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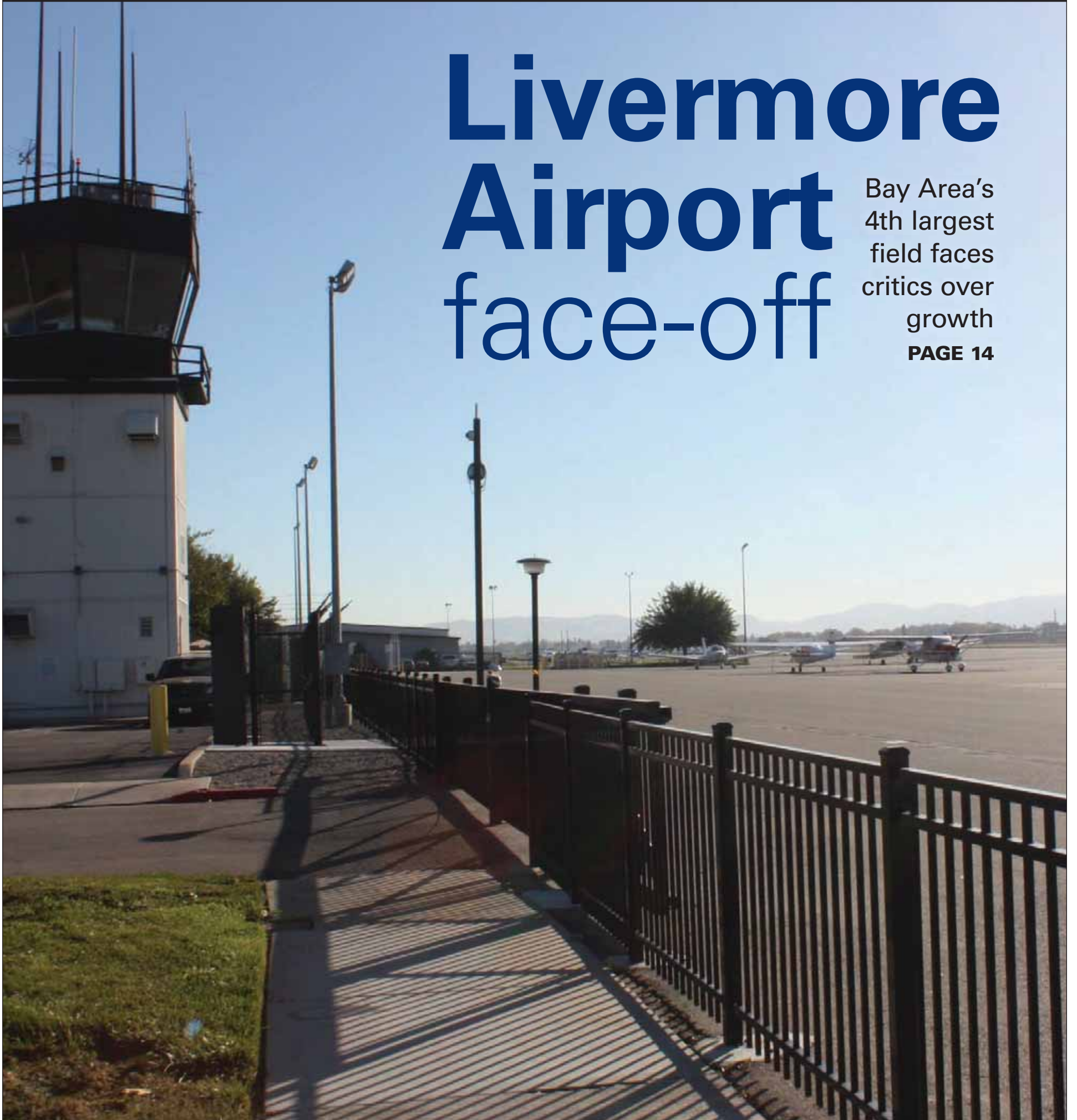
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Sign-up list growing for new gravesites at Pioneer Cemetery



Demand is expected to be heavy for gravesites at the cemetery.

If you're planning to make Pleasanton your "final" resting place, you might want to sign up soon for one of the 400 burial sites now being installed at the city's Pioneer Cemetery that will go on sale as early as next spring. You also might want to put some money into savings for the purchase since the city has raised the price to \$10,198 for full burial plots and \$4,276 for a small plot to hold cremains. Actually, the sites are not as pricey as they sound since they're being offered as a two-for-one sale. The larger ones are full-size, double-deck plots, with one individual casket placed in a pre-installed cement vault lower in the ground and the second added on top when needed. The smaller cremains plots work the same. Also, the fee includes full burial services, all administrative costs and perpetual care.

So far, 106 names are on the list being maintained by Fan Ventura, marketing analyst in the Parks and Community Services Department, which has charge of the cemetery. She reports that 93 of these individuals live in Pleasanton and will get the chance to buy their plots six months ahead of out-of-towners when the sale begins. Their names will stay on the list whether they buy the gravesites then or not, but when all 200 cremains plots and 200 full-size double-deck sites are sold — providing space for 400 individuals — that's likely to end new site offers at Pioneer. Open space at the cemetery is limited and it's not certain that the City Council will authorize another expansion.

Sales of new burial sites at Pioneer were halted in early 2007 when the city acquired the two-century old Memorial Gardens Cemetery from the International Order of Oddfellows, a fraternal organization whose membership is declining and could no longer afford the limited maintenance and sales office it provided. Buying the cemetery even at the bargain-basement rate of \$1 was controversial not because of the price but over the concern that nobody really knew much about the cemetery or who was buried there. Records turned over to the city left more questions than contained information. A number of plots had been purchased by individuals and

families so Susan Andrade-Wax, the new director of Parks and Community Services, and Ventura were given the task of sorting everything out before selling cemetery plots again. Besides converting all the records they were given to a digital format accessible on computers, they also fielded a group of high school students last summer to plot existing gravesites on GPS instruments to provide exact coordinates for each grave. Digital photographs were added to the files with that work now showing some vacant sites in the older existing section of the cemetery. For now, though, only the new double-deck graves will be sold.

An informal task force headed by Howard Neely and Chris Beratlis led the citizens' group's appeal to the council three years ago to buy the cemetery from the Oddfellows at a time when it was heading for a bankruptcy sale. Reluctantly, the council agreed and gave Neely's group the unofficial status of taking charge initially. The group did, raking the debris and cleaning the site, weeding and mowing the grass where there was some. With just a few water spigots available, the cemetery turns green in the rainy season, and dries out in the summer, which resulted in the city renaming it Pioneer Cemetery. Last December, when the council officially gave the care of the cemetery and responsibility for creating new gravesites to Andrade-Wax and Ventura, it also held back on giving the cemetery a more manicured look because of the current financial squeeze on public funds and the ongoing California water shortage. That still may happen, but for now only the new gravesites will have that perpetual care, paid for by the price hike in the cost of the plots.

