

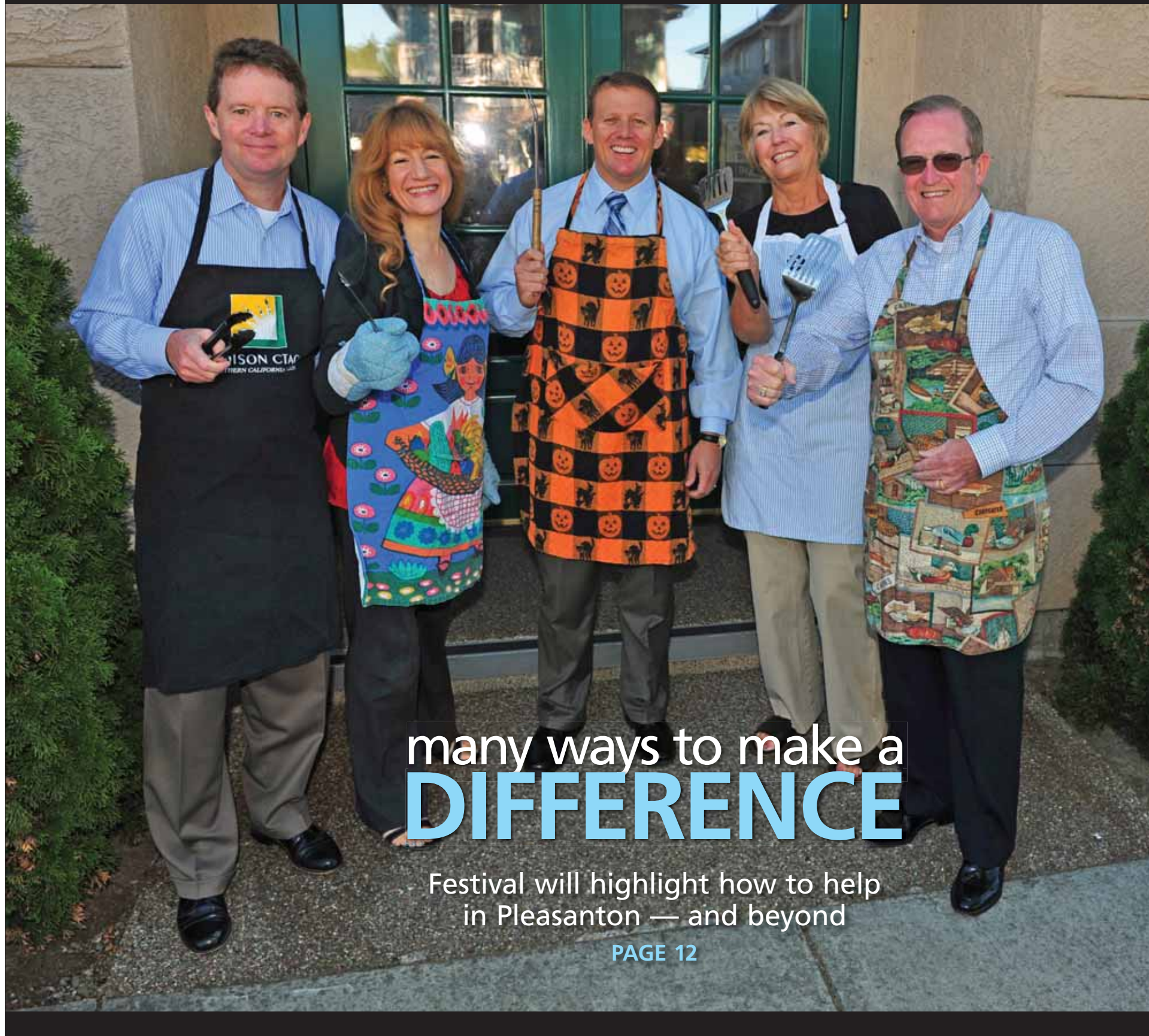
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Pleasanton Peace Foundation heading our way

Peace activist Fred Norman, a frequent speaker at Pleasanton City Council meetings where he has called for action on ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, has finally won the lawmakers' support, sort of. It's been years, certainly as long as the current council has served together over the last six years, that Norman has urged council members to "do something," to take a stand on the wars, either by voting to say they support the wars or that they oppose them, "but just do something." And with consistency, council members decided informally that there just weren't the votes to do anything.



Fred Norman

Now, after all of Norman's pleas and ongoing support from Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Matt Sullivan, a third supporting vote from Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio gave the local antiwar movement a start. While nixing more official city-connected proposals, the council asked City Manager Nelson Fialho and his staff to provide administrative help and financial support to create a nonprofit foundation to promote peaceful measures here and throughout the country. However, once formed, the organization will function independently and not be associated with the city.

Norman, Sullivan and others were disappointed, but that's the best support they were able to get from the current council. With only days remaining before Hosterman, Sullivan and Councilwoman Cindy McGovern leave their posts because of term limits, to be replaced on Dec. 4 by candidates who win in the Nov. 6 municipal election, a 3-2 vote might be the best the peace proponents can hope for. It was certainly better than "kicking it down the road" to the next council, as Sullivan put it, when someone suggested letting the new mayor and council decide if "peace" should be a priority of the new local government.

It remains to be seen how much public support an independently operated, nonprofit peace foundation will receive in Pleasanton. Except for a few fellow speakers, Norman has not had much support in his regular council appeals,

reported both in this newspaper and on Community Television's council broadcasts on Channel 29. Five years ago, 14 speakers made their way to the lectern at the start of the Feb. 6, 2007, council meeting to protest a proposal to hold even a public meeting on the wars. Those in the packed chambers burst into applause as the presentations were made.

Councilman Jerry Thorne and McGovern voted against using public funds to set up an independent peace foundation. Even though it would carry forth on its own once established, both felt that the organization will become a political voice that might take on the appearance of being views from Pleasanton. With a number of Pleasanton men and women now serving in Afghanistan and many more back from the war zones there and in Iraq, the city government shouldn't take stands on national issues it can't control, they said.

Others, especially Hosterman and Sullivan, called for a stronger voice, arguing that a city commission with the same standing as the city's Planning Commission or Housing Commission would have more authority in addressing issues related to peace. Berkeley has its Peace and Justice Commission and the city of Cambridge has a Commission on Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Education, to name a few. By having a similar commission here, its work would be elevated to the importance that full-fledged commissions enjoy, with full staff support, adequate funding and the ability to advise the council on its direction, interaction and support of peaceful measures.

Still, Hosterman has hopes. "This is a marvelous idea whose time has come and has the potential of showing who we are as a community," she said. "In the years ahead, this foundation may evolve into a full-time standing commission for Pleasanton." ■

Correction

In my column last week ("How much does a City Council seat cost?"), I reported on remarks former Councilwoman Kay Ayala and others made at the Oct. 9 City Council meeting about campaign donations. I wrote that council candidate Erlene DeMarcus works for investor/developer James Tong when Ayala, when I actually should have said that DeMarcus had been a paid consultant for Tong, not an employee, some 10 years ago. I also reported that Tong still had his offices on Hopyard Road. DeMarcus supporter Chris Grey said Tong's offices have moved to Dublin.

About the Cover

As presenting sponsor for the Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival tomorrow, the Community of Character Collaborative will offer a barbecue lunch to raise funds for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Shown with spatulas at the ready are board members (left to right) Dave Halperin, Heather Haugen Rizzoli, Eric Finn, Joanne Gunson, and Jerry Thorne. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Design by Lili Cao.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Will you vote in your school's mock election?



Dylan Walsh
Pleasanton Middle School

I've never been at a school that has mock elections, so I'm looking forward to the one at PMS. I'm going to vote for Mitt because I am a Republican.

James Angst
Foothill High

Foothill doesn't have one, but I wish we did. I think it would be interesting to hear everyone talk about their political views and see the results. I don't think Obama has been the best president, so I would vote for Romney. He'll probably be more effective.



Claire Goveia
Amador Valley High

I'll definitely participate. I've been watching the debates, and I think I've decided who I will vote for. It will be really interesting to see the results at school and compare them to what actually happens in the national election.

Brandon Gonzalez
Amador Valley High

Yes. I'm going to exercise my constitutional right and vote for myself in the mock election. Seriously though, I've watched all of the debates, and I believe President Obama is the stronger candidate.



Kyle McLaughlin
Amador Valley High

I will. It'll be great to get a feel for how a real election works and to see the results. I am a Republican, so I'm going to vote for Romney.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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DIGEST

Meet Weekly publisher and editor

The Pleasanton Weekly publisher, Gina Channell-Allen, editor, Jeb Bing, and other staff members will be on hand to talk with guests at the first Pleasanton Weekly Night from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8, at Gene's Fine Foods, 2803 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Gene's Fine Foods, which is hosting the event, will provide hors d'oeuvres, and there will be wine tasting.

Guests are invited to bring questions and story ideas, and get to know the people behind Pleasanton's community newspaper. For more information, email gallen@Pleasanton-Weekly.com or call 600-0840.

Buy a gift when you vote

The Peddler Shoppe, located near the entrance to the Pleasanton Senior Center, is extending its hours on Election Day to accommodate folks who go there to vote. On Nov. 6, the shop will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Peddler Shoppe features handmade wooden toys, a variety of unique quilts, knitted hats, slippers, organic dish clothes and specialty trivets. A portion of the proceeds goes toward the cost of operations, and the rest goes to the item's maker.

The shop is staffed by volunteers; its normal hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

No Zone 7 increase until 2014

Zone 7 water users won't see a rate hike until 2014, thanks to ongoing cost-cutting measures, according to the water agency. Over the past few years, Zone 7, which serves Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and the Dougherty Valley, has cut its annual operating budget by more than \$4 million.

Cuts include a hiring freeze, employee benefit and cost-of-living wage concessions, and using more in-house resources to lower the amount and cost of outside contracts. Zone 7 has also cut the cost of chemicals by participating in a consortium of Bay Area water agencies that buy the same water treatment chemicals and can save by buying in bulk.

The agency is also reducing its energy costs through a new solar system.

Rates will go up by the inflation rate — about 2.65% — in 2014. That will add about \$1.04 a month to the typical household bill, assuming bulk suppliers of water pass along the increase to their customers.

New Leaf to open market at Vintage Hills Center next year

Old Romley's store vacant for last 15 years

By JEB BING

New Leaf Community Markets, an independently owned grocer known for carrying locally grown, organic foods, will open a store at the Vintage Hills Shopping Center in mid-2013, replacing a store once occupied by Romley's Market that has now been empty for 15 years.

The new store will be the anchor of the center, which is located at the intersections of Bernal and Vineyard avenues and Tawny Drive. The center is owned by Sim & Yoon LLC.

The 19,000-square-foot store will be the Santa Cruz-based grocer's eighth market with the others located in Santa Cruz County, Half Moon Bay, and most recently in the Evergreen area of San Jose.

The full-service store will include a deli, fresh

salad bar, antipasto bar, hot bar and juice bar. Sushi, gourmet cheeses and local wines will also be offered.

"We are very pleased that we will be able to serve the residents of the Pleasanton area and to give back to the community in a variety of meaningful ways, including programs to support nonprofits and classes on health, cooking and nutrition," said Scott Roseman, founder and co-owner of New Leaf Community Markets.

Added co-owner Rex Stewart: "We look forward to establishing relationships with local producers of all kinds, from growers to bakers."

"New Leaf Community Markets will be an excellent addition to the Pleasanton community," said Pamela Ott, Pleasanton's economic develop-

ment director.

"New Leaf will offer its own unique shopping experience, focused on providing a selection of local and organic food," she said. "And, as the community supports New Leaf, in turn New Leaf will support the community by contributing over 10% of its profits annually to local nonprofit groups."

Pleasanton Councilman Jerry Thorne, a candidate for mayor in the current municipal election, agreed.

"I am very pleased that we will finally be able to provide this neighborhood with a quality market," he said. "New Leaf will be a great addition to the neighborhood and our entire community."

Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, also a

See **NEW LEAF** on Page 8



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Fire drill

Members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department have a unique opportunity to train inside an actual burning building last weekend as they help clear the way for East Bay BMW to expand onto a lot at 3932 Old Santa Rita Road. Firefighters from every shift trained by enacting scenarios that involved entering a smoky building, dousing a fire and performing a rescue.

"This is an actual sheetrock structure. It's rare for us to get a building we can actually burn in," said Battalion Chief Joe Testa. He said this requires a building clear of other buildings and trees, and with fire hydrants nearby. The building was stripped of anything that could give off toxic fumes when burning.

Rotary Club's 'Spirit Run' set for Sunday

Event to benefit local schools, Wheelchairs for the Needy program

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its second annual Halloween Spirit Run on Sunday with proceeds to benefit the club's Wheelchairs for the Needy program, in partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation.

The club also will donate \$5 of each registration to a designated Pleasanton school or school club. To date, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton has donated more than \$1 million dollars to various charities.

The Oct. 28 event, patterned after the club's popular Father's Day Spirit Run, will include a 5K "Run & Walk," starting at 9 a.m. under the Arch on Main Street, and a "Kids' Challenge," starting around 10:15 a.m.

Club members as well as volunteers from other civic organizations will staff the event on race day. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. in

the parking lot on Main Street next to Round Table Pizza.

The 5K Run or Walk will follow closed and monitored streets and a portion of the nearby Arroyo trails. The 5K start will just be a few hundred feet west of the Arch on Main Street with the finish line set up under the Arch. The Kids' Challenge, for ages 2-8, is a number of age-specific 100-yard dashes on the closed portion of Main Street, also finishing underneath the Arch.

Main Street will be closed for the event with its reopening set for shortly after 11 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers, as well as the top male and female Masters (over 45 years old) winners. In addition, medals will be given to designated age groups for both male and female participants.

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Email system crash forces PUSD to go analog

New emails up and running after breakdown last week

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton school district's email system was down for nearly a week, between Oct. 16 and 22, but the district has moved to the clouds to get a new system up and running.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said every employee now has a new address to replace emails from the district's in-house email system. That system, provided by First Class, shut down unexpectedly when a disk array failed, according to Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services. Disk arrays are storage systems that link multiple hard drives into one large drive for data control and security.

Over the last week, the Pleasanton district has been doing business the way it did for much of the 20th century, with phone calls and the occasional facsimile.

"We did an auto-dialer last week to all of our households" to let parents know about the system failure, Ahmadi said. She said another auto-dialer will go out when everything is up and running again.

The district's website did not shut down and staff was able to access the Internet through other means, such as personal email addresses, despite the problems with the in-house email system.

Ahmadi said the failure of the disk array forced the district to do something it was planning anyway, but with more planning and a two- to three-month timeframe.

"We were going to move to gmail anyway," Ahmadi said. "At this point, we're in the process of getting all our employees a gmail address."

Instead of having physical servers, the district will use cloud technology, with information stored and accessed through Google servers.

"Our teachers here have been asking to use Google, Google Docs and Google apps," she said.

While it wasn't in the time frame the district hoped for, Ahmadi said information technicians and specialists think the change will be a good one for the district.

Changing to gmail couldn't happen overnight, Cazares said.

"It's a process, to get a new email in place for all our employees," she said.

The district has about 1,200 staff members who each have their own work email address,

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Strike up the bands

Band Review drawing 62 schools, includes march down Main

The 38th annual Foothill Band Review takes place all day tomorrow, starting at 7:30 a.m. with a parade down Main Street, followed by concert competitions at the Amador Theater. The day concludes with 27 bands competing with their field show performances at Foothill High School, running from 2-10 p.m.

The event raises money to support impacted music programs at the school plus is one of the largest and most prestigious reviews on the West Coast. It features 89 total performances throughout the day, representing 62 high schools from all over the Bay Area and Northern California, with 39 in the parade, 23 concert bands, and 27 in the field shows. Dawn and Terry Abbey, who are in charge of

registration for the event, reported that it has sold out.

Foothill does not compete in the competitions, since it hosts the event. But Foothill's marching band, under the direction of Josh Butterfield, has taken first place in its division in its first two competitions of parade and field shows this year.

Foothill and Amador Valley high schools generally compete in different associations (NCBA and WBA, respectively), but they always support each other's events by registering and competing. The same kind of local support also crosses between towns: Foothill competed last weekend in Dublin High School's WBA band review.

This year Foothill Marching Band has revived its bagpipe corps, which will perform tomorrow. ■

ROTARY

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Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon. Medals will also be awarded for the best costumes with multiple kid and adult divisions.

All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments and will each receive a ticket to a huge after-race drawing with over \$1,500 in prizes. Online

registration closed at midnight, Oct. 25; those still wanting to participate can register at the event.

Entry fees range from \$10 to \$35; visit the Spirit Run website at www.SpiritRun.com or contact On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832 for more information.

Race results will be posted at www.spiritrn.com and www.onyourmarkevents.com.

—Jeb Bing

Students, alumni, parents honor Amador band director

Grantham also named district Teacher of the Year

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

It's been a great month for Amador High School's band director Jon Grantham.

Not only has he been honored as the district's Teacher of the Year, but he was the center of attention on Oct. 13 for a celebration called "Thanks a 1000."

That event drew past and current students, parents, alumni, school board members, and out-of-town friends and family members, who filled the stadium to show their appreciation.

Amador Principal Jim Hansen called Grantham "the embodiment of our community of character," and led students in reciting the creed Grantham teaches to all his students: "We before me, say kind words, do kind things, and take care of those around you."

Speakers projected taped greetings from those who couldn't attend.

The highlight of the day was a visit from Grantham's high school band director, mentor and friend Bob Parker, a name familiar to all of Grantham's students.

Halfway through what was purportedly a recorded speech, the audio system dissolved into static and Parker entered the stadium.



ALAN GRETH

Amador Band Director Jon Grantham laughs as he receives a homemade stuffed teddy bear in an Amador Marching Band uniform.

Parker recalled the gangly 16-year-old trombone player as a nitpicker for detail and sensitive to the feelings of others, noting Grantham once corrected him for saying, "Shut up."

"From that day I changed the way I did things," Parker said. "Jon

made me a better teacher and a better person."

Grantham has also brought out the best in his students: His four concert ensembles, two jazz bands, winter percussion and winter guard all consistently earn high honors at competitions. Grantham's influence has increased band membership from 140 to 282, the largest in school history and about 12% of the student population.

The love that students have for Grantham was evident in the gifts that were presented to him. A student/pilot gave an aerial photograph of the band, a parent painted an oil portrait, a former drum major, now a sportscaster in Indiana, sent an audio greeting in the form of a sports update, a seamstress gave a teddy bear in a band uniform, and event organizers, Sally Baker and Marilyn Palowitch, presented hundreds of thank you letters bound in purple albums.

"It was a day I will never forget," said Grantham. "It's been a magical decade and I look forward to the next one. It makes me want to work harder, because when you feel someone is behind you it makes you want to exceed expectations." ■

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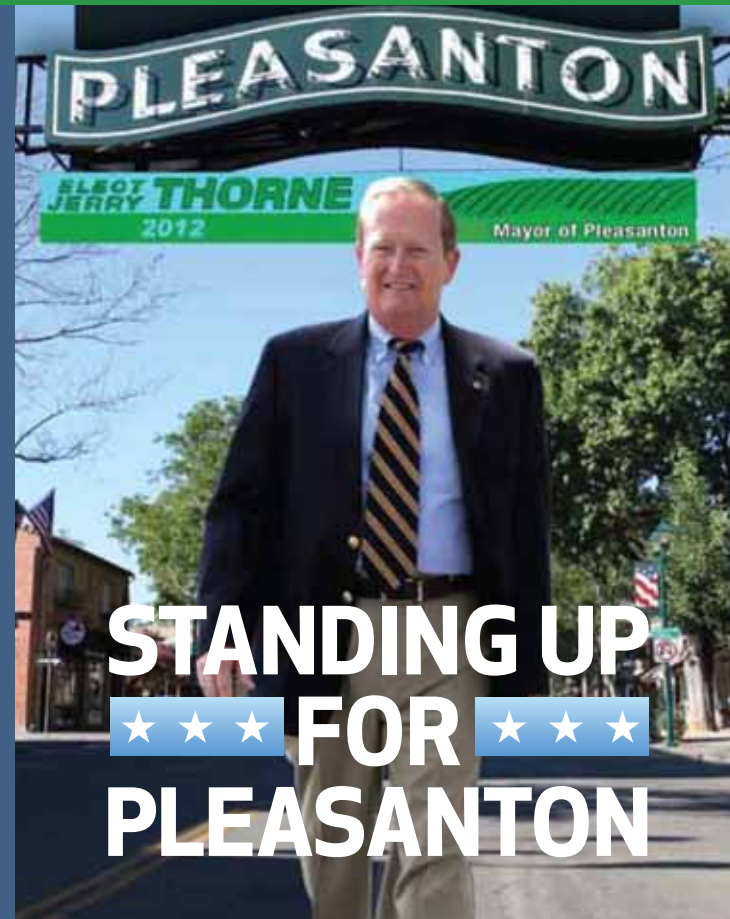
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PUSD fails to meet 'No Child Left Behind' standards

District posts big gains in test scores, still placed into federal program improvement status

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Despite increasing its Academic Performance Index score by nine points, from 906 to 915 over the last year, and better test scores for nearly every minority group, the Pleasanton school district has joined a lengthy list of schools that don't meet federal standards.

Pleasanton school board members learned Tuesday night that the district has been placed into program improvement status because math scores haven't improved enough to meet federal standards known as Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

"We knew that we were going to have to focus on mathematics, so that's what we're doing," said Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of Educational Services.

The district is above the 90% graduation rate required under federal standards with graduation rates of 97.78% at Amador Valley High, 97.61% at Foothill High and 95.65% at Village. But the district fell short in graduation rates for students with disabilities. Pleasanton had an AYP target graduation rate of 85.98% for students with disabilities in 2012, but only hit 79.26%.

"We made 33 out of 36 criteria for AYP," said Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, who said math scores and graduation rates for special education students were the problem areas. "We made growth, a lot of growth, but we didn't make the targeted rate."

Program improvement status means the district must imple-

ment specific federal and state requirements, which can vary from district to district and from school to school.

The district did see big jumps in scores of nearly every subgroup, however. API scores climbed by 113 points for socio-economically disadvantaged students at Donlon Elementary, for example. Socio-economically disadvantaged students posted gains at every elementary school.

Scores for English language learners climbed at nearly every school, with Valley View Elementary's score going up 50 points. Valley View is one of two schools in the district that was put on the federal program improvement list last year. Pleasanton Middle

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Artist's sketch of New Leaf Market now under renovation in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center. Santa Cruz-based store will open next year.

NEW LEAF

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candidate for mayor, said, "I am delighted to see this community-minded, neighborhood market locate in Pleasanton. New Leaf Community Markets has an emphasis on

organics and sustainability. It is an excellent fit for the center and the nearby neighborhoods."

New Leaf has been receiving an enthusiastic response from other retailers and service business located in the Vintage Hills Center, which at one time seemed destined for the wrecker's ball as proposals to the Pleasanton City Council asked that it be replaced with affordable and market rate high density housing.

"We look forward to New Leaf bringing new energy and shoppers to the center," said Hannah Kim, owner of Vintage Hills Cleaners, a 28-year tenant.

New Leaf Community Markets was first opened in 1985. ■

EMAIL

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Ahmadi said. She said district employees are getting briefings on how to use the new system. Many used their personal emails to communicate when the school email system shut down.

At the school board meeting Tuesday night, California School Employees Association representative Calene Fenolio said some employees weren't expected to get their passwords or briefings until next week.

