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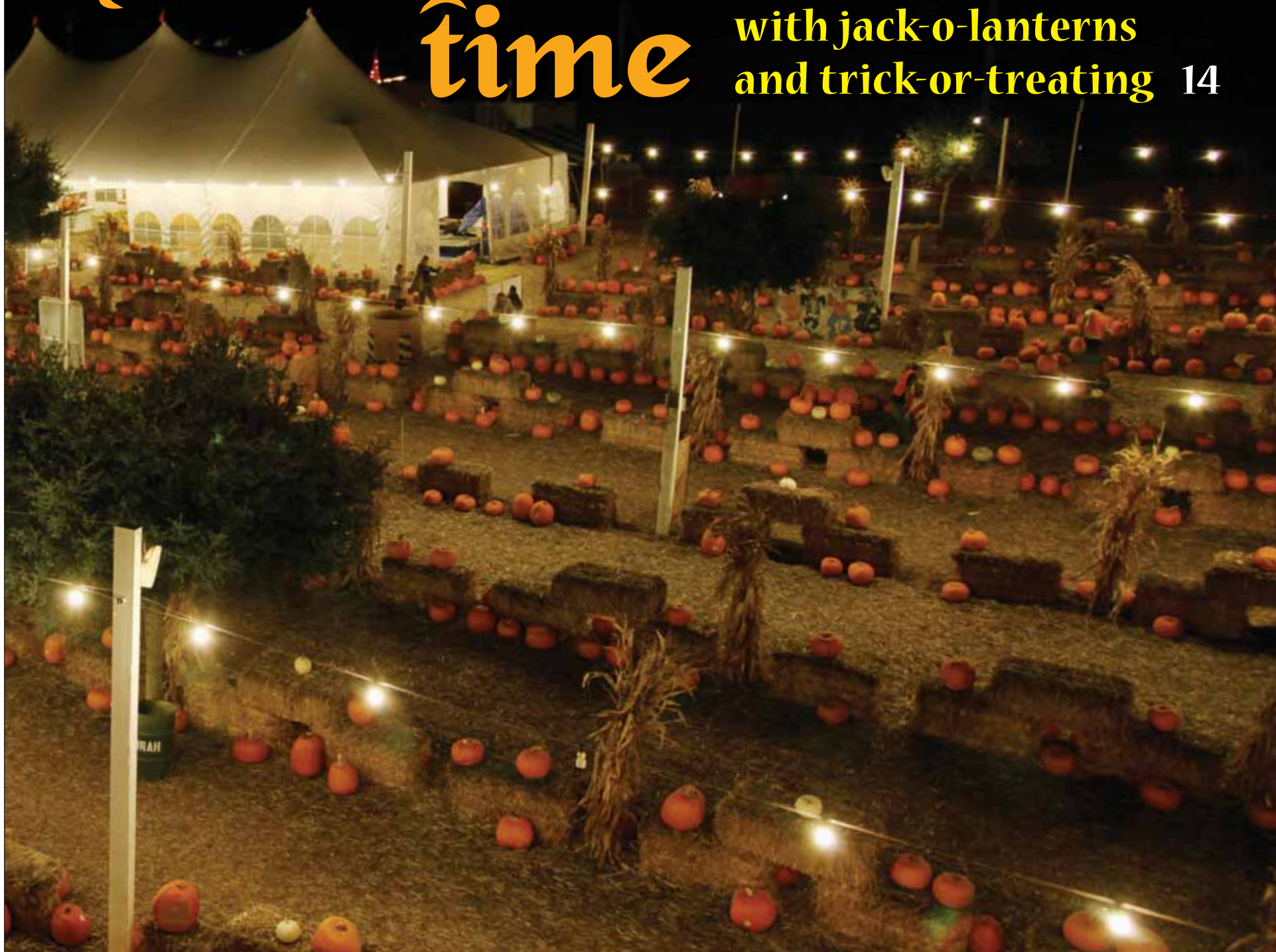


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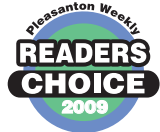
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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

Aging in Pleasanton

Among the hundreds of seniors at last week's groundbreaking festivities for Pleasanton's Stoneridge Creek retirement complex on Staples Ranch were Marge and Rudy Johnson, well-known in the city's nonprofit, public service and religious communities. The Johnsons first heard about the upscale retirement project being proposed by Continuing Life Communities from former Pleasanton school superintendent Bill James, then at a presentation the Carlsbad-based company made at the downtown Pleasanton Rotary Club, where Rudy is a member. With their two children caring for their own offspring in Boulder and Telluride, Colo., the Johnsons wanted to "age in place" (as it's called) without leaving Pleasanton and without becoming a burden to their son Kurt and daughter Kirsten and their families. Besides, Marge said, it's too windy in Boulder and too cold in Telluride.

So they made a \$1,000 deposit on a 1,641-square-foot duet in the Villa section of Stoneridge Creek in March 2008, as CLC's plans began moving through the city's approval process. They expected it to be built by 2010 and that they'd be living there now.

But the wheels of development approvals have a way of taking a long time in Pleasanton and, as anxious as city officials said they were to get Stoneridge Creek under way, obstacles stood in the way. Alameda County owned the 124-acre Staples Ranch and wanted a final agreement on extending Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road on the eastern edge of Staples, where it will connect to Jack London Boulevard on the Livermore side. Many in the nearby Mohr-Martin community, where the four-lane Stoneridge Drive now ends at the western edge of Staples, objected to the extension which they feared would invite cut-through traffic by I-580 commuters. Also, there was the question of protecting rare species of plant life and red-legged frogs, which required environmental studies. Public hearings, the threat of lawsuits and at least two City Council elections also stalled the permits CLC needed. By the time the council gave its final approval this summer, the wife of Troy Bourne, who had first brought the application, had delivered three of their children.

Marge Johnson, always an active get-the-job-done person, was frustrated and organized a group of seniors who also had placed deposits on Stoneridge Creek homes,



JEB BING

Marge and Rudy Johnson eagerly anticipate moving into their new home at Stoneridge Creek.

with many of them investing 10% of the buying a "right to occupy" contract. A Stanford grad and Bay Area Realtor for 22 years, she had everyone don yellow shirts, which they wore to several meetings with the City Council where they called for a decision. The pressure worked and CLC finally got its development permit.

For the Johnsons and the nearly 100 who have move-in contracts, Stoneridge Creek answers the need for couples who are in the autumn of their lives with plans to stay active and involved in the community they love. Rudy Johnson is a retired Episcopal priest. Years of ministering to diverse congregations in Palo Alto, Hayward, Castro Valley and Berkeley have given him a broad-based outlook on culture. He helped gain public support for the Firehouse Arts Center and continues as a member of the Alameda County Arts Commission. Marge Johnson is still a member of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), where she served as president twice. Last Sunday, she joined the group in Sacramento to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Act, marking the day California became the sixth state to sign the Constitutional amendment. One of her many activities is with Book Buddies, a group of 20 who read to the young, as she did Tuesday morning at the Pleasanton Senior Center with a class of second graders from Hearst Elementary School.

As the delays in building Stoneridge Creek continued, the Johnsons looked at other options, including a church-run facility in Oakland. Fortunately, they had the time and good health to wait out the city approval process and can now look forward to moving into their new home in Pleasanton in early 2013. That gives them the chance to continue their friendships, social activities and volunteer work right here in town, which they can continue calling home. ■

About the Cover

Moore's Pumpkin Patch off I-580 is just one place to have Halloween fun this year as Pleasanton celebrates the spooky holiday. Photo by Cammie Clark. Design by Kristin Herman.

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Fifth-grade student

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Alisha Meazzo
Stay-at-home-mom

I think the test itself should be harder, because there are a lot of really bad adult drivers. Many teenagers are ready to drive responsibly at 16, so I don't think that it is necessarily an age thing. Teens need to be able to get around to school and work.



Shontaley Jones
Student

No. I'm 15, and I've excited to drive. I think teenagers are more mature now, and we can handle driving responsibly. I'm doing driver's ed now online, and I will be sure not to drink and drive or text and drive once I get my license.

Ken Ebihara
Construction

I do think it should be raised. They would be safer drivers, in my opinion, and the insurance costs would be less expensive.



Tino Castillo
Student

No. Sixteen is about the age that people need to get around to work and other things. I am going to be a safe driver, because I could kill someone if I wasn't responsible.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Rotary Club Spirit Run is Sunday

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its first-ever Halloween Spirit Run starting at 9 a.m. Sunday on Main Street. Patterned after the club's popular Father's Day Spirit Run, it will include a 5k road race as well as several races for children. Because of its Halloween theme, participants are encouraged to come in costume.

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot on Main Street shared by Domus and Round Table Pizza. The 5K race will kick off at 9 a.m. under the Pleasanton Arch, with a 50-yard and 200-yard races for children scheduled at 10 and 10:30 a.m.

More information can be found on the Rotary Club's website at www.pleasantonrotary.org.

Solar Expo workshop

The city of Pleasanton will host a free workshop to provide residents with an overview of solar technology for residential use. The Solar Expo is scheduled for noon, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the city's Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road in Pleasanton.

The presentation will include an overview about residential solar energy -- how it works, average costs, how to determine if a home is situated for its use, and how the state and federal incentives work. For a limited time, Pleasanton will also offer an incentive for solar installation.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation, and solar installers will be available to answer questions in an informal setting.

Those attending the expo are asked to register at <http://PleasantonSolarExpo.eventbrite.com>. For more information, call 931-5506, or visit www.Pleasanton-GreenScene.org.

NCO Academy at Camp Parks

The Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, which was formerly located in the state of Washington, is opening at Camp Parks in Dublin. It is one of three academies across the country and is the only one in the Western region.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (11th) will speak at the Uncasing of the Colors Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. this morning in the Parks Chapel Building 501 at Camp Parks.

Corrections

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

Seniors cheer as construction starts on Stoneridge Creek

Pleasanton's upscale retirement community to have 635 independent living units

By JEB BING

More than 400 guests turned out last Thursday for ceremonies marking the start of construction of Stoneridge Creek, Pleasanton's new upscale, 635-unit continuing care retirement community.

Among those attending were some 100 individuals who have already paid their 10% deposits for homes, duplexes and garden apartments, making them eligible to move in when the first of the homes become available in 2013.

The project, being developed by Continuing Life Communities (CLC), has been under consideration for five years. It would have been built by now except for a series of lawsuits and procedural stumbling blocks that delayed the city's approval. Earlier this year, the City Council came under increased pressure to approve the development by a large group of Pleasanton seniors who began attending meetings wearing yellow shirts to demand action.

The retirement community is being built on 46 acres of the 124-acre Staples Ranch property, which recently was annexed into Pleasanton. Besides work now under way for Stoneridge Creek, earth movers are also busy preparing much of the rest of Staples Ranch for future development and roads, including an extension of Stoneridge Drive from where it is now barricaded at the edge of Pleasanton on to El Charro Road to link to Jack London

Boulevard in Livermore.