Ventura believes there will be heavy demand for the burial sites once word gets around that the city's only public cemetery is available as a final resting place once again. To sign up, call Ventura at 931-5348 or send her an email at fventura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. ■

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Air Traffic Control Tower operated by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees at Livermore Municipal Airport operates daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and handles 30 flights a day, including jet traffic serving Tri-Valley businesses. Photo by Janet Pelletier.

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What should we do, if anything, to help the unemployed?



Matt Oliver
Personal trainer

It's all about connecting with people. If a friend was looking for a job, I'd ask people I know if they are hiring, using connections with friends, family and community — networking. But if there are no jobs it can only go so far. People who are hiring could spread the word around the community and do simple things like posting help wanted ads downtown.

Elizabeth Vallerga
Licensed esthetician

I think the problem is the businesses are suffering. When business is down, you can't hire new people. It would help to create new jobs but that's still hard. On a personal level, staying in your community and helping everyone out would be great. If people in Pleasanton stick with their city, I think they can help each other.



Alex Pollayil
High-tech sales



I think the stimulus they passed should help. If the government spends the money wisely, it will encourage growth and create jobs. You can't really have the jobless rate reach 11, 11.5 percent and then have it go down. We need to solve the problem now by spending the stimulus money.

Gina Day
Piano teacher

It would have to be a widespread thing where people support smaller businesses and upstart businesses. It seems like the big corporations are taking over and other businesses lose out, so they have to cut jobs. But I think it would have to be some major reform type thing.



Jeff Goldstein
Sales engineer

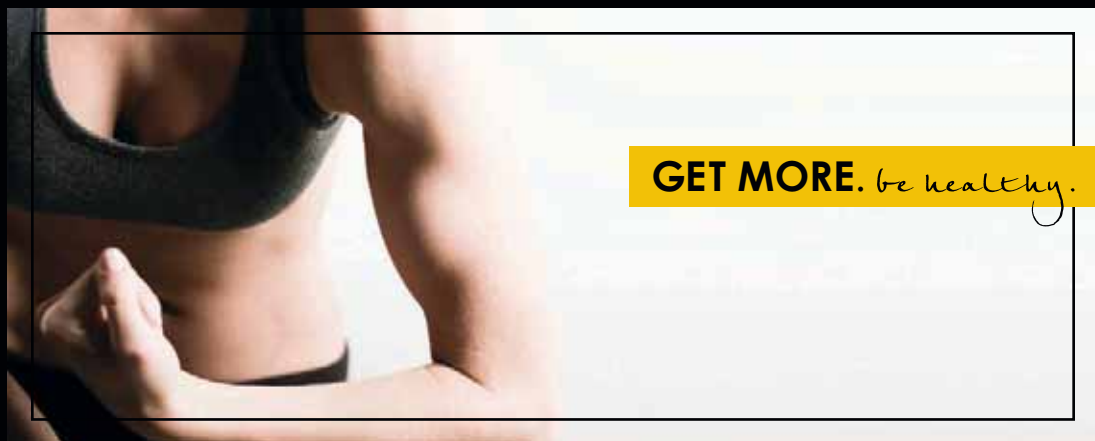


I think there still is not enough loan money available; there needs to be freer access to money. A lot of businesses can't expand right now because they can't get a loan. If they can expand, they can hire. This has really been a credit crunch all along and I think it still is.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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Vote for Pleasanton

Local third grade teacher Nicole Dalesio created a video highlighting Pleasanton that was chosen as one of four finalists in an online contest. To see and vote for the video, visit www.youtube.com/user/lonelyplanet. Voting is open through Nov. 15.

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The two-day event is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 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.

SF Shakes present 'Hamlet'

SF Shakes will offer a free performance of "Hamlet" at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The show is 55 minutes long and the performers will field questions at the end of the show. Parking is limited with the holiday ice rink, so those wanting to attend are encouraged to arrive early to find parking.

Adopt a dog or cat

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts an adoption faire from noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 14 at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive. It will include expert advice in choosing the right cat, dog or bunny. Adoption includes three private sessions with a professional dog trainer, bed, leash and collar, for dogs; and a goodie bag with blanket, toys and more, for cats. Visit www.tvat.org.

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Holiday ice rink opens Thursday downtown

Parking will be at a premium in and around the library through rink's operation, which will end Jan. 10

By JANET PELLETIER

Pleasanton residents can skate a figure eight beginning this Thursday when the city's first holiday ice rink comes to town for the winter season.

If you've driven near the library, you've noticed the preparations that got under way this past week in the outside lane of the parking lot. The rink's operation will affect the traf-

fic flow in the region, especially drivers such as parents who pick up their children at the library after class ends at nearby Pleasanton Middle School. City spokeswoman Joanne Hall said parents may want to consider picking an alternative pick-up location as the rink operates daily through Jan. 10.

"Minor changes are planned for the circulation in the Pleasanton Li-

brary parking lot, which currently provides one-way counter-clockwise circulation in the lot," Hall added. "The one-way design will remain intact, but due to the closure of half of the parking lot, all vehicles will be required to enter adjacent to the library and exit near the city offices at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Vehicles will not have access to the library parking lot from the city office parking lot."

The rink will be operated and managed by San Jose Arena Management, which owns the San Jose Sharks, in a deal that was announced a few months ago between SJAM and the city of Pleasanton. SJAM will pay all costs of building and operating the rink with the city contributing about \$20,000 for added

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Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, right, greets San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson at an invitation-only event in Pleasanton.

Fiorina pledges no new taxes as she opens campaign for Senate seat

Vies for GOP nomination to unseat Democrat Sen. Barbara Boxer next November

By JEB BING

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina brought her campaign for the U.S. Senate in the June 8 California primary to Pleasanton, promising that if elected she would work to hold the line on federal regulations and taxes while working to focus the Senate's attention on incentives for the private sector — not Washington — to create jobs for Americans.

In her bid to unseat Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer next year, Fiorina, 55, said her business experience makes her the GOP candidate best able to defeat Democrat Senator Barbara Boxer in next year's general election.

She said increased federal spending and record-high defi-

cits were sapping the financial strength of the country and adding to the long-term tax obligations for all Americans. She vowed to never vote for any tax increase as a senator and to focus her energies on job-creation, "which is the No. 1 concern in this country today."

She said Boxer has no understanding of the needs of the private sector, has never met a payroll and that in her 13 years as a senator has only seen three of her co-sponsored bills passed into law.

Her remarks were made at an invitation-only presentation at Goal Line Productions in Hacienda Business Park, which was sponsored by the Tri-Valley

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Carly Fiorina, discussing her competitor Sen. Barbara Boxer

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Future school funding looks bleak

Early estimates show state with multi-billion dollar deficits

By EMILY WEST

While awaiting a report for the Legislative Analysts Office, the state budget update at Tuesday night's school board meeting was grim.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Luz Cazares indicated that cuts were imminent as the state was taking in less revenue than it had anticipated. The reductions for next year, she said, would be \$2.3 million in ongoing costs and \$1.3 million in one-time expenditures in the district that were funded by one-time sources.

