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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Girls find the power of pink

The color pink is everywhere these days in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which traditionally now comes in October. Pink ribbons dot the landscape: There are pink banners in store windows, the word "Pink" is emblazoned on the back of shorts girls are wearing on track teams racing along Pleasanton streets, and posters throughout town promote the Susan G. Komen for the Cure cancer research effort. That name, by the way, was given to the fundraising group by founder Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer. Today, Susan G. Komen for the Cure works to end breast cancer in the U.S. and throughout the world through ground-breaking research and community health outreach.

Pink, by itself, is more than just a word; it has become a powerful term that is used as a noun, adjective, verb and adverb almost as if it wields great power unto itself. Kathleen Hart-Hinek, who with four others coaches the RAGE soccer team Breakaways, believes the word pink in whatever form has an almost mystical way of helping individuals to overcome major obstacles, whether breast cancer or some other form of the disease or any life-changing problems. The Breakaways have dedicated their games to cancer research, even more so after one young player's grandmother, Diane Brown, quit coming to their games. She had been a regular at her granddaughter Caitlin's games since the girl was in the fourth grade, even at practice. When Hart-Hinek saw that Brown was missing, she learned from Caitlin that the grandmother was battling breast cancer. The team started wearing the NFL pink sweatbands at every game, then signed a soccer ball and gave it to Brown. She's recovered and is now back watching every game, reinforcing Hart-Hinek's and the girls' view that pink wields precious powers.

Tonight, the 12 girls will meet at Hart-Hinek's home in Kottinger Ranch for a "pink power party." With their coaches, they'll make lists of obstacles they're facing that they can "pink" to overcome, much like breast cancer survivors hope to do. One girl wants to help a friend



BREAKAWAYS TEAM PHOTO

Girls on the RAGE Breakaways soccer team join wristbands they'll wear tomorrow to show the power of pink.

who's being bullied at middle school, so she plans to pink the problem into remission. Another finds algebra too tough to comprehend. She'll apply a bit of pink on her homework schedule to do more and overcome the difficulty. The pink party will last until everyone is done. Then the written objectives will be secured and read allowed at a rally with parents after the Breakaway's game with the RAGE Blasters on Saturday. The names of the writers won't be revealed but it's likely to be a lively meeting about

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obstacles the girls — using pink power — hope to overcome.

Hart-Hinek said the girls and their games will continue to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure and other cancer research efforts. Cancer in various forms has affected almost all of the girls' families. Hart-Hinek's mother-in-law was suffering from lung cancer last year; another coach's mother died of ovarian cancer this year. The 12 Breakaways understand the risks of cancer; they also find their chosen color pink suitable for solving problems affecting their age group, too.

I'll be back next week with a report on the kinds of problems these girls plan to "pink" tonight.

Clarification: Scott Emmert, director of media relations for the San Jose Sharks, took issue with the wording in last week's column ("Senior housing, but no Sharks on Staples Ranch," Oct. 7, p. 3) that San Jose Arena Management's "financial difficulties" were a reason for SJAM to put off plans to build an ice arena on Staples Ranch in Pleasanton. Emmert said SJAM and the Sharks have no financial difficulties. ■

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About the Cover

Kristin Walovich, a 2006 Amador Valley High grad, swims with blacktip sharks at the Aliwal Shoal while doing research in South Africa earlier this year. Now she is on a mission to save the sharks from their human predators. Photo by Mark Addison. Design by Lili Cao.



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Streetwise

ASKED IN FRONT OF BANK OF AMERICA ON MAIN STREET

How will the new monthly fee to use your debit card affect you?



Richard Northcutt
Retired

It won't affect me because I don't use an ATM card. It's because of Congress that the fees are imposed, and they are just trying to get around the law that the Democrats passed. But they use our money free and make billions doing it.

Dorothy Broderson
Realtor, Keller Williams

I have a problem with it because I have a business account that is free if I use my ATM card for purchases at least once a month. Now it appears that I will have to pay \$5 to keep the account free. I'm not happy, and I will be shopping for a new bank for my accounts.



David Boyd
Retired

I think it's silly. But Bank of America has always done a good job for me, so I don't really have any complaints. I think that anyone who carries a large balance in a savings account shouldn't have to pay the fee.

Karen Soder
Healthcare

I don't use my debit card for purchases, so it won't affect me at all.



Gloria Andrada
Homemaker

It will affect me to the point of changing banks. I'm looking for a smaller, more personable bank.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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DIGEST

Toxic fumes hurt pizza workers

Three employees of Pleasanton's Round Table Pizza were rushed to ValleyCare Medical Center on Tuesday afternoon after inhaling toxic fumes in the dishwashing area of the restaurant.

Joe Testa, battalion chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, said firefighters treated the three employees at the scene, then ambulances transported them to ValleyCare. He said the department's Hazardous Material Team determined that the probable cause of the employees' symptoms was the mixing of cleaning agents that resulted in a hazardous "off-gassing."

The restaurant, located at 530 Main St., was ventilated by the Fire Department, re-checked and found to be normal, and was reopened. The sidewalk in front of the restaurant was closed for about two hours.

Testa said the incident serves as a reminder to homeowners and businesses alike to never mix cleaning chemicals. "Doing so can be highly dangerous to anyone who is around them," he said.

Adobe seeks docents

Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe Community Park is looking for volunteer docents to join the Education Program team at the site, which tells the story of California from its earliest human occupation through the rancho and dairy periods of the region. Volunteer docents should enjoy learning and leading hands-on activities with school groups and other park visitors.

Applications are due Oct. 28, and volunteers must also attend an interview. To apply online, visit www.helpendahand.org or contact Stephanie Carman at 931-3479 or scarman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Once applicants are selected to be volunteer docents, they will be fingerprinted and TB-tested, at the city's expense.

Alviso Adobe Community Park is located at 3465 Old Foothill Road in the western foothills of Pleasanton.

High school to college

Las Positas College invites high school seniors and their parents to "Shifting Gears," an informational evening with presentations about major and transfer academic programs, from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Physical Education Complex. Information tables will be open from 6-7 p.m. with faculty and staff available to speak with students.

RSVP online with the name of their high school and the number of persons who plan to attend: www.laspositascollege.edu/news/01hsseniorenparentnight2011.php.

Thorne vows to make pension reform a top priority as mayor

Councilman launches 2012 fundraising campaign at Fairgrounds breakfast

By JEB BING

Councilman Jerry Thorne has launched his fundraising campaign for mayor of Pleasanton with a pledge "to be your mayor all day, every day," promising to focus on the needs of the city and not on partisan politics.

"We have far too many elected officials in public office who are very good at self-promotion, pandering, pacification and back-slapping, but can point to very little that they have actually achieved for their constituency," Thorne said.

Speaking at a fundraising breakfast at the Palm Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Oct. 6, Thorne told more than 200 supporters in the room that "my only personal objective is to serve the people of Pleasanton. I do not aspire to a higher office."

First elected to the City Council in 2005 to fill the seat vacated by Councilwoman Jennifer Hosterman, who had been elected mayor, Thorne won the most votes in his first four-year-term election the following year. He was re-

elected last year, leading the race from the start, finishing with 14,201 votes, or 33.56 of the total number of votes cast in the City Council race.

Thorne said his years in public service, which included serving as chairman of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission before being elected to the council, along with an extensive background as a business executive, give him the experience to deal with the challenges facing Pleasanton in the months and years ahead.

Pension reform and reducing the city's unfunded pension liabilities would be at the top of that list, he said.

"As most of you are aware, there was a significant change made back in the 2001 time frame that changed the structure of our employee retirement program," he said. "We must return to the pre-2001 pension formulas and employee

contribution levels as soon as possible."

"Let me emphasize, however, that that change was not made by our employees," he added. "They are not responsible for this mess. The mistakes were made by state and local elected officials."

"We have to have an employee compensation system that does not consume more than its fair share of our revenues and one that does not leave a huge unfunded debt for future generations to deal with," Thorne said.

Thorne said he wants to set up a system of performance measures that would give the public and the City Council a better indication of how the city is performing both financially and from a community service point of view.

Recent data, he said, shows that the running average for total compensation as a percent of municipal revenue is about 79%. As mayor, he would push to reduce that to no more than 70%. He also said the council's current goal of a 10% reduction in unfunded pension liability-

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Councilman Jerry Thorne



GLENN WOHLTSMANN

Rhonda Chase shows off her jewelry made from recycled and reclaimed items to James Van Dyke at the second annual Green Scene Fair on Oct. 6.

Green: the new black

Consumers go green and save green at the same time

All four of the ancient elements were covered at Pleasanton's Green Scene Fair on Oct. 6: purifiers for air and water, earth-friendly garden design and fire in the form of solar-powered everything. The sun was one of the main focuses of the event, even if it was forced inside because of rain.

And while these events have typically been the natural environment for the Birkenstock crowd, more and more are coming out for a different kind of green: cash. They want to save money and realize that a one-time investment in something like solar panels can often reap years of rewards.

Laura Ryan, Pleasanton's energy and sustainability manager is glad that green is the new black. "It's not a niche market any more. As people get involved in these things it drives prices down because of high demand. The

economy being as bad as it is, that's even more of a motivation," Ryan said at the second annual fair at CarrAmerica on Rosewood Drive.

The fair featured much of what one would expect at this sort of event: people selling solar panels, electric bikes, motorcycles and chargers for electric cars, others from BART and other transit agencies and rideshare companies encouraging people to use public transportation or vanpool.

Companies offered everything from high-end water purifiers to whole home remodeling, banking on the idea that green thinking will mean black ink in their ledgers.

It also brought in some unexpected vendors. Nuubia Chocolat was a crowd favorite largely because of its free samples. The company, which recently opened on W. Las Posi-

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District looks back and ahead at goals

Commits to greater work with 'underserved' students

By GLENN WOHLTSMANN

Although student achievement has been rising in nearly all areas of math and English, the Pleasanton school district Tuesday night recommitted itself to higher numbers across the board.

English scores rose for every subgroup but Hispanic students from 2009-10 to 2010-11 while math scores rose for all but white students and students with disabilities. Most of the gains and losses were slight, although socio-economically disadvantaged students saw nearly a three-point gain, and scores for students with disabilities rose nearly two points in English.

Math scores dropped more than a percent for white students and less than a point in disabled students' scores, but rose nearly six points for socio-economically students and more than four points for English learners.

This year district goals for student achievement are more concrete than last year's, which called for an increase in scores. Now the district plans to use, among other things, "data-driven decision making," monitoring progress and fostering better relationships with parents.

The district's goal is to increase its graduation rate from 97.65% to 98.5%, to increase the number of African American and Hispanic students who pass the California High School Exit Exam the first time by 5%, and increase the number of students scoring proficient on the exam by 5%.

Among the tools it plans to use is a new online assessment and reporting system, which was recently made available to teachers and administrators. It helps collect, report and analyze data on each student to track his or her performance, and can help an administrator decide if a teacher needs additional professional development or support.

The district is also committing to hold English as a Second Language courses at schools, and is forming special committees at schools to address treating students equally.

Regarding safe schools, the district's commitment to decreasing the number of expulsions, suspensions and its truancy rate has paid off, with a drop from 31 expulsions in the 2009-10 school year to 18 last year. Suspensions have

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Free Wellness Festival tomorrow

Everyone urged to 'change 1 thing' to improve their health

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Community of Wellness Festival will take place tomorrow with tables sponsored by more than a dozen organizations that focus on how folks can effectively "Change 1 Thing" to improve their own health or that of their families and the community.

"There are hundreds of millions of dollars spent on messages about specific health issues," said W. Ron Sutton, founder of Community of Wellness. "Instead of specific illnesses, such as asthma or cancer, our focus is on behavior modification that can lead to longer, healthier lives. We want to help people take the first step, which experts say is assessment — in this case, assessing where you are in terms of your health.

"We will be handing out wallet-size cards that summarize the six steps to effective behavior change," Sutton continued. "Instead of being overwhelmed by blizzards of messages,



CHUCK DECKERT

Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi talks to a student at the last Community of Wellness Festival. The event, being held Oct. 15, features tips for staying healthy, with lots of information and giveaways.

we urge our neighbors to choose just one thing that they will modify before 2012. That's what we mean by 'Change 1 Thing.' Our table sponsors also will have many free handouts to help with health assessment and

deciding what needs changing."

The Community of Wellness Festival, which is being held for the fifth time, will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Parents of young children can see the library's new, grant-funded "Learn & Play with Me" program, a six-week series for parents and their children ages 1-3.

"The emphasis is on play and the role of parents as the first teachers of their children," according to the flier.

Axis Community Health Center will feature a guessing game on nutrition. Pans on Fire will demonstrate healthful cooking from 10 a.m. to noon. Child Nutrition Services of Pleasanton Unified School District is teaming up with Revolution Foods to advocate real food vs. junk food.

