyle for \$438,000
- 4911 Winterbrook Avenue** J. & L. Baccay to H. Shi for \$659,000

Livermore

- 1325 Arrowhead Avenue** EMC Mortgage to D. & K. Travers for \$530,000
- 2474 Broadmoor Street** C. Fung to E. Devries for \$390,000
- 1312 Carlton Place** J. Hohu to D. Coffland for \$825,000
- 3162 Golden Crest Common** R. Abadam to R. & M. Cowley for \$240,000
- 5546 Greenwich Avenue** J. & M. Agcang to P. Ryder for \$370,000
- 1626 Hansen Road** C. & S. Ott to K. & A. Williams for \$975,000
- 5668 Jacqueline Way** T. & K. Graves to J. & K. Becerra

- for \$487,000
- 1358 Lennox Lane** Wells Fargo Bank to P. Nowak for \$1,151,500
- 5285 Lilac Avenue** R. Pierce to D. & J. Sides for \$385,000
- 3954 Loch Lomand Way** B. & L. Barrette to C. Haugh for \$622,000
- 696 Los Alamos Avenue** Greenleaf Properties to D. & L. Lantrip for \$426,000
- 1177 Madison Avenue** Warner Trust to W. & K. Huntington for \$530,000
- 688 Moraga Drive** J. & K. Pillon to R. Spinosa for \$389,000
- 773 Partridge Common** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to J. Furtado for \$225,000
- 214 Prato Way** W. Washburn to D. & A. Moussa for \$675,000
- 669 Tina Way** K. & A. Garcia to J. & K. Pillon for \$479,000
- 2599 Walker Place** Pawek Trust to M. & D. Girardelli for \$680,000
- 1085 Wynn Circle** Ray Trust to S. & L. Johnston for \$610,000
- 1120 Wynn Circle** W. & K. Huntington to M. & M. O'Connor for \$500,000

Pleasanton

- 6328 Alvord Way** Girod Trust to C. & V. Guan for \$563,500
- 2185 Arroyo Court #4** Soundview Home Loan Trust to S. Barukzai for \$200,000
- 1122 Baur Court** Bluth Trust to G. Ju for \$955,000
- 6240 Camino Del Lago** J. & N. Liu to C. Park for \$730,000
- 258 Carnation Court** R. & S. Alimonti to H. & Y. Tang for \$580,000
- 2442 Crestline Road** Lanahan Trust to C. & D. Brown for \$625,000
- 4 Eaglet Court** S. & R. Barraza to Kost Trust for \$1,975,000
- 2241 Goldcrest Circle** J. & D. Rodriguez to R. Sun for \$360,000
- 4183 Jensen Street** L. & D. Allen to W. & E. Chandler for \$495,000
- 2394 Meadowlark Drive** J. & M. Aversano to R. & R.

- Arora for \$663,000
- 5500 Old School Road** Bouma Trust to T. & A. Vardell for \$1,510,000
- 277 Rachael Place** Phillips Trust to W. & J. Joseph for \$445,000
- 506 Trebbiano Place** National Transfer Services to G. & G. Koskovich for \$897,000
- 616 Windmill Lane** Kost Trust to S. & P. Bach for \$1,112,500

San Ramon

- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #362** M. & F. Poyzner to C. & M. Waage for \$165,000
- 721 Ardleigh Court** Deutsche Bank to S. Vatannia for \$1,050,000
- 450 Bollinger Canyon Lane #389** GMAC Mortgage to C. Sotomayor for \$204,500
- 320 Canyon Woods Place** M. Beinke to J. Bryant for \$755,000
- 441 Carillo Court** C. Almand to B. Freitas for \$275,000
- 210 Cascadas Court** W. & C. Seale to S. Chauhan for \$884,000
- 389 Catalan Way** B. Dumell to Y. Yang for \$575,000
- 218 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to C. Moore for \$270,000
- 3607 Crow Canyon Road** P. & S. London to A. Pandey for \$399,000
- 3925 Crow Canyon Road** Lehman Brothers to J. Krishnamurthy for \$280,000
- 2717 Fountainhead Drive** T. & K. Kraemer to J. Choi for \$300,000
- 2581 Harlow Lane** H. & C. Park to A. Kadiyala for \$756,000
- 5404 Heatherland Drive** American Home Mortgage to R. Alsamarrai for \$1,180,000
- 3375 Middlebrook Way** C. Kim to J. Kim for \$780,000
- 407 Pine Ridge Drive #163** G. Halawani to S. Jegatheesan for \$360,000
- 52 Sota Place** R. Foss to T. & Z. Ampil for \$479,000
- 9675 Tareyton Avenue** C. Gonzales to E. & M. Puruganan for \$450,000
- 105 Treasure Court** J. Lane to S. Dambrockas for \$400,000

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a loan from the lender that offers the pre-approval letter, but a pre-approval does involve giving permission for a hard credit inquiry. This will also put buyers in a stronger position with sellers, demonstrating how serious they are about home ownership and that they are well-qualified.

Because of the popularity of the First-Time Homebuyer Federal Tax Credit program, the NAR is calling upon its 1.2 million members to urge Congress to extend it into next year.

"Now is the time for Congress to keep this recovery going by extending the tax credit through 2010 and making it available to more homebuyers," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Dallas-Fort Worth. "We have all seen how the credit has been a spur to bring homebuyers into the market, and have seen the beginnings of a real recovery in the housing market. Housing has always led this nation out of economic downturns, and can do so again."

McMillan added that the market has improved, but it has not yet fully corrected itself.

"The credit needs to be available for an additional period of time in order to sustain the progress that's been made so we can continue to see our markets fully recover," he said. "Uncertainty about the future of the credit will dampen consumer demand. The only way we can assure that the progress we've made can continue is to extend the credit and to do that now." ■

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**12 Gold Poppy Court \$944,888**  
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**Dublin**

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**11501 Soleado Court \$705,000**  
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**Livermore**

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**173 Heligan Lane #2 \$368,800**  
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**3044 Casadero Court \$499,995**  
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**6048 Corte Montanas \$619,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**3522 Kings Canyon Court \$629,950**  
 Sat 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2515

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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 858-4198

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 Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 963-1984

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 Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 785-8239

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 Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706

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 Sun 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 463-6110

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 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6898

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