City, civic and Alameda County representatives attended the luncheon groundbreaking ceremony, which was hosted by members of CLC's management team, including Warren E. "Ned" Spieker, Jr., chairman, Richard D. Aschenbrenner, chief executive officer, and Troy Bourne, vice president at CLC who has been spearheading the Pleasanton project since the beginning.

To dramatize a bit, Aschenbrenner said Bourne's wife had given birth to three of their children since her husband first asked the city to approve Stoneridge Creek.

Although the CLC team held the symbolic gold-colored shovel groundbreaking ceremony, the main event was a sumptuous noontime barbecue under a large white tent on the Stoneridge Creek still-dirt site, with an invitation-only event that included valet parking, live music and guided tours of the site.

Guests enjoyed a "Recipe for Success"-themed barbecue lunch and live music on the site of the new community. Tours of the property were also held after the ceremonies.

Aschenbrenner also introduced Jim and Pat Kohnen, the first residents to reserve a home at Stoneridge Creek four years ago. They joined CLC, city and county officials in turning the first shovels of dirt for the groundbreaking.

Bourne said that more than two-



JEB BING

Turning the first shovels of dirt for the new Stoneridge Creek retirement community on Staples Ranch are (from left) Richard D. Aschenbrenner, chief executive officer for Continuing Life Communities (CLC), owner/operator of Stoneridge Creek; Pleasanton Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio; Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty; Warren E. Nedi Spieker, Jr., chairman of CLC; and future residents Jim and Pat Kohnen.

thirds of the homes in Stoneridge Creek's first phase have been reserved. He cites the upscale, quality homes, convenient services, amenities, dining options and its location in Pleasanton for giving the special appeal the development has.

"This event celebrates the patience and effort of not only the city's capable staff but also that of the hundreds of new residents looking forward to becoming part of this community," Bourne said during the ceremonies. "We are thrilled to help bring what I'm sure will be a great addition to the city and region."

Designed by the architectural firm of Van Tilburg Banvard &

Sodenburg, AIA, of Santa Monica, Calif., the community will offer up to 635 independent living residences, including single-story villas. Bourne said that construction of the community's new homes and common buildings will begin in the first quarter of 2012. The first residents are expected to move in during the second half of 2013.

In addition to nearly 20 floor plan options in several configurations, Stoneridge Creek will feature several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining; a library; billiard and card rooms; and a computer lab and business center. Other onsite

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Pleasanton's oldest resident

Orville Nightingale reads a card with his great-granddaughter Megan Montez at his 107th birthday party Tuesday in the dining room at Ridgeview Commons. Friends and family came from as far away as Kentucky to join the celebration. Asked the secret to his longevity, Nightingale joked, "Every time you exhale, don't forget to inhale."

Teen pleads not guilty in double stabbing

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The teen charged in a double stabbing in September pleaded not guilty on Wednesday, despite confessing to one of the stabbings.

Victor Garcia, 16, is being tried as an adult in the stabbings of Cameron Gipson and Dawayne Barnes on Sept. 15. Garcia admitted to police that he had stabbed Gipson but has denied the stabbing of Barnes; however, in his statement to police, Garcia said he would have if he'd had the chance. Barnes and witnesses all told police that Garcia had stabbed both victims.

In court on Wednesday, after a closed conference between Garcia, his attorney, Thomas Knutsen, and Alameda County Superior Court Judge Hugh Walker, Knutsen pleaded Garcia not guilty on all counts.

Garcia is charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, each of which can carry a sentence of up to four years in state prison, and with inflicting great bodily injury, which could carry an additional sentence of three years. He's also charged with committing a violent felony, which could add another three years, and under a state statute that prohibits plea bargaining in

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Peters Avenue house to be recognized

First Architectural Heritage Award for New Construction

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Heritage Association is giving its first Architectural Heritage Award for New Construction to Emil and Marjorie Oxsen for their home on Peters Avenue in Pleasanton's historic downtown district. The New Construction Award is for new homes that are true to the historic character of Pleasanton's downtown district.

The Oxsens built their house from "Kilbourne" plans in a 1921 Sears and Roebuck catalogue, adapting them for a modern lifestyle and to fit the lot. The bungalow-style house is 1,200 square feet with two bedrooms, a formal dining room and a laundry room.

"I was limited to how big a house could be built on the lot," Emil Oxsen said.

He explained that, in order to use the lot they'd purchased on Peters Avenue, they moved the kitchen from the rear of the house to the front, next to the living room.

Oxsen said the Sears house in 1921 cost \$2,700, which included shipping the materials — from the ceiling joists to the hardwood floors — along with the plans.

"You only had to put it together," Oxsen explained. "Mine was built from scratch. I had a local architect

draw up floor plans and do engineering to meet codes and so forth."

The Oxsens are both Pleasanton natives and graduated from Amador Valley High School. Emil's grandfather built several buildings on Main Street; Marjorie is a former student of Amador tennis legend, Don Anger.

Years ago, the couple built an old-fashioned, 3,600-square-foot Victorian style house on Neal Street, east of downtown, where they raised their family.

The Oxsens moved to the Peters Avenue home in 2004 and spent much time in salvage yards searching for hardware and lighting appropriate to a 1920s-vintage bungalow, as well as appropriate wallpaper. They are still working on the ceiling in the dining room.

"It's just taken time," Oxsen commented.

They love living downtown and walk to Main Street almost every night, plus they enjoy the historic appeal of their home.

"When I'm in my garden in the front, people are amazed that the house is only 6 years old," Oxsen said.

The Architectural Heritage Award will be presented at the Oxsen house at 370 Peters Ave. at 4 p.m. tomorrow. ■



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Tri-Valley YMCA opens new Dublin headquarters Thursday

City grant, developer's aid helps Y with expanded facilities

By JEB BING

The Tri-Valley YMCA will officially open its new headquarters facility in Dublin with a ceremony from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Tri-Valley Y, which used to be located on First Street in Pleasanton, moved to larger quarters at 6693 Sierra Lane, Suite F, in Dublin.

At the event, "we will share information about the programs and services available and explain how businesses and individuals can get involved," said Kelly O'Lague Dulka, executive director. "Scheduled activities at this free public event include demonstrations, self-guided tours, informational displays, music and refreshments. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to win an Apple iPad 2 and a variety of other prizes."

The expansion of the YMCA was made possible by a grant from the city of Dublin and residential home developer Jordan Ranch Properties. This expansion now allows for programs and services to take place at two facilities (Dublin and Pleasanton) in the Tri-Valley.

The new facility includes a Family Wellness Center with an array of services ranging from recreational programs to mental health services to fitness and dance classes.

Throughout the year, Dulka said the YMCA will continue to develop programs, classes and services to meet the needs of the Tri-Valley community.

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School board OK's \$240,000 plan despite objections

Facilities plan will consider current state of schools and look to the future

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A plan to spend nearly \$240,000 to update the Pleasanton school district's facilities master plan met with opposition Tuesday from a board member and a member of the public, but still passed on a 3-1 vote.

The facilities plan would look at the state of the district's buildings and plan for the future. Resident Julie Testa pointed out that schools are already overcrowded, with the need for two elementary schools. She pointed to district figures that show schools at 113% of capacity, adding that doesn't take into account almost 500 new apartments planned for the Hacienda Business Park.

She also said a facilities plan would be useless, since the district has no money for construction projects.

"Please use the quarter-million dollars to pay for teacher salaries," Testa told the board. "Tell the city that there needs to be a moratorium on building because the (school) district has not planned."

School Board Chairwoman Valerie Arkin opposed the spending for several reasons, including the back and forth between the city and the state over plans to build affordable housing, a new demographer's report that would tell what the district what to expect in terms of new students and the ongoing state budget crisis.

"It's a lot to spend without knowing what's coming," Arkin said. "I do think we need (a facilities master plan), but there's things we need to do first."

Arkin also proposed postponing a vote because she'd only received detailed information about the proposal the morning of the board meeting.

However, board Member Jeff Bowser called it "embarrassing" that it had been 14 years since the last facilities plan update.

The \$239,920 contract was awarded to design firm LPA of Roseville.

Spokesman Steve Newsom said the new facilities plan his company submits will incorporate demographics and the new housing element, and that many improvements could be done at little or no expense. The update will be done in four to six months.

Meanwhile, the school district is awaiting a mid-November report that could set the stage for more cuts. That report is the first of two about state revenues; if they are significantly below projections, automatic triggers could kick in, resulting in an estimated \$2.8 million more in cuts to the district.

Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, said September revenues were \$62 million short of projections included in the final budget, but the state has received \$248 million more than the figures used in the May revision of budget numbers.

"We're short about \$654 million of where the state needed to be," Cazares said. "And so we continue to wait."

In other budget matters, the district received about \$15,000 from the CORE (Community Outreach for Education) campaign after the close of fundraising. That money will be distributed to schools based on population.

Last weekend's Bon Appetit fundraiser for Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) netted between \$70,000 and \$80,000, according to PPIE Spokeswoman Debi Covello. She added that PPIE is changing its approach to raising money in the hope of having final donation figures from fundraising ready before the district has to issue layoff notices to employees, rather than the flurry of last-minute appeals from late spring until the beginning of the school year it has done the last two years.

Covello called the requested

\$150-per-child donation "a good deal," pointing out that many districts, including neighboring San Ramon, ask for much more.

The board also heard a first report on transitional kindergarten, a state-mandated program that would combine some of the features of traditional kindergarten with some of those of preschools.

Jane Golden, the district's director of curriculum and special projects, outlined the plan to change the entry date for kindergarten to 5 years old by September 1, with younger children sent to transitional kindergarten instead. The idea, she explained, would send older, more mature children to regular kindergarten, and send younger ones to the transitional program, which would be taught by teachers and include what Golden described as "structured play" as well as elements from traditional kindergarten.

Golden said research has shown that transitional kindergarten improves social, emotional and academic development, boosts test scores, and increases the likelihood that a child will enter college. The district has until 2015 to phase in the new program, although it, like regular kindergarten in California, is not mandatory.

In other actions at its meeting Tuesday night, the board approved district goals for the school year. Those goals are to improve student achievement and school safety, to better communicate with parents and the community and to reduce spending and bring in more money. Each goal has a set of strategies attached to it so successes can be measured.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi also welcomed Sherya Gupta as a student member of the board. Gupta is a senior at Amador Valley High School. ■

STONERIDGE

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amenities include an elegant spa and fitness center; an open-air pool, steam room and spa terrace; a performing arts theater for musical and theatrical performances; a movie theater; art studio; and woodworking shop. Outdoor recreation amenities include a short-game golf course; tennis courts; dog park; walking and cycling trails; and bocce and croquet courts.

Stoneridge Creek will also offer a state-of-the-art health center located adjacent to the main campus. The health center will consist of 68 assisted living apartments with a dedicated memory support area as well as 73 skilled nursing beds. The health center will be licensed by the state's Department of Health Services and Department of Social Services and will be open to the general public as well as Stoneridge Creek residents.

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STABBING

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certain violent crimes.