Terri Gonzales from Pleasanton's Parks and Community Services Department and her team will demonstrate the fitness movements for balance and strength training that are offered in her classes. Pleasanton Senior Center will have a variety of informational materials about the programs it offers that promote a healthy lifestyle.

ValleyCare Health System will hand out fliers and educational materials, including information about its LifestyleRX program in Livermore, and other give-aways.

Table sponsors are asked to make a donation to Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, and PPIE will offer information on their role in promoting wellness at local public schools through grants. ■



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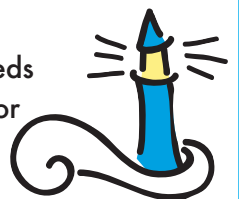


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New supervisor to meet constituents — for a fee

Chamber hosts Nate Miley at pricey Pleasanton restaurant

By JEB BING

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, who was appointed last summer to represent Pleasanton, is coming to town to meet his new constituents, but be prepared to pay.

Miley's debut presentation has been arranged by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, which is hosting a luncheon Oct. 26 at Faz Four Points Sheraton. Chamber members can listen in at a cost of \$35, with a \$45 luncheon charge to hear the supervisor for those who aren't members of the chamber.

When the Pleasanton Weekly complained about the high cost of attending the Miley luncheon, a chamber representative said the media can always come and listen, just don't eat.

Chamber CEO Scott Raty said Miley plans to discuss his priorities for Alameda County and his newly created district that includes all of Pleasanton. The county board

voted in July to add Pleasanton to Miley's district, which also includes a part of Oakland, moving former Pleasanton representative Supervisor Scott Haggerty farther south to cover more of Fremont.

The move was made to accommodate population shifts based on the 2010 Census that showed major increases in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley with population decreases in Miley's District 4. Besides Oakland,

his district also continues to include the unincorporated communities of Fairview, Ashland, Castro Valley and Cherryland. But the city of Dublin, which he also represented, now moves fully into Haggerty's District 1.

The luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Faz, located at 5121 Hopyard Road. For more information, contact Wendy Gutshall at 846-5858, ext. 201, or by email at wendy@pleasanton.org. ■

GREEN

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tas Boulevard, sells chocolate that's green in attitude, not color, according to CEO Alexandra Saunders of Danville.

"My background is conservation and sustainability," Saunders said. "We have an environmental mission and we have a mission to produce the finest chocolate."

The company goes as far as buying only from dairy farms that treat their animals humanely and paper free of hardwood or rainforest fibers and using soy-based inks. It's also just been named best chocolate in the U.S.

Another local vendor was Rhonda Chase Design, a Pleasanton-based jeweler who recently began a line made from recycled materials like newspaper comics rolled and varnished into beads, cans cut and lacquered to create earrings and necklaces made from reclaimed bottle glass.

Chase said people are often obsessed with things that are brand new, like the latest phone.

"I've been working on ways of making my jewelry more environmentally friendly," she said. "I want people to have the idea that they can have something beautiful and functional without getting it new off the shelf."

Although 93 vendors were signed up to participate, along with a number of informational booths manned by Pleasanton staff, the rain forced a number to drop out.

Ryan estimated 87 vendors were in attendance. Thomas Cosgrove of Clean Energy Associates, who organized the event, said he expected between 500 and 600 people to show up, slightly fewer than last year, despite a last-minute push to let people know the event had been moved indoors.

—Glenn Wohlmann

DOWNTOWN and character

Downtown's role for over 100 years was that of a "working downtown," serving the everyday needs of the local community. That role faded when the 680 Freeway arrived and transformed sleepy little Pleasanton into an edge city ("Edge City" by Joel Garreau). And like many edge cities low vitality, land consuming, automobile-oriented businesses soon spread into the valley. Main Street hit hard times! But unlike many cities that bulldozed their downtowns and rebuilt them into the latest fad or political whimsey, Pleasanton protected its downtown and preserved Pleasanton's history.

Explosive growth in the 80's and 90's, coupled with increasing fluency, changing values and a nation-wide "back to the city" movement and suddenly Main Street was town center again. We widened the sidewalks and planted trees to make Main Street more pedestrian friendly. We formed committees and taskforces to write new rules and regulations. But we failed to set the cornerstone of any successful downtown revitalization plan — a plan to preserve old buildings. The fact is Downtown has no historical preservation plan! Pleasanton Downtown Association and the Pleasanton Planning Commission argue that downtown doesn't need one — that if someone, or some developer hires an expert who says the old building has no historical value, or that restoration is not cost effective, then that should be reason enough to demolish the place. I'm sorry, but I don't agree.

Character is downtown's most valuable asset, and character is what old buildings do best. Without character why live downtown? Why not live in a gated community where it's quieter and safer. And without character why bother to shop downtown? Why not drive to Stoneridge Mall where retail selections are greater, or Hacienda Crossings where parking is easier, or the nearest strip mall where prices are cheaper, or better still, the latest

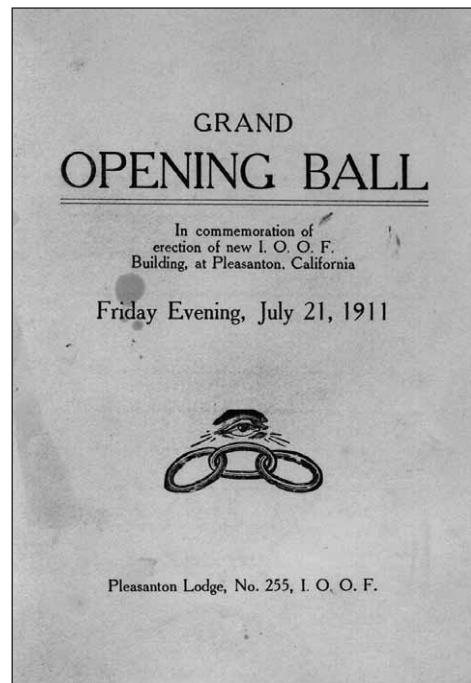


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freeway mega-center where one can get all three. "Commitment to downtown revitalization and reuse of historical buildings may be the most effective single act of fiscal responsibility a local government can take," wrote economist Donovan Rypkema.

Unfortunately for me, developers demolishing an old building in our downtown and replacing it with another low vitality, under-parked, automobile-oriented project are given more support than a local citizen restoring a 100 year old historical building in desperate need of repair, but struggling to breath new life into its once famous "Odd Fellows Hall" on the second floor and return it to downtown playing the same role it has always played — as a social gathering place for the community. Sadly, I failed and the 100-year history of this old building died on the table.

But the saddest reality of all is that I'm not the real loser here, you are — the citizens of Pleasanton. It's your downtown and you lost a gathering place with five generations of history and character — a place to dine, dance, enjoy year around evening entertainment, live music and special events. A place to meet people — to connect. Downtown lost density, diversity, self-sustainable pedestrian vitality, the place where Rebecca of Sunny brook Farm was first screened in 1922 and like the last movie theater on Main Street, downtown lost real value and another opportunity that will not return.



Now it seems to me if downtown is to be "all it can be" then maybe the "Downtown Specific Plan" should be reviewed for intent, or maybe even rewritten, starting with the very foundation of any rational downtown revitalization plan — a historical preservation plan with teeth. What do you think... it's your downtown. And remember, any plan or program works only as well as those who administer it, so no matter what, it's never over.

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ties is too low.

In other areas, Thorne said that as mayor he would:

- Streamline the government process to help promote a business friendly environment, improve economic vitality and create more jobs while protecting the overall small town, family-friendly atmosphere of Pleasanton.

- Work to reduce the unnecessary delays in considering planned unit developments and environmental reviews, often caused by those politically-motivated who demand continuances, additional consultants and unnecessary studies. "One can bog a proposal down for months and even years by unnecessarily nit-picking an EIR or filing lawsuits for political or 'nimby' reasons rather than legitimate environmental reasons," Thorne said.

- Streamline and possibly consolidate government agencies that affect and serve Pleasanton taxpayers, including water and sewer agencies serving the city.

- Establish a shared-working relationship between the city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton school district, including maintenance of sports fields and other services.

- Provide adequate and improved traffic corridors so that cut-through traffic does not overburden one neighborhood "because another neighborhood has been more politically active and vocal." This would include the completion of the Stoneridge Drive extension, extending El Charro Road between I-580 and Stanley Boulevard, and the completion of a widened Highway 84 from 580 to its junction with I-680.

- Turn the negative aspects of the recent lawsuits surrounding the city's failure to comply with affordable housing laws into a positive by providing a high quality housing for the city's workforce and for the children who grew up here to return to the city where their parents still live.

- Review and decide on the future of Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens, two aging senior citizens housing projects in need of reha-

bilitation or rebuilding.

- Improve the grounds of Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery "to be something we can all be proud of."

- Make sure that we have a vital downtown that includes night life while at the same time protecting the traffic and noise concerns of residents who live nearby.

Thorne, who participates in almost every homecoming for Pleasanton military men and women, said that as mayor he would continue serving as the city government's representative in thanking them for their service to the country.

"I have no other job priorities to get in the way of being Pleasanton's full-time mayor, and when I'm needed, I'll be there," he said to loud applause from his supporters.

Also seeking the mayor's post next year is Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Planning Commissioner Jennifer Pearce has announced her intention to seek a seat on the City Council.

Termed out next year are Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and City Council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan. ■

Men leap from moving car after high-speed pursuit

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Charges have been added against three alleged thieves who led police on a wild pre-dawn chase last Friday, driving against traffic on Valley Avenue, followed by a high-speed pursuit on I-680 and a crash into a parked car that ended with an attempt to escape through yards and across roofs.

The two men and one woman were originally arrested on charges of felony theft and evasion; now drug charges, destruction of evidence and resisting arrest have been added to the list.

It started with a 5 a.m. call to 911 from a man in the 1400 block of East Gate Way who reported "drilling or cutting" sounds outside his home, said Pleasanton police Lt. Jeff Bretzing; the three were attempting to steal a catalytic converter from the man's vehicle. Officers arrived within minutes and spotted two men and a woman in an older-model white Toyota Camry, which sped away after they saw police.

The car pulled into the oncoming lane on Valley Avenue, then onto I-680, where Bretzing said the driver hit speeds of 85 miles an hour before exiting onto Sunol Boulevard. He turned onto Junipero Street and found it blocked partway down by officers. The car then turned off Junipero onto Lone Oak Drive, where the driver and another man jumped from the still-moving vehicle, which then slowly crashed into a parked car.

As the men fled on foot, dispatchers began to receive calls from

residents who reported seeing the pair running through back yards, climbing over fences and darting across roofs, according to Bretzing. He said police surrounded the area and a search of yards led to the capture of the two, who were taken into custody without incident.

A woman was found hiding on the backseat of the crashed car. She had no apparent injuries, and Bretzing noted that no one was hurt as a result of the pursuit.

The two men, Ratha Bun, 31, Sokcheath Hin, 29, and the woman, Somnary Hen, 26, all of Stockton, were arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail for felony evading and theft.

"We found six catalytic converters in their vehicle, so they had already committed up to six thefts at that time. When officers arrived, they were scared away," Bretzing said.

Catalytic converters are taken for the precious metals inside.

In the additional charges, Hin was charged with possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest, Hen was charged with destroying evidence, possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia possession, and Bun was charged with resisting arrest.

"These thieves were captured not only because of a fast and effective police response but also in large part due to the many residents," Bretzing said. He said the arrests are an example of the ongoing partnership between residents and the Police Department, calling it "a remarkable way to kick off National Crime Prevention Month." ■



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also dropped from 627 to 583 and truancy has gone down from about 26.9% to about 22%.

Among the district goals are to opt for the least punitive measure whenever possible and to look at suspension and expulsion reports by ethnicity.

It's also pledging information and prevention training on cyber bullying, drug and alcohol use for middle and high school students, and on stress, anxiety and suicide. The first forum, focusing on drug and alcohol use and prevention for high schoolers, is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The district is also committing to working more closely with the families of underserved students through a pilot mentoring program at middle schools.

"The end goal is to get parents more involved," Kevin Johnson, senior director of pupil services, told the board.

The district is also pledging to communicate more effectively with the entire community, with particular focus on core values, education programs, and finances, which have recently drawn fire from some in the community.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said that could mean asking board members to speak to community

groups like the city's Rotarians.

Another aspect of communication is the so-called digital divide; the district wants to find out which students don't have access to computers at home, and is pledging to increase communication in other languages and to create a liaison/advocate for parents who don't speak English.

In terms of its budget, the district is committing itself to shift resources to help underserved students while maintaining high standards for all.

"We will continue to work in partnership with bargaining units to seek solutions to the budget crisis that we face," said Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services.

Cazares said she left budgetary goals broad to take advantage of whatever opportunities arise to draw more revenue or cut spending.