According to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the state budget may be out of balance by between \$5 billion to \$7 billion and that fiscal year 2010-11 has a structural deficit of about \$7.4 billion.

Much of the shortfall came from what Cazares called the states risky assumptions that the Pleasanton Unified School District would not use to balance the budget. Some of the assumptions included savings from furloughs and other state cuts that didn't pan out as well as judicial action against the state.

As for the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds, about \$3.1 billion has been distributed and only \$0.3 billion is available for kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We're not expecting to see too much more," Cazares said. "The governor may use it to back bill the same way he did last year."

Superintendent search

The school board interviewed three firms — Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd.; RJ Gatti Associates; and Ray and Associates, Inc. — applying to conduct a search to replace Superintendent John Casey, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Expected to take action Tuesday night, the board decided to mull over the choices and make their selection in an open meeting that will be held at 3:30 p.m. today. For updates on the superintendent search, check www.pleasanton-weekly.com. ■

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Man arrested for alleged disturbance at mall

Family says actions were a misunderstanding

By EMILY WEST

Police arrested 22-year-old Abdul Walid Hamid of Hayward Nov. 4 after he reportedly robbed a man and scared others at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Charged with battery, grand theft, exhibition of a deadly weapon and a possible hate crime, the man was held on \$27,000 bail and arraigned earlier this week at the Pleasanton courthouse.

Calling it a bizarre case, Deputy District Attorney Ronda Theisen asked that Hamid be ordered to stay out of the mall. Through an interpreter, Hamid requested a public defender and was scheduled to appear in court Thursday morning.

According to reports, Hamid was yelling "Allah is power" and "Islam is great" while holding a pen in a fist over his head and witnesses said he had been shouting anti-Christian comments.

Lt. Mike Elerick of the Pleasanton Police Department said the man was not provoked and didn't threaten violence, but he committed robbery when he grabbed and broke a crucifix off a man's neck.

Hamid's family members, who declined to give their names, say

it was all a misunderstanding. Outside the courtroom, they said Hamid was provoked when the customer with the necklace reportedly called him a derogatory name. They said Hamid put his hand on the customer's shoulder, asking the person not to use that word. When the customer pulled away, the family said Hamid's hand came into contact with the necklace and it accidentally broke.

"We had multiple people calling 911. One female was crouching down and hiding from him. He definitely scared quite a few people."

**Lt. Mike Elerick,
Pleasanton Police
Department**

His family also said that he's only been in the country a few months and is still learning the language and the laws.

Co-workers told police that Hamid's actions were out of the ordinary. Police also said they weren't aware of a prior criminal history for the man.

"We had multiple people calling 911," Elerick said.

"One female was crouching down and hiding from him. He definitely scared quite a few people."

After Hamid's arrest, he was taken to John George Hospital in San Leandro for a psychiatric evaluation.

Elerick said much of the man's speech was similar to the loud scene of the Christian activists who frequent downtown Pleasanton. The big differences, however, is that Hamid was on private property and had physical contact with someone. ■

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Pleasanton hires San Luis Obispo's city attorney to replace Roush

Jonathan Lowell has extensive background in government, private sector legal work

By JEB BING

San Luis Obispo City Attorney Jonathan Lowell, who is also the incoming president of the League of California Cities City Attorney Department, will succeed Michael Roush as City Attorney for Pleasanton starting Jan. 1, it was announced Tuesday.

The announcement by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman comes after an extensive regional search for Roush's replacement. Roush, city attorney here since 1988, officially retired early last month although he has remained at his desk on a consulting basis ever since. It's expected that he will continue to represent Pleasanton as its attorney until Lowell takes over.

Lowell has been city attorney in San Luis Obispo, a city with a population of 43,000, since 2003. At one time he was the assistant city attorney in both Livermore and Hayward and the city attorney for San Bruno. He was also in private practice with the San Francisco law firm of Curiale, Dellaverson, Hirschfield, Kraemer & Sloan.

He received his law degree from UC Hastings College of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley.

"After a comprehensive search to fill this vital position, we are confident that Jonathan Lowell exceeds the rigorous criteria for the position of City Attorney," Hosterman said. "He is well versed in land use issues, negotiations, CEQA (the California Environmental Quality Act) actions, and the full range of legal and administrative proceedings that we are presented with in

Pleasanton."

"Jonathan brings the additional benefit of a statewide overview of the legal challenges facing California cities in his role as the incoming 2011 President of the League of California Cities City Attorney Department", she added.

In his role as Pleasanton's City Attorney, Lowell will provide advice and counsel to the City Council, City Manager Nelson Fialho and city staff. He will manage a legal department that handles the city's contractual, regulatory, and litigation matters that typically include open meeting and public records laws; conflicts of interest; land use and environmental laws; claims and litigation; municipal elections; employment and labor relations; code enforcement, and other legal matters.

Both the city manager's and city attorney's positions report directly to the City Council.

"I look forward to working with my peers in the city of Pleasanton, which has an excellent reputation as a well managed city," Lowell said in accepting the position. "I was drawn to the collaborative approach that the city takes to community issues and look forward to becoming a part of that effort."

Lowell was born and raised in Alameda County, where his parents and others in his family live. He



Jonathan Lowell

currently resides in San Luis Obispo and plans to relocate to the area. He told the San Luis Obispo Tribune that he and his partner will be able to move closer to their elderly parents "who are all getting to where they need me close by."

Over the weekend, Lowell advised San Luis Obispo Mayor Dave Romero and the City Council of his decision to take the Pleasanton city attorney's job and that he would step down at the end of the year. Since becoming San Luis Obispo's city attorney six years ago, he has hired an entirely new office staff, including Assistant City Attorney Christine Dietrick, who is expected to apply for his position. The pay range for city attorney in San Luis Obispo is \$140,000 to \$175,000.

Although Lowell's starting salary in Pleasanton has not yet been disclosed, Roush's base pay as of his retirement date was \$191,380.

Roush will receive a pension from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) based on his final year's base pay for each year of service to a maximum of 90 percent, which Roush will be entitled to receive. He also received a cost of living increase this year which will be added to his 2009 base pay, but accrued vacation and any other financial benefits are not part of the base pay formula that CalPERS uses.

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power and lighting, costs that will be reimbursed from SJAM profits from ticket sales and sponsorships. All net proceeds from the operations of the winter rink will be donated to Pleasanton education, sports and recreational activities.

The city and SJAM have signed a five-year contract for a holiday rink, but the library location was not the preferred choice. City Manager Nelson Fialho has said he hopes to persuade Domus or Round Table Pizza property owners to allow the rink on one of their parking lots next year. The location originally was to be Delucchi Park, but was moved to the library lot after neighbors of the park complained.

Pleasanton officials are currently negotiating with San Francisco, which owns the 3-acre parcel across Bernal between the ACE train station and the library to see if Pleasanton can lease the land and grade it for parking during the skating rink season, but it's unclear what has happened with



CITY OF PLEASANTON

An artist's rendering shows what the holiday ice rink will look like when it opens Thursday in the library parking lot.

those negotiations. San Francisco has offered to sell the property to Pleasanton in the past.

