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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Measures PP, QQ and State Assembly

No on Measure PP; No on Measure QQ

Both measures have the same objective: restrict development on top of the southeast hills of Pleasanton and on steep hillside lots with a 25 percent grade or more. Measure PP was placed on the ballot after its sponsors obtained signatures from 5,000 registered voters, qualifying their measure for the Nov. 4 ballot. If passed, it would impose an immediate ban on hillside development. Another part of it would seek to clarify and possibly tighten the definition of a housing unit that is used in controlling development to no more than the 1996 voter-mandated 29,000-unit housing cap. While the intent of the sponsors is good, their measure has never been reviewed by the city Planning Commission, city engineers and staff planners, or had an environmental assessment. It could be good or bad legislation, we don't know. Which is why voters should turn it down.

Measure QQ is also flawed. It was placed on the ballot in a 3-2 vote of the City Council whose majority believes Measure PP to be a knee-jerk reaction by a group opposed to the council's earlier approval of a 51-home development in the southeast hills, called Oak Grove. QQ, if approved, would require the council to adopt a hillside protection ordinance by the end of next year, an action the council has already set as a priority without any initiatives. We see QQ as an unnecessary interference with the public initiative process and urge voters to turn it down.

Buchanan for 15th, Hayashi for 18th, Torrico for 20th

Among the three State Assembly districts serving Pleasanton, only one—the 15th—is highly competitive, with longtime school trustee Joan Buchanan, a Democrat, running against Republican Mayor Abram Wilson of San Ramon. While both would serve the district well, we favor Buchanan because of her 18 years of service on the San Ramon Valley Unified School District board. Her financial and business background, coupled with her commitment to quality schools, makes her a better choice to tackle the state's \$15.2-billion budget deficit and education funding concerns.

In the 18th State Assembly District race, we support the re-election of Mary Hayashi, a Democrat. In her first term, she has gained the attention and respect of other Assemblymembers in important issues affecting the west and central sections of Pleasanton that she represents, especially in health care and education. She is chairwoman of the Assembly Select Committee on California Community Colleges and a commissioner on the state Mental Health Services Oversight Commission. Her Republican opponent, Lou Filipovich, is a perennial candidate who, in our opinion, does not measure up to the tasks ahead in the State Assembly.

In the 20th State Assembly District, we support the re-election of Alberto Torrico, a Democrat, who will be serving his third and final term in the legislature. Now majority leader of the Assembly, he holds frequent public forums in his home district, which includes most of Pleasanton's east and southeast sides. His Republican opponent, Jeffrey Wald, has tried to unseat Torrico before and voters have rejected his bid and should do so again.

**Other endorsements:**

For 11th Congressional District: Jerry Mc Nerney

For mayor: Jennifer Hosterman

For City Council: Jerry Pentin and Matt Sullivan

For school board: Jeff Bowser, Chris Grant and Jamie Yee Hintzke

Yes on East Bay Regional Park Measure WW

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## Letters

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### McGovern a tireless advocate

On Nov. 4, we, the citizens of Pleasanton, have a chance to stand up and be heard. By voting for Cindy McGovern for City Council, we will have a voice in the direction and future of the city of Pleasanton.

Cindy is honestly committed to protecting and preserving our open space, ridgelines and the scenic views. She is a leader who stands up for what she believes in and has worked tirelessly as an advocate for all the residents of Pleasanton. Vote Cindy McGovern for Pleasanton City Council. She has supported us and now it's our turn to show our support for her.

Marti Starnes

### Arkin fair-minded, right person for job

In these difficult times with state budgets constrained and a sagging economy, we in Pleasanton are fortunate to have Valerie Arkin running for the Pleasanton school board.

Valerie, a parent of three school-aged children, a library commissioner, and who serves on the YMCA

Board of Directors, is fair-minded and will make the right decisions that will benefit the children and teachers of Pleasanton. Valerie understands that early intervention is key to a struggling child's success.

Valerie brings a wealth of formal education, as well as her personal experience of 13 years of volunteering in the Pleasanton schools, to the job of school board member. Just ask the Association of Pleasanton Teachers, who endorsed her. Just ask Steve Brozosky, Cindy McGovern, and Kris Weaver, who have served on the School board. They know what it takes to get the job done, and they know that Valerie is the right person to do it.

I ask you to join me in voting for Valerie Arkin on Nov. 4. You'll be glad you did.