Knutsen told Walker that he's still missing some of the information he needs to proceed, but agreed to a Nov. 2 appearance for Garcia for pretrial motions and the release of documents — subpoenaed school records for both Barnes and Gipson "to determine if the student engaged in any acts of violence" or "whether the student is or is not a

member, associate or affiliate of any street gang."

The stabbing occurred outside the Pleasanton school district's graphics art and utility yard in the 4700 block of First Street, a little more than a block from Village High School. High school classes were still in session at the time.

Gipson, 16, attends Amador Valley High School, and Barnes, 17, attends Village. Both are recovering, and Gipson, also known as Cam-Cam, has since appeared on a na-

tional TV show as a rapper despite a knife wound that pierced his liver.

Police found Garcia and a male associate in front of the Civic Square Apartments on Bernal Avenue, where Garcia lives; both told police the location of the knife used in the stabbing and a fixed-blade knife has been recovered.

Garcia appeared in court dressed in a blue Alameda County Jail T-shirt and tan slacks with shackles around his waist. He's being held on \$260,000 bail.

PAID BY ROBERT BYRD

Downtown

Dealing from the bottom



Now I'm no expert! But I do live downtown, own downtown properties, have restored old buildings and built new ones downtown and have an unchallenged record of supporting downtown revitalization. So, let me run these facts past you and then tell us what you think.

The Pleasanton City Council just approved an eleven (11) members committee to study the possibility of changing and/or modifying portions of the existing Downtown Specific Plan. Two (2) members are City Council members themselves — five (5) were selected by the City Council — two (2) are Pleasanton Planning Commissioners and the last two (2) come from the Pleasanton Downtown Association. That makes up all eleven (11).

Now some of you out here in the political wastelands may be wondering, "How does this government arranged combination reflect a fair and balanced picture of the community?" Although personally my reasoning process never got past my first thought! "Do I really want government picking winners and losers for me?" Isn't this like playing poker with someone whose playing with your money and a stacked deck? Anyway, if your desires are fair rules and balanced representation, then tell the government that's now reshaping Downtown's future what you think. It's your downtown . . . maybe?

—Robert W. Byrd

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Mystery shopper

Kate Graham of Sunol was shopping at CVS Pharmacy on Valley Avenue in Pleasanton last week when this colorful bird perched on a shopping cart near her. "Seeming to be dressed in fall colors, the bird allowed me to get close enough to take this picture," Graham wrote in an email. "Then the mystery shopper took flight."

KATE GRAHAM

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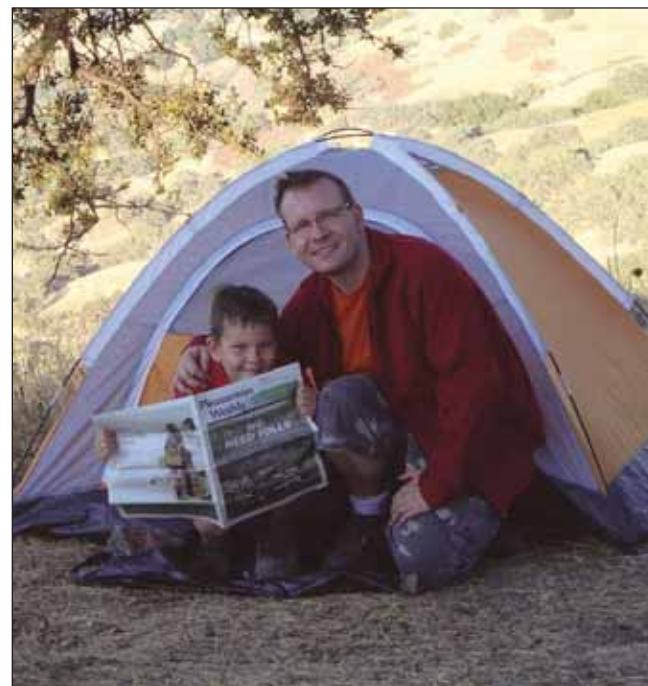


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TAKE US ALONG



Ancient site: Visiting the Erechtheion at the Acropolis in Athens, Ron and Kathy Otvos, along with Lori and Rick Schussel, take time to catch up on their hometown news.



Camping at Sunol: Bjorn Jensen and his son, Erik, take The Weekly along for a backpacking trip in the Sunol Regional Wilderness. The son and father camped at Sky Camp campground. "It was a beautiful spot and even more amazing how it was so close to home," said Bjorn.



All Aboard! During a spring break trip to Mexico, Andrew, Megan, Shayne, Kaelin, Allie and Nick set sail onboard the "Happiest Cruise on Earth!" The group enjoyed zip-lining, boogie boarding, swimming with dolphins, and of course, catching up on their Pleasanton Weekly.



Bon Voyage Paris: Lonnie Shaw of Pleasanton and Stephanie Haynes of Tracy visit Paris last November. Lonnie recalls Paris was a "beautiful place!"



Homework in Rome: Doing their historical research, Xiaopei and Andrew Gelb work on the Weekly's "homework assignment" as displayed on the cover, at the Roman Forum last November.



Island of Italy: Rose Pompilo and her daughter Maria Saterlund, both of Pleasanton, visit the birthplace of Rose's parents on the island of Stromboli, Italy. Stromboli, home of an active volcano, is located off the coast of Sicily.

REI, Sports Authority opening stores in Dublin

New retailers add to fierce competition in recreational goods field

Two major retailers of sports and outdoor recreational equipment are opening new outlets in Dublin as the city expands the number of its big-box merchandisers.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) will open its new 24,000-square-foot store at 7099 Amador Plaza Road following an invitation-only celebration party last night.

A free light breakfast will be available starting one hour before the store opens at 10 a.m. In addition, the first 200 people (ages 12 and older) through the door will receive a limited-edition Camel-Bak water bottle with a \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 REI gift card inside.

REI is known for its top brands of gear and apparel for camping, climbing, cycling, fitness, hiking, paddling, snow sports, and travel. The Dublin store will offer a bike shop for quick assemblies and repairs, as well as a seasonal gear rental department for customers who want to test out new outdoor activities.

Within a few weeks, Sports Authority will open its new store on Dublin Boulevard where it has taken over 45,000 square feet of the old Mervyn's department store space. The rest of the Mervyn's site has yet to be leased.

Sports Authority, based in Colorado, is a nationally-known merchandiser of brand name sporting goods.



JEB BING

A free light breakfast will be available today, Saturday and Sunday to celebrate the grand opening of the new REI store in Dublin.

Both new stores add to the already-fierce competition in the sports-related field with other retailers and sports specialty stores in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. ■

Polycom names Ruggiero as its new president for North America

Former sales executive has 25 years' experience in industry

Pleasanton-based Polycom, Inc. a recognized leader in standards-based unified communications, has announced the appointment of David Ruggiero to Theater President, North America.

Reporting to Tracey Newell, executive vice president of global sales, Ruggiero will be responsible for leading sales strategy and execution for the North America theater, Polycom's largest geographic region by revenue.

Ruggiero brings to Polycom nearly 25 years of professional sales, operations, finance, and management experience in enterprise, commercial, small business, government, and service provider segments. He has held executive sales leadership positions for major IT, software, and telecommunications

companies, and has experience in direct and partner/channel sales, in the U.S. and internationally.

Most recently, Ruggiero was area vice president for Cisco, responsible for the sales and partner relationship with AT&T. In this role, Ruggiero led a direct team of over 300 people and an extended support team of more than 500.

Before that, Ruggiero ran sales for Cisco's fast-growing Commercial South Area region. Prior to Cisco, he spent several years at Avaya running sales (including sales operations) in the Western U.S., as well as EMEA, and also held sales leadership positions at Qwest and AT&T.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Government from Hamilton College. ■

Muller named president of Pleasanton-based Telwares

Veteran executive succeeds Charlotte Yates in top post

Telwares, Inc., a technology consulting firm in Pleasanton, has been appointed Dave Muller as its new president. Muller, an industry veteran, succeeds Charlotte Yates in the post.

Muller brings over 25 years of experience to his role, including an extensive history in shaping the market convergence of network services and technology. He joined Telwares in 2004 from MCI, where he ran MCI's global pricing organization.

"I speak for everyone at Telwares

when I express my gratitude for all Charlotte has done for the company since its inception," said Alex Russo, the company's executive chairman. "Under her leadership, Telwares has secured its position as the preeminent consultancy in our market and has attracted and developed top talent at all levels of the company."

"Dave Muller is a proven, experienced industry veteran who has the confidence of our employees, and deep relationships with our clients and the supplier commu-

nity," added Russo. "Dave steps into this leadership role at a time of great opportunity for Telwares and, along with our shareholders, I am confident that he will continue to effectively expand the business."

Telwares is a technology consulting firm providing cost optimization and network transformation services to clients worldwide. The company is located at 7901 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 310, in Pleasanton.

For more information, visit the company's website at www.telwares.com. ■

Energy businesses asked to join Lab's special program

Incubator aims to accelerate the development of U.S. energy technology

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is asking energy businesses of all sizes for proposals to collaborate with LLNL teams of experts in advancing energy technology through the use of high performance computing (HPC).

This one-year pilot program, called the hpc4energy incubator, aims to accelerate the development of energy technology and boost U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace by teaming industry with the scientific and computing resources at national laboratories.

Companies with the winning proposals will collaborate with LLNL scientists and use LLNL's

HPC systems to find solutions to urgent problems and learn how to employ HPC as a powerful tool for innovation.

"HPC lets companies collapse the time and expense of designing and prototyping new products and processes," said Deborah Wince-Smith, president of the Council on Competitiveness. "That's important for advanced industrial countries like the U.S. that can't compete on wages and need to be at the frontier of discovery."

Tomas Diaz de la Rubia, LLNL's deputy director for science and technology, agreed.

"In an era of fierce global competition in the clean energy sector, high

performance computing can stimulate the rapid advancement of U.S. clean energy technologies," he said.

He announced the pilot program at a Technology Leadership and Strategy Initiative (TLSI) workshop, sponsored by the Council on Competitiveness and hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy in Washington, D.C.

The first step for potential collaborators is to submit a one-page letter of intent providing a high level overview the proposal. Letters of intent should be sent to proposals@hpc4energy.org before 5 p.m. Pacific time on Dec. 16.

For more information, see www.hpc4energy.org. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Nightlife in downtown Pleasanton

After years of bickering over regulations affecting allowable noise, late-night hours and other issues affecting downtown entertainment and night life in Pleasanton, the City Council has formed a Hospitality Guidelines task force to address key elements in creating a responsible environment for downtown vitality. Businesses in the downtown provide a large percentage of sales and property tax revenue, and are a major force in attracting shoppers, home buyers and business investment to our city. Downtown streets that lack any activity after 8 p.m. or have night life that's too rowdy lack appeal to those within the city and from nearby towns. They soon start going elsewhere.

As a foundation for its work, the new task force will consider the Responsible Hospitality Institute's six key elements to a successful hospitality district. These are public safety, music and entertainment, multi-use sidewalks for events and outdoor restaurants seating, quality of life, transportation and venue safety and security.