The rink's grand opening will begin with a ceremony Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with a free skating show exhibition. The first public skate will begin at 7:30 p.m. Skaters will

be able to use the rink from noon to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Admission ranges from \$10-\$16 and includes the price of skate rental. For more information, visit www.devconholidayiccerink.com. ■

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Business Council. The same organization also sponsored a campaign stop by California gubernatorial candidate and Republican Meg Whitman two months ago.

More than 150 filled Goal Line's large production studio with Mayor Abram Wilson of San Ramon the most prominent local official to attend. No elected leaders from Pleasanton, Dublin or Livermore attended, although Anne White of the Livermore school board joined the meeting. Several from the Danville town council were on the invitation list, including Mayor Newell Americh, but none stood up to be recognized when the business council's executive director Toby Brink introduced them.

Fiorina surprised some at the rally who had not seen her since her surgery last March and subsequent treatments for breast cancer. With her hair cropped short compared to her pre-cancer campaign photos given out at the Goal Line reception desk, she talked about her "crazy hair-do," adding that after nine months of chemotherapy, "Barbara Boxer just isn't that scary."

"She has always taken the low road to higher office, so get ready," said added. "But it's OK, I can take a punch and I can throw a punch."

Boxer has the edge in Democratic-leaning California, but Fiorina's entry means that she could face her greatest challenge since first elected to the Senate in 1992. That's of course if the charismatic former business leader wins the GOP nomination in June.

So far, her only opponent is Chuck Devore, 47, of Irvine, a long-term conservative. Well-known in state GOP circles, he has little name recognition across the state and lacks the financial campaign war chest that Fiorina brings to the race. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



Ice skating, hockey enthusiasts finally getting their rink

Much attention is being paid these days to the outdoor ice skating rink being installed by a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks on Old Bernal Avenue for the coming holiday season. As much fun as that will provide the 10,000-20,000 expected to use it, it was the decision last week by the Planning Commission to approve the design of a permanent two-story, four-rink ice arena in Staples Ranch that will have a long-lasting economic impact for Pleasanton going forward. Like the holiday ice skating rink, this new ice arena will be built and operated by the Sharks' San Jose Arena Management (SJAM) group. Its location is in a long-planned 17-acre Staples Ranch Community Park, with the Sharks using 8 to 10 acres for the arena and surrounding parking. In its petition to planners, SJAM upped the square footage from the original 116,000 square feet to 141,679, about the size of a typical Home Depot. Only the land lease has yet to be signed with negotiations continuing on how much financial help SJAM will provide for other community sports and park projects that at one time were planned for the Staples Ranch site.

SJAM operates all of the facilities associated with the Sharks, including the HP Pavilion where the hockey team plays, and "Sharks Ice" rinks in San Jose and Fremont, which are similar to what the group plans for Pleasanton. The new rink will offer everything related to any type of ice sports. These include both competitive and amateur hockey, hockey and skating teams for boys, girls, men and women, special ice hockey programs for the local high schools, figure skating, recreational skating and also special programs for the disabled. The Sharks' operators will also sponsor competitive meets that will draw crowds from throughout the region, adding to the economic benefits to Pleasanton.

An ice skating facility has been a long time coming to Pleasanton. Many will remember the hot August night nine years ago in the Senior Center when players with the Tri-Valley Blue Devils hockey team, dressed in full uniform, pleaded with the Bernal Task Force to build an ice arena on the newly-acquired Bernal Community Park. That didn't happen, but the Sharks' offer to build and operate its own arena here is better for Pleasanton financially and so is the location. The arena site as part of the 124-acre Staples Ranch development project will be built alongside the planned four-lane extension of Stoneridge Drive that will connect to El Charro Road and Livermore. There, a four-lane overpass has just been completed that connects to Dublin with a full interchange at interstate 580. That will allow the thousands of ice skating and ice hockey aficionados to easily reach the new Sharks arena from anywhere in the Bay Area without traveling on Pleasanton streets and Pleasanton fans also to reach the arena on Stoneridge without having to use the freeways.

With the Planning Commission's approval, the Sharks arena plan can now go to the City Council when it considers the full Staples Ranch development in the next few months. ■

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LETTERS

Library is the crown jewel as far as I'm concerned

Dear Editor,

This letter is to commend the Pleasanton Library for the fine service it provides to the community.

Last Sunday, I attended a free 2 p.m. music concert at the library for the first time and had the privilege of meeting Penny Johnson, the events librarian. The house was packed, so not everyone got in. But many, both young and old, did enjoy a superb free hour-hour concert.

Where else in town can you see infants in strollers as well as several couples married more than 60 years all enjoying a concert together? Future programs include computer classes, more concerts and a classic movie series, which can be found at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-adult.html or by speaking to a reference librarian in person or at 931-3400. And, it's hard to beat the huge selection of free current movies on DVD, which can be reserved. The Pleasanton library is a gem in this community.

Louis Rivara

McNerney, colleagues stood up for the people

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see that our congressman, Rep. Jerry McNerney, was in the slender majority in the House that passed health care reform on Saturday night.

Despite a summer of angry town hall meetings fueled by misinformation from leading conservative figures, and despite pressure from insurance industry lobbyists, McNerney and 219 of his colleagues stood up for their constituents, paving the way for 36 million more Americans to get quality, affordable health care.

Let's hope the Senate has the courage to follow suit so that the United States doesn't remain the only Western democracy whose citizens don't have access to medical treatment when they need it.

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OBITUARIES

Carlanne Olmstead

Carlanne Olmstead died unexpectedly Oct. 25 of cardiovascular disease at age 61.

Ms. Olmstead was born Nov. 6, 1947 in Oregon and graduated from Newport High School in Newport, Ore. on May 28, 1965.

She spent four years in the United States Air Force. As a sergeant, she received commendation medals and awards for meritorious service as officer in charge, managerial duty, job knowledge, initiative and devotion.

She retired from Pac Bell in San Ramon with over a 20-year tenure.

She was a dedicated volunteer for the Valley Humane Society for more than 10 years and a member of the Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah. She also enjoyed reading, computers and music.

A service is scheduled Sunday at the Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore.

Orville 'Val' Nelson

Val Nelson, a native of Oakland and resident of Pleasanton, died peacefully Nov. 1 at home. He was 69.

Mr. Nelson was born Dec. 17,

1939. He was a master carpenter for more than 40 years and a successful business owner, doing business as Unique Remodeling Co. He enjoyed home improvement projects, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Janet; daughters, Cheri Langford of Marietta, Ohio, Marci Castagner of Canton, Ga. and Miranda Mehlhoff of Tracy; sons-in-law; and grandchildren, Jared and Jacob Langford, Rebecca and Lukas Castagner, and Ryan, Daniel, and Jason Mehlhoff.

No memorial services will be held. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Ste. 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Franz Hinek

Franz Hinek died peacefully Nov. 3 at home at the age of 48.