Joan Nibert

### My vote's for Pentin

Jerry Pentin will bring decisive leadership to the City Council as Pleasanton faces some major challenges in these uncertain times. As a small business owner, Jerry understands economics and will bring that business perspective to the Council at a time when balancing budgets and surviving revenue cuts from the State will be critical.

Jerry's civic and community activities are well known. He has a passion for obtaining trails and open space and is a member of

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Debbie Lopes

# HAPPY HA

by Jeb Bing

**B**race yourselves. Senators Barack Obama and John McCain may be coming to your door tonight, either separately or together.

Not the real candidates, of course. They'll still be too busy campaigning in advance of Tuesday's election.

But there'll be many look-alikes thanks to the expert work of designers and the Chinese manufacturers who churn out Halloween costumes each year.

"Obama masks are flying off the shelves and John McCain and even Hillary Clinton masks aren't far behind," said Kyle Beeby, who owns and operates the Halloween Express store in the Rose Pavilion. "Even Richard Nixon masks are still popular more than three decades after he left office."

Halloween is big business in America, although the Chinese manufacturers where almost all Halloween merchandise is now made haven't a clue.

"It's our biggest holiday in terms of sales and profits," Beeby said, "but the Chinese workers who sew, mold and create all these materials don't know what it's all about. Still, everything is made to exact specifications and we're seeing very good quality products this year."

Despite the sluggish retail economy, Beeby's store has been jammed with customers since he opened in the former Levitz Furniture store Sept. 5.

"Buyers are telling me that they may be cutting back on purchases, but they want to have some fun, too, and dressing up for Halloween parties and trick-or-treating is how they're doing it," Beeby explained. "Next to Christmas, this is most celebrated holiday in our country."

With classes cancelled in Pleasanton schools today because of teacher conferences, children wore their costumes and held classroom parties yesterday. Today, they'll be free to start trick-or-treating earlier, which pleases parents and police who prefer that the kids make their rounds while it's still daylight. An added advantage this year, Congress has extended daylight savings time to 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November on a permanent basis to include Halloween, with clocks falling back an hour to standard time this coming Sunday.

Although Halloween is considered an international holiday

It's the biggest holiday



Bryce, 18 months, and big sister Ashlynn O'Nesky, 4, wait in a wagon at the Pumpkin Patch at Valley and Bernal avenues.



Can you spot the living? Second from left, Halloween Express owner Kyle Beeby pals around with one of the many monsters in his store. Costumes of all varieties are popular this year, from presidential candidates

# HALLOWEEN!

y this side of Christmas



as parents shop for a pumpkin and other decorations at Moore's

celebrated on Oct. 31, its biggest celebrations are here in the U.S., marked by trick-or-treating, ghost tours, costume parties, haunted houses and carving pumpkins, which in Halloween-speak are Jack-o-lanterns. In many countries, the day is observed as the eve of All Saints Day and a time when church-goers dress in special costumes to ward off evil witches and the devil. It's also known as the Night of the Witches, which is hardly a festive holiday in the eyes of some Christian faiths.

But walking through the aisles of Halloween Express this week, the mood of shoppers has been anything but solemn. And although kids are still infatuated with some of the longtime favorites, such as Raggedy Ann and Andy costumes and all of the super heroes--Batman, Superman, Spiderman and the Joker--there are plenty of new designs this year, including Indiana Jones and Halo-3 clothing. Pirates are still popular along with Harry Potter, Ghostbusters, Star Wars and Dorothy and other "Wizard of Oz" characters.

On the more risqué side, which Beeby calls his PG-13 aisles, there are the outfits for the more mature party-goers who want to be seen as the Woodstock girl, a Go-Go dancer, Pirate wench or nurse (with very short skirts) and even strapless teddies with corset boning. A charming Greek goddess gown sells for \$99.99 with more elaborate costumes, including a King of Hearts for men that are priced at \$159.99. Baseball player outfits go for \$60 and then there are the very unusual, such as bologna sandwiches and Tootsie Roll look-alikes, even one outfit that makes its wearer look like a walking toilet, complete with a toilet paper holder.

"The Beer Pong costume is very popular this year, which comes with 14 cups that are attached to the board-like costume and can actually be used after the party gets started," Beeby said.

Of course, don't forget Fido. Costumes for pets are all the rage this year, Beeby said, just so the little dog is house trained before taking to the party.