Goals aside, she said the district is awaiting two state reports that will determine whether triggers will be pulled that force mid-year budget cuts. Preliminary information on revenues is expected next month, with a final report expected in December, when the district might have to cut its budget.

That could include more furlough days and possible layoffs of some of the 30 teachers who went from temporary to permanent status; these teachers were lauded by the school board at the meeting. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Cities gain as Brown signs, vetoes hundreds of new bills

It's been quite a week in Sacramento as Gov. Jerry Brown completed his final decisions on hundreds of bills the state Legislature left for him to consider as those lawmakers left town. Pleasanton's Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-15th) told a Chamber of Commerce group Wednesday that her goal was to have no more than five measures to be sent to the governor's desk by the end of September, but obviously many of her colleagues decided differently.

The League of California Cities, which tracks hundreds of bills each legislative session, focuses on those with potential impacts to cities and then lobbies its views on a much smaller number which would have the greatest potential impact. In reviewing the final actions by the governor, it found that despite Brown's statements earlier that he would be very aggressive in vetoing unnecessary legislation, his decisions mirrored his averages from his prior terms.

According to the governor's office, he signed 745 bills and vetoed another 125, making his veto percentage at 14.36% for 2011 legislation. That's only slightly above the average of 13.82% since 1967. By comparison, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed over three times as many bills in his seven years (1,970), and Gov. Gray Davis vetoed twice as many bills (1,098) in five years, as Brown did in his first eight years (528).

Although Brown has also spoken about the value of local control, based upon his actions this year, it is difficult — aside from a focus on realignment — to identify an overall philosophical framework for his actions. Of the 25 bills on the League of California Cities' priority list, the Governor's actions were consistent with the League's request 56% of the time. While the vetoes of two land use bills — SB 469 (Vargas), economic analysis for big box stores selling groceries, and AB 1220 (Alejo), statute of limitations for housing element lawsuits — were appreciated, there were also significant areas of disappointment. Brown signed some of the most controversial League-opposed bills, such as SB 244 (Wolk), planning and annexation mandates, AB 438 (Williams), limiting contracting for library staffing, and AB 646 (Atkins), compulsory fact-finding.

This year was dominated by yet another state budget crisis and was especially difficult for city issues. Cities across the state, at the League's urging, submitted position letters over the last year to their local representatives, which helped the League's advocacy efforts to defend local control against legislative measures that would threaten it. Pleasanton Councilman Jerry Thorne has been vociferous in urging constituents to call and write their legislators to stop state interference on issues that should be left to local governments, most specifically land use and housing issues. Those letters, along with phone calls, legislative visits and other lobbying activities, helped to advance legislation beneficial to cities, halt legislation undermining local authority and secure needed changes to many bills prior to reaching the governor's desk.

Here's a brief list of Brown's final actions on several of the top bills affecting Pleasanton and other municipalities:

■ SBx1 4 (Budget Committee) Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account. This measure amends and removes a provision that would have created a new maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement on all frontline municipal police services for cities to receive COPS (Citizens' Option for Public Safety) funding. Absent this cleanup, many cities would have been unable to access their COPS grants.

■ AB 155 (Calderon) Use Tax Collection. This bill expands the definition of a "retailer engaged in business in this state" to improve collection of California's owed but uncollected millions in state and local use tax, including from amazon.com.

■ AB 529 (Gatto) Vehicles: Speed Limits. This bill allows cities to round down speed limits to within 5 miles per hour of the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic in cases that the speed limit would otherwise be rounded up.

■ AB 1298 (Blumenfeld) Vehicles. This bill revises the definition of mobile billboard advertising displays and allows cities to regulate advertising signs on vehicles parked on a public street.

Brown signed many Democratic and labor-backed bills, but he also vetoed four of five bills the California Chamber of Commerce considered "job killers." He rejected a measure requiring helmets for young skiers and snowboarders, citing concerns about the "continuing and seemingly inexorable transfer of authority from parents to the state," but then frustrated family rights advocates by signing legislation to let children 12 and older seek medical care to prevent sexually transmitted infections without parental consent.

Jack Pitney, a government professor at Claremont McKenna College, summed up Brown's week of bill-signing by telling the Sacramento Bee: "This is back to the future. This is the unpredictable Jerry Brown of the 1970s, sometimes showing a liberal side, sometimes showing, if not a conservative side, at least a side that's not predictably liberal." ■



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LETTERS

Mayors and iGate jobs

Dear Editor,

For Jobs, shrink EGO, Expanding Government Organizations.

Make Jobs iFree. He (and we) see jobs stifled, when (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 7) "Mayors look for iGate" — jobs.

Like Solyndra, government green turns red.

My limited time (I am 84) will be with patients and national boards. Who will run for council to make jobs iFree, shrink EGO?

Howard Long, M.D.

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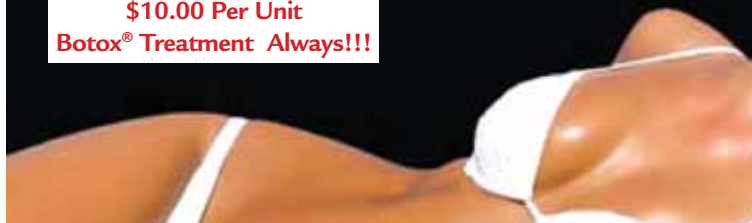
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Business News

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JEB BING

New store for Fleet Feet on Main

Fleet Feet, a popular downtown athletic apparel store, moved into more spacious quarters this week at 234 Main St. Fleet Feet, which caters to runners, bikers and swimmers, is owned by Ethan and Debbie Falls, who purchased the business in 2007. Debbie has been running since 1996 and has completed a number of marathons and shorter distance races, plus duathlons. Her motto is “walk breaks are good.” Ethan has been a competitive runner and triathlete for 20 years with a lifelong passion for healthy living. When they aren’t working, running, biking or swimming, they enjoy playing with their two black Labradors.

Fleet Feet, formerly just a block away at 310 Main St., is the first tenant in the newly restored 234 Main St. building. The property is owned and managed by Craig Semmelmeier, whose Main Street Property Services developed the popular Tully’s Coffee Shop site at Main and Angela streets. Besides Fleet Feet, a restaurant is also planned for the long-vacant south Main Street site.

Workday partners with UK firm on payroll processes

Pleasanton firm known for innovative business applications

Workday of Pleasanton and UK-based NorthgateArinso have announced a partnership that both companies said will provide Workday customers with greater choice and flexibility for global payroll processing.

NorthgateArinso, which is based in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, is recognized for its human resources, payroll and financial management services.

“Multi-country payroll is a challenge that ranks very high on HR leaders’ agenda today, and for which NGA has developed a unique platform,” Brad Everett, a vice president at the British company, said.

Workday currently offers a payroll solution for U.S.-based workers and will deliver Workday Payroll for Canada in December. This partnership will integrate NGA’s global payroll solution with Workday using a payroll connector that is set up and maintained by NGA.

Workday, which is located between I-680 and the Stoneridge Shopping Center, has become a leader in “enterprise-class” software-as-a-service (SaaS) solutions for managing global businesses, combining a lower cost of ownership with an innovative approach to business applications.

Founded by PeopleSoft veterans Dave Duffield and Aneel Bhusri, Workday offers unified Human Capital Management, Payroll and Financial Management solutions. ■

BIZ BRIEFS

New loan officer at Mason-McDuffie

Mason-McDuffie Mortgage Corporation reports that Anne Toth has joined its staff as a loan officer in the San Ramon branch. She brings nine years experience specializing in originating loans. In her new position, she will be responsible for providing mortgage products and services.

Prior to joining Mason-McDuffie, she served as a Loan Originator with Land Home Financial.”



New chairman at Simpson Manufacturing

Tom Fitzmyers has been named chairman of Simpson Manufacturing Co. in Pleasanton. He has been with the company since 1978 and has been its chief executive officer since the company went public in 1994. Fitzmyers will be moving into the role of chairman as Barclay Simpson, who founded the company more than 50 years ago, moves to the position of chairman emeritus.

The company also announced that Karen Colonias will assume Fitzmyers’ role as president and CEO. In her 27-year history with the company she has held a number of key positions including, most recently, the post of chief financial officer. The new positions will be effective as of Jan. 1.

Simpson Manufacturing Co., through its subsidiary Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., designs, engineers and is a leading manufacturer of wood-to-wood, wood-to-concrete and wood-to-masonry connectors and fastening systems, stainless steel fasteners and pre-fabricated shear walls. The company’s common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “SSD.”

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POLICE BULLETIN

Stoneridge mall McDonald's robbed

Pleasanton police are investigating an Oct. 5 robbery at McDonald's in the Stoneridge Shopping Plaza. The robbery was reported at 11:20 p.m. and a police dog was brought in to search for a suspect. Police are not releasing any additional information about the robbery.

In other police reports:

An arson at a men's room behind the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in the Amador Valley Community Park resulted in \$2,000 in damages, a police report said.

The incident remains under investigation. It occurred around 9:08 p.m. Oct. 6 with reports of smoke coming from the men's room. A witness discovered the seat of the toilet was on fire, and the wall surrounding the seat sustained damage.

A daytime traffic stop on Valley Avenue near Koll Center Parkway led to an arrest on drug sales charges. Elisa Marie Romak, 21, was charged with possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia possession. The arrest occurred at 9:06 a.m. Oct. 4.

Laptops worth more than \$2,000 were stolen from two Stoneridge Mall Road offices late Monday or early Tuesday. A black laptop valued \$1,500 was stolen from a certified public accountant's office in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road between 3:45 p.m. Monday and 8:45 a.m. Tuesday and an \$800 laptop was stolen from atop a desk in an unlocked accounting office in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road between 6 p.m. Monday and 8:40 a.m. Tuesday.

A pressure washer worth an estimated \$400 was stolen from a storage building behind Trader Joe's in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive in a burglary reported at 9:08 a.m. Oct. 8.

POLICE REPORT

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

Oct. 4

Drug violations

- 3:51 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle, paraphernalia possession

Oct. 5

Robbery

- 11:20 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 9:59 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; petty theft
- 12:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 1:06 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft, petty theft, vandalism
- 3:05 p.m. in the 900 block of Clinton Place; grand theft
- 4:35 p.m. in the 5700 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; petty theft

Oct. 6

Theft

- 10:03 a.m. in the 1000 block of Sycamore Creek Way; identity theft
- 5:28 p.m. in the 3400 block of Norton Way; petty theft

Auto burglary

- 5:08 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

Oct. 7

Theft

- 4:55 a.m. in the 1400 block of East Gate Way; auto parts theft, possession of stolen property, conspiracy, resisting arrest, concealing evidence, possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 8:04 a.m. in the 1600 block of Whispering Oaks Way; petty theft
- 6:19 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

Vandalism

- 3:39 p.m. in the 6400 block of Calle Altamira
- 4:32 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Trevor Parkway
- 11:55 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Ray Street

Oct. 8

Theft

- 1:31 p.m. in the 8100 block of Mountain View Drive; grand theft
- 6:17 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

Burglary

- 9:08 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Battery

- 12:51 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 9:03 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive
- 6:30 p.m. in the 3100 block of Vineyard Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:04 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; DUI, paraphernalia possession
- 11:16 p.m. at the intersection of W. Ruby Hill Drive and Piemonte Drive; underage alcohol possession

Oct. 9

Theft

- 11:23 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue; grand theft
- 5:11 p.m. in the 4800 block of Mason Street; grand theft
- 8:09 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft

Vandalism

- 11:53 a.m. in the 1200 block of Pineto Place
- 12:35 p.m. in the 1200 block of Pineto Place

Alcohol violations

- 2:37 a.m. in the 4400 block of Holland Drive; underage drinking and driving

Oct. 10

Theft

- 8:42 a.m. in the 2400 block of Heatherlark Circle; grand theft

- 10:52 a.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive; forgery
- 12:18 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft
- 1:53 p.m. in the 3900 block of Valley Avenue; grand theft
- 4:50 p.m. in the 9500 block of MacDonald Court

Vandalism

- 9:56 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Oct. 11

Petty theft

- 9:16 a.m. in the 200 block of Mission Drive

Burglary

- 10:14 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Battery

- 10:16 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- 6:44 p.m. at the intersection of Inglewood Drive and Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 8:59 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Drug violations

- 9:01 a.m. in the 5600 block of Sunol Boulevard; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, driving with marijuana, paraphernalia possession
- 11:50 p.m. near the intersection of Santa Rita Road and I-580; possession of a controlled substance



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of \$250,000 from the Capital Improvement Program to establish the Energy Upgrade Pleasanton program.
- Confirm appointments to the ad hoc Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force
- Approve the formation of ad hoc task force to review the Downtown Specific Plan and Design Guidelines as they relate to Historic Preservation and the Development Review Process

Housing Commission

Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion Regarding the Results of a Recent Needs Assessment of Kottinger Place and Options for Use of Future HUD Capital Funds
- Options for Implementing Smoke-Free Policies at Ridge View Commons and Kottinger Place

Planning Commission – Special Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P11-715, Craig Sjoberg (Applicant), Nahdo Selig (Appellant)**

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an Administrative Design Review application to construct an approximately 13-foot, 8-inch tall, 240-square-foot accessory structure in the rear yard of the property located at 663 Orofino Court.