Under the new email system, prefixes will remain the same, using the first initial and last name of the employee. Ahmadi's new email, for example, will be pahmadi@pleasantonusd.net.

District spokeswoman Nicole Stewart said data recovery experts are working to restore the information that may have been lost in the hardware failure. Cazares said the district would probably not know what data or whether it could be retrieved until late in the week.

She said the district is working to get old emails forwarded to Google, and that old email addresses should work again once the problem is fixed.

"What we're hoping is, once we firm up our gmail accounts, we'll be able to flow through," Cazares said.

Meanwhile, teachers and staff have been communicating face to face and over the telephone in kind of a reverse learning curve.

"I felt like I was paralyzed," Ahmadi said. "So much of what we do is technology based. It's been hard to adjust." ■



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PUSD

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School, the district's other program improvement school, saw its API score jump 97 points.

Students with disabilities also saw big gains, with jumps of 40 points or more at Lydiksen Elementary, Pleasanton Middle, Amador Valley and Village, although Village, as a small school, generally doesn't have enough students taking tests to be statistically significant in testing.

Among the other high-performing schools that don't meet No Child Left Behind guidelines are districts in the San Ramon Valley, in Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Fremont and Livermore. More schools are expected to join the list as requirements to meet the federal AYP standards continue to rise.

Those standards are going up every year, until No Child Left Behind is fully implemented in the 2013-14 school year, when all

students must be "proficient or advanced" in every test. It takes two years of not meeting federal standards for a school or district to be placed on program improvement and two years to get out of it.

Despite the stigma of being placed into program improvement and a recent backlash against it, Ahmadi said No Child Left Behind is a good thing because it forced schools to look at how to teach students that once fell through the cracks.

"When you have the right program, every one of our students has proven they can do this. They can learn if you have the resources, if you have the programs," she said. "I look at program improvement as an opportunity to serve our kids."

The district has been so successful in increasing scores that some board members joked about inviting Tom Torlakson, the state's superintendent of public instruction, to visit and see how it can be done. ■

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My goals as your Pleasanton City Council member will be:

- #1 Support **SLOW & SMART GROWTH** policies. Expansion should be gradual and well planned.
- #2 Develop a plan for our financial future that addresses **LONG-TERM CITY DEBT**. Changes are needed.
- #3 Remain committed to **OPEN SPACE & RIDGELINE PROTECTION**. I was a leader in getting ridgeline preservation initiatives to the ballot. Voters overwhelmingly agreed, enacting strict protections.
- #4 Safeguard **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HOMES & NEIGHBORHOODS**, while supporting our downtown businesses.
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Opinion

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Vote No on Props. 30, 38, B1

Of the 11 statewide propositions on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot along with two county measures and one seeking a parcel tax for the Chabot-Las Positas College District, the Pleasanton Weekly finds only five to support: Propositions 32, 34, 35, 36 and 40. We'll tell you why next week.

For now, we are recommending No votes on all the others, most notably on Propositions 30 and 38, two competing measures that will raise sales tax and personal income rates "temporarily," and on Measure B1, a new Transportation Expenditure Plan that would extend a 1/2-cent sales tax in Alameda County by another half-cent virtually forever.

With regard to B1, it not only extends the half-cent sales tax al-

ready in place that's set to expire in 2022 — another "temporary" tax voters were told — but makes it a full penny until 2042, when the two-thirds majority vote for approval will be dropped to a simple majority to continue the measure in perpetuity. With 10 years yet to go on the original transportation tax, there's plenty of time for the Alameda County Transportation Commission to come back to voters with a new tax plan that includes a valid "sunset" clause, with no in-perpetuity gimmicks included.

Gov. Brown is on the statewide speaking circuit these days to promote Prop. 30, and with good reason. The tax he has championed is not selling well in an economically stressed state with continued high unemployment and reports regularly about companies that are leaving California for lower-tax states. Prop. 30 would increase the sales tax by one-quarter-cent for calendar years 2013-16, increase the maximum 9.3% personal income tax rate in stages to 12.3%, and add another 1% tax on annual incomes over \$1 million. Prop. 30

and competing Prop. 38 have no guarantee the extra money will even reach schools, where financial help is needed.

Moving down the ballot:

■ **Prop. 31:** Forces the Legislature to move to a two-year budget. It's a poorly written and contradictory proposition that will lead to lawsuits and confusion instead of reform. Vote No.

■ **Prop. 33:** Changes the rules on how auto insurance companies and their customers deal with each other. Let's let the market drive the policies. Vote No.

■ **Prop. 37:** Requires special labels on 40-70% of all foods currently sold in California if they contain genetically modified ingredients. This would add to labeling, distribution and monitoring costs, which the state's Department of Public Health is handling well. Vote No.

■ **Prop. 38:** Increases personal income tax rates to provide funds for early childhood education programs in the public schools. Again, tax increases would be only "temporary," until 2024 at the latest with the caveat that some of the

new money could be used for state debt payments. Vote No.

■ **Prop. 39:** Changes California tax code to require multi-state firms to pay income taxes on their percentage of sales here, with half of the funds raised to go for "clean/efficient energy projects." This would be a \$1 billion tax increase leading to more businesses leaving the state. Vote No.

■ **Measure A1:** Levies a \$12 parcel tax on Alameda County property owners until 2037 to fund improvements and expansion projects at the Oakland Zoo. Even if you love the zoo, this tax is bad public policy, forcing county taxpayers to pay at least \$112 million in Oakland Zoo bills over the next 25 years. Vote No.

■ **Measure I:** This measure just adds more taxes for those of us who live in the college district. It's another "temporary" levy in the form of a \$28 parcel tax on owners of single-family homes that will last for six years. Unlike most parcel tax measures, this one doesn't exempt seniors or those living on disability payments. Vote No. ■

LETTERS

DeMarcus stays positive

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Pleasanton Weekly for running its retraction (Around Pleasanton, page 3) of last week's factual inaccuracies. I respect journalists concerned with getting it right.

I believe in infill housing. I believe in meeting the housing needs of seniors. Those who have given so much to our community over the decades should be able to live out their lives here if they wish.

Nine-and-a-half years ago I consulted with a developer whose project met this criteria. It proposed to convert a fallow shopping center into senior housing, in a location served by public transit.

This was the only project I ever did transportation consulting for Jim Tong or Charter Properties. I have never been a direct employee of either. Once the council decided, I resumed consulting but only for public agencies on transportation related matters.

All of this was publicly disclosed to The Independent newspaper in my interview with them and others. I am proud to say that because of my views on protection of the ridgeline, infill housing, support for the environment, addressing our air quality and respect for the urban limit line I received the endorsement of The Independent Newspaper which has long been a champion on these issues.

I would like to also thank the majority of the local campaigns in Pleasanton that have concentrated on issues and their solutions, rather than degenerating into innuendo, rumors, lies and hearsay. I will continue to remain positive, and focus on how we can improve the Quality of Life for us all.

If you would like to learn more of my campaign, please visit us online at www.DeMarcusforCouncil.com.

Erlene DeMarcus, candidate for Pleasanton City Council

Support Brown, Thorne

Dear Editor,

Karla Brown for City Council and Jerry Thorne for mayor are the two best candidates to represent the residents of Pleasanton.

Neither supports Measure B1, the transportation sales tax, because it would become a permanent tax plus authorizes \$1 billion in bond debt with automatic reauthorization in perpetuity. This tax and debt would be passed on to our grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren as it has no sunset clause. Plus a permanent tax has no accountability as they never have to prove to the taxpayers they are spending the money wisely.

Neither Brown nor Thorne will accept money from public employee unions. While another candidate makes a point that giving money to her gives access, Thorne and Brown will meet with anyone no matter if they donated to their campaign or not.

The rationale of not accepting city employee union money and support is legitimate. Employees of the city are represented by unions. In a representative democracy, the residents are meant to be represented by their elected officials. When elected officials accept money and support from the unions they negotiate contracts with, they tip the scales toward the employees and away from the taxpayers like you and me. That generates a clear conflict of interest when negotiating to find fair solutions for both the hardworking employees and the city's hardworking taxpayers.

One only need to look at the State of California to see how problematic it is to address labor cost

issues with the public employee unions' influence and money.

Steve Brozosky

Cook-Kallio for mayor

Dear Editor,

I am a small business owner of Anarkalee Restaurant in Pleasanton. When I first opened there were difficulties in getting permits, particularly for the sign for my restaurant. I was frustrated because my husband and I had never had such trouble. I called Cheryl Cook-Kallio and she explained why all businesses were having such trouble at the time and she helped us get the permits we needed. I really appreciate the effort and the time she took to help us out. I have seen her in action many times since and she works hard to help everyone. We need people like Cheryl Cook-Kallio in office. As a small business owner I urge you to vote for Cook-Kallio for mayor.

Moina Shaiq

Stark out of touch

Dear Editor,

I manage a local real estate office in Pleasanton. During my 20 years in the real estate industry, I have helped many families buy homes in Pleasanton, Livermore and the Tri-Valley area. A few months back, I had the opportunity to see and listen to Congressman Pete Stark at a local Realtors Marketing Meeting. I asked Rep. Stark what his thoughts are about the elimination of the home mortgage interest deduction. I as well as many of the attendees were shocked and dismayed when Rep. Stark responded with bewilderment, asking why is the mortgage interest deduction a concern to Realtors.

I am deeply concerned by how out of touch Rep. Stark is on the mortgage interest deduction that was established in 1913 and how important it is to help families realize the American Dream of home

ownership.

Tri-Valley families deserve a Member of Congress who knows the issues and will stand up to protect the mortgage interest deduction and private home-ownership rights.

Larry Spiteri

Yes on Measure I

Dear Editor,

My thanks to your paper for your informative and balanced coverage of the numerous ballot issues. I write to urge readers to vote Yes for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Measure I to provide funds to restore course offerings that were reduced nearly 15%. Because of decreased funding during budget years 2009-10 through 2012-13, the colleges were unable to serve several thousand students. Over the past three years Las Positas College slashed 323 sections, losing 13,334 seats. Chabot reduced 591 sections, losing 25,402 seats. Those cuts have had a huge effect for students looking to transfer to a four-year university or continue their career training.

Chabot and Las Positas colleges serve as a safety net for students who otherwise could not afford college. Chabot College and Las Positas College offer essential career training through degree and certificate programs in areas such as nursing, science, automotive technology, biology, healthcare management, computer science and many others. Over the past three years, nearly 5,000 students have received a degree or certificate through Chabot College or Las Positas College.

Measure I would levy a flat \$28 on each parcel within the district annually for a period of six years. Measure I will provide \$5.6 million annually, which will enable the colleges to use some band-aids to get through the 2012-13 budget year and start to fill the holes for the 2013-14 budget year.

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Outstanding choice

Dear Editor,

Having worked with Jerry Thorne for a number of years on Pleasanton's Community of Character Collaborative Board, I know him to be a man of integrity, motivated by nothing more than a sincere desire to maintain and strengthen the quality of life that we love and enjoy in Pleasanton. A man who cares about a safe and enriching life in which families and individuals can strengthen and thrive.

Many cities are faced with bankruptcy. It is important for Pleasanton to have a leader that knows how to work with businesses and work to have a balanced and strong local economy. Jerry has had experience in the business world as well as two terms on the City Council that provide him with the knowledge and vision so important for our city to be financially strong.

In the many years of service to Pleasanton, Jerry has worked to help maintain the wonderful quality of life we enjoy in Pleasanton. As you look at our beautiful parks and sports venues, it is important to know that Jerry had a part in bringing many to Pleasanton.

Jerry will devote his full time to the job of mayor. It is a rare individual that gives his full time, "heart and soul," to his city at a time in his life that offers him a multitude of choices. Jerry deserves to serve as our mayor, and he will be an outstanding choice.