Mr. Hinek was born Dec. 20, 1960. He graduated from Moreau High School, Class of 1979 and was an avid fan of horseracing and football.

He is survived by his parents, Bernice and Frank Hinek; siblings, Bronco (Kathleen), John (Barbara),

Annamary (Mark) Howard and Elizabeth.

A service was scheduled to be held Nov. 10 at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Interment was to be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to cancer research.

Kenneth Merle Schafer

Kenneth Merle Schafer died Oct. 10 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was 64.

Mr. Schafer was born May 27, 1945 in Livermore to Fred and Eula (Dillehay) Schafer. He came to North Idaho from Discovery Bay in 2004 to retire and enjoy life. He had worked at Pleasanton Readymix Concrete as a truck driver for 30 years.

Mr. Schafer was very active with the Amador-Pleasanton Lions Club. He received Lion of the Year two consecutive years. He served in Vietnam from 1967-1968.

He married his high school sweetheart, Rosemary, in July 1967.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews in Texas, California and Idaho, including three great-nieces; brothers, Fred Schafer of Virginia and Dick Schafer of California. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Eula Schafer of Pleasanton and his father-in-law, John Davide.

Services were held in Idaho.



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POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

POLICE BULLETIN

Police association announces Giving Tree program

The community is asked to help the Pleasanton Police Officers Association collect donations for its annual Giving Tree program. The association will be collecting gifts for families in the commu-

nity that are in need of special care this holiday season. The association also helps many senior citizens.

Residents can pick up gift tags with the family's requested gifts on Nov. 16. To learn more call Officer Daly Harnish or association president Vanessa Schlehuber at the police department, 931-5100.

POLICE REPORT

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

Nov. 2

Vehicle break-in

- 9:06 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Nov. 3

Vehicular burglary

- 9:16 a.m. in the 1200 block of Vintner Way
- 10:13 a.m. in the 1300 block of Vintner Way
- 12:35 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 6:05 p.m. in the 7100 block of Koll Center Parkway
- 6:51 p.m. in the 7100 block of Koll Center Parkway
- 8:19 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive

Burglary

- 10:52 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 7:47 a.m. in the 400 block of Tawny Drive

Animal bite

- 8:03 a.m. in the 8100 block of Moller Ranch Drive

Nov. 4

Theft

- 7:16 a.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way; petty theft
- 7:54 a.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way; petty theft
- 8:06 a.m. at the intersection of Denker Drive and Payne Road; grand theft
- 12:49 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue; grand theft
- 4:33 p.m. in the 3200 block of Touriga Drive; identity theft
- 4:40 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 6:02 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft, petty theft

Burglary

- 4:35 a.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard
- 9:06 a.m. in the 7900 block of Foothill Knolls Drive
- 6:38 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 12:00 p.m. in the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 2:12 p.m. at the intersection of Siena and Stoneridge drives
- 6:02 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:16 a.m. in the 4200 block of Valley

Avenue; DUI

- 1:25 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Mission Drive; driving with marijuana
- 3:28 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; under the influence of a controlled substance

Battery

- 6:02 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; threats

Nov. 5

Theft

- 3:01 a.m. in the 900 block of Riesling Drive; petty theft
- 10:34 a.m. in the 800 block of Concord Street; grand theft
- 11:21 a.m. in the 3600 block of Canelli Court; petty theft
- 12:35 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 12:43 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 1:10 p.m. in the 700 block of Neal Street; grand theft
- 6:35 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 8:41 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

Public drunkenness

- 1:55 p.m. in the 500 block of Main

Street

Nov. 6

Theft

- 10:17 a.m. in the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; forgery
- 1:38 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- 7:00 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 7:43 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

Vehicular burglary

- 8:57 p.m. in the 5000 block of Carducci Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:46 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive; paraphernalia possession, non-narcotic controlled substance possession
- 6:31 p.m. in the 2100 block of Valley Avenue; marijuana possession
- 10:16 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; DUI

Battery

- 11:52 a.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Truant

- 10:46 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

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City Council

The November 17th city council meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 1, 2009.

Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PCUP-257, Mari Kennard, Redcoats British Pub and Restaurant**

Application to modify the approved Conditional Use Permit (PCUP 129) for the operation of Redcoats British Pub and Restaurant located at 336 St. Mary Street to expand the days/hours for indoor music.

- **PRZ 46, City of Pleasanton**

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

Housing Commission

Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation by GRID Alternatives Regarding the Solar Affordable Housing Program
- Discussion of Draft Priorities for Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2014
- Review and Comment Regarding the Draft Housing And Human Services Grant Packet for Fiscal Year 2010/11
- Discussion Regarding Housing Commission Meeting Schedule

Committee on Energy & Environment

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Operation Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Review of the Draft Scope of Work on the City's Climate Action Plan and Committee's proposed work plan
- Strategic Plan review - Subcommittee Reports
- Preparation for Library outreach and education proposal

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.
Operation Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Permit Streamlining Review Process Update
- Economic Development Strategic Plan Implementation Update

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City Council is "Looking for Task Force Members." Applications are being accepted 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. For additional information, contact Janice Stern at (925) 931-5606 or jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

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

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HEIDI BREWER

Au pairs get together with others from the Tri-Valley and even those throughout the Bay Area during their time off. Their activities often include American traditions, such as pumpkin carving, and exploring San Francisco.

Not quite a nanny

Au pairs offer alternative child care, cultural exchange

By Emily West

For the Cohn family, having Isabel Eliasson as an au pair is more like having an extra family member than a live-in nanny. "It's like having a 20-year-old big sister helping in the house," said mom Jennifer Cohn.

When it comes to day-to-day tasks, 26-year-old Eliasson of Sweden is an extra set of hands to help Nate, 6, and Taylor, 2-1/2, get ready for the day and drive them around for various activities.

Au pairs are typically young women from another country who come to live with a family and work as a live-in nanny. They usually have a 13-month student visa, which can also be extended, that allows them to work for a year and have a month of travel time. They work a maximum of 45 hours a week, with one day off a week, one weekend off per month and two weeks vacation per year. They also must be enrolled in post secondary classes.

"People think [au pairs] are Cinderella and work ridiculous hours," Cohn said, saying it's just a misconception. "It's like having an exchange student watch the kids as their job."

This is the second au pair for the Cohn family. Their first au pair was from Slovakia and provided the family with a cost-effective form of child care.

Heidi Brewer, an au pair coordinator for Cultural Care Au Pair in the Tri-Valley, said that while it's not for everyone, the program can often be more affordable than typical child care.

"A nanny is very expensive, but an au pair, when you average it out, is about \$8 an hour," she said.

At around \$340 per week, an au pair can watch kids at



EMILY WEST

The Cohn family — Greg; Nate, 6; Jennifer; and Taylor, 2-1/2 — enjoys having Isabel Eliasson (center) as an au pair. More than just a live-in nanny, the Cohns say it's like having another family member.

hours that are convenient to the family, unlike day care, which has limited hours.