- **BRE Properties, Inc.**

Work session to review and receive comments on two applications for PUD (Planned Unit Development) Development Plans to construct: (1) a high-density residential development containing 247 residential units and four live/work units at the property located at the northern corner of Gibraltar Drive and Hacienda Drive (PUD-81-30-86D); and (2) a mixed-use high-density residential/commercial development containing 255 residential units, 4 live/work units, and approximately 5,700 square-feet of retail space at the property located at the southeast corner of Owens Drive and Willow Road (PUD-85-08-12D).

- **PGPA-17, City of Pleasanton, Climate Action Plan**

Workshop to provide information regarding the scope and implementation of the City's Draft Climate Action Plan.

Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force

Thursday, October 20, 2011, 6:30 pm
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- The City's Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force will develop a set of guidelines that addresses key elements in creating a positive and responsible environment for downtown vitality. The task force's discussions will be focused on a few topics including consistency in hours of operation for evening venues, allowance of indoor and outdoor music, and acceptable noise levels, with related topics identified for consideration. Community members are invited to provide input.

To be added to the email list for agenda packets and additional Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force information, please email your request to tsnyder@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For further information or questions, see our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/business/planning/DH/DowntownHospitality.html

General Information

Volunteer Docents Needed

The Alviso Adobe Community Park is looking for volunteer docents to assist with their Education Program Team. Volunteer Docents must enjoy learning and conducting hands-on activities with school groups on Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To apply visit www.helpendahand.org or call 931-3479 Application Deadline is October 28, 2011. All Volunteers must be fingerprinted and tested for TB.

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

TriValley Life

PEOPLE AND LIFESTYLES
IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Some conversations are difficult to start. Such as talking to elderly parents about whether they will be able to stay in their home as they age.

Life Transitions Counselor Donna Christner-Lile of Pleasanton has published an updated version of her book, "Aging in Place: Safely Living in your 'Home Sweet Home' until you're 100+," to help facilitate just this

"I took a certification with USC on home modifications," Christner-Lile said. "The No. 1 cause for anyone to have to go to the hospital is because they would fall. Why are they falling?"

Christner-Lile, 63, and her husband Dennis are renovating their townhome with a roll-in shower, she noted, although at this time she's very active.

"I just climbed Half Dome two years ago," she said.

She pointed out that her generation is

She gets her exercise gardening in the house's small patios, and they both enjoy their Meals on Wheels and the folks who deliver them.

"They're all so nice," Margaret said.

Dealing with aging issues led to another business for Christner-Lile Consulting — Senior Move Managers, which helps people downsize as they move into a senior care or assisted facility. She's affiliated with the National Association of Senior Move Managers.

ington in Walnut Creek from her large home in Moraga after living in it for 38 years. "When my husband died, it was a house, it wasn't a home any more. I hate to see these people where their children have to move them and make all the decisions. It wasn't a struggle for me to make the decision to move."

The tough decisions came when she was dealing with all she had accumulated and found that moving companies could not help. CLC Senior Move Managers took on the job.

Aging in place — is it for you?

Late life counselor helps people explore the issues

type of discussion.

"It's meant to be a catalyst to open a conversation with parents," Christner-Lile said.

If someone is seeing their aging mother at Thanksgiving, for instance, they could bring her the book, saying, "You know, Mom, I just found this book. Why don't you read it and we'll talk at Christmas."

The book includes questions to ask a doctor to prepare for a life staying in one's home; how to build a support system; a home-safety checklist; financial issues to consider, and more.

Christner-Lile first planned to be a midlife counselor after she made a midlife career change, leaving the real estate/mortgage world when her son went to college.

"But my internship was at the city of Fremont Human Services — that's where I saw a real need for help with aging," she said.

Then her 87-year-old mother, Alta, came to live with her for six months of the year, alternating with her sister's home in Texas.

"I was working and starting a new practice. It was pretty strenuous," Christner-Lile recalled. "I started out thinking I was going to save all these old people but I found out I knew nothing when I had mother with me."

Although her sister was retired and had more time to devote to their mother, Christner-Lile said she knew better how to connect with services.

"My sister would struggle with paratransit, medical," Christner-Lile said. "She wasn't as tuned in as I was."

She developed the book with her sister's situation in mind, and it first published in 2006.

"It's not rocket science," Christner-Lile said. "The first chapter is to check with your physician: Are you really able to stay home by yourself? You need to have an honest conversation with your physician."

"Then ask to have a conversation with your children: What can the children do and what's realistic with them."

"We would all love to have our parents with us but if you're still in the working years it's pretty hard unless you have a lot of help," she added. "Also it depends on the level of care the elder needs ... it's really too much in a lot of instances."

The book also addresses home modifications and caregivers, and safety issues such as hoarding.



Life Transitions Counselor Donna Christner-Lile visits with her neighbors, Margaret and Jim Blades, ages 90 and 91, who moved into a one-story house with wide doorways in order to be able to stay in their home as they grew older and perhaps incapacitated.

aging differently than did that of her parents.

"I see tons of people in my age group, exercising and eating far more healthily than our parents did," she said. "They're pushing themselves, climbing mountains, doing marathons."

She points to her neighbors Margaret and Jim Blades, now 90 and 91, as folks who planned ahead for old age, moving in 1999 into their one-story home, which is completely wheelchair accessible.

"We knew we needed to downsize," Margaret said.

"The first item of business is if they are going to move — is it good option? Then, if they are, what do you want to take with you? Who gets the rest?" Christner-Lile said. "A lot of assisted living communities call and we take care of their clients."

She has a team of "high energy women," retired from other careers, who help people downsize, working with them to organize their belongings, packing, shipping off items to other family members.

"Donna's people were absolutely marvelous," said Allie Haxo, 90, who moved to the Kens-

"We were moving things to the East Coast, to our home in Bodega Bay, my Steinway grand piano moved to the town of Kensington," Haxo recalled. "Two full-sized sculptures were sent to the East Coast, and I had China, silver."

"I would not recommend anybody else," she added. "Everything worked out fine."

"It all comes together," Christner-Lile said. "It's the last transitioning for seniors and their children, getting it right and having some help."

Her book is available at Amazon.com for \$10.19. ■

SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT SHOLTY

Big hair and teenage angst play a big role in "Hairspray," which stars (l-r) Morgan Frazer as Penny Pingleton, Melissa Modifer as Tracy Turnblad, and Peter DelFiorentino as Edna Turnblad.

Get a shot of 'Hairspray'

Tri-Valley Rep presenting big musical, big comedy, big hair

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting a fun musical focused on overnight teenage stardom with "Hairspray," based on the 1988 John Waters film, opening next week at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

In 1962 Baltimore, Md., teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream is to dance on a local TV dance program, The Corny Collins Show. When she wins a part on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight. Songs include 1960s-style dance music and rhythm and blues.

"Shampoo" won eight Tony Awards out of 13 nominations, including Best Musical. Ben

Brantley of the New York Times said, "This show ... succeeds in recreating the pleasures of the old-fashioned musical comedy without seeming old-fashioned by taking the infectious hooks and rhythms from period pop and R&B and translating them into the big, bouncy sound that Broadway demands."

The production opens Saturday night, Oct. 22, and continues on Oct. 23, 28, 29, 30; and Nov. 4, 5, 6, directed by Daren A.C. Carollo. Buy tickets by calling 373-6800 or visiting www.trivalleyrep.org, or at the theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. ■



JAMES KOPONEN

The Tri-Valley Rep Main Stage production at the Bankhead Theater also stars Morgan Breedveld as Amber von Tussle, Robert Lopez as Link Larkin, and Peter DelFiorentino as Edna Turnblad.



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STEFFI GROSS

The Foothill High School band leads the parade down Main Street as part of its day of band performances and competitions, now in its 37th year.

37th Band Review coming next week

Main Street parade, concert
and field performances

Foothill High will lead the way as high school and middle school bands march down Main Street beginning at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, in the 37th annual Band Review. The 2011 Grand Marshal will be School Board President Valerie Arkin.

The parade is scheduled to run until approximately 12:30, and concert competition at Amador Valley High School will take place from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Parade and concert awards are at 3 p.m. at Foothill High School. The Field Show will be held at Foothill from 4-10 p.m., with awards beginning at 10:15 p.m. General admission is \$10.

Tickets and programs will be for sale on Main Street and at Amador Valley High School during the parade, as well as at Foot-

hill High. There will also be event pins, souvenirs and food vendors at the event, which is the major fundraiser for Foothill. More than 50 high schools take place in the parade, concert and field show competitions.

Under the direction of Joshua Butterfield, Foothill features its marching band, color guard, two jazz bands, winter percussion and guard, wind ensemble, symphonic band and concert band. In the past 32 years, the Foothill High School Marching Band has won nearly 1,000 Sweepstakes awards and first place trophies, and has represented Northern California five times in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade.

Learn more at www.foothillmusic.org.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Young artists to audition their Liszt

Recital to open Liszt Festival at Firehouse Arts Center

Piano students up to age 21 may audition on Nov. 7 and 8 for the Young Artist Recital, which will open the Firehouse Arts Center's Liszt Festival on Nov. 20.

Students are required to play a memorized and well-polished Liszt piece at their auditions, which are open to students who live in live Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Sunol, San Ramon, Danville or Tracy or whose teachers belong to the Alameda County East Branch of Music Teachers Association of California.

To receive an application form, email dominique-piana@comcast.net. Applications must be completed and mailed by Oct. 26 with a check for \$20 made payable to MTAC Alameda County East to Dominique Piana, P.O. Box 11345, Pleasanton CA 94588.

The auditions will begin at 4 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. Applicants will be notified of their audition times by Nov. 2. All pianists auditioning will receive a jury sheet with comments on their performances. A panel of three judges will make the final selection.

Each winner will perform one piece at the Young Artist Recital that begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, and they will all receive two complimentary tickets to



the 2 p.m. recital free tickets to the entire Liszt Festival. For more information, call Piana at 455-5333. ■

Out & About

—Concerts, Film & Live Music

INDIA INK Ink doesn't have to come from pens; you can make it yourself! Make ink to use for writing and drawing on your own home-made paper from 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 15, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.



'OF SAX AND SPIRITUALS'

Swedish soprano saxophonist and composer Anders Paulsson is performing from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, at Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore, accompanying the Valley Concert Chorale. Tickets are \$20. Call 866-4003 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY POPS CONCERT Enjoy this symphony's annual pops concert with the theme "Fanfare for Food" at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Robert Livermore Community Center Ballroom, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Wear costumes and bring your dinner (wine, beer and sodas will be on sale at the venue). Tickets are \$30 each or \$210 for a table of eight. Call 447-6454 or visit www.livamsymp.org.

SSA ADVANCED STUDENTS' CONCERT Enjoy music performed by the next generation of Bay Area musicians at the Sycamore Strings Academy Advanced Students' Recital at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct. Features solo, group and chamber orchestra performances by the academy's most accomplished students. Call 606-5818 or visit www.sycamorestringsacademy.com.

TRIBUTE TO GREAT LADIES OF JAZZ Suzanna Smith and her trio bring life to the classics of Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Sarah Vaughn and more in a nostalgic, swinging show. Performance is at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$25 for adults, \$12 for children, and \$20 for seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

VETERAN'S DAY Pleasanton Community Concert Band presents its Veteran's Day Concert from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. This concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.

'BROTHELS BANDITS AND BARS' Pleasanton in the 1850's was called "The Most Desperate Town in the West." Main Street was home to brothels, gambling halls and bandits. Join long-time locals Gene Pons and Phil Henry at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. for a review of the rip-roaring history of Pleasanton. In this entertaining presentation, Pons and Henry will cover the history of our changing

community including the time of wild saloons and bootlegging. Call 931-3405.

GOURMET FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL Featuring over 20 of the finest Bay Area food trucks, this event is from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Gate 8. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the live music, food and fun. Food trucks will include Chairman Bao, Naked Chorizo, Sunshine Susan, That's Sweet, BBQ Kalibi and many more. Admission fee is \$3; children free. Visit gourmetfoodtruckfestival.com.

TEAM IN TRAINING INFORMATION MEETING The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training (TNT) program, will inspire and support you to achieve your goal of completing an endurance event. The event is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. You can train online, with a team in your area, or a little of both. Call 800-8-TRAIN or visit www.teamintraining.org/sf.