Hospitality has become more competitive as cities realize the benefits of supporting safe, inviting public spaces. Surveys show that fewer in suburban cities the size of Pleasanton travel regularly to nearby big city hubs, such as San Francisco, Oakland or the Peninsula, preferring, instead, to stay closer to home. Changes in job patterns with less of the working population confined to traditional 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. jobs, telecommuting opportunities, travel costs and more concern over driving after drinking just a little are steering us to shop, dine and have fun close to home. All of this has an economic benefit both for those who live here and for restaurants, shops and clubs that serve the local population.

Among the priorities of the Hospitality Guidelines task force will be to determine if downtown as a whole or a smaller section or several sections of it should be tagged hospitality districts. If so, what are the rules? Up to now, a restaurant seeking an operating permit in Pleasanton has an easier time if it closes by 10 p.m. If it serves alcoholic beverages and stays open past 10, it's classified as a bar with much tougher restrictions. Some of these businesses have permits allowing them to stay open to 1 or 2 a.m., mainly on weekend nights; others must close earlier. There's little consistency, which the task force hopes to resolve. Noise levels vary, often by the number of complaints filed with police. A restaurant on First Street two years ago closed its doors for lack of late night business after complaints from residents on the other side of First.

Members of the new task force are Councilmen Matt Sullivan and Jerry Thorne, Planning Commissioners Kathy Narum and Jerry Pentin, Pleasanton Downtown Association representatives Michael Hosterman and Melanie Sadek, and those chosen as "at large" members: Christine Bourg, Kathleen Dlugosh, Jon Harvey, Peter MacDonald and Lori Rice. Their next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17, with meetings following at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursdays of the month. The meetings are open to the public. This is everyone's chance to chime in on entertainment and night life in Pleasanton's downtown. ■



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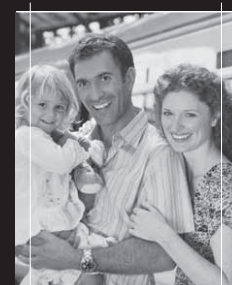
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider a resolution accepting the 2010-11FY Year-end Financial Report and amending the 2010-11FY Operating Budget
- Continued to November 15, 2011 - Public Hearing: PUD-50-01M, Ponderosa Homes, Carol Lehman, and William and Kathryn Selway – Consider an application for a Major Modification to the approved Planned Unit Development to increase the number of lots on an approximately 19.47 acre site located at 3157 Trener Drive and 2313 Martin Avenue from 27 lots to 31 lots, to construct 29 one story homes from the previous combination of 25 one- and two story homes, and to change the house designs and sizes, and for related on- and off site modifications; an amendment to the previously approved low-income housing agreement; an amendment to the previously approved low income housing agreement; and the Negative Declaration prepared for the project
- Public Hearing: PSPA 4/PUD 65 01M, Nick Kavayiotis – Consider applications for (1) an amendment to the North Sycamore Specific Plan; and (2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Major Modification to allow a memory care/assisted living facility as a permitted use and PUD Development Plan to construct an approximately 21,481 square foot, one story memory care/assisted living facility containing 46 beds on the existing properties located at 5980 and 5998 Sunol Boulevard; and the Negative Declaration for the project.
- Review and approve the design of the sport courts in Owens Plaza Park to conform to the Iron Horse Trail Master Plan

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consideration of Options for Merging the Housing and Human Services Commissions
- Discuss FY12/13 Housing and Human Services Grant Statement of Priorities
- Consideration of a Workshop in November or December 2011 and Review of Commission meeting schedule for December 2011, January, and February 2012

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.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

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

POLICE BULLETIN

Mountain bike stolen

A high-priced mountain bicycle was stolen Oct. 25 from the back of a pickup truck parked in a carport in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road, a police report said.

The bike, a Specialized Stump Jumper, was valued at \$4,000, with an additional \$500 in lights. The theft took place between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., according to the report, which said the bike was not locked.

POLICE REPORT

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

Oct. 19

Theft

- 9:15 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 8:16 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 11:04 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft

Auto burglary

- 7:37 a.m. at the intersection of Canyon Meadows Circle and Mountain View Drive

Prank calls

- 10:08 a.m. in the 4600 block of Third Street

Vandalism

- 8:31 a.m. in the 5000 block of Woodthrush Road
- 3:04 p.m. at the intersection of Vine Street and Birch Creek Drive

Drug violation

- 12:18 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Blvd; paraphernalia possession

Oct. 20

Theft

- 10:45 a.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive; embezzlement
- 1:11 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road; identity theft

Oct. 21

Theft

- 1:25 p.m. in the 1500 block of Laguna Creek Lane; petty theft
- 1:59 p.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; identity theft

Battery

- 11:10 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Auto burglary

- 8:37 p.m. in the 3600 block of Nevada Street

Prank calls

- 12:14 p.m. in the 1200 block of

Quarry Lane

Vandalism

- 12:40 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Tawny Drive
- 7:57 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vine St

Alcohol violations

- 2:12 a.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI
- 10:18 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 10:51 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue; public drunkenness

Oct. 22

Theft

- 9:16 a.m. in the 5500 block of Black Avenue; theft, grand theft
- 3:12 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 7:45 p.m. in the 800 block of Rose Avenue; petty theft

Vandalism

- 7:34 a.m. in the 2200 block of Segundo Court
- 9:14 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- 10:57 p.m. in the 100 block of Division Street

Alcohol violations

- 2:06 a.m. at the intersection of Rheem Dr and Stoneridge Dr; DUI
- 3:28 a.m. in the 1400 block of Whispering Oaks Way; underage drinking on private property, battery
- 11:40 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Rd; underage drinking and driving

Oct. 23

Theft

- 9:02 a.m. in the 4200 block of Hayford Court; theft
- 4:14 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Auto burglary

- 7:48 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 11:43 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:36 a.m. in the 1600 block of Tanglewood Ct; public drunkenness
- 3:20 a.m. at the intersection of Tawny Drive and Norton Way; driving with marijuana

Oct. 24

Rape

- 9:03 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 12:46 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; spousal rape

Theft

- 12:37 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft
- 12:53 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 4:52 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall road; theft

Auto burglary

- 1:40 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 1:56 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 2:01 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 12:37 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 11:55 a.m. in the 7300 block of Tulipwood Circle

Oct. 25

Theft

- 1:34 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road; grand theft
- 2:20 p.m. in the 3200 block of Stanley Boulevard; petty theft
- 3:56 p.m. in the 3100 block of Tokay Court; identity theft
- 8:34 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- 9:09 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 6:07 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Alcohol violations

- 1:50 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; DUI

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Dorothy Bernice Jolette

Feb. 6, 1916-Oct. 13, 2011

Dorothy Bernice Jolette passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 13. She had been ill for the past three weeks but had enjoyed 95 years of a very good life. Born in Menominee, Michigan, she spent almost all of her first 75 years in Niagara, Wisconsin. Her husband Ray, preceded her in death in 1979, two brothers, Sonny and Lester Tappy, sister Joyce Kellerman, also preceded her in death. In 1991 she moved to Pleasanton, California where she began a new life, living near her son Barry and daughter in law Carole. In addition to Barry and Carole, she is survived by grandson Tim Jolette, his wife Debi and great-grandchildren Caitlin and Danielle, who live in Eldorado Hills, California. Her second grandson, David Jolette, wife Stacy and two other great-grandchildren, Nicole and Ryan, live in Denver, Colorado.

The family plans a graveside ceremony at Niagara Cemetery at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 31. The family requests that any remembrances be made in the form of a donation in her name to: Hope Hospice, Inc., 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, California 94568.

Evalyn Peters

Evalyn Peters, a longtime Oakland resident passed away peacefully on October 15, 2011 in Pleasanton, CA. Her husband Rudolph Peters preceded her in death in May 2011. Evalyn is survived by her loving children, David Silva (Laurie), Denise Hallock, Debra Nappo (Paul), and Ron Peters (Christina). She leaves her adored grandchildren, Nicole (David), Stacy (Steve), Lindsay (Gentil), Stephanie (Josh), Nicholas, Jordan and Gavin, and great grandchildren Michael, Cameron, Cole, Anthony, Chayse, Adriana, Hayden, Claire and Evan. She was a loving sister to Doris Bowman, Judy Ellis, Karl Taylor and Linda Cooper. Dear sister in law to Ron and Joy Peters. Favorite Aunt to many nieces and nephews and surrogate mom to many. She also leaves her loyal and lifelong friends, Tom (deceased) and Mary Mowbray, Bill and Ann Taylor and Jay Naas. Evalyn was a member of the Oakland Garden Club and volunteer with the Oakland Food Basket. She enjoyed spending time in her garden and painting, but her greatest joy in life was time spent with her family and friends.



Private services will be held. Donations may be made in Evalyn's name to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. #100 Dublin, CA 94568 or to Alzheimer's Association.

Lisa Renee Schneider-McKenna

April 2, 1970-Oct. 19, 2011

Lisa Renee Schneider-McKenna, Age 41, of Pleasanton passed away with family by her side after a short battle with cancer. A Bay Area native Lisa grew up in El Sobrante CA and attended De Anza High School in Richmond, CA graduating in 1988. Lisa had many careers in the medical field including front office, bookkeeping, insurance and paralegal. Lisa enjoyed drawing, ceramics, cooking and taking yearly trips to Disneyland with her sons. Lisa was a beautiful mother who devoted her life to her children to make sure they always came first in her life. Lisa is predeceased by her twin sister Cheri and is survived by her

two sons, Brandon and Dylan, her mother Lottie, father Kenneth, and her brothers Kenny and Michael. Funeral services were held Monday, October 24th at 1:00 pm at Irvington Memorial, 41001 Chapel Way, Fremont California.

A fund for her surviving sons Brandon 17 and Dylan 14, funeral costs and hospital bills is being established through this account: Chase Bank, 1898 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, Acct#: 401573584, Checks Payable to: Michael Schneider, or American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org/involved/donate, or Hospice of Dublin, www.hopehospice.com/donation.