While the economy has led to fewer families having au pairs, Brewer said that in general, the program has seen growth over the years. There are currently about 450 au pairs in the Bay Area through Brewer's company, and she handles about 25 families with au pairs in the Tri-Valley.

"These girls are at a stage in their life when it's the last hur-

rah before settling down and making major life decisions," Cohn said.

Eliasson said her desire to become an au pair was to experience life in a different country.

"I like it here," she said. "It's really safe and there are good places to go with the kids, especially the parks."

Perks of the experience, she said, is learning better English and gaining independence and responsibility.

"These people are a part of your family for the long-run," Cohn said. "I see that my 6-year-old son has a bigger world view, knows people who are living far away. He even knows a little bit of Spanish, Slovak and Swedish."

The cultural exchange is two fold, according to Brewer.

"They want to experience what life is like in the United States," she said. "We encourage host families to take them to things like the rodeo or Thanksgiving dinner. With Halloween, they did pumpkin carving for the first time."

Eliasson said she has enjoyed going to San Francisco, as well as Disneyland and San Diego. Her favorite place she's visited, however, was Lake Tahoe.

Au pairs also get together during their free time to travel or just chat at Starbucks.

Cohn said their family's experience with this alternate form of child care has been life changing. Even in little ways, she said, it influences everything from family eating habits to having an extra member of the family on a trip or at Tuesday movie nights.

To learn more about au pairs, visit Brewer's website at <http://hbrewer.aupairnews.com>. ■

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REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JOE RAMIREZ

Up

Disney Home Video DVD
1 hour, 36 minutes
Directors: Bob Peterson and Pete Doctor



I have to say that I normally don't like Pixar movies, so I originally thought that I'm really not the one to review "Up," which is probably one of the best movies of the year. As you can see, however, my prejudices have not skewed this review, as it should be, and I feel that "Up" really does have some stamp of classic, a word that is thrown around in marketing or laziness when instant gratification is mistaken for longevity. The reason for its impact, and distinction from the rest of the Pixar fare, is its unique sensibilities: emotions are manufactured, as in all kids fare, but in an intrinsic way where the story and characters share equal power in drawing out the viewer. We are not clobbered with sentiment, or self-congratulatory plot twists; the action feels unique without being preprogrammed, and the emotion is warm without being schmaltzy, a very thorny task for even the best of screenwriters.

Pixar has always been hit and miss for me due, in part, to the era and organization it spawned from. Lucasfilm originally created Pixar in order to play with the possibilities of the digital medium back in the late '70s, lending themselves to some of Industrial Light and Magic's work and eventually being sold to Steve Jobs of Apple in the 1986. When they branched into feature films, with 1996's "Toy Story," they hit the pulse of modern culture: digitally-dosed audiences looking for a modernized Disney whose ones and zeros made it cool for even teenagers to like a kid's movie. However, they also adopted both Lucas' (and Spielberg's) taste for the formulaic and Tarantino's fanboy egocentrism so, like their partner Disney, it seemed like they set out not only to make a movie, but a "classic," which is dangerous when you can't find your head from inside your behind.

It is refreshing, then, that "Up" is so enjoyable. We are introduced to Carl Fredrickson (Ed Asner) with one of the most poignant sequences of growing old and apart that I've ever seen, and within five minutes we know as much about him as another, separate movie could capture. He is a cranky old man now, living in his small house surrounded by skyscrapers (reminiscent of the best dystopic imagery in "Looney Tunes") and he is not willing to sell to the evil developers. When he is served eviction papers, he takes to the air by attaching hundreds of helium balloons (he was once a balloon vendor) to his house in hopes that he can reach Paradise Falls in South America, in a promise to his wife. What he does not realize is that the local Boy Scout Russell is inadvertently stranded on the porch, and when they touch down a few exotic animals are ready to join their quest.

And that is just the beginning in "Up," whose story takes a few unexpected turns and whose characters make it that much more enjoyable. Director/screenwriters Bob Peterson and Pete Doctor (along with Thomas McCarthy) almost perform the impossible by evoking a pre-1950s Hollywood style movie with the numinous imagery of Werner Herzog (and add a little Jules Verne in for good measure). Each piece of the plot is ornamental but fits perfectly into the wilds of the environment, which, like in any good cartoon, is both comforting and precarious, without feeling like a put-on. ■



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Livermore Airport

Bay Area's 4th largest field faces critics over growth

By JEB BING

An ambitious plan to rezone and modernize the Livermore Municipal Airport (LVK) will go before city planners and eventually the Livermore City Council early next year to set new standards for airport operations, allow more commercial-support businesses and replace an outdated 1975 master plan that still considers the 643-acre airport site suitable for educational and institutional uses.

The proposed new zoning plan would bring a 403-acre portion of the airport into compliance with standards affecting its current and future operations. These would allow adding more airport hangars, air-related office and fuel services, fuel services and a host of airport business operations.

In promoting its airport and the need for change, officials said that LVK, now the 10th busiest airport in California, will have an increasingly important role in the future development of the Tri-Valley.

"With the Tri-Valley population projected to increase approximately 25 percent in the next 15 years, the airport will be called upon to serve the growing air transportation needs of local businesses, as well as many area residents," a city of Livermore brochure states.

The airport is owned and operated by the city of Livermore. The airport is a general aviation airport which serves private, business and corporate tenants and customers. Located at the western edge of Livermore next to Pleasanton's Staples Ranch and across Interstate 580 from Dublin, the airfield has two parallel runways: a 5,255-foot lighted main runway, and 2,700-foot unlighted training runway.

The site also contains 24 city-owned buildings that consist of 392 aircraft storage hangar units, a 2,400-square-foot terminal building, an aircraft storage shelter, and a corporate-style hangar building containing 18,000 square feet of hangar space and

2,400 square feet of office space.

The airport owns and operates a 45,000-gallon underground aviation fuel storage facility, dispenses fuel via four tank trucks, and maintains a 24-hour self-serve fuel island with two pumps. It has 250 ramp tie-down aircraft parking spaces of which over 100 are currently rented. All hangars are rented and there is a waiting list of over 200 people.

The airport has approximately 600 based aircraft, more than 150,000 annual aircraft operations and sells over 650,000 gallons of aviation fuel each year. The airfield is accessible 24 hours a day with its Air Traffic Control Tower operated by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Although pilots, private aircraft owners and many businesses that use the airport have been pushing for increased operational services, critics of any airport expansion are working to halt the rezoning plan and any upgrades. Max Curtis of Amberwood Way was among 75 who attended a recent Livermore Planning Commission workshop on the rezoning plan. He said the number of jets that will eventually use the Livermore Airport will be many more than are projected and said the commercial development proposal is necessary.

Curtis is also among those in the Livermore Airport Citizens Group (LACG) who are circulating a petition in Livermore to block the measure and to force the city to require public votes on any improvement or expansion plans. The most vocal complain-ers at the meeting, however, including a few from Pleasanton, objected to the noise of planes — especially jet aircraft — flying over their homes.