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE Tells the story of young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to New York City in search of a new life for herself. The performances are at 8 p.m. Oct. 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 2 p.m. on Oct. 16, and 23 at the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz - a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. Tickets are \$18-\$33 for adults and \$17-\$29 for children and seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

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SHARKS

Sharks are more endangered than dangerous, says woman who is working to save them

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Kristin Walovich spends the earlier part of the year in Mossel Bay in South Africa working on a 26-foot boat doing research on sharks. Her job, at right, was to photograph the sharks' dorsal fins. She never tired of seeing the magnificent beasts, saying, "Each time you're as amazed and excited."



Just how dangerous are sharks?
 “Thirty-eight people die every year from lightning in the United States — by sharks, it’s one person every two years,” said Pleasanton resident Kristin Walovich. “More people die by being electrocuted by their toasters.”

Walovich, who studied marine biology at UC Santa Barbara, gathered these statistics as part of the shark research she did the first eight months of this year in South Africa.

Now she is on a mission to save sharks from extinction, not just because of her love for the magnificent creatures but due to their importance to the ecosystem.

Walovich vividly remembers spotting her first great white shark in the wild. She was interning on a research project east of Capetown, where she spent hours each day in Mossel Bay on a 26-foot boat named “Lamnidae” after the taxonomic family name of the great white shark.

“The first one I saw was 3 meters (almost 10 feet),” she recalled. “They’re predators but they’re beautiful — they’re magnificent.”

The crew was “chumming,” that is, dishing sardines and fish oils into the water to attract the sharks.

“The shark will come to the boat because it smells your fish. It will investigate and circle the boat,” Walovich explained. “They’re very curious creatures. Generally it was one at a time but sometimes we had three or four at a time. It depends on where you’re anchored.”

“Some days I would spend four hours on the boat and didn’t see one. Some days I would see one, some days 20. Some days I’d wait hours; some days, minutes,” she added. “White sharks are wild animals, you don’t snap your fingers and they come.”

No matter how many she sighted, each time was thrilling.

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It was a very different experience to be so close to a shark. I was sitting at the bottom of a cage and a white shark came by and looked at me. They have black eyes but there’s life and intelligence.

—KRISTIN WALOVICH

“People ask, ‘Do you get tired of seeing sharks?’” she said. “Absolutely not. Each time you’re as amazed and excited. You see its length and see its girth — that’s the most amazing thing: They are very, very wide.”

Her job was to photograph the sharks’ dorsal fins.

“It’s like a thumbprint — it’s unique to each shark,” she said. “It does change over time and you can chart those changes.”

“We would take pictures and data so we could ultimately tell how many sharks were in the bay. We were charting their progress and trying to find global populations.”

Other researchers have tagged sharks to be tracked via GPS.

“In 2005 they tagged a shark named Nicole in South Africa, and she traveled all the way to Australia and back,” Walovich said. “It took her nine months to travel 12,400 miles.”

Sharks are generally solitary animals, Walovich noted.

“They don’t travel in packs or schools,” she said. “If there’s a whale carcass they will feed together on that.”

After four months at Mossel Bay, Walovich moved outside Capetown for another four months.

“I didn’t want to leave South Africa. It’s an amazing country with amazing people,” she said. “I was living with a few of the interns from Mossel Bay — they were working on a cage diving boat.”

This gave her the chance to work as an on-deck naturalist and to get into the water with the sharks in a cage rather than just view them from the boat.

“It was a very different experience to be so close to a shark,” Walovich said. “I was sitting at the bottom of a cage and a white shark came by and looked at me. They have black eyes but there’s life and intelligence.”

She also traveled to Aliwal Shoal near Durban on the east coast and was able to go diving with tiger sharks, bull sharks and blacktip sharks. And she spent time at False Bay in Durban, where the great white sharks are famous for breaching out of the water to catch baby seals coming off the islands.

“They literally jump out of the water — 10- to 15-foot sharks that weigh 500-750 kilos, close to a ton, so it’s a huge mass of shark that jumps out of the water,” Walovich said. “As the seals are swimming by they make an ambush — swim upwards and attack the seals. It’s an amazing sight to see.”

So how did a nice Pleasanton girl become so interested in sharks?

“I went to Amador Valley High School here and I always loved biology class,” Walovich said. “Santa Barbara has up to six degrees in biology so I knew that was a diverse place to go.”

She took biology classes as well as ichthyology and zoology courses plus herpetology, the study of reptiles and amphibians.

“I really enjoyed the classes with lab portions, touching things and dissecting things and getting my hands dirty,” she recalled.

She quickly realized that she wanted to work in the field rather than behind a microscope. After graduating from UC Santa Barbara in 2010 she became an intern with Oceans Research, which paid her way to French Polynesia.

“I was in the ocean for the most part, helping do research on sea urchins,” she said. “It was mostly free diving, some

scuba diving.”

From a lagoon inside a coral reef she helped sort through coral rubble, bringing baby urchins to the surface to measure them.

“The coral reefs are really in trouble, they’re very sensitive to temperature differences and differences in acidity,” she said, explaining that as humans release carbon dioxide in to the air it enters the oceans and changes the acidity of the water.

“Everything is related because the coral reefs act as a place for organisms to live and urchins live within those coral reefs,” she said. “When you change one condition, whether quickly or slowly, it will affect other systems within the oceans — it transfers all the way up to the sharks.”

Her main mission is saving the shark. Walovich said she was pleased that California passed the ban on shark fin soup last week.

“They catch the shark, slice off their fins and throw them overboard,” she said. “They are still alive but because they can’t swim, they drown. It’s a very inhumane, cruel, awful thing.”

From 73 million to 100 million sharks are killed every year, she noted.

While she is in Pleasanton applying to graduate school, Walovich is willing to talk to classes or groups about her research with the sharks, their magnificence and the fact that they are endangered.

“People think they’re mindless killers but that’s absolutely not true,” she said. “I hope I can change people’s opinions by telling them my experiences.” ■



BRANDON KILBRIDE PHOTOGRAPHY



Top to bottom: Kristin relaxes aboard the research boat; a great white shark catches a baby seal at False Bay in Durban, South Africa; photos taken from the boat in Mossel Bay show how closely the researchers were able to get to the great whites to photograph and study them.

Save the sharks

Shark facts

- Sharks grow slowly and produce few offspring.
- Commercial fisheries throughout the world target sharks for shark fin soup, their meat, cartilage, liver and skin.
- 73 million-100 million sharks are killed every year.
- Shark populations have declined by as much as 70 to 80 percent.
- The value of shark fins has increased with economic growth in Asia. Fin prices are as high as \$700/kg while shark meat is worth \$2.09 fresh and \$1.94 frozen per kg.
- The global trade of shark fins has been estimated at \$400 million to \$550 million a year.



- Shark “finning” — the practice of cutting off the fins at sea and discarding the rest of the shark — allows one vessel to kill an extraordinary number of sharks on a single trip. In 2002, the U.S. vessel King Diamond II was caught by the U.S. Coast Guard off the coast of Guatemala with 32 tons of fins on board, estimated to represent 30,000 sharks.

Why we need sharks

- Sharks play an important role in maintaining the ecosystem, regulating the species below them in the food chain.
- The decline in shark populations can lead to the collapse of fisheries. Off the coast of North Carolina, the cow-nose ray population exploded due to the loss of large sharks; with more cow-nose rays, which eat scallops, clams and oysters, those populations collapsed.
- Live sharks have a significant value for marine ecotourism that is more sustainable and valuable than their worth to fisheries. For example, shark tourism in the Bahamas generates \$78 million annually.

What to do

- Establish shark sanctuaries.
- Science-based management should be put in place by all fishing countries.
- Fishing countries should devise and implement effective National Plans of Action for sharks.
- End fishing of sharks that are threatened with extinction.

Resource: Pew report 2011, “Sharks in Trouble: Hunters Become the Hunted”



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Frosh Falcons face De La Salle

Foothill High School's Homecoming Game is tonight against Granada so the campus is alive with blue and white school spirit. The game will be aired on Channel 30 at 7 p.m. Saturday.

But last Friday, the battle was against De La Salle. Above, freshman running back Isaiah Langley makes a play in the game, held at the Foothill High field on Friday. The exciting first quarter had both teams running kickoffs back for touchdowns, but the Falcons' was called back on a penalty. Quarterback Kyle Kearns (at left) threw a touchdown pass, and later handed off the ball for another touchdown, amassing 13 points against the Spartans. But it was a losing effort, with the Spartans winning 35-13 with a strong second-half performance.

Kearns was injured in the fourth quarter with a dislocated elbow but is expected to return to the field for the Nov. 4 game against Monte Vista.

On the varsity scene, De La Salle beat Foothill, 39-3, in a league game. The Spartans are now 4-1, while the Falcons are 1-4.

Last week Amador Valley beat the visiting Livermore Cowboys, 14-12. Tonight the Dons, 3-2, face De La Salle.



WARREN MCCARTY

Go, Grey

Rage Grey U11 forward Hannah Gossett takes an early shot on goal inside the San Jose Magic Blue's box as the Grey played its third preliminary NorCal State Cup seeding game at home Sunday against the Blue. The teams aggressively moved the ball up and down the field, but the game proved to be a defensive battle, with the final score 0-0. Rage Grey girls take their second-place finish in their flight into the next round of State Cup, which is scheduled to begin Dec. 3 in Manteca.

Second round of inductions for BUSC Hall of Fame

Three honorees include founder of club

By DENNIS MILLER

The Ballistic United Soccer Club, founded in 1968, started its Hall of Fame last year to honor those who have contributed to its success. The second group of inductees will be celebrated Oct. 17 at the BSC Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, "Celebrating the Past — Planning for Our Future," which is also a fundraiser for the Ballistic United Field Development Fund.

The event will include golf at Sunol Valley Golf Club and the Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction ceremony at the Palm Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost for the golf and dinner is \$100 per player; dinner alone is \$45.

This year's honorees are former player Marty Espinoza, referee Bob Martinez and Gary Patton, one of the founders of Ballistic United.

Marty Espinoza was one of BUSC's top forwards, playing on a pair of state championship teams and starting for three years at Amador Valley High as it earned three East Bay Athletic League titles. At Chico State, his team went to the NCAA Division II National Championship. He played professionally for the Houston Dynamos and the Kalamazoo Kangaroos, and later coached youth soccer and was honored by National Soccer Coaches Association as its Coach of the Year. He was a staff trainer for the South Texas Olympic Development Program and head trainer for Dynamos Select Soccer Club. He died in June

2010 at age 48.

Bob Martinez started officiating under-8 youth soccer games for Ballistic United in 1975, becoming an accomplished youth soccer official for state, regional and national championship finals. He also had success in collegiate and professional ranks, refereeing NCAA semifinals, national women's semifinals, and NCAA Division II men's finals. Professionally, he refereed indoor soccer from 1993-97 in Sacramento and San Jose, and also officiated international games. As the referee coordinator for BUSC, Martinez, with his connections, was able to bring in quality officials. He also served as district and state referee coordinator for a number of years.

Gary Patton, the man who had the idea to start the Ballistic United Soccer Club, recruited Harry Miller and Larry Boldrini to form the founding committee. While Miller, Boldrini and others developed the club into what it would ultimately become, Patton is credited with being the architect of the club's foundation. After getting BUSC started, he went on to hold executive positions in both state and national youth soccer organizations, plus was a coach and referee. He later served as the first CYSA District 3 Commissioner, CYSA secretary and president. Patton died in October 2010.

For more information on the tournament, go to www.busc.org.



Three goals for Ballistic

Jason Campbell scored three goals over the weekend for U13 Ballistic Premier 99, which tied Cal Odyssey in Clovis on Sunday, 3-3, clinching its place among the top 24 teams for the next round of the NorCal State Cup. Other top offensive players were Bryce Taylor, Blake Tucker and Youki Chiba; top defensive players were Jacob Dremalas, Jimmy Thompson, Kyle McClanahan and Daniel Ferguson.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011

SUNOL VALLEY GOLF CLUB & Palm Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds

The Ballistic United Hall of Fame

was created in 2010 as one-way to reflect on the over 40 years of the club's history and recognize individuals who have contributed in many different ways to the success of the club. Whether a board member, referee, coach, player, volunteer, or administrator, the clubs Hall of Fame will induct a maximum of 3 of the most deserving individuals submitted to the nominating committee.

BUSC will induct 3 individuals in the 2011 Hall of Fame:



Bob Martinez



Marty Espinoza



Gary Patton

"Celebrating the Past - Planning for Our Future"

is the events slogan and was created to explain why the event takes place annually in conjunction with the Ballistic United Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. Both events are fundraisers for the club. The club will use the proceeds to continue its effort in supporting capital improvements, such as field development initiatives, in the years to come!"