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6:30-8:30 pm

Oakland—Monday, October 24th

East Oakland Senior Center, Multipurpose Room
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6:30-8:30 pm

Union City—Thursday, October 27th

Union City Sports Center, Classrooms B & C
31224 Union City Boulevard, Union City 94587
6:30-8:30 pm

Dublin—Wednesday, November 2nd

Dublin Public Library, Community Room
200 Civic Plaza, Dublin 94568
6:30-8:30 pm

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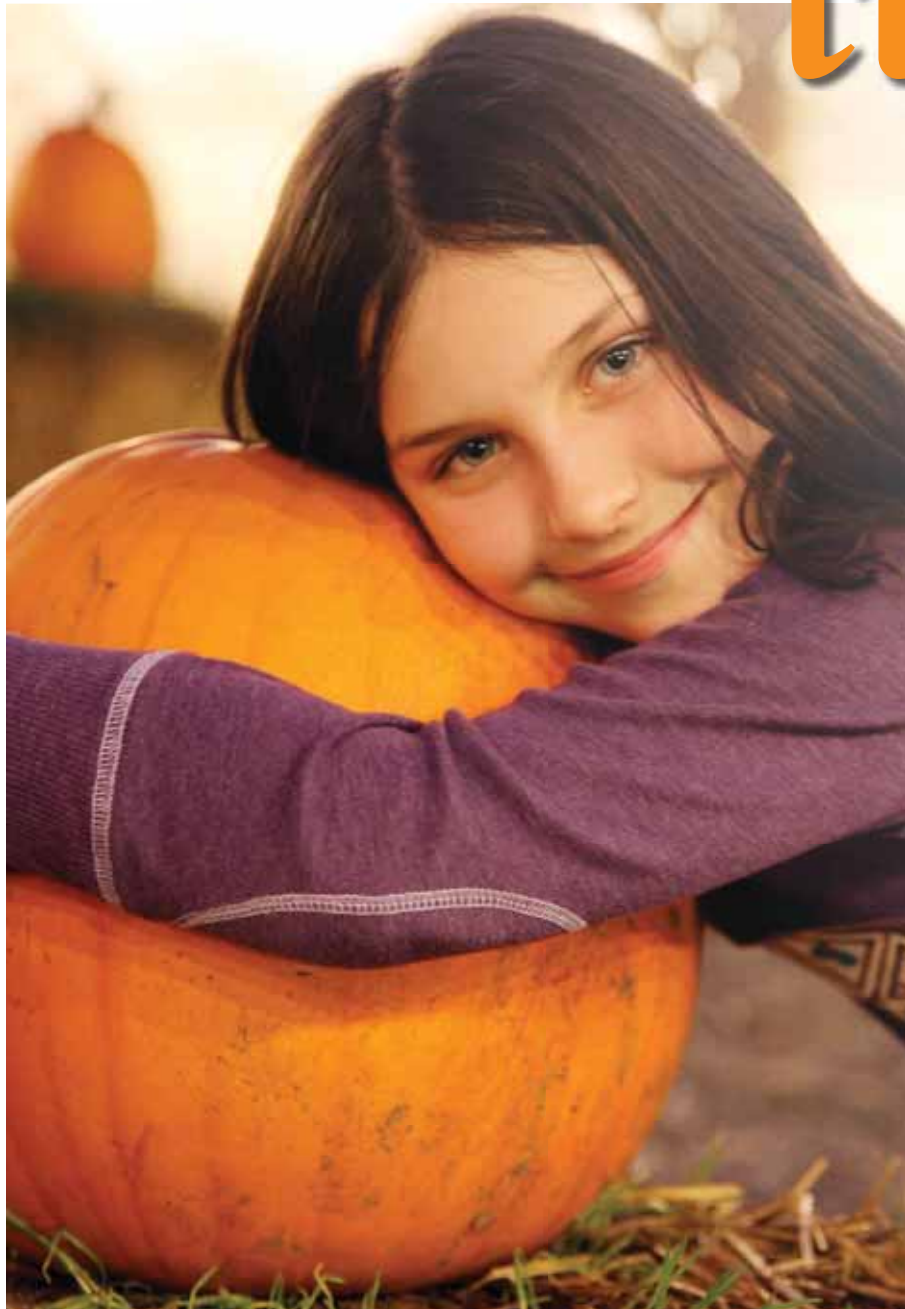
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Pumpkin time

From the littlest scariest goblin, E will have a haun

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Shops and Halloween aisles at drugstores and supermarkets have been selling scary, cute and fun costumes and accessories for weeks while residents plot their plan of action for a fun Halloween. Larders have more sweets than usual as folks make ready to hand out "treats" to costumed children Monday night whether or not they are fearing "tricks."

But Pleasanton offers many other opportunities for fun, besides neighborhood trick-or-treating. Check out the activities below for a fun Halloween.

Halloween events

" **Museum Ghost Walks** — The Museum On Main is hosting downtown tours that highlight Pleasanton's haunted past and present. Ghost Walks take place from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29, departing every 30 minutes from Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Call 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

" **Halloween at Alviso Adobe Community Park** — Join City Naturalist Eric Nichols tonight or tomorrow night on a walk around the park to learn about and view some nocturnal animals of the region including spiders, snakes and frogs. The tour ends with participants making a Halloween craft. All ages 4 and up are welcome to join in the 20-minute tours that begin at 7 p.m. and continue to 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$5 for residents, \$7 for non-residents.

" **Fourth annual Pumpkin Carving Party** — Being held at Alviso Adobe Community Park from 1-3 p.m. tomorrow. Fee



Halloween fun with (clockwise, from left) Phaedra Hageman p Pumpkin Patch off I-580; Jane Stewart, 6 months, enjoys her his backhand stroke at the annual Halloween Fun Night at th offers a Super Slide and a train; Jason Strawn, 5, enjoys a tra at Alviso Adobe Community Park.

is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Preregister online or by phone at 931-5340.

" **6th annual Halloween Fun Night** — Kids and adults alike attend this free city-sponsored event every year in costume to tour the Haunted Hallway of Horror, enjoy yummy treats and tennis games for all age groups and skill levels including Beat the Pro and Speed Serve. Tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex on Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue. Call 931-3446.

" **'Nig Of Imp** of Impu troupe. setting a fun, int theater, night at Railroad \$8 at th \$10 in a admisi

Pet fun on Halloween

Remember the dangers and hide the chocolate

By DR. KRISTEL WEAVER

These days our pets are considered our children. On Halloween, nothing is cuter than a dachshund in a hotdog costume or a bulldog pirate. I love dressing up my dogs on Halloween and get quite a laugh when they parade around as a superhero, princess or clown. This time of year you can find a rack of pet costumes in almost every pet store. As an alternative, many people make their own creative pet costumes. It is fun to include our dogs and cats in this playful holiday.

To keep Halloween a fun event, remember the potential risks:



! If your dogs bark and lunge when the doorbell rings, close them in another room with a food dispensing toy, put up a baby gate or keep them on leash. A fearful dog will be terrified of all the noise and costumes and might do better in another room with the television on, to drown out some of the noise.

! Keep in mind that chocolate, raisins and xylitol (a sugar-

free sweetener) are toxic to dogs. Not only is it important to keep the candy out of their reach on Halloween but also in the weeks that follow when kids have candy stashed in their bedrooms, backpacks and secret hiding places.

! Many dogs and cats escape from their homes unnoticed on Halloween. Make sure they are wearing an identification tag or are microchipped. Sadly, dogs and cats can be the butt of cruel jokes on Halloween. Black cats are notoriously targeted. Keep your dogs and cats inside to avoid any problems.

! I hope you and your four-legged friends have a fun Halloween. Most dogs I know are more than happy to perform a trick to get a treat!

—Dr. Kristel Weaver is a graduate of the Veterinary School of UC Davis and has been at Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care in San Ramon since 2007.



ghost to the Pleasanton ted weekend



icks out her favorite pumpkin at Moore's first Halloween; a little skunk works on the Pleasanton Tennis Complex; Moore's in ride; last year's pumpkin-carving crew

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" **Pirates of Emerson** — At the Alameda County Fairgrounds with a Bumpkin Patch, Carnevil, Bone Ball, Fields Family Corn Maze, Misfortune Teller and more through Oct. 31. Cost is General: \$20; Speed Pass, \$30; Combo Ticket, \$40; Corn Maze, \$10; VIP, \$70; parking, \$8. Call (510) 657-2121. Not recommended for children under 13.

" **Spirit Run** — The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its first-ever Halloween Spirit Run on Sunday, benefiting community service projects in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. The event, patterned after the Father's Day Spirit Run, will include a 5K road race as well as several races for children, and participants are encouraged to come in costume. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot on Main Street shared by Domus and Round Table Pizza. The 5K race will kick off at 9 a.m. under the Pleasanton Arch, with 50-yard and 200-yard races for children at 10 and 10:30 a.m. Visit www.pleasantonrotary.org.

" **Scavenger Hunt for Kids** — The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting this event from 10 a.m.-noon tomorrow. Bring the kids out (costumed, of course) for a scavenger hunt to start at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St., to pick up a Halloween bag and get the first clue.

" **Halloween Scene** — Every year, the family of School Board Member Jeff Bowser creates a Halloween scene at its home to raise donations for a charity. This year, the money will go to Pleasanton Partnerships in Education. Stop by 2426 Tapestry Way in Pleasanton to see what (or who) the Bowsers have dug up this year.



TriValley Life

PEOPLE AND LIFESTYLES
IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

'The Laramie Project'

High school
presenting
play on
aftermath
of hate crime



JESSICA RAGER

Left: Catherine Connolly (Julia Brunelli) speaks to Tectonic Theater Group member Stephen Belber (Charles Platt) about being a professor at the University of Wyoming and an out lesbian, as group members spread throughout Laramie interviewing townspeople after the murder of gay student Matthew Shepard. Below: Sgt. Hing (Jay Sharma) of the Laramie police speaks to Tectonic Theater Group member Greg Periotti (Alex Magni) about life in Laramie; University President Philip Dubois (Travis Himebaugh) and Laramie resident Zacki Salmon (Jordan Bilotti) speak about the people of Laramie. Below, left: Students and Laramie residents walk in support of Matthew behind the Homecoming Parade, (l-r) Sarah O'Brien, Andre Gallego, Mariah Brown, Alex Magni, Julia Brunelli, Ainslee Burns, Emily Helmer, Travis Himebaugh and Charles Platt.



JESSICA RAGER

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

"I hope that in the grief of this moment and in the shared outrage across America, Americans will once again search their hearts and do what they can to reduce their own fear and anxiety and anger at people who are different."

The drama students at Amador Valley High were focused last week at rehearsal for "The Laramie Project," as they recited the poignant lines of the townsfolk grappling to understand a tragedy in their midst.

"I've never seen a cast so focused on portraying these real characters," said drama teacher Kelsey Hartman. "They can search online and see the characters on videos. It's a real challenge for them and an interesting one, to play a 68-year-old rancher and turn around and play a 16-year-old friend of Matthew's."

In October 1998, 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, who was gay, was kidnapped, brutally beaten and left to die, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyo. Five weeks later, members of the Tectonic Theater Project went to Laramie and, during the next year, conducted more than 200 interviews with the residents.

The result of these interviews is "The Laramie Project," which shows both how the town begins to fall apart immediately after the event and now it healed.

"This play to me isn't about being gay but how a town almost unravels because of a hate crime and how they have to rally together to heal," Hartman said.

"We still have issues on campus, not just homophobia but racism," she added. "It's not pervasive but it happens on campus. I felt it was time to open up a discussion — on how students treat each other on campus and how we treat other people."

She said she has known students who left

Responding to tragedy

What: "The Laramie Project," by Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project

Who: Amador Valley High School Drama

Where: Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton

When: 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27, 28, 29, Nov. 3, 4, 5

Tickets: Box office opens at 6:45 p.m. Students (no children under 6) and seniors, \$5; adults, \$8

Other: On Friday nights, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, the Amador Gay Straight Alliance will join the cast and crew for an audience Q&A after the performances.