Joanne Gunson

Standing up for Thorne

Dear Editor,

It isn't often that a candidate for public office fits the position like a pair of comfortable shoes. I'm speaking of Jerry Thorne, who is seeking the mayor of Pleasanton post. In my opinion Jerry has every qualification necessary to lead our city. He's already a guardian of our city finances; he knows the importance of maintaining a balanced budget without cutting essential services and being able to spend money on capital projects.

As a citizen, it has been my pleasure to watch Jerry at work fulltime for us. Jerry has always done his homework and been ready to ask staff the right questions. As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, it has been my experience to watch Jerry continue his efforts from his days in that position to preserve our quality of life in Pleasanton with the more than 1,100 acres of open space and 42 landscaped parks to hike, bike and enjoy.

Jerry Thorne is standing up for Pleasanton. I stand up for Jerry Thorne as our next mayor.

Kurt Kummer

Creaky talking points

Dear Editor,

If you ask me, the mayor's race presents an easy choice. Cheryl Cook-Kallio gives us a genuine set of qualifications and strong attributes. Her opponent gives us a creaky set of talking points.

Mark Lewis

My vote and why

Dear Editor,

Many folks have asked me who I am voting for on Nov. 6. Having served on the Planning Commission for many years, I have had a unique opportunity to observe those who are running. I will be voting for

Jerry Thorne for mayor, and Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin for council.

I have known each of them for many years; Jerry Thorne has a keen understanding of both the fiscal and logistical challenges that the city faces. He also respects the will of the people and once done, brings people together and moves on. A skill that we desperately need.

Karla represents an independent voice. She has been active in our community affairs for years. As a professional Realtor, she understands how to preserve our "Pleasanton Community" and will continue to ensure that our city grows and prospers.

Jerry Pentin is a successful local business person and understands the challenge of balancing growth and regulation. He always does his homework and is well prepared and will make a long-term contribution to the success of our council.

I encourage you to vote for Thorne, Brown and Pentin and bring a new era to our City Council.

Philip Blank

Keep fox out of hen house

Dear Editor,

Karla Brown is my choice for City Council, and Jerry Thorne is the only choice as mayor in my opinion.

Facts you should know:

1. There are two outstanding lawsuits filed by the Lin/Tong developers against the city of Pleasanton trying to circumvent the 60% of Pleasanton voters who voted and approved protection of our ridgelines from housing.

2. City Council candidate Erlene De Marcus has been a consultant for the Lin/Tong developers.

3. Lin/Tong developers have given extraordinary funding to Erlene De Marcus' campaign for City Council.

If you elect Erlene DeMarcus, you will have a Tong/Lin consultant in a position to reverse the will of the people and in closed negotiation sessions of your city.

Please do not let the fox in our henhouse. Vote Karla Brown for City Council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor to keep our house clean.

**Kay Ayala,
City Council 1996-2004**

Cook-Kallio's relationships

Dear Editor,

It is particularly important and significant that we cooperate regionally, now that after decades of shared legislative representation on both state and federal levels, we have a real opportunity with the re-districting to make a difference

and be heard. This election is the first true look at how the newly drawn districts affect the totality of Pleasanton's elected officials.

I believe Cheryl Cook-Kallio is the one to carry the message for the city to all other entities. Not only is she the slam dunk, better orator than her opponent, she has spent her whole career building bridges (even when negotiating to take back from unions). Alameda County's Measure B1 is an example of her potential. As a voter/consumer in a work force that relies on regional transportation resources to engage in a robust and satisfying life here in Pleasanton we need those projects built. Cheryl has established a regional network.

Many of Cheryl's relationships were built during her educational commitment to government, not while she's been on City Council. Cheryl's background in economics and government are not just majors or university degrees on her resume, she practices her chosen academic passion. In the 15 years that I have known her, well before she ran for public office, she lived and breathed the practical and necessary. She's not afraid of hard work. She's available and produces results. Pleasanton needs Cook-Kallio.

Kathleen Wat

Pentin for council

Dear Editor,

As a longtime Pleasanton resident and father of two young boys, I feel it is important to have the right city representatives who continue to make Pleasanton a great place to live and raise a family. I have known Jerry Pentin for over 17 years and been impressed with his role in our community. I have seen him as a dedicated volunteer in and around town and a tremendous advocate for our parks as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner. I have also seen him support other worthy causes, especially around education. His foundation, "Cycling for Civics," annually raises money to help the local schools fund different programs including "Mock Trial." He has supported, both with his time and his money, the Bridge of Opportunity foundation which funds college scholarships to foster kids.

Jerry Pentin has a vision for making this a great place to live, a passion for Pleasanton, and the skill set to achieve that vision. Please vote Jerry Pentin for City Council.

Bryan Gillette

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CHUCK DECKERT

ValleyCare Health System representative Shelley Despotakis is shown at last year's Health and Wellness Festival at the library. The 2012 festival includes representatives from ValleyCare, Kaiser Permanente, Axis Community Health and Safeway Pharmacy.

MANY WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FESTIVAL WILL HIGHLIGHT HOW TO HELP IN PLEASANTON — AND BEYOND

BY JERRI PANTAGES LONG

Can one person make a positive difference in the world?

Find out how many ways that is possible on National Make A Difference Day tomorrow, Oct. 27, at the Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival being held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

This free event will include exhibits representing more than 40 organizations focused on three topics:

- Community Safety — Be prepared before emergencies occur;
- Community Service — Get connected and stay connected with meaningful volunteer opportunities; and
- Community Wellness — Change 1 Thing for a healthier lifestyle.

Also included in the festival is a barbecue lunch served by the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative to raise funds for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (so those attending the Foothill Band Review can stop by after the parade).

For \$7.50, you can purchase a hamburger (veggie burgers available on request), chips, fruit, bottled water and a cookie. Cost of the meal with a hot dog is \$5. Another option is just the burger for \$5 or just the hot dog for \$3, and popcorn will also be for sale. Proceeds will go toward scholarships awarded to graduates of Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools.

"We are pleased to be presenting sponsors of this event because the festival represents all six of the Community of Character traits that we promote," said Kelly Dulka, president of the board of directors for Pleasanton Community of

Character Collaborative. "Those traits are compassion, responsibility, respect, honesty, self-discipline and integrity."

Co-sponsors of the festival include ACCUSPLIT, the city of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, the Pleasanton Unified School District, and the Pleasanton Weekly.

At 11:15, ACCUSPLIT will present a donation of \$15,000 to Axis Community Health.

"We are pleased that ACCUSPLIT can help Axis Community Health continue to expand the excellent services they provide for people in the Tri-Valley area — particularly for those underserved in our healthcare system," said W. Ron Sutton, ACCUSPLIT CEO. "Our nation is shifting from treatment of illness to its prevention.

Then, to give participants a great warm-up, Louise Williamson of ClubSport will provide a Zumba Kick-Off at 11:30. Visitors and exhibitors all will be invited to join in the clapping, stretching and bending movements to music for a brief interval.

In a way, the Community Service Expo is like trick-or-treat in reverse: Families can bring items to donate, and, before Halloween, children can discover the joy of helping others. Here are examples:

- Donate a costume. Bring a new or gently used Halloween costume to brighten the life of a child in a local shelter. For many years, Bob and Deb Cilk of Re/Max Accord have sponsored the drive, called "Wouldn't It Be Scary NOT to Have a Halloween Costume?" Coats and blankets also are being collected for neighbors in need.
- Bring canned food. Hunger doesn't wait for the holidays, which is why Interfaith



CHUCK DECKERT

Terri Gonzales of Exercitement Fitness and volunteers from her class demonstrate core training at the 2011 festival. Tomorrow's event will include a Zumba demonstration by ClubSport, and visitors will be encouraged to "Change 1 Thing" for a healthier lifestyle.

Sharing Inc. is hoping to provide local food pantries with canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, pasta, and other non-perishable items.

■ Pass on glasses. Out-of-date prescription glasses can bring the gift of clearer vision to someone in a developing country. Pleasanton Lions Club makes that happen.

■ Cheer up a soldier. Pause at the Pleas-

anton Military Families table to write a thank you note to someone serving our country far from home. The notes will be included in care packages being shipped overseas. To find out what you can contribute, go to www.PleasantonMilitaryFamilies.org.

Many of the charitable organizations will be seeking cash donations. However, in addition to gifts of money, many

organizations are providing opportunities for ongoing support. For example, Mountain View Community Center volunteers to greet and serve the free food at the Heart Kitchen and help with the increasing demand for food, particularly for our "unemployed" neighbors whose families are struggling to make it paycheck to paycheck. For youths in foster care, the Contra Costa County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

"This festival is a very successful community event," said the festival founder, event coordinator and sponsor. "For several years, the festival has been a district sponsored event, and this year we are bringing those efforts to a larger venue and adding a safety component."

"Through the Community of Character, we hope to match our volunteers with organizations that can use their help," said the festival's idea of "Get connected" to encourage ongoing support for more than just a single day. Senior Support Fund



The Self-Reliance and Survival for 72 Hours

needs volunteers to help with medical appointments, transportation and other errands. For more information, visit www.PleasantonCommunityofCharacter.org. "Most of us know we need to be prepared, but it's not until we're put off, not wanting to be put off, that we realize the importance of being prepared. In the Community of Character, we are the eye-catching sign that says 'What each of us should do in such an emergency is to be prepared for survival.'"

another display, from the Christ of Latter-day Saints, says "Many of us would like to help, but where to start? The theme of the

seeking gifts of time. You will find many opportunities to volunteer your service. The Museum on Main seeks volunteers to help visitors and to help with programs and events. Open to all, it asks people to prepare meals that are increasing in the Tri-Valley, particularly in the "underemployed" neighborhoods that are struggling to get by on their paychecks. Reach out for help through Alameda County's Appointed Special Agent Program. "It combines two previous programs, 'Community Events,' said Sutton, and corporate sponsorships. Over the years, the local school district has had a Make A Difference public library sponsored Wellness Festival. We bring good ideas together in order to add a community service expo. Community Service Expo, for school-age and adult organizations that could benefit from it," Sutton continued. "The expo is a 'Stay Connected' is a community service, single-day event."

Expo. Wallet-size cards with that theme and six steps to achieving it will be given out to all festival visitors. "Most of us have never been taught how to change our behavior," Sutton noted. "It's not easy: Researchers tell us it usually takes 12-13 weeks to change our habits. We encourage people to choose to 'Change 1 Thing' and follow through to be successful before they decide to try another change for a healthier lifestyle." For example, you can try out a pedometer to see if you are taking the 10,000 steps per day recommended to achieve and/or sustain wellness. Sign up for the e-newsletter for World Walks to Wellness, which offers free Saturday morning walks in local public parks. In fact, you can try out the hour to "walk 'n' talk together" just before the festival opens. Meet Ward Belding, aka Uncle Sam on the Fourth of July, at 9 a.m. in front of the Senior Center for a walk in Centennial Park. Have your blood pressure checked by Dr. Mary Tran of Forest Chiropractic. Visit Dan Taylor of TriValleyTrainer to find out how to "Give 45 to Feel Alive." That is, 5 minutes each of cardio, strength and core exercises three times each week. For those who sign up for TTV's new small group training program in October or November, Taylor will donate \$50 to



KEN MANO

Emergency Preparedness exhibit will display what it takes for one person to survive after a major disaster. Are you ready?

to drive people to their homes, assist with shopping errands, help with yard work in their homes, and be a friend," according to Marlene Peterson. If you are far from grandparents, that way to connect your older adult. For example, the next enormous step could mean that families need to defend for themselves for more expecting help from others. Participants will get practical tips to ensure their family's emergency," Sutton said. "We need to do more to make it something we might not think about it." Community Safety Expo, one of the displays will show what you should have packed for an emergency. Safe water storage — a key topic — is the topic of the day from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints community. "We would like to be healthier," Sutton said. "Change 1 Thing" is the theme of the Community Wellness

either Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation or to the Pleasanton Unified School District school of your choice. Representatives of Kaiser Permanente, ValleyCare Health System and Safeway Pharmacy will be part of the festival, as will sliding-fee-based Axis Community Health. Amador Valley High School Challenge Success and Wellness Committee will share ideas about student stress reduction, alternative paths and family education. Rideshare 511 will explain how you can decrease stress by improving your commute. You won't walk away from the festival empty-handed: Bags will be provided to help you carry away a wealth of good information, along with diverse give-aways, such as trail mix (Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative), seed packets (SEED of Love), and magnetic calendars (Exercitement Fitness). Also Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will give away free batteries for people's smoke detectors, while encouraging them to change the batteries as daylight-saving time ends and begins. Best of all, you will leave with many choices about how you CAN Make A Difference. ■