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- Cross country: Rough Riders, at Fresno
- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, home
- Football: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. De La Salle, away

Oct. 18

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Alhambra, home
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Alhambra, home
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., AVHS vs. San Ramon, home
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. California, home
- Girls Volleyball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, home

Oct. 20

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, away
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, away
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, away
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Carondelet, away
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away

Oct. 21

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, away

Oct. 22

- Cross country - Mt. SAC, at Mt. SAC

Oct. 24

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Liberty, home
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Liberty, home

Oct. 25

- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., AVHS vs. Foothill, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. California, away

Oct. 27

- Boys Water polo: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Foothill, home
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Foothill, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. California, home
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Oct. 28

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home
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Gymnastics by the Bay

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts finished second in the Meet by the Bay at Gymtowne Gymnastics in South San Francisco on Oct. 2. First places were won by McKenzie Meyn, beam; Juliette Gosselin, bars; Corrine Jackson, vault, beam and floor, and all-around; Lauren Swenson-Lennox, vault; and Jasmine Saucelo, beam and floor. Level 4 team members are (l-r) Mariah Murphy, Naomi Evans, Amelia Liao, McKenzie Meyn, Audrey Ong, Phoenix Cabuay, Juliette Gosselin, Deanna Chang, Claire Volkman, Rachel Shaw and Mia Reeve.



ART BEHIEL

Goal is 1 of 6

Tara Byrne fires in the goal for the U18/19 Pleasanton Rage Lady Rebels on Saturday as they dominate the Mustang United with great combinations and teamwork that resulted in a 6-1 win. Top offensive players also included Brittany Jones and Emily Nickel; top defensive players were Maise Rueda, Camille Tsztoo and Pascal Masri.



RENE SIEGEL

Happiness is a goal

Rage Orange Players (l-r) Mary Gruen, Kiley Zieker, Kelsey Milligan and Nayo Clinchard are all smiles after Kiley's goal staked the Orange to a 1-0 lead over the Benicia Phoenix. The U19 Orange Division 3 team won the game, 3-2, at Benicia Community Park. Top offensive players were Madison Nethery, Kiley Zieker, Amy Moore; top defensive, Sarah Machado, Taylor Lee and Kelsey Milligan.

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November 18 – *Deck the Halls*

Decorating for the holidays

November 25 – *Entertaining*

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TAKE US ALONG



Cruising through Mexico: Rachel and Jessica Shockley read the Pleasanton Weekly on their cruise to the Mexican Riviera as the sun begins to set. Onboard the Norwegian Star, the kids traveled with their parents Carla and Andy over the holidays.

Auditions

YOUNG ARTIST RECITAL AUDITIONS

Auditions for piano students up to 21 who live in the Tri-Valley or whose teachers belong to the Alameda County East Branch or MTAC will be held at 4 p.m. Nov. 7-8 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The Young Artist Recital will open the Firehouse Arts Center's Liszt Festival on Nov. 20. Email dominiquepiana@comcast.net for an application form. Cost is \$20. Contact Dominique Piana at 455-5333.

Author Visits

DUBLIN READS: AUTHOR KATHRYN REISS As part of Dublin Reads, when this year the library welcomes the community to read "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeline L'Engle, author Kathryn Reiss will come to the library to reflect on her experiences writing children's and young adult fiction and the importance that "A Wrinkle in Time" has had on the craft of writing for this audience. Reiss is the author of 17 books for young people. She will speak at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Call 828-1315 or visit www.aclibrary.org.

Clubs

BOOST YOUR CAREER AT TOASTMASTERS Grow professionally at Chamber Chatters, a Toastmasters club that meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. Visit www.chamberchatters.wordpress.com/.

CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB TRI-VALLEY BRANCH The club invites writers of all genres and experience levels to its monthly meetings. The next one is at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., with guest

speaker New York Times bestseller Catherine Coulter, who will present an insider's look at the publishing industry. Cost is \$10 for CWC members and \$15 for non-members and includes coffee and tea. For reservations, contact Annette at 484-5924 or email alanger2@comcast.net by Tuesday, Oct. 11.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION DAR is a volunteer service organization based on lineage to someone who fought or gave aid to the American Revolution. It preserves historic buildings and artifacts; provides awards and scholarships and supports schools while celebrating our American history. The next meeting is from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 5, at DAR, 5649 San Antonio St. For more information, call Ann Narciso at 510-507-5509.

EAST BAY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION

The East Bay Executives Association is a non-profit organization for helping businesses network with other businesses. It meets at 7:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays monthly at Shari's, 3360 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. Call 600-7342.

MEET ASSEMBLY MEMBER

JOAN BUCHANAN The TriValley Democratic Club invites you to meet the honorable Assembly Member Joan Buchanan from 7:30-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin, to discuss the situation in Sacramento. Question and answer session. Public is invited; doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing and refreshments. Call 451-4303 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

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. It has 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.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON

NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Dr. Call 580-7947 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

SOCRATES CAFE

The Socrates Cafe discusses modern philosophical questions using the Socratic method, on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at Peets Coffee, corner of Valley Ave. and Hopyard Rd. No politics involved. Call 249-1865 or visit www.digiassist.com/SocratesCafePleasanton.html.

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TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVES'

ASSOCIATION Established in 1984, the Tri-Valley Executives' Association helps business owners and managers develop resourceful relationships in a fun and progressive format. The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St. Membership is open to businesses that are not in competition with a current member of the association. Call 736-4522 or visit www.trivall-eyexecs.com.

TRI-VALLEY NCHRA THIRD

THURSDAY Here is another chance to network with your peers in

the Northern California HR Association. Meet with like-minded folks in an informal setting from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Rd. Appetizers provided, must pay for own drinks. Call 415-291-1992 or visit www.nchra.org.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS

Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Pkwy., Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

Events

BAY AREA FALL GOLF SHOW

The West Coast's largest fall consumer golf expo is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 28-30 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. The 2011 Bay Area Fall Golf Show brings lowest prices on name-brand clubs and equipment from the industry's top manufacturers. \$10 for general admission, \$9 for seniors 62 and older, and 12 and under are free. Visit www.bayareagolfshow.com.

BREW CRAWL

It's trick-or-treating for adults! Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries will come together from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, for a first-of-its-kind event in Pleasanton, hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and sponsored by Handles Gastropub and the Pleasanton Main Street Brewery.

Patrons can shop along Main St., sample local craft beers and food pairings. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes. Tickets go on sale Oct. 3 at Handles on Main, Main Street Brewery and Redcoats Pub for \$25. Tickets day of event are \$30. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

CRAFT FAIR AND PANCAKE

BREAKFAST Hart Middle School is hosting its second annual Craft Fair and Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 30. If you are a crafts person who would like to sell your items at their fair, contact them at 425-0882 or email Yolandahms@gmail.com. Cost is \$25 for a 6-foot table.

DANCEscape

Music provided by DJs Karen Hong, Minnie Choi and Can Ly. Get out your dancing shoes and have fun - partners are not needed. The event is from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Tickets purchased in advance are \$9 for residents and \$10 for non-residents and day of event \$12. Call 556-4511 or visit www.DublinSeniorCenter.com.

HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT

Come in costume for the city's sixth annual free Halloween Fun Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28, at Pleasanton Tennis Park, 5801 Valley Ave. The fun-filled event features a Haunted Hallway of Horrors. Not for the weak of heart! There will be court games for youths and adults, with loaner racquets available. For more information, call 931-3446.

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PEACEFUL WAR PROTEST Pleasantonians 4 Peace has an ongoing peaceful war protest from 5 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at First and Neal streets. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowd-ing@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

Fundraisers

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PEDAL FOR PINK CYCLE CLASS Wear something "color appropriate" as you pedal to music in the theme of pink - Pink Floyd, Pretty in Pink, Pink Cadillac, the singer Pink and others! The class is from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at ClubSport, 7090 Johnson Dr. Marianne will lead this high-energy cycle class supporting a vital cause. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. \$25 minimum donation. Call 463-2822 or visit <http://clubsports.com/pleasanton/upcoming-events>.

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TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE 'THAT'S AMORE' This year's fundraiser theme is "It's Raining Cats and Dogs" as TVAR hopes to find homes for the many deserving animals needing forever homes. The fundraiser is from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle. Enjoy dinner, cocktails and a live auction. Tickets are \$75. Call 220-7760. Pleasanton. 925-

Health

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VALLEYCARE BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM For survivors, caregivers, and those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, as well as the public concerned about cancer and its prevention. The lecture is from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 5121 Hopyard Rd. Call 734-3319.

Holiday

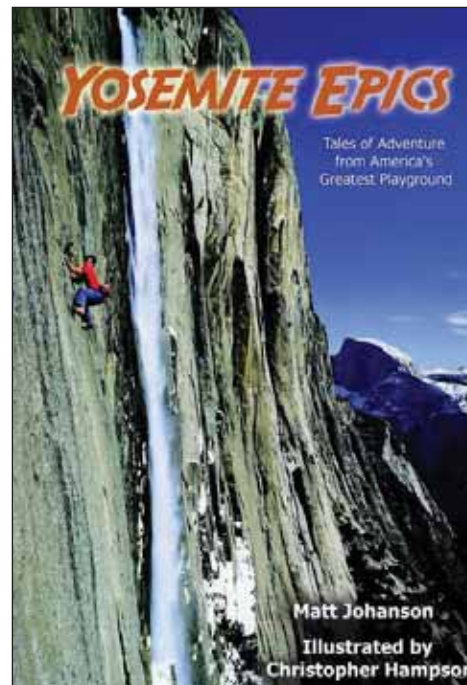
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Kids & Teens

AMADOR CHEER CLINIC The clinic is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Amador Valley High School, Santa Rita Rd. Students K-8 learn a cheer and a dance, and practice cheerleading moves to perform at an Amador Football Game the following week. Lunch provided. Cost \$45 before the event or \$50 at the door. Call 600-7810.

DUBLIN READS: ADVENTURE THEATER As part of Dublin Reads, when this year the library welcomes the community to read "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeline L'Engle, join Ken Adams and his Adventure Theater for Episode 1: Adventures in Space. The event is at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Improvisational theater comes alive as members of the audience make all the sound effects, become the scenery, make up the story and help act it out. The program is suitable for families with children ages 4 years old and up. Call 828-1315 or visit aclibrary.org.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Yosemite Epics

Writer and outdoorsman Matt Johanson will show slides and tell stories from his new book at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. His stories and more come to life in a collection of first-person narratives from rock, snow, ice and whitewater. Thrilling yet thoughtful, the book explains the athletes' motivations for their ambitious outings and shares valuable lessons learned from their experiences. Call 931-3405.

Lectures/ Workshops

BIOIDENTICAL HORMONES FOR WOMEN OVER 40 "Bioidentical Hormones - What Can They Do For You?" Dr. Lynne Mielke, M.D., will discuss why they are safer than the pharmaceutical alternatives, and how they can enhance your health and quality of life in multiple ways. The lecture is from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Optimal Health Spectrums, 4463 Stoneridge Dr., Suite A. Space is limited to 20 participants. RSVP to 846-8000.

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'THE OFFICIAL BLUES BROTHERS REVUE' The live concert combines the humor, music and mayhem of the original "Lost in Las Vegas" movie and is appropriate for all ages. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Thursday-Friday; and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3-5, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$24-\$34 for adults, \$17-\$29 for children and seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Miscellaneous

'LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY' Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15 to 20 minute consultations, in a program co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. and people must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

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COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

Downsizing Made Easy Enjoy an informative & fun presentation ideal for seniors considering their housing options. Lecture is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Discussion will include downsizing and how to do so with little stress. Also, explore housing alternatives and using profession-

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DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER OFFERS MUSIC CLASSES Dublin Senior Center offers two music classes including Sing-a-longs with Judy Kuffin and Merrill Ito at 10:30 a.m., Thursdays; and Ukulele Beginning Instruction with Judy Kuffin and Merrill Ito at 1 p.m., Tuesdays, both at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each class. Call 556-4511.

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FREE MEMORY SCREENING FOR SENIORS Caring Solutions is sponsoring free memory assessment on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511 for a 30-minute appointment. Preregister by the Monday prior to reserve an appointment. Informational materials are available at the Senior Center.

HEALTHY EATING FOR ONE Do you live alone? Are you looking for easy meals? Are you trying to follow a healthy diet? Bring questions and your ideas as Debbie Whiteside, R.D., leads a discussion from 10-11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. She loves food, nutrition and grocery shopping. Call 931-5369 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

LUNCH PROGRAM The lunch program sponsored by Spectrum Community Services is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.25. Reservations required a day in advance by 1 p.m. Call 931-5385.

MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social on the first Thursday of every month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All level of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday

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Spiritual

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REIKI GROUP The Japanese systems of Reiki is a spiritual practice which uses meditation, chanting, visualizations, and hands-on energy group work so that you can connect to their true nature. No prior Reiki experience is necessary. Classes are from 10-11:45 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at Tri Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehle@comcast.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., offers Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.; and Children's Church at 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study takes place 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 846-8650 for weekly programs.

WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments served. For information, call 305-9468.