Susan Frost, Livermore's principal planner, said that jet operations only represent about 1 percent of total flights into and out of the airport. Even if today's projections are accurate, by 2030, jets would

account for 3,000 flights at the airport, or about 1.4 percent.

She also said that because of a phase out of noisy aircraft and a voluntary restraint on nighttime flying, noise complaints have dropped 59 percent since 2006. But residents who spoke at the workshop said complaints have only dropped because people have become frustrated at the boiler-plate response they get with no resulting changes.

Among the complaints Livermore has received to its airport rezoning plan, the most troubling was likely a letter sent two weeks ago by Brian Dolan, Pleasanton's director of community development. In the letter, which had the approval of the Pleasanton City Council, he wrote that "if Livermore adopts the (airport rezoning) project, mitigation measures should be adopted that discourage jets and other noisy planes from using the airport."

Livermore pointed out that several of Pleasanton's largest companies use the airport, either flying their corporate jets from there or having their contactors and suppliers from other parts of the country touch down at Livermore in corporate jets to drop off sales and management executives for meetings.

"Although many people are opposed to jet aircraft, these are actually the planes that are the quietest today," said Livermore Airport Manager Leander Hauri. "Even so, no one should worry. Our operations are down considerably these days because of the economy."

The 1975 Airport Master Plan projected that as many as 340,000 operations per year would occur by 1995. The highest number of flight operations ever achieved at the airport was 282,621 in 1993. The current number of flight operations is less than 159,000 per year. The flight forecast included in the Draft EIR projects that there will be 220,100 operations by 2030. Daily traffic last month totaled about



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300 flights, half of what the airport had a year ago.

The downturn is attributed both to the sluggish economy and to the continued high cost of airplane fuel. Although motorists are paying less for gasoline, airplane fuel today costs \$4.42 a gallon with a typical small plane burning about 12 gallons an hour. Jet traffic is also down as businesses curb corporate flying. The number of Livermore-based corporate jets has also remained steady at seven, although Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand told an airport discussion group recently that more jets based at Livermore would actually reduce the number of flights these planes now make in and out of the airport and would add significantly to Livermore's tax revenue because of their multi-million-dollar valuations.

According to a report, in fiscal year 2002-03, taxes paid by aircraft owners and LVK tenants resulted in nearly \$800,000 in direct payments to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, the city of Livermore, Alameda County and various county-wide special districts. Those tax payments would significantly increase if more jets were based at Livermore, according to Marchand.

Livermore officials have long scoffed at critics' suggestions that someday their airport could become a major jet facility or even attract a commercial carrier, as Stockton's airport once did. In fact, the exiting terminal building is slated to be torn down under the new plan. Also, no changes to the runway lengths are proposed with the airport rezoning.

However, Livermore cannot restrict the number of flight operations at the airport or the number of jets that can be based there. Under both federal law, and under the contractual "Grant Assurances" required by the Federal Aviation Administration when Livermore received funds to build the airport in the 1960s, the city is precluded from discriminating against various types, kinds and classes of aviation

uses at the airport. To prohibit these types of activities would violate federal law and the airport's federal grant assurances.

The city also could not legally prohibit air cargo service should a carrier such as FedEx choose to use the airport. However, officials point out that as a practical matter, the possibility of an air cargo service relocating to the Livermore airport is extremely remote. They argue that there is enough capacity for this type of service at the three major international airports in the Bay Area that serve much more effectively as air cargo hubs.

Despite Livermore's projections that air traffic using its airport is much lower than earlier forecast, Dolan, in his letter, said that "impacts from jet travel could be significant in those portions of Pleasanton lying under the flight path and those portions near the airport."

"There are numerous existing residences, parks and an elementary school under or near the flight path," Dolan said. "Livermore staff has regularly received complaints from Pleasanton residents about existing airport operations, and any increases in jet flights will inevitably lead to additional complaints unless effective and enforceable mitigations are implemented."

Besides homes and Fairlands Elementary School being located under flight paths of planes that have just taken off from the Livermore airport (which most flights do because of prevailing winds), two new planned developments are also under the flight paths. They include Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton, a 45-acre senior continuing care community to be developed by Continuing Life Communities with 800 residential units, and the two-story, four-rink ice arena, planned for a Staples Ranch site adjacent to Stoneridge Creek.

Both sides are outside the Livermore Airport Protection Zone, where development is curtailed. ■



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A jet is seen at the Livermore Airport. While jets are said to only comprise 1 percent of flights, residents say they are excessively noisy.

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the Sunday before the holidays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and 17. Donations of food are by Valley Bible Church, Centerpointe Church, Valley Community Church, Boy Scout Troop 941, and Pleasanton Middle School. Call 426-2492.

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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

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Rage U11 Premier finish with tie against Rampage

In a game hard fought to the bitter end, the U11 Premier team played their final league game last weekend against arch rivals the Livermore Rampage. The first half, the Rage went on goal several times, but it was a beautiful corner assist from Sam Frost and a great kick in by Jo Salinas that put the Rage out in front. The defense of Ariana Nino, Amy Schoendienst, Haley Okumura and Lorna Roberts was tested more than once as Livermore tried their hardest to go on goal themselves, however thanks to goalie Juliet Allen who preformed save after save and who played one of her best games of the season, the Rampage were kept scoreless.



ERIN SALINAS

Rage U11 Premier goalie Juliet Allen was phenomenal against the Livermore Rampage in a 1-1 battle last weekend.

The second half was another great battle for the ball; the standout player was Tiara Lewis who seemed to be everywhere just at the right time. She saved a close Livermore goal and then went down field in the opposite direction just missing her own scoring opportunity. Unfortunately due to a Rage penalty Livermore was able with only minutes left on the clock to kick the ball in to even up the score, the game ended 1-1. The team finished the season with an impressive 6-1-1 record.



U-9 Rage Grey end season undefeated

The Rage Grey U9 clinched its first-place victory in the Nor Cal Premier Bronze Girls Division with its 2-0 win on Saturday against the Montclair Soccer Club (MSC) Clippers, capping an undefeated season.

In the first half, combinations of forwards Lilly Fehrmann, Holly Judson, Karin McCarty, Leila Shafi and Kaitlyn Sweeney, pressed hard, but came up scoreless. Rage Grey midfielders Delaney Soble and Sarah Mirr supported the offensive play by keeping the ball in the Clippers' half of the field. Goalkeeper Ellen Ebbers solidified her season record of zero goals scored against her.

Fired up from a halftime pep talk by coaches Dan Soble and Dave Judson, Addyson Mapes, Shafi and Ebbers dribbled and passed up the field. They took a shot on goal that was blocked by the Clippers' keeper, only for the ball to come loose in the penalty box where Fehrmann tapped it in for the game's first goal. A few minutes later, Shafi wove in and out of the defense to score the second goal.

The team heads to Sacramento this weekend for State Cup.

SPORTS DIGEST

PJFL Broncos take championship

The Pleasanton Junior Football League Broncos were victorious in the battle for the Intermediate Division Championship defeating the Raiders 27-6 last weekend, bringing an exciting end to the season.