JESSICA RAGER

the school because it was too painful for them to be on campus.

"Actually it's a play I felt was important to do four years ago but the administration at that time wasn't willing to try it," Hartman said.

Before beginning production this year, she made sure everyone understood the play and its relevance. Principal Jim Hansen and the school district, from Senior Director of Pupil Services Kevin Johnson to Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, are supportive of it, she said.

A friend of hers who taught drama at another high school in the Bay Area said that producing the play was a life-changing experience for both her and the cast.

Members of Amador's Gay Straight Alliance are also part of the production.

"After the Friday performances we are doing a forum where audience members can stay afterward and talk to the cast and crew

and members of GSA," Hartman said.

She also noted that the play has 60 roles, which gave her the freedom to cast as many actors as she chose. Twenty-one students are playing the 60 characters, plus the production has 20 technicians to move scenery and props and otherwise help with logistics.

"It's a play that's based on interviews, in Laramie and outside Laramie, and it's sometimes a short interview then it transitions out," Hartman explained.

A photo of Matthew Shepard and of the fence where he was left to die will be projected, as well as the big blue sky of Wyoming.

"They are a huge part of the production in general," Hartman said.

"Matt was right there in that spot, and I can just picture, in his eyes, I can picture what he was seeing. The last thing that he saw on this earth was the sparkling lights of Laramie, Wyoming." ■



Watercolorist Charlotte Severin is having a one-artist show at Wente Estate Winery with an artist's reception Nov. 6. The exhibit includes her en plein air painting of the Retsloff house and vineyard.

Painting with passion

One-artist show on exhibit at Wente during November

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Watercolorist Charlotte Severin is having a one-artist show, "Painting with a Passion for Life," at Wente Estate Winery during the month of November, showing her works done en plein air and still lifes.

"Painting is for me a celebration of life, an opportunity to express my joy and awareness of the beauty and fascination of life

all around," Severin said.

The exhibit will include a view of Valley vineyards, Mount Diablo in its various moods, and plein air works that Severin painted abroad. Still-life compositions include locally collected thistles and dried seed pods, persimmons and pomegranates, flowers in bloom, treasured teapots and candle sticks, with all of the elements in dramatic combinations.

Severin, a Pleasanton artist who teaches "Art Made Easy" classes for the city and is well known throughout the Tri-Valley, said that she paints with a passion for life and hopes those who view her works feel that excitement, too.

An artist's reception will be held 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Winery at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. ■

From the Dons to the Alamodome

U.S. Army Captain Brent L. Barnes presents the band jacket to Ian Toy of Amador Valley High School, who has been selected to be a member of the 2012 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Toy will join an elite group of musicians who will perform during halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 125 high school senior marching musicians and color guard members from across the country, showcasing their talents during the largest celebration of high school football in America, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, to be televised live on NBC at 1 p.m. EST on Saturday, Jan. 7.

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Out & About

—Concerts, Film & Live Music

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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.

MAGIC OF MAJI "A Taste of Africa" is part of a Girl Scout's Gold Award project. The show will demonstrate African culture through dance, music, cuisine, guest speakers and art. The event is from 2-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. For more information, email magicofmaji@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE The 35th annual Holiday Boutique hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary will take place from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, and 10 a.m.-

4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Veterans' Memorial Bldg., 301 Main St., with a variety of hand-crafted items including holiday decorations. Auxiliary supports Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298. Call 606-7676.

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.

SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT SHOLTY

Amber von Tussle, part of an evil mother-daughter combination, is played by Morgan Breedveld in the Tri-Valley Rep production of "Hairspray."

Big hair, Baltimore and bounce

Tri-Valley Rep's 'Hairspray' brings audience to its feet.

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Here's a one-sentence review of Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's "Hairspray," now playing at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore: Go see this show.

The play is a coming-of-age musical (in more ways than one) set in 1962 Baltimore. It's funny and poignant, with songs that fit the times, when teen idols were competing with girl groups like the Shirelles, when seatbelts were an option and cell phones were science fiction.

It's the story of Tracy Turnblatt, a plus-sized teen who goes from getting detention to getting attention as the rising star of the Baltimore version of American Bandstand, the Corny Collins Dance show — sponsored by hairspray company Ultra Clutch.

After defying the odds, getting on the show, falling for the male singer and becoming a Baltimore celebrity, Turnblatt loses it all and winds up getting arrested after trying to integrate the act (remember, this is 1962, when African Americans were "Negroes" or Colored People"). Along the way, there's the usual girl-meets-boy, girl-loses-boy, girl-gets-boy-back subplot. And that's all in the first act.

Melissa Modifer as Turnblatt and supporting actor Isaiah Boyd as Seaweed both excel in their roles, as do Morgan Frazer as Penny Pingleton, Turnblatt's best friend with two left feet, and Robert Lopez as Link Larkin, the Corny Collins Show teen idol wannabe (and the boy in the boy-meets-girl subplot).

Peter DelFiorentino (continuing a Hairspray gender-bending tradition that started with Divine in the original 1988 John Waters film) is a scene stealer as Tracy's mom, Edna Turnblatt, especially when teamed with Jeff Seaberg as Tracy's dad, Wilbur Turnblatt, for the number "(You're) Timeless To Me."

As a musical, "Hairspray" manages to keep the kitsch that's a Waters trademark; and the music, with songs like "Miss Baltimore Crabs" and "Cooties," fits Waters' quirky sense of humor.

Modifer and Boyd do a great job in the detention scene where Tracy learns the dance that lands her on the show, and "The Big Dollhouse" scene that opens the second act is another highlight of the show.

Throw in things like a visit to the black side of Baltimore, an evil mother-and-daughter combination — Suzie Shepard as Velma von Tussle and Morgan Breedveld as Amber von Tussle, respectively — dance numbers from the Corny Collins show, a jailbreak and a big finale, and "Hairspray" has everything that one could want in musical.

The Broadway show was nominated for 13 Tony awards and won eight, including Best Musical. The local production, put on by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, has almost as much to offer. It is rated PG-13.

"Hairspray" runs through Nov. 6; for more information, call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org. ■



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Book Clubs

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB If you enjoy reading and would like to share your thoughts with others in an informal setting, the Pleasanton Library Book Club, which meets the fourth Monday of the month, may be for you. The club meets next at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 28, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., to discuss "In the Time of Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez. For more information call 931-3400, ext. 7, or visit www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com.

Classes

MEET MY AUNT AMPHIBIAN Millions of years ago, my great, great Aunt Amphibian came out of the sea. Today, amphibians are an important part of life on earth. Did you know frogs can tell us about the health of the habitats around us? Learn all about amphibians from 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 5, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

TURKEY TIME Turkeys are the stars of the Thanksgiving season and probably the main course of your holiday meal! However, how much do you really know about these famous birds? Come and learn about the funny animal that almost became our national bird from 1-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

Concerts

FAMILY CONCERT Pleasanton Community Concert Band presents its Family Concert from 2-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. This concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.

SHEPHERD'S GATE FUNDRAISER Sweet Adelines International presents the Harmony Fusion Chorus in "Autumn Harmony," a concert to benefit Shepherd's Gate, from 2:45-4:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Special performances of several regional quartets, "Ladies First," a cappella Barbershop Youth Chorus and Sycamore Strings Youth Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for children and seniors. Call 510-653-7664 or visit www.harmonyfusion.org.

Events

2011 HOLIDAY FOOD & COAT DRIVE

Enjoy an evening of socializing, giving and shopping. High quality, unique vendors will ensure stress-free, convenient, one-stop shopping from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17, at Carden West School, 4576 Willow Rd. No lines or traffic and plenty of parking. During this event, Carden West School is sponsoring a Food and Coat drive. Call 463-6060 or visit www.cardenwest.org.

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NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBIT The annual touring exhibit of the prestigious National Watercolor Society will be on display from Oct. 26 through Dec. 11 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. A companion exhibit of works by California Watercolor Association artists, "Five Palettes," will also be shown. Admission

including both exhibits is \$5. Harrington Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and for one hour prior to each Firehouse Art Center performance and during intermission. Call 931-4849 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

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 kdowling@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

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Fundraisers

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HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE CPA firm JL Consulting is coordinating a holiday food drive benefiting people in need served by the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable foods can be dropped off between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at JL Consulting, 1024 Serpentine Ln., Suite #105. It will be accepting donations until Dec. 16. Call 846-1859 or email info@jlcpa.net.

PADDLE FOR PINK- RACQUETBALL & PADDLEBALL Support the cause while having fun at this life saving benefit. Enjoy a singles paddleball round robin or racquetball pool play doubles, from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at ClubSport, 7090 Johnson Dr. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Proceeds benefits the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Minimum donation \$25. Call 463-2822, ext. 570, or visit www.clubsports.com/pleasanton/upcoming-events.

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the event is from 6:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Rd. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., provided by Vic's All Star Kitchen. Charity event to benefit Open Heart Kitchen, Axis Community Health and Kids Against Hunger. Limited to first 110 players. Call Vic LeLaurin at 510-912-0819 or Mike Peel at 693-2449. Cost \$65 buy in. Additional buy-ins throughout the night.

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LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM Guest speaker Deepak Khuntia will present information about lung cancer from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. All registered participants will receive a free lunch and drink. To register, call 734-3319 by Oct. 31 and leave a message with your name and number of people attending.

Holiday

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Lectures/ Workshops

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM Judaism and all of its history, customs and holidays will be the focus of a new Introduction to Judaism course offered by Congregation Beth Emek. Classes are from 8:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 25-Jan. 24 (no classes on Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3). There is no cost for congregation members; cost for non-members is \$18 plus materials of \$18. Call 398-6210.

NATURE TALKS WITH THE NATURALIST Nature talks explores a variety of nature related topics as well as how people impact nature. Come for a slide show/video presentation and Q&A session from 4-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Children under 7 must be accompanied. Bring a picnic dinner. This event is free, but pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

Live Music

'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.

THE SONGS OF IRVING BERLIN The Firehouse Arts Center Cabaret Series continues with Linda Purl and Lee Lessack in "Steppin' Out with My Baby: The Songs of Irving Berlin" at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The much-applauded duo will perform Berlin's most beloved songs. Tickets are \$17-\$27 for adults, \$17 for children, and \$24 for seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Recreation

TRI-VALLEY YMCA GRAND OPENING The Grand Opening Preview of the new Tri-Valley YMCA Facility will take place from 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6693 Sierra Ln., Suite F, Dublin. The public is invited to attend and learn about available programs, services and ways to become involved. The event includes tours, refreshments and prizes. Call 263-4444 or visit www.trivalleyymca.org and www.facebook.com/trivalleyYMCA.