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MORNING GROUP RIDE - CYCLING A group ride starts at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday from Cycle Pros Bike Shop, 728 Main St., meeting in the parking lot. The ride breaks into groups based on skill and distance. The regular ride usually covers 25-40 miles at speeds of 14-18 mph. The long ride covers 35-60 miles at a brisker pace. Routes vary each week. On Sundays mornings, there is a group ride for everyone, same time, same place, broken down into levels based on ability and distance. Call 400-4336 or visit www.thecyclepros.com.

Support Groups

BEYOND TREATMENT BREAST CANCER This group provides a safe place to express and share thoughts, concerns and experiences of living with the uncertainty after treatment for breast cancer, the physical effects and problems related to intimacy, marriage, reproduction and employment. The group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center,

7275 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite #270. The group is facilitated by Mary Prishtina, RN, and Estee Goren, MFT. Call 399-1177.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com. 7:30-9 p.m. Free

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem-solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m. at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Call 200-1943 or visit www.clutterless.org.

DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR Depression Bipolar Support Alliance, DBSA, is a support group for people who live with depression, bipolar and other disabilities. The group meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m. every Wednesday, at St. Claire's Episcopal Church, Classroom 1, 3350 Hopyard Rd., although it is not affiliated with the church. No charge for meetings. Call 462-6415 or visit www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. For more information, view their blog at www.eastbayet.com or call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

HOPE HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers ongoing grief support services for adults, teens and children including a Transitions Support Group; Tragic Loss Support Group; individualized grief support; caregiver support; on-site support for schools; youth organizations and the workplace; community support services; a resource library; and more. Call 829-8770.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE This group works to awareness of the epidemic use of illicit drugs in our community. Their goal is to educate and provide resources to afflicted families. They meet from 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Email Motherswithapurpose@yahoo.com.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group

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TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.

TRI-VALLEY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP If you, a loved one or friend has PD, join the group as they learn about the disease, advise each other on strategies for coping, share worries and seek answers to questions. They meet from 10 a.m.-noon on the second Saturday of the month at Senior Citizen Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 831-9940.

Volunteering

BLOOD DRIVE The American Red Cross is holding a public blood drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Las Positas College, Student Center, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment and use sponsor code LASPOSITAS.

BLOOD DRIVE The American Red Cross is holding a pub-

lic blood drive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Activity Center, 4005 Stoneridge Dr. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment and use sponsor code CCOP.

LIONESSE SEEK NEW MEMBERS The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. The Lioness are a service club that helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543. 6:30 p.m. Free- \$2 to \$5 donation requested 925-443-4543.

SANDRA J. WING'S HEALING THERAPY FOUNDATION Volunteers are needed for Sandra J. Wing's Healing Therapies annual fundraiser that will be held March 2 at the Palm Event Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit local cancer patients who are going through chemotherapy and radiation treatment. To sign-up, e-mail Judy Sherry at heyjudesherry@comcast.net.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS & ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS Tri Valley Support Group for Fibromyalgia, Lupus and all forms of Arthritis meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Tri Valley Support, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. They are in need of volunteers to help. Call 875-0960.

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Homes sales, prices to see only slight improvement in 4th quarter

Tepid economic recovery, uncertainty holding back any sales momentum, Realtors say

By JEB BING

California home sales and median prices are predicted to improve only slightly in 2012 as the continuation of the tepid economic recovery, uncertainty about the future, and funding challenges for residential mortgages are expected to keep the market moving sideways, with little foreseeable momentum in either direction, according to the California Association of Realtors' 2012 California Housing Market Forecast, released recently.

The forecast for California home sales next year is for a slight 1% increase to 496,200 units, following essentially flat sales of 491,100 homes this year compared to the 491,500 homes sold in 2010.

"Despite the run of unforeseen global events in the first half of this year that slowed the overall economy, 2011 home sales are projected to essentially remain unchanged from last year," said C.A.R. President Beth L. Peerce.

"Looking ahead, the fundamentals of the housing market, such as low mortgage rates, high housing affordability, and favorable home prices, are expected to continue," she added. "But at this point, a strong housing recovery will depend on consumer confidence, job creation, and the availability and cost of home loans."

"Discretionary sellers will play a larger role in next year's housing market," said Peerce. "Those who held off selling in 2011 may list their homes in 2012, thereby improving the mix of homes for sale compared with the last few years. Additionally, distressed sales will remain an important

segment of the overall market as lenders continue to work through the foreclosure process."

The California median home price will increase 1.7% in 2012 to \$296,000 in 2012, according to the forecast. Following a double-digit increase in the median price in 2010, the median home price will decrease a projected 4% in 2011 to \$291,000.

"2012 will be another transition year for the California housing market, as the continued uncertainty about the U.S. financial system, job growth, and the stability of the overall economy remain in the forefront for all market participants," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

"An improvement in job growth, consumer spending, and corresponding gains in housing are essential to a broader recovery in the economy, but would-be buyers will remain cautious as they weigh these myriad uncertainties against the clear opportunities presented by today's very affordable housing market," she added.

"The most likely scenario is for the modest recovery to continue, and this should push sales up slightly next year by 1% and maintain levels that are significantly higher than those recorded during the depths of the housing downturn," she explained.

"The wild cards for 2012 are many, including federal, fiscal, monetary, and housing policies; the contentious political climate during an election year; and the strength of the U.S. economic recovery," Appleton-Young said. ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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6 BEDROOMS
1311 Laverock Lane \$2,999,000
 Sun 1-4 Michael Hatfield Broker 984-1339

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306 Live Oak Drive \$879,000
 Sun 1-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Danville

6 BEDROOMS
206 Monterosso Ct \$1,099,950
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

Livermore

4 BEDROOMS
4706 Bel Roma Rd. \$1,950,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS
4232 Garibaldi Pl \$505,000
 Sun 2-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

6432 Inglewood Dr \$555,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

4 BEDROOMS
3038 Bersano Ct \$1,399,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

5083 Muirwood Dr \$850,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

4432 First Street \$999,000
 Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

5 BEDROOMS
3891 Picard Avenue \$1,298,000
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San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS
2134 North Donovan Way \$715,000
 Sat/Sun 2-5 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

5106 Campion Dr \$920,000
 Sat 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

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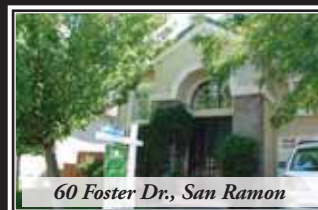
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Economic recovery needs new housing construction, builders say

By JEB BING

While the nation may have added 103,000 new jobs in September, the federal employment report showed relative weakness, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Particularly as the numbers relate to the residential construction sector, this sector remains far below its job-creation potential in the absence of policies to restore the health of the housing marketplace, NAHB representatives said.

"We are seeing now what an economic recovery looks like without housing, and the picture is hardly encouraging," said NAHB Chairman Bob Nielsen, a home builder from Reno, Nev.

"We need to address anti-housing impediments to home builders creating jobs in countless communities across the land," he added.

The inventory of new homes for sale is at a record low and there are many areas of the country that are approaching a housing

shortage. Tight credit conditions are preventing builders from meeting this emerging demand, putting workers back on the job and helping the economy move forward.

Further exacerbating the situation is today's pervasive anti-housing climate in Washington, said Nielsen.

"Leaders in Washington must stop scaring consumers by talking about eliminating the mortgage interest deduction, ending a federal backstop for housing and calling for a minimum 20% down payment on home loans," said Nielsen. "This is counterproductive and harms consumer confidence, the housing market and the nation's economy."

Housing normally accounts for more than 17% of gross domestic product. Building 100 single-family homes would create 305 full-time jobs and \$8.9 million in taxes and revenue for state, local and federal governments.

"Getting housing back on its feet would be a shot in the arm for consumer confidence, boost job growth and lead to a long-lasting economic recovery," said Nielsen. ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$312,000
Highest sale reported: \$850,000
Average sales reported: \$557,125

Highest sale reported: \$1,695,000
Average sales reported: \$783,818

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$143,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,110,000
Average sales reported: \$612,500

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$195,000

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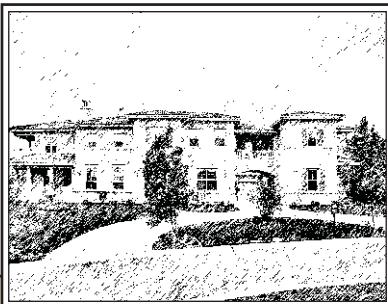
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OPEN SAT/SUN 1:30-4:30



1684 TANGLEWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON

Location! Location! Single story home located on a court just around the corner from the Elementary and Middle school. The home is approximately 1716 sq ft home with 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The exterior has been freshly painted and updated landscaping in the front yard. The kitchen has been updated and has a wonderful open layout to the family room. Nice sized private back yard with a pool. **OFFERED AT \$675,000**

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4235 CLARINBRIDGE CIRCLE, DUBLIN

Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 1/2 bath condo in The Villas of the Dublin Ranch neighborhood. With approximately 1401 sq ft of living space this home has a nice open, light & bright layout. The kitchen has many upgrades including granite counters & stainless steel appliances. **OFFERED AT \$324,500**

JUST SOLD



1422 WHISPERING OAKS WAY, PLEASANTON

Beautifully appointed 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2988 sq ft home close to schools, parks, downtown, and hwy 680. Kitchen upgraded with granite counters, ss appliances, breakfast nook & newer patio glass door. Spacious master suite has a stunning upgraded bathroom & large walk-in closet. **SOLD FOR \$850,000**

The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton market update: Steady as She Goes

Pending sales and inventory both fell in Pleasanton during September, the first time this year that both indices dropped. Not to worry, though, as neither dropped dramatically nor to levels that would indicate weakness in the market. In fact, pending sales were higher than they were in September of 2010, while inventory was lower. Homes priced under \$2 million lead the way in lower sales and inventory.

Overall, there were 55 pending sales of single family detached homes during September, down 15% from the 65 sales in August but higher than the 43 pending sales during September 2010. Inventory fell 6%, from 202 at the end of August to 189 at the end of September. By comparison, there were 218 homes on the market at the end of September 2010. So after tightening up a bit last month, the market eased a little this month. There was 3.4 months worth of inventory available at the end of September, compared to 3.1 months at the end of August.

Pending sales of homes priced under \$1 million fell nearly 8% during September to 48, from 52 during August. Inventory fell 10%, from 137 at the end of August to 123 at the end of September, a loss of 14 homes. Inventory relative to pending sales stayed the same at 2.6 months. Homes priced under \$1 million made up 87% of pending sales during September, compared to 80% in August. That is primarily due to the sharper decline in sales of homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million (see below). This segment accounted for 65% of Pleasanton's inventory at the end of September, down some from 68% at the end of August.

There was a big drop in pending sales during September of homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million. There were five such sales during September, down 58% from the 12 recorded during August.

Inventory in this segment was up slightly at 50 homes, from 48 at the end of August. Due to the big drop in pending sales, inventory relative to pending sales jumped to 10 months at the end of September from 4 months at the end of August. 9% of Pleasanton's pending sales were in this segment during September, compared to 18% during August. This price range made up 26% of Pleasanton's inventory at the end of September up slightly from 24% at the end of August.

Pending sales and inventory of homes priced over \$2 million were little >>Go to www.680homes.com for more real estate information!



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\$799,000

JUST LISTED!



Almost new Gale Ranch home with 4 BR, 3 1/2 BTH, custom tile flooring, luxurious master suite, stunning granite/cherry/stainless kitchen, 3 car tandem garage, and upgrades galore!
\$889,000

OVER 2 ACRES!



Country living yet close to everything! Fabulous 4 BR, 3 BTH home remodeled with designer upgrades on 2+ acres with sports court, and more!
\$1,199,900

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\$885,000

JUST SOLD!