The Broncos scored within five minutes of play thanks to quick footwork by Napoleon Kaufman who cut his way through the Raiders' defense for a TD. Cory Barrios ran for the extra point and a 7-0 lead. The defense held off the Raiders through the rest of the quarter with key tackles by Luke Spiller, Jake Massie, Sam Tarasow and Nick Massie. The Raiders pushed down the field early in the second and ultimately scored, but the Broncos D-line stopped the Raiders' PAT. The Raiders threatened to score again after a Bronco fumble on the kickoff, but tackles by Andrew Lambert and a sack by Alex Lazzereschi shut them down.

What the Broncos needed was a break out play and that's exactly what Barrios delivered. Blocks by Alex Narvani, Ashwin Anand, Cameron Beck, Colby Gilbert,

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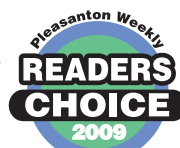
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Craig Gin, Jordan Reed and Saketh Gurram gave Barrios a clear shot into the end zone. The Raiders then blasted their way toward their goal in the last minutes of the half. With just 3.3 seconds left, their hurry-up play to score was stopped by Spiller and Barrios.

The defense kept the Raiders from gaining much with their first possession due to tackles by Alex Omo and Alex Crepeau. Kaufman broke out with a 65 yard TD run thanks to excellent blocking by Barrios. Ronnie Jones' pass to Kaufman got the PAT for a 21-6 lead. Key stops by Frankie Banks, Nick Massie and Deangelo Ty held off the Raiders for the rest of the third. With 4:17 left to play, the Raiders' went for a long pass, but Lambert deflected the ball. A tackle by Ryan Jenkins-Wilburn and Jake Massie stopped a breakaway run, and Ty and "Lazz" halted a first down. In the final minutes, Jones launched a pass to Bergman for a 35-yard TD.

Rage U16AC garner 1st

The Pleasanton Rage U16AC took first place in league when they finished their season with a decisive 4-1 win over the WCC FC Eclipse Saturday. The Eclipse got on the board first, but Rage answered back when Abigail Moore drilled one through the keeper's hands off a nice through ball delivered by Haley Paxton. The go-ahead goal was scored when Alexa Espinosa finished a corner kick with a diving header. Ashley Jenezon scored goal No. 3 when she sent a rocket into the far post from 15 yards out.

The final goal was scored on a PK when Charlee Garcia placed the ball low and hard just out of the keeper's reach. Rage's forwards Erin O'Loughlin and Cassie Scroggins had great games by constantly pressuring the Eclipse defense, while midfielders Olivia Zhu, Megan Ash, Erin Schoendiesnt, Jillian Beck, and Marissa Victor did a fantastic job distributing the ball. The stout defense of Lindsay Rigel, Molly Rowse, Stephanie Little kept WCC's offense at bay, while keeper Shannon Easley came up with some great saves for the win. ■



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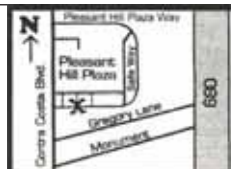
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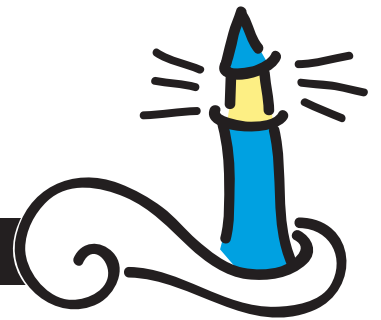


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Presidential Weekly
Jeff Nibert took the Weekly along for a trip to Invesco Field in Denver, Colorado, where he attended to the Democratic National Convention as a California delegate on the day President Barack Obama accepted the nomination.

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Sun 1-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706
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Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
383 Christina \$699,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
4496 Desertwood Place \$749,000
Sat & Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 858-4198
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Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

3825 Cheshire Court \$755,000
Sat 2-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706
823 Country Club Circle \$799,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 858-1984
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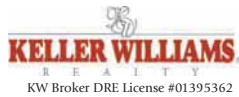


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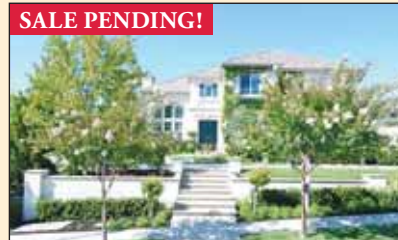
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Stunning Custom Home in Golden Eagle Estates nestled on 1 acre+/- featuring a backyard paradise with a pool backing to open space and incredible views of the TriValley. Reduced! Truly a showstopper!

ANNI HAGFELDT OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,699,999
5bd/4.5ba beautiful custom home in desirable Kottinger Ranch. Panoramic views, large backyard, pool, and more. A must see. 4222 Remillard

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Gated private one acre lot with views of SF Bay and more! Prestigious Greenbrier 5500+/- sqft remodeled single story 4 bd in main house + 1 bd, 1 ba guest house. Pool, gazebo 4 car garage. 4023 Oak Manor Ct.

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THIS IS IT! Rarely available luxury single story, .32+/- acre lot, 5bd/4ba, granite/cherry/stainless kitchen w/island, designer carpeting. Better than New!

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

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PLEASANTON \$989,950
4bd/3ba, 2637+/-sf home, updated throughout. Beautiful pool with large arbors and outdoor BBQ. Must See! Too much to list!

JOYCE JONES OPEN SAT 2-4



PLEASANTON \$755,000
Desirable 4bd, 2.5ba, prime court location, 2150sf+/- living space, large 8197sf+/- lot, updated kitchen, w/granite counters, hardwood floors, roof 2009, exterior paint 2009 & more! 3825 Cheshire Court

MOXLEY TEAM OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$699,000
3BD,2B, 1,204SF home on 21,000 SF lot. Possible second home on lot or possibility to sub-divide lot. Close to freeways and downtown Pleasanton. 383 Christina

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

JOYCE JONES OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$619,000
Single story, built in 1985, prime court location, 3 bd (possible 4th), 2 ba, updated kitchen w/granite counters, bamboo floors, large side yard, roof 2003 & so much more. Call me! 3032 Ferndale Ct.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$499,950
Beautiful 4bd, 2.5 bath home in Saddleback. This property has new carpets, new interior paint, professionally landscaped yards, possible sideyard access, central heat & air and much more.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$429,500
3bd/2.5ba, remodeled kitchen with granite counters, stainless appliances, 1330+/-sf, custom tile floors, master w/balcony, walk to downtown!

JO ANN LUISI BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$375,000
Lovely Jensen home. Has 4bd/2ba Hardwood/Laminate floors and fireplace with big yard.

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HAYWARD \$305,000
Cute 3bd, 1ba home in the Hayward Hills. Tie Counters, oak cabinets. Hardwood floors. Inviting backyard.

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PATTERSON \$194,900
Move in condition, 5bd/3ba, two tone paint, extra large family room, bed and bath on main level, spacious bedrooms, finished landscape, move in condition, great value.

