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**News of the Month**

**Strong Retail Activity in Todos Santos Plaza**

Downtown Concord is enjoying significant retail activity – with new shops, plus more than \$500,000 being invested to improve the retail buildings around Todos Santos Plaza.



In April 2010, the City approved \$200,000 in façade improvement grants to help seven local businesses, including: the Brenden Theater, Agave Grill, and five other local retailers. The seven businesses will use these grant funds – plus an estimated \$300,000 of their own private funds – to improve the appearance of their storefronts and to add outdoor seating and other amenities.

Todos Santos Plaza has continued to attract new retail. On April 10, 2010, Sweet Tart opened at 2151 Salvio Street. Sweet Tart is a premium dessert shop that specializes in frozen yogurt, cookies, and gourmet cupcakes. Go to [www.BuyConcord.net](http://www.BuyConcord.net) for a [coupon for half off your second yogurt](#) purchase at this new business.

**Tip of the Month**

**Assistance for Employers**



The Contra Costa County Rapid Response Team provides customized, confidential and convenient outplacement services to companies experiencing layoffs. These services are provided to affected employees through the EASTBAY Works partners, and are at no cost to the business or its employees. Through on-site presentations, they can let employers and employees know about services available at the career centers, and from other agencies and organizations in the community.

EASTBAY Works One Stop Career Centers connect people with opportunities for employment. Staff there can help job seekers with career planning, job training and transition solutions to re-enter the workforce. Benefits include:

- Academic and career assessment
- Job search resources: internet, fax, telephones, photocopier
- Job search workshops
- Employer on-site recruitments/job listings
- Computer workshops
- Links to training and funding sources
- Trained staff to assist job seekers in transition
- Referrals to other services in the community

For more information about the Rapid Response Team go to [www.eastbayworks.com](http://www.eastbayworks.com) or contact Susie O'Bryant at 925-671-4542 or [sobryant@ehsd.cccounty.us](mailto:sobryant@ehsd.cccounty.us)

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## Deal of the Month

### Save at Las Montanas

Las Montanas Restaurant & Bar, a Mexican restaurant located at 1841 Willow Pass Road (Park N Shop Center) is currently offering \$5.00 - \$10.00 off your next bill at the restaurant when you spend \$25.00 - \$50.00. This offer is good until May 31, 2010, so be sure to download the coupon from BuyConcord.Net. In addition, check out Las Montanas Supermarket at 1725 Willow Pass Road (in the same shopping center), a premium supermarket with bakery, meat and produce, also owned by the Gomez family.



Click here for more information about Las Montanas and other [promotions from local businesses](#) on the BuyConcord.Net website.