Festival facts

- What:** Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival
- When:** 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27
- Where:** Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., one block south of Bernal Avenue
- Who:** Community Safety Expo
 - Interfaith Sharing Inc.
 - Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
 - Pleasanton Police Department
 - Self-Reliance/Emergency Preparedness
 - Water Storage

Community Service Expo

- Agape Villages
- Alameda County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
- American Red Cross
- Blankets for Kids
- Boy Scouts
- City of Pleasanton — Community Services Department
- Community of Character Collaborative
- Eden I & R Inc.
- 1st United Services Credit Union
- Hope Hospice
- Interfaith Sharing Inc.
- Just Serve
- KIVA
- Museum on Main
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Pleasanton Lions Club
- Pleasanton Military Families
- Pleasanton North Rotary
- Pleasanton PTA Council
- Pleasanton Weekly
- REACH
- Re/Max Accord
- SEED of Love
- Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley
- Special Olympics

Community Wellness Expo

- ACCUSPLIT/Mr. Pedometer
- AVHS Challenge Success and Wellness Committee
- Axis Community Health
- Community of Wellness/Change 1 Thing
- Exercitement Fitness
- Forest Chiropractic
- Isagenix
- Kaiser Permanente
- Make a Difference for Your Family
- Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- Rideshare 511
- Safeway Pharmacy
- TriValley Trainer
- ValleyCare Health System
- World Walk to Wellness
- YMCA

Before the Festival

- World Walk to Wellness — Walk 'n' talk together for an hour, 9-10 a.m., starting at Senior Center
- Community Clean-up — Help pick up litter at Hearst Elementary and Pleasanton Middle School campuses, and clear weeds at Ridgeview Commons, behind the Senior Center, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Top: Alviso Adobe Community Park will hold its Pumpkin Carving Party tomorrow afternoon, a popular annual event. Top right: Jack, Ryan and Evan Berry at the entrance to last year's Haunted House, which they are hosting this year to raise money for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Above: Tennis buffs of all ages and abilities are welcome to the Halloween Fun Night at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex this evening.

From one end of Main Street to the other, downtown Pleasanton has a reputation for ghosts. People sensitive to disembodied spirits have seen or sensed them in the older shops along Main Street and upstairs at the Pleasanton Hotel as well as at the Old Kottinger Barn, now Millfleur, on Ray Street.

Every Halloween season, the Museum on Main gives folks a chance to commune with these spirits — or at least points out their potential whereabouts — on its guided Ghost Walks, which will leave the museum, 603 Main St., every half hour from 6-8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night. Organizers say to dress for the weather but note that costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under; call 462-2766.

This evening tennis buffs of all ages can enjoy the seventh annual Halloween Fun Night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex on Hopyard Road and Valley. This free event draws hundreds every year to tour the Haunted Hallway of Horror, enjoy yummy treats and tennis games for all age groups and skill levels. Call 931-3446.

The Firehouse Fright Night Movie Festival continues at 10 p.m. tomorrow at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., with a late night showing of the film "Insidious" (rated PG-13). Come prepared to act out a scene from this favorite horror movie for a chance to win prizes. The one-minute scene contest is limited to the first 10 acts that sign up, starting at 9:15 p.m. at the lobby. Tickets are \$10.

Those seeking a more dramatic Halloween experience won't want to miss "Night-

mare: A Terrifyingly Fun Night of Improv" as presented by the Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's teen improv troupe. Participants help create the story, setting and characters for completely unscripted theater. It's at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door for students; general admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 931-4828 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Alviso Adobe Community Park offers a lot of Halloween fun today and tomorrow. City Naturalist Eric Nicholas and park docents will lead walks around the premises, sharing tales about nocturnal animals including spiders, snakes and frogs. The tour ends with participants making a Halloween craft. Ages 4 and up are welcome; the 45-minute tours begin at 7 p.m. and continue in rotation to 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents.

The park will also host the fourth annual Pumpkin Carving Party from 1-3 p.m. tomorrow. Fee is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Preregister online at www.pleasantonfun.com or by phone at 931-5340.

Also tomorrow, the Pleasanton Public Library will present "BATS!" at 2 p.m. with naturalist Corky Quirk, who will show a mix of slides, a live web camera feed, and several live bats as she introduces these endangered creatures. This free event is for kindergarten and up. No registration is required.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting a Fall Scavenger Hunt for children between 10 a.m. and noon tomorrow. Kids are invited to don their costumes and go to

the museum to pick up Halloween bags and a clue, which will lead them to their next destination for a treat and another clue.

On Sunday morning the Rotary Club of Pleasanton is holding its second annual Halloween Spirit 5K Run & Walk and Kids' Challenge to benefit Rotary's Wheelchairs for the Needy program, in partnership with The Wheelchair Foundation. Also, \$5 of each registration will be donated to a designated Pleasanton school district school or school club. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m., with the Kid's Challenge at 10:15 a.m., with start and finish under the arch. Learn more at www.spiritrun.com.

That afternoon, from 1-4 p.m., Jack, Ryan and Evan Berry are holding their fourth annual Halloween Haunted House for the whole family, at 472 Tioga Court, which includes festive food and bubbling beverages. It will benefit the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation since they've seen family members struggle with cancer; cost is \$5 each or \$25 per family.

Anyone 13 and older looking for a scary adventure might enjoy Pirates of Emerson at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, which features haunts, a corn maze and a Misfortune Teller. Tickets are \$25 on Friday, Saturday and Halloween; other nights, \$20. Some features cost more.

Last but not least, Moore's Pumpkin Patch offers a family fun park and pumpkins galore at the Valley and Bernal corner of the Alameda County Fairgrounds to decorate homes in preparation for the little ghosts and goblins that will descend on Oct. 31. ■

'West Side Story' doesn't miss a beat

Dancers are the stars as well as the ill-fated lovers

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Can "West Side Story" really be 55 years old? Although the daddio-infused lingo is dated, the musical being staged by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, produced by Kathleen Breedveld, is as fresh and supple as the dancers that effortlessly kick, leap and glide through the production.

The 16-member band under musical director Jo Anne Fosselman deals deftly with Leonard Bernstein's clever score. Its original use of tritonal pitches — weird and edgy-sounding progressions — to create tension plus its constant play with rhythm and percussion drew mixed reviews in 1957, but musicologists have been analyzing its syncopations ever since, including the use of snapping fingers as musical instruments. Choreographer Christina Lazo director did her usual fine job on the dance numbers, which uplift the audience from the grim reality of the two gangs out for blood.

It's the old Romeo and Juliet plot as Tony (Robert Lopez), originally the head of the Jets gang, and Maria (Kristina Stasi), sister of Bernardo, head of the Puerto Rican Sharks, fall madly in love at first sight in a crowded dance at the West Side gymnasium. Their versatile voices easily handle the challenging songs that veer to the operatic, but the pleasant surprise



Kristina Stasi and Robert Lopez as Maria and Tony

is their acting as they begin giddily to recognize their love and plan to find a "new way of living" and "a way of forgiving." The final

tragedy spurs Maria to a hysterical outburst that doesn't leave a dry eye in the house.

Same modern productions have the Puerto Ricans speaking and singing in Spanish but thankfully Tri-Valley Rep stuck to the original idea of using heavily accented English, the better to appreciate the lyrics of Stephen Sondheim that are incredibly clever even if they might not realistically issue from the mouths of hoodlums and English-second-language speakers. Anita (Katie Pogue), Bernardo's (Andrew Taula) girlfriend and Maria's confidante, steals the show whenever she is onstage with her spicy sexiness.

Once the sadness of the ending subsides, you'll be left humming "When you're a Jet," "Dance at the Gym," "Maria," "America," "Cool," "I Feel Pretty," and others. Don't be surprised if you snap your fingers on the way to the car. ■



Anita (Katie Pogue) and Bernardo (Andrew Taula) sizzle in the cleverly choreographed "West Side Story" being presented by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre.

Pretty, witty and bright

What: West Side Story

Who: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre

When: Through Nov. 4, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays

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Police cracking down on bicycle helmet scofflaws

'Courtesy citations' being issued to violators

By Glenn Wohltmann

Pleasanton students riding bicycles without wearing helmets can expect to get pulled over by police and could be issued courtesy citations.

Police said there has been a noticeable trend of students failing to wear or improperly wearing helmets while riding bikes, scooters, skateboards or in-line roller blades to school and on the weekends.

California state law requires that anyone under 18 years old riding one of these must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet, police said.

"In an effort to improve safety, build relationships with our youth and educate our youthful bicyclists, Pleasanton officers will be stopping students who are riding to or from school and are improperly or not wearing their helmets," police said in a press release. "During this time in lieu of citations, officers will be issuing courtesy citations and educating our students."

Police began issuing courtesy citations last Thursday. A department spokesman said they will continue at least through the end of 2012, when a decision will be made whether to issue actual tickets.

The California Vehicle Code states a second offense for riding without a helmet or with an unsecured helmet is punishable by a fine of up to \$25.

The release notes that the police and the school district are working together to ensure the safety of students.

"This is especially true of students in the middle schools, since they have the highest concentration of bike riders," the release states.

It adds that the department "has a long standing tradition of traffic safety initiatives that work to prevent injuries to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Our most effective tool however is public awareness, education and community cooperation." ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Shoplifting team nabs \$5,000 in pricey purses

An organized shoplifting crew made off with high-end handbags worth more than \$5,000 in an Oct. 21 incident, according to a police report.

A male and two females stole a license plate from a vehicle and placed it on the pickup truck they were driving, the report said. That crew was later linked to the theft of nine purses from Nordstrom.

When the three left in the pickup with stolen plates, witnesses reported seeing it driving erratically on southbound Interstate 680, according to the report. The truck got off the freeway, and one of the suspects removed the stolen license plate, and the truck was then spotted driving south on Foothill Road.

Police say a similar crime was reported recently in Los Altos.

Stolen from Nordstrom were two purses valued at \$1,395, a \$750 purse, a handbag valued at \$498, another worth \$398, two valued at \$348, one worth \$328, one valued at \$198.

In other police reports:

- A residential burglary netted jewelry worth more than \$29,000 from a home in the 2900 block of Garden Creek Circle between 10:30 a.m. Oct. 13 and 6 p.m. Oct. 20. Taken was an \$8,000 gold bangle, a \$7,000 gold bangle, a \$7,000 gold chain with pendants, a \$5,000 black bead necklace, a \$3,000 gold bangle, a \$3,000 gold bracelet, a \$1,500 emerald and sapphire pendant and earring set, a \$1,000 gold chain and pendant, \$600 gold hoop earrings, \$400 gold bird cage earrings, a small gold pendant valued at \$200 and decorative silver bowls valued at \$200. No forced entry was discovered.

- Dawnesha Patrice Carmier, 27, of Oakland was arrested Oct. 20 at about 5:07 p.m. on a felony shoplifting charge at H&M at Stoneridge Shopping Center in the theft of pants, a shirt and shoes worth \$90. The felony charge stems from the use of a booster bag, which was used to hide the items.

- William Roy Quezali, 24, a transient, was arrested Oct. 19 for felony possession of stolen property including medication, bank statements and a \$900 laptop;

Quezali was arrested at ValleyCare Medical Center in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard with a backpack of items that didn't belong to him.