Fabulous French Country custom with 5 BR + office & retreat, 4 full & 2 half BTH, hardwood floors, 4 car garage, and private .62 acre lot with pool.
\$1,695,000

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Fabulous estate home with 6 BR + loft & office/rec room, 5 BTH, 4 car garage, stone flooring, dream kitchen, and 1.1 acre lot with pool, sports court, outdoor kitchen and views!
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2020 MARTIN AVENUE, PLEASANTON
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OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

4 BD/office 3 BA 3,107sf. + 1,100sf. guest home or 6 car garage/workshop on a 24,963sf. lot. Updated gourmet kitchen with prep island & generous storage. Overlooks the grand rear yard that offers a pool, bocce court, fire pit & spacious grass area. Guest house complete with a full kitchen, bedroom, living room, full bathroom and garage.
\$1,595,000

1334 STONE CANYON CT, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN IRONWOOD ESTATES



5 BD 4.5 BA 4,205sf. on a 10,588sf. lot. Over \$50,000 in upgrades. Open floor plan with high ceilings. Bedroom/office is on the 1st level with adjoining bath. Highly upgraded kitchen with granite counters, large island with sink, and stainless steel appliances. Custom fountain in rear yard surrounded by garden area.
\$1,380,000

3623 CAMERON AVE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



5 BD 3 BA 3,291sf. on a 39,892sf. lot. Flat 1 acre lot. Country elegance close to town. Updated kitchen offers neutral appliances, dinette area, breakfast bar, granite counters with full height backsplash, recessed lighting and opens into the family room. This single story offers a private well, pool, volleyball court, horseshoe court and so much more!
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5260 RIDGEVALE WAY, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



COMING SOON

4 BD 2.5 BA 3043sf on a 10,750sf. lot. Large downstairs great room. Hardwood floors throughout. Remodeled kitchen with granite. Expanded master suite with retreat. Pool and spa in rear yard. Perfect for entertaining!
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3858 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS



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3 BD 2 BA 1,948sf. on 7,500sf. lot. Highly updated single level home with open floor plan. Private, nicely landscaped backyard. Move in ready and within walking distance to Mohr elementary.
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725 ORION WAY, LIVERMORE
LOCATED IN SOUTH LIVERMORE



OPEN SUN 1:00-4:00

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335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON
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OFFERED AT \$849,000

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2248 KAMP COURT, PLEASANTON
Premium private large (12,691 sq ft) lot in excellent court location with in-ground pool & spa! Highly upgraded five bedrooms, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,369 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Remodeled master bathroom with new granite & tile. Three car garage. Professionally landscaped private rear grounds with in-ground pool, spacious deck and large lawn area. Just a few minutes to downtown. Just around the corner from Nielsen Park. Award winning schools!
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OAK MANOR



819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON
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FOOTHILL KNOLLS

SOLD



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON
Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sf. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinetry and high end European appliances. Hardwood flooring, French doors, vaulted ceilings, newer windows, newer tile roof. Master suite includes custom built-in closet/dresser area, French doors to rear grounds, private bathroom with dual sinks. Very private professionally landscaped rear grounds, with no rear neighbors. Recently re-plastered and tiled pool/spa with new equipment. Built-in kitchen/BBQ island with refrigerator. Mature trees, patios and lawn areas.
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CANYON OAKS

PENDING



5809 STONECLIFF VISTA LN, PLEASANTON
Newer beautiful home built in 2004. Great location, backs to open space with views of Mount Diablo, Pleasanton Ridge & surrounding open space! Three bedrooms plus loft/office, two & a half bathrooms, 2401 square feet. Custom tile flooring. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances. Spacious master suite. Oversized two car garage. Beautiful landscaping. Walk to new sports park & award winning Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton Middle School, Oak Hill Shopping Center & Main Street! Convenient to Callippe Golf Course & Castlewood Country Club.
OFFERED AT \$839,500

LAGUNA OAKS

SOLD



2505 ARLOTTA PLACE, PLEASANTON
Best location in Laguna Oaks! Desirable Newport model on premium .40 acre lot. Quiet premium court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, plus formal office. Private guest/in law/au pair quarters (4th). Three and a half bathrooms. Approximately 3,830 square feet. Large gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, custom backsplash, tile flooring and large eating area. Spacious master suite with views of Pleasanton Ridge, and large walk in closet. Beautifully landscaped rear yard with ultimate privacy. Expansive lawn areas (pool site). A short walk to the community pool, park, and tennis courts.
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<p>1695 GERMANO WAY RUBY HILL</p> <p>BED 4 BA 2 7,330+/- Sq.Ft. 0.65+/- ACRES</p> <p>Elaborate Italian Villa with +/-7,330 sf, 5 bedrooms, 6/1 bathrooms, stunning tile work and built less than four years ago. This home offers an impressive entry foyer, stately office, movie theatre, expansive kitchen, walk-in wine cellar and more.</p> <p>THE UWE MAERCZ TEAM 925.251.2568</p>	<p>9999 LONGVIEW LN PLEASANTON</p> <p>BED 6 BA 5(3) 8,330+/- Sq.Ft. 3.85+/- ACRES</p> <p>A gated westside French Chateau custom estate with stunning grounds, elevator, private tennis court, indoor pool, casino/theater, 450 gal salt water fish tank, finished attic, vista terrace etc. Incredible level of detail!</p> <p>THE UWE MAERCZ TEAM 925.251.2568</p>	<p>3545 MERCATO COURT RUBY HILL</p> <p>BED 5 BA 4(2) 5,555+/- Sq.Ft. 0.56+/- ACRES</p> <p>Includes: office + unfinished bonus room. Huge accessible attic & 1,600 sq ft unfinished basement plumbed for bath. Gourmet eat-in kit w/attached sunroom adjacent to family room. Master w/fp, balcony, & double bath-huge glass block shower.</p> <p>DIANE SASS 925.583.2168</p>	<p>8012 GOLDEN EAGLE WAY GOLDEN EAGLE</p> <p>BED 4 BA 3 2,500+/- Sq.Ft. 0.20+/- ACRES</p> <p>Profess Remodel! Chef's Kit w S/S top of line equip, Granite Counters, Cust Mill-work thru out, Cust 2 station office w/ cherry cabs, Baths w/ cherrywd, granite, tumbled marble, Newer windows, Plantation shutters, Bonus room w/ built-ins, fireplace.</p> <p>CORTEZ & PESTAL 925.648.5300</p>	<p>1892 VIA DI SALERNO RUBY HILL</p> <p>BED 5 BA 3.5 4,200+/- Sq.Ft. 0.71+/- ACRES</p> <p>Beautiful Italian style home featuring +/-4,189sf, 5 bedrooms, 3/1 bathrooms, with gorgeous Brazilian Cherry floors and elaborate crown moldings. Enjoy the spacious +/-31,268 sf lot (+/-0.71 acres) with pool and privacy in the back!</p> <p>THE UWE MAERCZ TEAM 925.251.2568</p>
<p>1041 GERMANO WAY RUBY HILL</p> <p>BED 5 BA 5(3) 8,300+/- Sq.Ft. 0.62+/- ACRES</p> <p>Mediterranean Villa on Premium Lot w/ Pano. Views of Mt. Diablo, Overlooking Creek, Majestic Oaks and the 15thFairway. Features; Bonus Room, Study/Computer Rm, Den,Wine Cellar, Media Rm, Open Air Loggia w/ Fireplace for Sunset Dining & "Pella" Windows.</p> <p>THE UWE MAERCZ TEAM 925.251.2568</p>	<p>2902 SABLE OAKS WAY DUBLIN RANCH</p> <p>BED 6 BA 5.5 5,017+/- Sq.Ft. 0.17+/- ACRES</p> <p>Gorgeous! Featuring volume ceilings, hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appliances & 3 car garage. 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths & den located downstairs. Views from upstairs master suite. Low maintenance backyard on large corner lot.</p> <p>THE JOE FRAZZANO TEAM 925.735.7653</p>	<p>7930 RACON HOLLOW Ct PLEASANTON</p> <p>BED 6 BA 3.5 3,670+/- Sq.Ft. 0.80+/- ACRES</p> <p>Spectacular private park-like setting for this beautiful updated cstm home w/ amazing valley views. Open layout w/ grand entry & luxurious master suite. Remodeled kitchen. Crown molding & cstm designer features throughout. Pool & waterfall.</p> <p>CORTEZ & PESTAL 925.648.5300</p>	<p>7781 CLIFDEN COURT THE RIDGE</p> <p>BED 5 BA 5 4,606+/- Sq.Ft. 0.47+/- ACRES</p> <p>Magnificent Former Model Estate built by Taylor Woodrow! Every option you could imagine; natural stone, marble, hardwood, wood paneling, crown moldings, built-in speakers & more! Master suite w/ retreat & balcony. Panoramic views. a kind</p> <p>THE JOE FRAZZANO TEAM 925.735.7653</p>	<p>2155 GOLDCREST CIR GARDEN COURTS</p> <p>BED 2 BA 1 1,003+/- Sq.Ft. 0.10+/- ACRES</p> <p>Remodeled home: cherry wood style cabinets in kitchen & bathroom w/ granite slabs, travertine & wood flooring, new carpet & fresh int. paint, private backyard w/ grass front & rear. Close to shopping, schools, park & short distance to downtown.</p> <p>KERRY RICHARD 925.963.6300</p>
<p>3056 RIVERS BEND CIR ARROYO</p> <p>COMING SOON</p> <p>BED 5 BA 3.5 2,878+/- Sq.Ft. 0.12+/- ACRES</p> <p>Gorgeous. 5th bed room converted into suite and attached to master bedroom, to relax, to watch movie privately/withfriends of choice. Has formal living room and family room, travertine/carpet floor, granite counter top, shutters, fully landscaped.</p> <p>MAX DE VRIES 925.251.2514</p>	<p>2188 McLEAN PLACE S. LIVERMORE</p> <p>BED 3 BA 4.5 4,062+/- Sq.Ft. 0.33+/- ACRES</p> <p>Stunning 1 of a kind, in the heart of Livermore Wine Country. Every detail of this home has been carefully considered & has every amenity imaginable. Wonderful architecture & a well designed floor plan. Fantastic backyard w/ outdoor kitchen & inground pool.</p> <p>PATRICK MARAVELIAS 925.583.2192</p>	<p>2068 CABRNET WAY ARROYO CROSSINGS</p> <p>BED 5 BA 4.5 4,655+/- Sq.Ft. 0.34+/- ACRES</p> <p>Includes: LOFT + OFFICE + MUD ROOM, 4.5 baths, butlers pantry, wine fridge. 1 BR and 1.5 baths downstairs. Flowing FLOOR PLAN! Less than 4 years old, walking distance to downtown & school, large private backyard.</p> <p>GAIL HENDERSON 925.980.5648</p>	<p>2306 MERLOT LANE TAPESTRY</p> <p>BED 4 BA 3.5 3,940+/- Sq.Ft. 0.36+/- ACRES</p> <p>Private and Peaceful describes this Beautiful Home. Located in one of Livermore's Top Neighborhoods this home includes; loft+office, close to 4000 sq ft with vaulted ceilings. Updated Kitchen and Baths! Resort like backyard with waterfall pool.</p> <p>COREY GREEN 925.583.2173</p>	<p>2889 RUTHERFORD CT LIVERMORE</p> <p>BED 4 BA 3.5 3,504+/- Sq.Ft. 0.30+/- ACRES</p> <p>Wonderfully location at the end of a cul-de-sac, near vineyards & open fields. Spacious entry way, gourmet kitchen & grand master bedroom suite. This home has a large backyard w/ a private apartment/office above the garage.</p> <p>SARAH ARNOLD 925.253.7074</p>
<p>3030 PICHOLINE DRIVE S. LIVERMORE</p> <p>BED 5 BA 4.5 3,776+/- Sq.Ft. 0.23+/- ACRES</p> <p>Super Los Olivos! Gourmet kit, granite, big island, 2 butler's pantries, lrg breakfast room, formal living & dining w/recessed lights & coffered ceiling.Built-ins! Brazilian cherry flrs upstairs. Big master w/travertine tiled bath. Stamped concrete patio. Views!</p> <p>DIANE SASS 925.583.2168</p>	<p>30156 PALOMARES ROAD CASTRO VALLEY</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4PM</p> <p>BED 3 BA 1.5 1,410+/- Sq.Ft. 24+/- ACRES</p> <p>Great Ranch style on 24 acres, has a meandering creek and views of the rolling hills. Property Backs up to the park district, lots of room for horses, chickens, gardening etc. Home has 1930's charm and has been nicely maintained.</p> <p>KRISTY AND COMPANY 925.251.2536</p>	<p>3429 ASHBOURNE CIRCLE NORRIS CANYON</p> <p>BED 5 BA 5.5 5,017+/- Sq.Ft. 0.33+/- ACRES</p> <p>Luxury living on the west side of San Ramon and Tri Valley! This property is warm & inviting, great flowing floor plan with large kitchen, restored swimming pool with spa and waterfall, gated community. Hurry won't last long.</p> <p>DAVID AZIMI 925.251.2580</p>	<p>8615 MINES ROAD LIVERMORE</p> <p>Lots and Land 16.53+/- ACRES</p> <p>Extraordinary 16.5 Acre Horse property. Property has 3 wells. A beautiful 5800 William Poole Three Story traditional home has been designed. The plan is negotiable to go with property. Site has been approved for 8 stall barn.</p> <p>CAROL CLINE 925.683.0488</p>	<p>42200 VARGAS RD FREMONT</p> <p>BED 4 BA 1 1,320+/- Sq.Ft. 56+/- ACRES</p> <p>BIG FREMONT INVESTORS! Dream Property, Estate style ranch home with 4 Bedrooms, A Large Barn and over 56 Acres of beautiful rolling hills and level land. Chance of a Lifetime.</p> <p>KRISTY AND COMPANY 925.251.2536</p>

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