Seniors

Downsizing MADE EASY Enjoy an informative & fun presentation ideal for seniors considering their housing options. Lectures are from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, and 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Discussion will include downsizing, housing alternatives and using professionals to help you with your move & adjusting to your new lifestyle. Call 931-5369 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Rage U19 White Team continues winning ways

Pleasanton's U19 White extended its unbeaten streak in league play to 11 games this past weekend as they blitzed the Oakland/Montclair Clippers on Saturday 8-0, and edged out Walnut Creek Phoenix 3-2 on Sunday.

The squad was firing on all cylinders Saturday against the Clippers, creating excellent possession in the midfield and plentiful scoring chances throughout the game. Goals came from a variety of players, including Sasha Greenlee (2), Kylie Copenhagen (2), Kendra Fujino, Carly O'Brien, Katie Styles and Kennedy Poplawski. Goalie Bryanna Miller and the defensive backs recorded their 5th shutout of the season.

The Sunday match proved to be a more difficult test as Walnut Creek played inspired soccer against the 2nd place Rage team. After Sasha Greenlee scored in the first half for Rage, Walnut Creek tied the game 1-1 just before halftime. The U19 White team took the lead again midway through the second half on a long goal from Kennedy Poplawski, but the Phoenix squad answered right back with a near identical goal from their top midfielder. However, after urging from their coaches Jose Iniguez and James O'Brien at halftime to come together as a unit, the Pleasanton squad seemed to catch a second wind down the stretch, tightened up on defense, and finished off a late set-piece goal to take the lead for good, 3-2.

On Nov. 6, the team will be fighting to finish league play in second place in a key match vs. Danville Mustang Flash.



Rage U19 White GK Bryanna Miller prepares to punt the ball, as sweeper Alyssa Ray looks on.



Blue and gold action

Foothill High varsity football's No. 45 Griffith Gates takes a dive at Friday night's game against San Ramon Valley High in Danville. Gates scored two touchdowns and ran for 100 yards at the game, which ended in a victory for the Wolves, 42-28. Below, Falcons quarterback Tommy Paulson, who threw for 183 yards, completing 18-31.

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Going for it

Pleasanton Rage's Sophia Shibliq, center, controls the ball against the Mustang Blaze in U10 girls soccer action Saturday at Diablo Vista Middle School in Danville. The Blaze beat the Rage Black team, 1-0.



Last hurrah on Pleasanton pitch

Olivia Zhu seeks a Rage teammate in U19 D3 action against the Union City Rebels on Sunday. Olivia netted 3 goals in the game, which the D3 won, 7-1. Top offensive players were Zhu, Haley Boehmer, Kiley Zieker; top defensive were Kelsey Milligan, Dana Syriani and Megan Smart. The team is virtually all seniors so it was their last game on a Pleasanton pitch.



Her-ricane on the field

Jamison Gray of the Rage U12 Her-ricanes heads downfield Saturday while playing Xtreme Tigers to win the game, 3-1. Top offensive players were Gray, Mollie McKay and Audrey Emmett. Top defensive players were Allison Defazio, Hailey Hogarty and Kyra Shah.



Go, Grey!

Rage Grey U11 Zoe Moura wins for the ball in Saturday's game against Tri-Valley Force. Grey U-11 overcame a 1 goal deficit at half time to finish with a 3-1 victory over the Tri-Valley Force in Saturday's game in San Ramon.

WARREN MCCARTY

SPORTS DIGEST

On the gridiron

Amador Valley High Dons varsity football edged host Grananda Matador in Livermore, 12-9, in Friday's league game. Tonight the Dons face the Monte Vista Mustangs, in an attempt to advance on its 4-3 season record. The Mustangs have a league record of 3-4 after their 42-21 loss to De La Salle.

Foothill Falcons football lost its Friday match to San Ramon Valley High in the Wolves homecoming game, 42-28. Tonight the Falcons face Livermore High at home.

Dons make a splash

The Amador JV Lady Dons Water Polo Team took first place for the second year at the Liberty High School water polo tournament. They report that they have struggled lately but seemed to have turned it all around after a nail-biting overtime 9-8 win against EBAL rival Livermore at Livermore on Oct. 20. This newfound life carried over into Saturday's three-win, first-place finish in the Liberty High School JV tournament.

The team was scheduled to play crosstown rival Amador Valley at Amador on Oct. 27. After the varsity game, Amador planned to honor its six graduating girls: Madison Mooney, Kayla Miller, Madeleine Hess, Caroline Harpster, Elle Surber and Nicole Guzolek; and its two graduating boys: Michael Lenz and goalie Chris Iniguez. The boy's varsity game was to follow immediately after the brief ceremony.

PREP LINE-UP

Oct. 28

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home
- Football: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away

Nov. 1

- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Carondelet, away
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, away

Nov. 3

- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. AVHS, away

Nov. 4

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Football: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. California, away

Nov. 10

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. AVHS, home

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California home sales decline in September

Realtor group blames ongoing economic uncertainty

By JEB BING

Heightened economic uncertainty contributed to a decrease in California home sales in September, according to data from the California Association of Realtors.

However, September home sales posted higher on a year-to-year basis for the third consecutive month and remain at stable levels.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California fell to a seasonally adjusted 487,940 units in September, down 2.1% from a revised 498,320 in August, according to information collected from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLS reports statewide. However, September home sales were up 4.1% from the revised 468,700 units sold during the like period a year ago.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2011 if sales maintained the September pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

"September's sales decline was not a surprise, given the run of economic events that occurred during the time these sales were initiated, such as the debt debate, weakened stock market, and pending changes to the conforming loan limit," said CAR President

Beth L. Peerce. "This heightened uncertainty, coupled with the lower conforming loan limit, which some large lenders began implementing in early July, had an adverse impact on September sales."

The September statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home sold in California was \$287,440, down 3.2% from a revised \$297,060 in August and down 8.3% from the \$313,460 median price recorded for September 2010.

"While the median price declined in September, we've seen nominal month-to-month changes in the statewide median price since February, indicating some stability in home prices," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "Additionally, September home sales remained on track with expectations for this year, and sales for all of 2011 should be about even with last year, slightly above 490,000 units."

Other key facts of CAR's resale housing report for September 2011 include:

- The Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes was 5.1 months in September, essentially unchanged from 5.0 months in August but down from a

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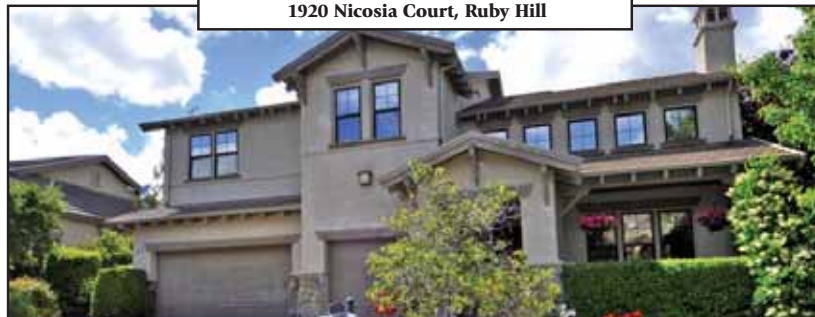
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5 bedrooms, 4 baths, approx 5000+ sqft, bonus room, separate office and spa room - premium location! Large and flat 31,060 sqft lot.

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REDUCED



5047 Forest Hill Dr, Pleasanton

Forest Hill Estates — Built in 1996

Beautiful single story home featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, approx 2,547 sqft. New interior paint, new carpet, hardwood floors, marble entry, remodeled master bath. Excellent Westside location with 3 car garage.

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5 bedrooms, large
backyard with pool,
under 1.3 million**

**Smaller family home,
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6023 STERLING GREEN CIRCLE

Beautiful home in the "Canyon Oaks" neighborhood of South Pleasanton. This 4 bed/2.5 bath home, is just under 2900 sq ft. Built by KB homes in 2003, on a secluded and premium lot, this home has many wonderful upgrades. Enjoy the oversized backyard, with professional landscaping, custom arbor and views of the Pleasanton Ridge. Walking distance to Hearst Elementary & Pleasanton Middle School, close to downtown, shops, the Bernal sports fields and freeway, vaulted ceilings with formal dining and living room, built with energy conservation features, plantation shutters, upgraded lighting throughout home. Upgraded kitchen with Zodiac counter tops and high end stainless steel appliances. **REDUCED TO \$875,000**



6432 INGLEWOOD DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Great home in Val Vista, 3 BR / 2 BA, 1555 sq ft. with upgraded gourmet kitchen. Super clean, huge beautiful backyard, hardwood floors, and new windows. Great location, very well maintained by owners. All Section One Termite work completed. Sellers putting on a brand new roof. **REDUCED TO \$555,000**

PENDING



4615 Rimini Court, Dublin Sorrento at Dublin Ranch built in 2007. \$50k in upgrades, 2160 sq.ft. Short sale. **\$520,000**



2650 Chocolate Street, Pleasanton Wonderful 4 bedroom / 2.5 bathroom home. Built in 2000, located in Mohr Elementary School District.

RECENTLY SOLD



4436 Desertwood Place, Pleasanton Charming 4 BR / 2 BA in Highland Oaks, 1606 sq ft., with a resort-style backyard. **\$690,000**



5172 Moller Ranch Dr, Pleasanton Gorgeous 4 BR home, stunning hardwood floors, upgrades throughout. **\$781,000**



5071 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton 4 BR / 3 BA home features granite kitchen, crown molding and views. **\$990,000**

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Danville

4 BEDROOMS
246 Scotts Mill Ct \$939,000
 Sat/Sun 1-5 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

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

Dublin

2 BEDROOMS
7528 Oxford Cir \$309,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

3 BEDROOMS
7300 Lone Ct \$385,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5859 Southbridge Way \$535,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS
8363 Rhoda Ave \$699,000
 Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
725 Orion Way \$544,000
 Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

5 BEDROOMS
1217 Blossom Cir \$829,000
 Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
1485 Trimmingham Dr \$495,000
 Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

3 BEDROOMS
5703 Athenour Ct \$799,000
 Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

4 BEDROOMS
23 Silver Oaks Ct \$1,448,480
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

15 Silver Oaks Ct \$1,399,880
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

640 Varese Ct \$2,000,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

5260 Ridgevale Way \$995,000
 Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

2781 Calle Alegre \$1,089,000
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500

5128 Blackbird Dr \$800,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

2144 Raven Rd \$779,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

3891 Picard Ave \$1,298,000
 Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

5083 Muirwood Dr \$850,000
 Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

5 BEDROOMS
1920 Nicosia Ct \$1,225,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

7235 Valley Trails Dr \$725,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

4501 Sandalwood Dr \$699,900
 Sat 12-4/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

3623 Cameron Ave \$1,325,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990

4823 Pipit Ct \$875,000
 Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

2755 Huff Dr \$875,000
 Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

603 Blossom Ct \$1,425,000
 Sun 11-3 Delores Gragg 989-6500

727 Vineyard Terrace \$1,399,000
 Sun 1-4 Serafino Bianchi 858-0649

San Ramon

3 BEDROOMS
3324 Chartwell St \$565,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

5 BEDROOMS
6902 Emerson Lane \$1,035,000
 Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200



SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Sept. 15-Sept. 30)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$260,000
Highest sale reported: \$868,000
Average sales reported: \$624,200