- Christopher Mark Dillon, 47, a transient, was arrested Oct. 21 in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive on an arrest warrant for a Pleasanton felony theft of a handgun.

- One home and one business were hit in Oct. 17 burglaries.

A \$400 laptop, \$150 laptop, \$100 cash and five cell phones worth \$50 were stolen from DeSoto Cab in the first block of California Avenue between 2 a.m. and 5:15 a.m.; there was no sign of forced entry.

A burglary in the 100 block of Birch Creek Terrace netted a \$1,000 laptop, \$150 laptop and a \$100 iPod docking station. The theft took place between 10 and 11 a.m. Entry was gained through an open garage door and unlocked inner door.

- A \$6,000 bicycle was reported stolen between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 20 from the an apartment complex in the 1500 block of East Gate Way from beneath a set of stairs at the complex; the bike was locked but not secured to the stairway.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 16

Theft

- 1:39 a.m. in the 400 block of Main Street; embezzlement
- 7:39 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; grand theft

Oct. 17

Theft

- 3:22 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 6:03 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; felony shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 9:40 a.m. in the 3100 block of Half Dome Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:57 p.m. in the 4800 block of Mason Street; DUI

Oct. 18

Theft

- 11:06 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; identity theft
- 12:44 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; grand theft
- 3:34 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; identity theft

Auto burglary

- 8:42 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:37 a.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue; DUI
- 7:19 a.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and I-680; DUI
- 4:40 p.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Drive; under the influence of a controlled substance

- 5:10 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance

- 10:58 p.m. at the intersection of Old Bernal Avenue and Augustine Street; DUI

Oct. 19

Child abuse

- 3:50 p.m. in the 4100 block of School Street

Theft

- 11:41 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 8:08 a.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Road

Vandalism

- 11:27 p.m. in the 3300 block of Santa Rita Road

Minor in possession of false identification

- 12:24 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 11:25 a.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; marijuana possession
- 8:01 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Touriga Drive; marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession

Oct. 20

Felony shoplifting

- 7:38 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 12:09 a.m. in the 3300 block of Santa Rita Road
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Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:16 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; DUI
- 9:58 a.m. in the 3600 block of Vineyard Avenue; marijuana possession
- 10:41 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; public drunkenness

Oct. 21

Battery

- 12:16 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

DUI

- 1:51 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct 22

Theft

- 2:21 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; fraud
- 3:24 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement

Vandalism

- 8:52 p.m. in the 7600 block of Fair Oaks Drive

DUI

- 8:10 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 9:08 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

Oct. 23

Theft

- 1:16 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft
- 4:49 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
- 8:29 p.m. in the 2100 block of Laguna Creek Lane; theft

Auto burglary

- 11:56 a.m. at the intersection of Case Avenue and Bernal Avenue

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Concerts

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Events

HARVEST CELEBRATION Join Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road, from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, as they celebrate the harvest season with fun, games, prizes, face painting, puppet shows, inflatables, food, candy, music, chili cook-off, and a pie contest. Call Valerie Fleming at 484-2482 or email her at valerie@harvestvalley.org for details. Free.

LUNCH AND OPTIONAL MOVIE IN DUBLIN The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join them for Lunch/Optional Movie at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Black Angus Restaurant, 4818 Dublin Blvd. RSVP to Marge by Sunday, Oct. 28, by calling 828-5124. Cost determined by your menu choice and/or movie ticket.

VETERANS DAY PARADE The 2012 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade marches through downtown Pleasanton beginning at 1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4, from Old Bernal Road to St. Mary Street. Immediately following the parade will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. The U.S. Marines and members of the P-Town Pushrods car club will collect new, boxed toys for Toys for Tots before. Free.

WORK OF WA DESIGN (ARCHITECTS) The public is invited to a free slideshow of architect David Stark Wilson's work at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Wilson, the author of two books, cites nature as having the most profound influence on his architecture. For details, call 931-3400, ext. 7.

Film

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT "The Perfect Game" is an inspiring movie based on a true story how a ragtag Little League team from Monterrey, Mexico, won the Little League World Series in 1957. The movie is from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin. Donations will fund an outreach to women and children in India. Refreshments will be served. Call 447-9530.

Fundraisers

TRIVALLEY ROTARY HOSTS 'CHICAGO' SING-A-LONG Join the TriValley Rotary on Sunday, Oct. 28, to sing along to the Oscar-winning musical/movie, "Chicago," at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First St. in Livermore. Come in a movie-themed costume and compete for prizes, and help the Rotary help others by bringing new or gently used coats to donate. Call 273-1603 or visit www.trivalleyrotary.org. 4:45-8 p.m. \$15

Health

MEDICATING TEENS: MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., will host a seminar with Dr. Michael Levin, who has been practicing in the East Bay for 20 years, at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5. He will try to help attendees deal with the question of medicating teens, since psychiatry has seen a fast rise of psychotropic medications. Call 931-3400, ext. 7. No registration required. Free and open to all.

Holiday

EBSPCA TRICK-OR-TREAT Come to the East Bay SPCA Trick or Treat event, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason Dr. in Dublin. Bring the kids in costume to meet the animals, do crafts and play games. Call 479-9670, email education@eastbayspca.org or visit www.eastbayspca.org/specialevents. Free.

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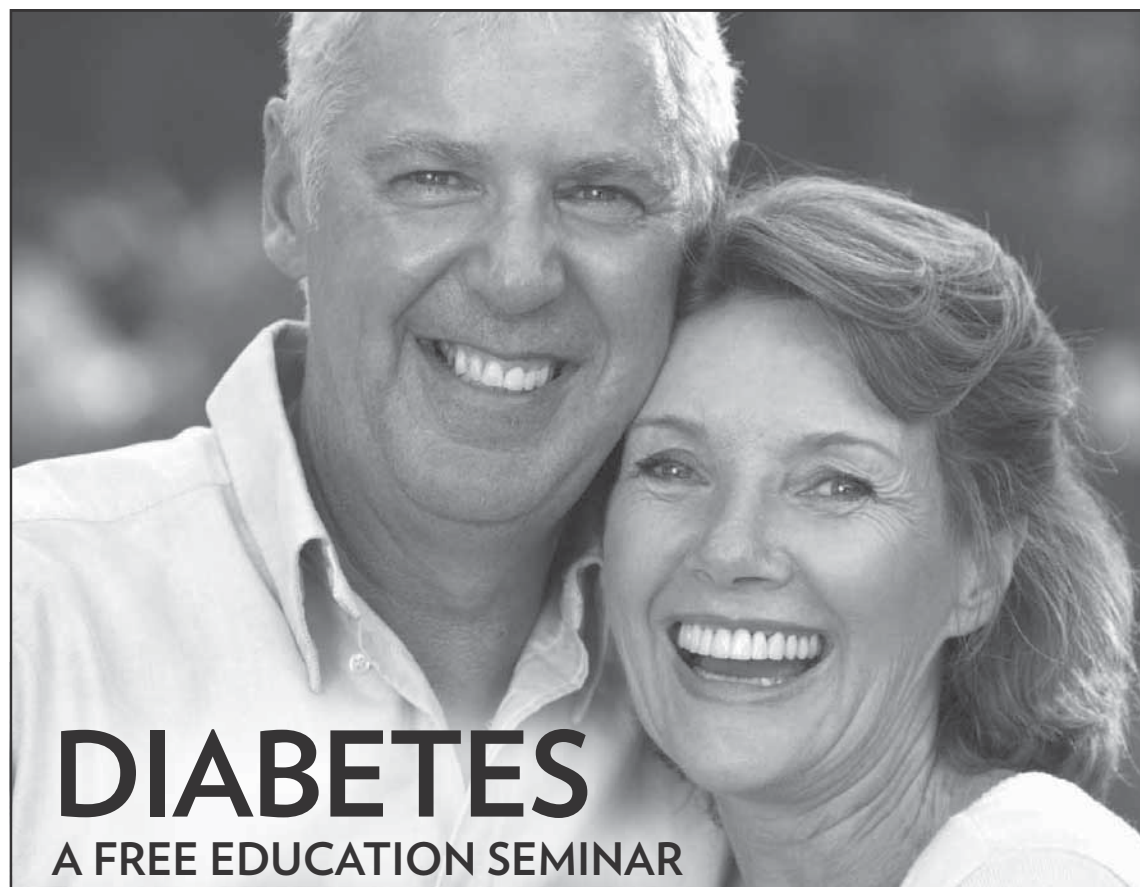
FIREHOUSE ARTS PRESENTS 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST' Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre will open its 2012-13 season at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, with the Disney version of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Firehouse Arts Center. Subsequent performances will take place at 8 p.m. on Nov. 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17; and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Tickets are adult: \$18, \$29, \$33; child and senior: \$17, \$24, \$29; purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, at the box office, or by calling 931-4848. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave.

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Sports

PLEASANTON LACROSSE CLUB FALL FESTIVAL The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Fall Festival is from 2:30-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28, at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road. This event is open to all boys from 1st grade to 11th grade who are new to the sport of lacrosse and have never played on one of our teams. New players will receive a lacrosse stick and a ball to take home. Participants will also get a discount code for the Spring Season. Call Alex Pouteau at 353-6503 or visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.



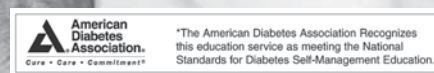
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Sports

Ballistic partners with English soccer club

Local players will be able to showcase their soccer skills overseas

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton's Ballistic United Soccer Club, which has programs for boys to develop their skills to play at the highest levels, has announced its first partnership with Sheffield Wednesday.

Sheffield Wednesday is a professional football (soccer) club located in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England, which is now competing in Championship League following promotion from League One at the end of the 2011-12 season. Sheffield Wednesday is one of the oldest professional clubs in the world and is the fifth oldest in the English league.

"I have been in search of the right partnership abroad to better enhance the soccer program we offer to players and their parents," said Kevin Crow, Ballistic technical director for the past three years. "As a club that values player development, coaching development, and is open to creating opportunities for teams to travel abroad, we found that the partnership with Sheffield Wednesday will enhance all of these values."

The partnership will also provide individual players the opportunity to train with Sheffield Wednesday academy teams.

Crow recently traveled to Italy,



Keeper Jared Wilson of the Ballistic United 99 Premier U-14 team, comes out to make the save as they battle Juventus Aztecs Premier on Oct. 13 in Redwood City to maintain their slight grip on first place. The match was tied at 1-1.

Holland and England to develop a relationship with some of the clubs in those countries, and last year his club started its "Ballistic Abroad" program. Under the program, the U14 Premier team traveled to England over the spring break, where it trained and played games at Sheffield Wednesday and toured London, Manchester and Sheffield and watched professional soccer games. The team also took a group tour through Manchester United's stadium.

"As part of the partnership program, Ballistic United and Sheffield Wednesday will create an annual identification program that will enable Ballistic players an opportunity to showcase themselves in front of Sheffield Wednesday's academy coaches," Crow said. "The first program is slated for the summer of 2013. Players identified through this program will have the opportunity to travel abroad and train alongside Sheffield Wednesday's academy teams." ■



Premier dominates

BUSC U16 Premier's Yousef Diyah controls the ball while his teammate Michael Clancy crosses behind him in Premier's 2-1 win against East Diablo YSL Impact Force on Oct. 13. Brad Pilkington scored the first goal on a penalty kick. Cameron Casby scored the second goal after Alex Lee dribbled half the field while beating several defenders. Lee then slid a perfect pass to Casby whose one-touch shot sailed past the keeper. On Oct. 14, Premier won soundly, 5-1, against Alliance FC Morelia in NorCal State Cup play. Ben Smedley scored a hat trick and Pierre Marie and Blaz Perko each found the back of the net. The team dominated possession in both games with collective team efforts and excellent group defending.

PREP LINE-UP

Oct. 26

- Girls Tennis: TBA, AVHS vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Football: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away
- 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore High School, away

Oct. 29

- Girls Golf: All day, Foothill NCS

Championship, away

- 8 a.m., AVHS NCS Championships @ Windsor Golf Course

Oct. 30

- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. AVHS, home
- TBA, AVHS vs. Foothill, away
- Girls Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Cal High, away
- 6 p.m., AVHS vs. San Ramon, home

Oct. 31

- Boys Water Polo: NCS begins

Nov. 1

- Girls Tennis: TBA, Foothill EBAL Championships, home
- Girls Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. AVHS, home

Nov. 2

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador Valley at Amador
- Cross Country: TBA, AVHS EBAL Championships @ Shadow Cliffs
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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Athena

Athena is a stunning cat with a confident personality. She walks into new situations with her head (and her tail!) held high, ready to take on the world. Although she's got strong opinions, she loves to be petted, purrs readily and isn't shy about picking out her favorite people. She's done fine in a multi-cat foster home where her housemates are submissive and are OK with letting her be the "gal in charge." Athena has not been exposed to dogs while in foster, so we don't know how she would feel about them. A home where she could be the only pampered pet princess would be her ideal! She's estimated to be 3 years old. To learn more about her, contact Terri at terrilduncan@yahoo.com or 925-487-7279.



Prudential agents off today to work on community projects

Realty closes all Northern California offices for Community Service Day

By JEB BING

Prudential California Realty is closing all of its offices across Northern California today, including Pleasanton's, to allow agents to participate in the brokerage's annual Community Service Day.

Agents are volunteering their time on various neighborhood-enhancing projects in the areas where the company has offices.

"The vision of our Community Service Day is to rally all of our agents to create both a macro and micro effort of giving back," said Gretchen Pearson, CEO of the Prudential California Realty, Pearson Properties.

"Volunteering in our communities is crucial to bringing people, businesses, and needs together, so we close our offices for one day to make a positive influence on the communities that we serve," she said.

In Pleasanton, Realtors Karla Brown and Steve Fast said they will be distributing over 500 bags for the Alameda County Food bank for Oakland and Pleasanton.

"Everyone in the First Street office here in Pleasanton and in Livermore and San Ramon is volunteering their time for these great causes," Brown said.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank is a hub of a vast collection and distribution networks that provide food for 275 nonprofit agencies in Alameda County.

Other organizations being supported on Community Service Day and the offices that will be volunteering their time are:

- Hosanna Ranch, a foster home providing emergency, short-term and long-term housing for children (San Ramon and Castro Valley offices).
- McHenry House, which empowers homeless families and individuals toward self-sufficiency (Tracy office).
- Habitat for Humanity and the Los Banos Art Council, the office will assist in refurbishing a building that was purchased by the Los Banos Art Council (Los Banos office).
- Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, which is a

residence for sexually exploited children and offers healing, guidance and support to get them back on track (Livermore office).

■ Fat Kitty City, a one-of-a-kind sanctuary on a 20 acre, tree-studded natural environment in Northern California and is operated by the Agee Memorial Wildlife Fund Inc., which is dedicated to ending needless animal suffering, through spaying, neutering, socializing, adopting and other aggressive approaches (El Dorado Hills office).

■ Rossmoor Lions Club supporting the hearing and sight impaired (Walnut Creek Tice Valley office).

■ Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks, a group of concerned people who work together to promote clean, healthy creeks, and Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden, a demonstration garden at the Pleasant Hill Education Center using healthy organic practices, water conservation and create a wildlife habitat (Pleasant Hill office).

■ Habitat for Humanity ReStore, a volunteer-driven home improvement store that accepts and resells new and gently used building materials, appliances and furniture to the general public at a fraction of their normal retail price. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco to fund the construction of homes in San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula. (Redwood City office).

■ Veterans of Foreign War Post 10789 of Brentwood (Brentwood, Oakley and Discovery Bay).

■ San Francisco SafeHouse, a residential center for women leaving prostitution that gives them the opportunity to heal and to transform their lives (San Francisco office).

■ OneWarmCoat, benefiting St. Vincent de Paul, which gathers coats during the fall to give to those in need in time for winter (Orinda).

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during September 2012

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- 3582 Capoterra Way #58** Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to M. Lelchuk for \$561,000
- 4313 Clarinbridge Circle** R. Montana to T. Schott for \$345,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #217** Toll Dublin Limited to L. & L. Lai for \$371,500
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #229** Toll Dublin Limited to D. Chong for \$369,500
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #240** B. Gordon to J. & P. Kanelos for \$374,000
- 6337 Gatwick Court** N. & D. Magsino to M. Vo for \$430,000
- 4703 Hazelwood Street** Tjon Trust to Y. Lin for \$645,000
- 4685 Mangrove Drive #48** A. Davis to R. Kahlon for \$362,000
- 3297 Monaghan Street** G. Woo to Hsieh Trust for \$389,000
- 3389 Monaghan Street** H. Tabios to M. Raad for \$375,000
- 5256 Palazzo Drive** D R Horton to R. Du for \$868,500
- 8758 Shamrock Place** Rowe Trust to F. Nabhan for \$490,000
- 6693 Spruce Lane** V. Herrera to E. Po for \$360,000
- 7548 Sutton Lane** Wells Fargo Bank to Florence Trust for \$400,000
- 7003 Utica Court** Wong Trust to M. & M. Madlansacay for \$440,000
- 3351 Vittoria Loop** Standard Pacific Corporation to V. Palagummi for \$725,000

Livermore

- 1018 Baltusrol Road** H. & J. Gonzalez to R. & T. Borchard for \$365,000
- 2137 Buckskin Road** Hill Trust to R. Burton for \$434,500
- 1390 Calle De Las Granvas** J. Dao to A. Burdick for \$450,000
- 1840 Carnation Circle** K. Peters to J. Florido for \$425,000
- 5341 Celeste Avenue** W. & C. Henderson to M. Ross for \$405,000
- 2496 Chateau Way** J. & L. Duffey to Brocato Trust for \$683,000
- 4493 Edgewood Way** M. & V. Koski to D. & A. White for \$899,000
- 942 El Rancho Drive** Ordonia Trust to M. Barger for \$284,500
- 486 Encino Drive** Totten Trust to H. Whitley for \$480,000
- 6241 Forget Me Not** D. Perez to K. Fury for \$261,500
- 2574 Gelding Lane** N. Tenuta to C. Chinen for \$348,000
- 554 Jensen Street** A. Wilson to H. & K. Royer for \$335,000
- 1202 Jessica Drive** M. & L. Lewis to R. Roberts for \$667,500
- 2121 Lagrange Court** Hernandez Trust to Sanctify Inc. for \$890,000
- 1846 Locust Street** Rosa Trust to J. Schoenberger for \$383,000
- 6430 Magnolia Common** P. & J. Michaels to L. & C. Koos for \$440,000
- 3612 Montrose Place** M. & K. Simonetti to FP Investments for \$567,500
- 170 North N Street #104** Signature at Station Square to L. Palmer for \$315,000
- 399 Northwood Commons** Bailey Trust to L. Hemmings for \$265,000
- 453 Pismo Court** Anderson Trust to R. & J. Garrigan for \$410,000
- 4892 Rhonda Lane** T. & L. Lin to K. & D. Sinclair for \$585,000
- 6412 Scenic Avenue** Meritage Homes to K. & A. Prasad for \$690,000
- 237 Scherman Way** Lovato Trust to T. Wilson

for \$420,000

- 166 Selby Lane #3** Shea Homes to W. & S. Sweeney for \$319,500
- 166 Selby Lane #4** Shea Homes to J. & C. Dorrien for \$380,000
- 485 South K Street** S. Moore to Williams Trust for \$452,000
- 695 Trinity Hills Lane** Mcclusky Trust to M. Chand for \$940,000
- 794 Vinci Way** T. & S. Pattas to C. & L. Ofori for \$875,000
- 1854 Walnut Street** NorCal Homes Investments Group to R. & N. Menise for \$315,000

Pleasanton

- 4264 1st Street #1** Livanos Trust to I. & N. Khalil for \$810,000
- 5752 Belleza Drive** Wechsler Trust to V. & T. Malatesta for \$431,000
- 7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #D** K. Souza to P. & P. Wu for \$205,000
- 2765 Corte Bandera** D. & S. Fields to D. Vierra for \$790,500
- 7859 Creekside Drive** N. & R. Chitre to E. & M. Moreno for \$455,000
- 2732 Maria Street** R. Rei to K. Khanna for \$626,000
- 1315 Montrose Place** S. Shafai to V. & U. Garg for \$1,444,000
- 3335 Prairie Drive** M. Vanwerven to Oak Tree Trust for \$1,006,000
- 446 Sycamore Road** Caremeridian Limited to Sycamore Road Limited for \$1,550,000
- 1525 Trimmingham Drive** Roth Trust to B. Fike for \$525,000
- 2055 Valley Oak Road** Hedayat Trust to M. Gustafson for \$2,100,000
- 1841 Via Di Salerno** Chand Trust to N. Mudakavi for \$2,825,000
- 1892 Via Di Salerno** Jadhav Trust to N. Vemulapalli for \$1,465,000
- 2388 Willet Way** R. & E. Miller to Becker Trust for \$819,000

San Ramon

- 8030 Briar Oaks Drive** B. & T. Estrella to A. Cheng for \$700,000
- 1110 Canyon Green Drive** S. Wihlidal to G. Evans for \$649,500
- 348 Cardona Circle** Golden Trust to X. Zhang for \$580,000
- 169 Cassandra Place** Silvergate Investment Group to R. & J. Nunez for \$590,000
- 203 Forest Creek Lane** Porciuncula Trust to E. Cheng for \$560,000
- 2521 Fountainhead Drive** Rennard Trust to D. Staat for \$295,000
- 2689 Fountainhead Drive** Harborview Mortgage to A. Depietro for \$286,000
- 2785 Fountainhead Drive** J. Arbogast to A. Klauber for \$270,000
- 554 Kingsbridge Court** J. & S. Kern to M. & C. McGinnis for \$1,370,000
- 801 Ladera Corte** P. & M. Jacquay to D. Lau for \$530,000
- 735 Lakemont Place #9** Bank of America to L. Thome for \$540,000
- 4 Majestic Oak Court** Bank of the West to H. & T. Hazen for \$1,225,000
- 101 Mediar Court** Q. Zheng to J. & T. Park for \$737,000
- 2460 Millstream Lane #147** Ferraez Trust to M. Subbarya for \$520,000
- 2625 Paige Way** S. Tallapragada to V. & M. Ramanan for \$1,050,000
- 5586 Satinleaf Way** D. & P. Garcia to Cha Trust for \$1,470,000
- 632 Sunflower Court** RWW Properties to A. Do for \$1,015,500
- 36 Terraced Hills Way** T. Mai to H. Pham for \$530,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 19 Alegre Ct** \$749,900
- Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4000

Dublin

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 4544 Mirano Ct** \$639,950
- Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 321-6104

5 BEDROOMS

- 6893 Penn Dr** \$569,000
- Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000

Livermore

- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 1978 Regulus Ct** \$999,000
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 4655 Carson Ct** \$579,800
- Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

- 918 Clinton Pl** \$684,500
- Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

4 BEDROOMS

- 3834 Orion Ct** \$988,500
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

- 4 Grey Eagle Ct** \$1,725,000
- Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

- 8113 Regency Dr** \$1,290,000
- Sun 1:30-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

- 4444 Foothill Rd** \$1,750,000
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

- 180 Kottinger Dr** \$785,000
- Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

5 BEDROOMS

- 463 Montori Ct** \$1,049,500
- Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

- 3273 Novara Way** \$2,925,000
- Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

7 BEDROOMS

- 2424 Ruby Hill Dr** \$3,495,000
- Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

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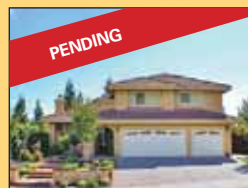
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PENDINGS



2327 Woodthrush Way Pleasanton
Great "Birdland" location. 4 bed/2 bath home. Over 1800 sq. ft. Multiple offers. Call for more information.