Livermore (Sept. 15-Sept. 30)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$173,000
Highest sale reported: \$900,000
Average sales reported: \$390,683

Pleasanton (Sept. 15-Sept. 30)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$177,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,525,000
Average sales reported: \$666,778

Source: California REsource

DECLINE

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revised 5.9 months in September 2010. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates averaged 4.11% during September 2011, down from 4.35% in September 2010, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates averaged 2.84% in July 2011, compared with 3.46% in September 2010.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 54.4 days in September 2011, compared with 50.3 days for the same period a year ago. ■

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 7300 IONE CT
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 3 BR 2 BA Open Floor Plan. Hardwood Flrs. New carpet/paint! Dual pane Windows! Lrge Fam Rm w/ fireplace 510-421-2836



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GREAT LOCATION BY PARK
 5128 BLACKBIRD DRIVE
\$800,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA 2364 Sq.Ft. Upgraded Kit w/beautiful cabinetry, hrdwd flrs, granite counters. Expanded Fam Rm. 510-421-2836



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\$255,000
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 4 BR 2.5 BA Upgraded Kit./cabinets, SS appliances, upgraded flooring. Professionally Land-

scaped backyard. 925.847.2200
 3475 RIMINI LN
BEAUTIFUL HOME!
\$699,999
 3 BR 3 BA Plus Downstairs Office/Den. Kit w/Granite Slab, Cntr Island w/brkfst bar. Oversized Mstr Ste. 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
DUBLIN RANCH HOME
\$535,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA Kit w/island & granite. Hrdwd flrs, Lrge bdrms, mstr bdrm ste w/walk-in closet, jetted tub. 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

4706 BEL ROMA RD.
LOVELY RANCH HOME!
\$1,950,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Formal Dining & Living rm. Lrge Fam. Rm w/wet bar. Remodeled Kit w/Granite. 6 Stall horse barn 925.847.2200

624 SHELLY DRIVE
LOCATION...LOCATION
\$405,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Dual Pane Windows. Laminate Flooring. Formal Living/Dining Rm. Newer Kit. Appli. RV/ Boat prking 925.847.2200

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 3 BR 2.5 BA Remodeled bathrooms. Hardwood Flrs. New Carpet/Paint throughout. Vaulted Ceilings. 925.847.2200

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3891 PICARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON
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DOWNTOWN



SOLD
335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON
 Location, location, location. Desirable downtown quiet court location! Beautiful upgraded home, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2350 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash and stainless appliances. Newer upgraded hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, dual pane windows, newer brushed nickel hardware and fixtures. Lots of upgrades including 30 year roof. Elevated lot with private secluded tranquil grounds includes TimberTech deck, mature trees. Walk around the corner at Neal and in one minute you are at the Farmers Market and can also enjoy all the other downtown amenities! Award winning schools! SOLD FOR \$830,000

ESTATES OF MOHR PARK



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! OFFERED AT \$1,165,000

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SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER
1348 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON
 Excellent location!!! Panoramic views of surrounding hills. Backs to open space, no rear neighbors. Great condition, move in ready! Five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3300 square feet. Recently updated gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops! Spacious master suite with fireplace & large bathroom. Open living room, family room and formal dining room. French doors, hardwood flooring. Three car garage. Beautiful, professionally landscaped grounds include, in-ground pool, spacious deck, gazebo, large lawn areas and 135 wine producing grape vines, private vineyard! Community amenities include tennis courts & pool! Walking distance to Main Street and downtown! Award winning Pleasanton schools! SOLD FOR \$1,400,000

OAK MANOR



819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON
 As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 square feet, four bedrooms (two master suites) plus office/wine room and bonus loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Quality, high end equipment and finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Oversized four car garage. Beautifully landscaped Tahoe-like grounds with mature trees. Two minutes to Castledown Country Club. OFFERED AT \$1,565,000

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. OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$949,000

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 & Castledown 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. SOLD FOR \$1,300,000

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The latest from The 680 Blog

Should You Sell Your Home During the Holidays?

Mistletoe. Lights. Warm fires. The holidays are a special time of year, and most people have a "Rockwellian" soft spot for these festivities (at least until they get the credit card bills for all of the shopping). The natural assumption is that having your home on the market from late November through December is a waste of time... that there are no serious buyers out, no one buys homes during the holidays, etc.

Let's be honest; there are normally fewer buyers in December than there are in April. And showing your home this time of year can range from a minor annoyance to a major hassle. And there is indeed a strong argument to be made that it does not make sense to pile up days on market if you do not have a good chance of selling your home. These are valid arguments.

But as is often the case, there is the opposite view that the holidays might be the best time to sell your home. Here are the reasons:

Most houses just look better during the holidays. As we have discussed numerous times, buying a home is an emotional process first. And a nice house that is beautifully decorated for the holidays can create a very warm, inviting environment. A crackling fire, ginger bread cookies, and lights can be the icing on the cake for some buyers in terms of creating that strong emotional appeal.

There is less competition. Many sellers take their homes off the market during the holidays, so there is typically less competition from other properties during this time of year. That is a good thing. It is easier for your

home to stand out if there are fewer choices.

Buyers can be more serious. Yes, there are typically fewer buyers in the market during the holidays. But some of them are very motivated. I mean, who would miss a chance to watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas" for the 47th time just to go casually look at homes. Holiday buyers are likely to include folks relocating to the area, or buyers with some urgency or impending event pressuring them to look now. Maybe they are renting, and their lease is almost up. Or they want to get a jump on the Spring market before other buyers jump in.

As always, your home has to be priced attractively and show well to have a good chance of selling during this time of year. But if your home shows well, you are good at decorating, and can >>Go to www.680homes.com for more real estate information!



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2755 Huff Drive

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\$875,000

OPEN SUN 1-4



5083 Muirwood Drive

Upgraded 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH Stoneridge area home with vaulted ceiling, granite kitchen, hardwood floors, new carpeting, new roof, 3 car garage, and private yard!
\$850,000

OPEN SUN 1-4



5703 Athenour Court

Moller Ranch beauty shows like a model! Pristine 3 BR, 2 1/2 BTH home with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, plantation shutters, downstairs master BR, and premium private lot!
\$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

PENDING SALE!



Pristine upgraded Vintage Hills 4 BR, 2.5 BTH home shows like a model! Cherry & granite kitchen, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, and private .31 acre yard with sparkling pool!
\$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

JUST SOLD!



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!
\$1,840,000

JUST SOLD!



Old world charm in a private oasis! Stunning single story custom home. 4 BR, 4 1/2 BTH, private .75 acre lot with pool & security gate, and exceptional quality!
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LINDA TRAUIG BY APPT



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MARK KOTCH BY APPT



DANVILLE \$1,650,000
4bd/3.5ba, 3800+/-sf on approximately 5.18 acres. Formal living & dining rooms, bonus room and large kitchen. Back yard with pool, spa & gazebo. Abundant room for horses or vines for grapes. 6650 JOHNSTON RD

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$1,325,000
Custom built, single level home on 1+/- acre. Open floor plan, updated kitchen, dinette area, breakfast bar, granite counters, formal LR & DR, pool, 2 patios, volleyball court and more! 3623 CAMERON AVE

SALLY MARTIN BY APPT



DANVILLE \$1,128,000
Beautiful views. Upgraded kitchen with designer touches, custom Murano lighting. A true entertainment home. 1032 MCCAULEY ROAD

DEBI BODAN BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,089,000
WINE COUNTRY LIVING! This amazing five bed, four and a half bath home includes a gourmet kitchen, hardwood, bed and full bath downstairs, court location, award winning schools, and so much more. 2975 LUSITANA

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$995,000
Open floor plan with huge downstairs bonus room! Remodeled kitchen with granite counters & lots of storage! Rear yard offers pool, spa and large patio area great for entertaining! Close to schools! 5260 RIDGEVALE WAY

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$875,000
Expanded "Miramar", 5bd/2.5ba, 2,688+/-sq.ft, remodeled throughout, Granite kitchen, Hardwood floors, new carpet/paint, newer windows, plus pool and hot tub. 4823 PIPIT CT

JULIA MURTAGH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$875,000
Walk to Award Winning Schools, downtown Pleasanton and shops, from this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home. Built in 2003 by KB homes, this home is just under 2900 square feet, and in great condition. 6023 STERLING GREEN CIR

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$849,950
Gorgeous single story home in Kristopher Ranch. Features include 5 bedrooms, granite, SS appliances, cinnamon maple cabinets, beautiful hardwood & tile throughout, plantation shutters, & 3 car garage. 949 MEDOLLA CT

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$779,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2,024+/-sq.ft, remodeled throughout, eat-in Granite/Maple kitchen with tumbled stone backsplash, Granite baths, Hardwood floors, dual pane windows, new roof, HVAC system and inside laundry. 2144 RAVEN ROAD

STEPHEN MCDONOUGH BY APPT



DANVILLE \$775,950
Beautiful 4bd/2.5ba home in great location! Lots of lights flood this home with a nice floor plant that will delight your senses! 47 VICENZA CT

CHESTER HALL BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$739,950
Spacious Kottinger Heights is ready for entertaining and family fun. 4bd/2.5ba, 2260+/-sf. Relax around the sparkling pool or enjoy a sunny interior retreat. 3643 BERNAL AVE

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,595,000
Home offers a 1,100sf. guest home on a 26,963sf. lot. Updated kitchen, expansive private rear yard w/ pool & bocci court. Guest home offers a kitchenette & bedroom. 2020 MARTIN AVE

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$675,000
4bd/2ba 'Holiday' model, 2,167+/-sqft, newer roof, windows, Pergo floors, HVAC system, crown molding, inside laundry and pool. 5230 HUMMINGBIRD RD

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$612,000
Beautiful 5bd/3ba single story on corner lot. Updated kitchen, granite counters, generous storage, walk-in pantry, sparkling pool & close to schools! 4055 ALVARADO ST

KAREN CROWSON BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$550,000
Beautifully appointed front room with French doors, hardwood floors, built-in cherry cabinetry. Wrap around breakfast bar in kitchen opens to huge great room. 4 beds/2 baths 2042 sq. ft. 7254 VALLEY TRAILS DR

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$529,000
3bd/2ba single story in Heritage Gardens, 1,412+/-sq.ft, Oak kitchen, stainless appliances, newer carpets, walking distance to parks, schools and Downtown. 244 CARNATION CT

LESLIE FAUGHT BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$519,000
Great court location, newer dual paned windows, transferrable 40/20 year roof, wood burning stove in Family Room, very well taken care of home, great neighborhood and close to schools. 6267 GIBSON CT

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$495,000
2bd/3ba, with office/potential 3rd bedroom downstairs, beautifully updated kitchen and baths, vaulted ceilings, custom fireplace, attached 2-car garage, walking distance to Shopping, Schools and Parks. 1485 TRIMMINGHAM DR