5029 Forest Hill Dr Pleasanton
Beautiful 5 bed/3 bath, 3440 sq. ft. home on .25 acre. Great layout for family living or entertaining. Offered at \$1,049,000



4213 Payne Road Pleasanton
Great Single Story in "Val Vista" Walking to schools and shops. Offered at \$484,000 Short Sale

RECENT SOLDS



3147 Catawba Court Pleasanton
Charming Vintage Hills single story home with 1527 sq. ft. 4 bed/ 2 bath on a nice quiet court. Upgraded bathrooms. Sold for \$690,000



7011 Corte Rosa Pleasanton
Spacious 4 bed/3 bath, 2800 sq. ft. home with pool in Country Fair. Upgraded kitchen, excellent floor plan, 3 car garage. Sold for \$855,000



7703 Cottonwood Lane Highland Oaks
2000 + sq. ft., 4 bed/ 2 bath desirable west side single story. Sold for \$675,000

BUYER NEEDS

- Large family home, over 3000 sq. ft., 4/5 beds, large lot, up to 1.8k
- Single story home, or townhome 3 bedrooms, up to 650k
- Small home 3 bedrooms, nice size yard, under 600k

SELLER REVIEW

"Julia did an excellent job selling our house. She sold it in only 4 days! This was due to her helping us price it right and all her expertise in getting the house ready to sale. She is organized, informative, honest, knowledgeable and most importantly responsive! She was always available to help meet painters etc. while we were getting the house ready to sale. I would definitely recommend her to all my friends and plan to use her to find my next home." —C. Cohen, March 2012

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LIVERMORE
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BEAUTIFUL ESTATES HOME \$1,150,000
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1605 BRUSH CREEK PLACE
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3 BR 2.5 BA Great Cul-De-Sac Location!Beautiful Views of Mt.Diablo.Top School District!Great Potential 925.847.2200

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5434 TWILIGHT CMN
GORGEOUS ARDENWOOD HOME \$655,000
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34201 TEMPEST TERRACE
ARDENWOOD TOWNHOME \$550,000
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4141 DEEP CREEK #171
VERY NICE WELL KEPT HOME! \$49,950
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32949 LAKE MEAD
GREAT OPPORTUNITY!! \$379,950
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Available in Vineyard Estates - Built in 2006

3263 Vineyard Ave #29, Pleasanton

Must be 55 or older. Charming located near pool, clubhouse & guest parking. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, gourmet kitchen with island & lots of cabinets for storage. Custom paint throughout, Wainscotting, newer carpet, gas fireplace w/insert, skylights, high ceilings, ceiling fans, storage shed/MORE! Offered at \$220,000



Sold

357 Knottingham Cir.
Livermore
4 bedrooms, 3 baths
\$679,950



Sold in 1 weekend

3272 Royalton Court
Pleasanton
4 bedrooms, 2 baths
\$605,000



Sold

7703 Cottonwood Ln.
Pleasanton
Represented buyer
4 bedrooms, 2 baths
\$675,000



Sold

The Terraces
of Dublin Ranch
Represented buyer
2 bedroom, 2 bath
condo
\$380,000



Sold

567 Amberwood Wy.
Livermore
4 bedrooms, 3 baths
\$645,000



Sold in 1 weekend

3275 Royalton Court
Pleasanton
*Represented buyer
and seller*
4 bedrooms, 3 baths
\$640,000



Sold in 1 weekend

1702 Montecito Cir.
Livermore
3 bedrooms, 2 baths
\$82,000

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BUYERS NEEDS

Family of 4 seeks 4ba/2ba, 2000+/-sq.ft with side yard access and large yard, up to \$875,000

NEW LISTING



4270 Mairmont Drive, Pleasanton

4bd/2.5ba, 1802+/-sq.ft., updated Corian kitchen, remodeled tile baths, new windows, plantation shutters, inside laundry, pool, spa and side yard access. Walking distance to K-12 schools, Orloff Park and shopping.
Offered at \$729,000

NEW LISTING



2468 Crestline Road, Pleasanton

6bd/2.5 ba, 2546+/-sq. ft., expanded "Monterey" model. Granite and cherry kitchen and baths, hardwood floors, new dual pane windows, large yard, close to sports park, walk to K-12 schools.
Offered at \$825,000

COMING SOON



4923 Blackbird Way, Pleasanton

Absolutely stunning "Woodhaven" model, 4bd/2ba, 1748+/-sq.ft with many custom features throughout including hardwood floors, granite kitchen, remodeled baths, crown molding, plantation shutters, attic and garage storage, professionally landscaped yards.
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3834 ORION COURT, PLEASANTON

Quiet court location near downtown, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2800 plus square feet. Lot size is 9074 sq. ft. Highly upgraded custom home, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, expansive master suite with retreat, fireplace and upgraded bathroom. Large family room with fireplace, plantation shutters and crown molding. Newer landscaped private rear yard with built-in BBQ, refrigerator, sitting area, fire pit and beautiful stone patios and landscaping!
OFFERED AT \$988,500

AVILA

PENDING!



5284 ARREZZO STREET, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded three bedroom, two and a half bathrooms, approximately 1482 square feet "Signature Home." Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Brazilian Cherry hardwood flooring and new carpet. Recessed lighting, dual pane windows, central air conditioning, & new paint interior/exterior. Private rear yard. Community amenities include pool/spa, clubhouse & playground. Close to BART and 580/680 access and more!
OFFERED AT \$579,500

PRIMA

PENDING!



176 PRATO WAY, LIVERMORE

Upgraded 5 bedroom, 3 bathrooms, approximately 3325 square foot Centex home. Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, island, and breakfast bar! Expansive master suite with spa tub and walk-in closet. Plantation shutters, crown molding, custom tile and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors throughout downstairs. Dual heating & air conditioning. Beautifully landscaped front and rear yards, in-ground pool/raised spa and private courtyard area, three car garage with electric gated private driveway. Close to golfing, Ruby Hill Country Club, renewed downtown and adjacent to the Livermore Wine Country! **OFFERED AT \$869,000**

OAK LANE

JUST CLOSED!



369 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON

Former Friden Estate Hunting Lodge - "Moonlight Oaks." Private Driveway included in this 1.2 acre estate lot in premium wooded, secluded location. This is an entertainer's dream home. Extensive use of quality Redwood timber. Recently upgraded, desirable single level with tastefully maintained historic charm. Panoramic views of nature and historic majestic Oaks. Approximately 3800 Square Feet with three bedrooms, three remodeled bathrooms, large gourmet kitchen, and incredible Great room with large Yosemite style fireplace and open beam ceiling. Large basement for storage and detached two-room wine cottage.
SOLD FOR \$1,358,500

DANBURY PARK

SOLD!



1431 GROTH CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Premium location, two bedroom, two bathroom, approximately 1345 square feet, extensively upgraded single level home with open floor plan, adjacent to park. Kitchen has new granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Bathrooms are upgraded with granite countertops, new plumbing fixtures and hardware. Vaulted ceilings, new window blinds, new tile flooring, private atrium area, & upgraded landscaping. Conveniently located near Downtown, Mission Plaza Shopping Center, Amador Shopping Center, The Aquatic Center, and Amador Valley Community Park.
OFFERED AT & SOLD FOR \$839,500

MURIETTA MEADOWS

SOLD - REPRESENTED BUYER



27 ROCKROSE STREET, LIVERMORE

SWEET!!! Stonybrook Estate Home-shows nicely! Great curb appeal-sparkling clean. Hardwood and tile flooring downstairs. Vaulted ceilings in Living room & Dining room. Dramatic circular staircase. Large Master bath with separate shower and tub. Park like backyard with large patio and beautifully manicured lawns. 1 Bedroom/1 Bathroom downstairs. **SOLD FOR \$520,000**

HIDDEN OAK

SOLD!



1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON

Former model home, upgraded throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2029 sq. ft. Built in 1999. Premium 3654 sq. ft. Corner lot. Upgraded contemporary kitchen, adjacent family room, formal dining & living rooms, wood burning fireplace, two car garage, walk to downtown (1 minute walk to main street). Crown molding throughout, dual pane windows downstairs, triple pane windows upstairs (most), upgraded carpeting, dual zone heating & air conditioning, ceiling fans/lights in all bedrooms, two inch wood blinds in kitchen & family room. **SOLD FOR \$640,000**

CUSTOM HOME

SOLD!



6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Enter this secluded .56 acre estate through the long, private driveway! This mostly single level custom home includes an upstairs spacious second master suite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. Approximately 4003 total square feet, large remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Expansive rear grounds with views of open space and Pleasanton Ridge, includes ten person spa, built-in fireplace, expansive lawn area and stamped concrete & brick patios. Great home for entertaining! Three car garage with adjacent bonus room. **SOLD FOR \$1,130,000**

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD!



5206 SELENA COURT, PLEASANTON

Check out this double sized lot (.56 acre). Premium private court location for this quality built Greenbriar home (2000), includes 4 bedroom (1 down), 3 baths, and bonus room. Beautiful professional landscaping with in-ground pool/spa in this expansive private backyard including multiple sitting areas, adjacent beautiful Heritage Oak tree, elevated ridge viewing deck. Upgraded gourmet kitchen, with granite counters, marble heated flooring and stainless appliances. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

SOLD!



2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

"The heart of Birdland" Location, Location, Location! Quiet court is walking distance to Woodthrush Park, all levels of schools, two shopping centers, Aquatic Center & Sports Park! Premium .28 Acre Lot (12,125 sq. ft.) Single Level-4 bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms with 2112 Sq. Ft. "Gateway" model in excellent condition. Granite countertops in kitchen. Remodeled master bathroom. Expansive front yard with private gated courtyard. Beautifully landscaped! Large backyard, great for entertaining, with in-ground pool/spa & refinished deck!
OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$819,000

LIVERMORE

SOLD!



5598 BERWIND AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Highly upgraded single level home on premium cul-de-sac, 9927 square foot lot! Three bedroom, two bathrooms, with approximately 1500 square feet. Upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, wood flooring and new carpet. Large park-like private rear yard with extensive custom stamped concrete work and custom patio overhead structure with fan. Spacious grass areas, Side-yard access and separated storage area with spacious shed. **SOLD FOR \$425,000**

VALENCIA

SOLD!



5019 RIGATTI CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded Valencia home. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2321 Sq. Ft. Downstairs bedroom/office (5th). Spacious master suite. Large family room with built-in entertainment center. Formal dining room. Modern gourmet kitchen has granite counter tops, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances. Community amenities include Club House, Greenbelt, Playground, Pool/Spa, and Tennis Court(s). Close to Owens Plaza Park, BART, & 580/680 access.
SOLD FOR \$825,000





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1225 Lozano Court, Ruby Hill

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Open Sun 1-4



3273 Novara Way - Pleasanton (Ruby Hill)

5 bed/4 full and 2 half bath, 7800 sq. ft. Grand French Estate on .6 acre lot. Exquisite details include Brazilian Cherry and French Limestone floors, beautiful gourmet kitchen, crown molding and wainscoting. Golf course view and rose gardens. **Offered at \$2,925,000**

Open Sun 1-4



Simply Elegant in Every Way! An opportunity to live in Grey Eagle Estates only comes along once every few years. There are breathtaking views from this custom estate. 4 bdms, 4.5 baths, two dens, a media rm and over 5000 sq ft. Stunning marble entry, handsome hardwood floors, dramatic iron staircase and handcrafted woodwork throughout. Gourmet granite slab kitchen with two pantries. Master suite with stunning views, dual fireplace, pedestal tub, oversized shower and heated floors. **Offered at \$1,725,000**
4 Grey Eagle Court, Pleasanton



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Open Sun 1-4



4655 Carson Ct., Pleasanton

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