Beeby, a lifelong Pleasanton resident who graduated from Foothill High in 1989, is staking his financial future on Halloween. If business stays as brisk as it's been this year, he'll pack up the unsold merchandise by Nov. 5 when his temporary leases expires and add it to new inventory when he re-opens next fall. He bought the franchise from Halloween Express, a Midwestern company, last year and had a smaller outlet in Fremont. ■



es to super heroes to the more risqué.



# ELECT Jerry Pentin

## Pleasanton City Council Decisive Leadership *for all Sides*

- To address current and future traffic issues
- To help retain businesses; protect our revenue base
- To protect open space and ridges; make them accessible

### ENDORSEMENTS:

**Jennifer Hosterman**, Mayor Pleasanton  
**Jerry Thorne**, Vice Mayor Pleasanton  
**Tom Pico**, Former Mayor Pleasanton  
**Ken Mercer**, Former Mayor Pleasanton  
**Frank Brandes**, Former Mayor Pleasanton  
**Becky Dennis**, Former Councilmember  
**Sharrell Michelotti**, Former Councilmember  
**Chris Grant**, Pleasanton School Board Trustee  
**Pat Kernan**, Pleasanton School Board Trustee  
**Bill James**, PUSD Superintendent, Ret.  
**Charley Plummer**, Sheriff of Alameda County, Ret.  
**George Withers**, Pls Fire Chief, Ret.  
**D. Ron Hyde**, Superior Court Judge, Ret.  
**Dick Quigley**, Zone 7 Water Agency Boardmember  
**Kurt Kummer**, Chair, Parks & Rec Commission  
**Kathy Narum**, Planning Commission  
**Arne Olson**, Planning Commission  
**Jennifer Pearce**, Planning Commission  
**Debbie Look**, Library Commission  
**Carl Palowitch**, Economic Vitality Commission  
**Margene Gerton Rivara**, Civic Arts Commission  
**David Stark**, Housing Commission

**Joi Pentin**, Youth Commission  
**Jim DiBiase**, Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Karen Ellgas**, Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Ted Kinzer**, Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Herb Ritter**, Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Ellen Pensky McGraw**, President, Community of Character Collaborative  
**John Sensiba**, Past Chairman Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board  
**Christine Steiner**, Alameda County Housing Authority Commission  
**Rudy Johnson**, Director, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation  
**Bill Rose**, Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Committee  
**Ursla Goldstein**, Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Committee  
**Joe Streng**, Trails Ad Hoc Committee  
**Debbie Wahl**, Trails Ad Hoc Committee  
**Jill Buck**, Founder of the Go Green Initiative  
**Pam Hardy**, Economic Vitality Commission  
**Dave Walden**, Economic Vitality Commission  
**Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Fighters Local 1974**  
**Bay East Association of Realtors**  
**Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce BACPAC**

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the City's Parks and Recreation Commission and Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. His community involvement seems to have no limits Rotary North member and past president, Cultural Arts Foundation Board, Kottinger Place Advisory Committee, Veterans Building Task Force, and many more. All exemplify his leadership abilities and dedication to the City of Pleasanton and its residents. Pleasanton needs leaders who can make sound decisions and represent the entire community well. Jerry Pentin is such a leader who will work to build consensus when possible, but will be willing to move issues forward for the betterment of all.

On Nov. 4, Please join me in voting for Jerry Pentin, Pleasanton City Council.

*Sharrell Michelotti  
(former City Councilwoman)*

ises. In 2006, he assured voters that if elected, he would support veteran's issues and help strength federal energy policy. In his first term, Rep. McNerney wrote bills increasing veterans' pay for enduring hostile fire. He supported legislation that improved veterans' healthcare benefits and expanded education benefits.

His experience with alternative energy development is reflected in his support of the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act, another bill he co-sponsored and helped pass. The bill authorizes essential investment and production tax credits for wind and solar power that will help create up to 500,000 new jobs in his district and elsewhere in the country. Rep. McNerney is no rubber-stamp Democrat. As the only member of Congress with a doctoral degree in mathematics, he is smart enough to understand the nation's financial crisis, and he is independent enough to back the right policies to solve it.

*Jim Brice*

### Pentin's advertising pollution

Much to my dismay, I awoke Saturday to the sound of a single engine airplane circling above my neighborhood. At first I just thought it was another passing airplane. When I noticed the same annoying noise recurring for about an hour, it didn't surprise me to see a banner-towing airplane, in my opinion the crassest form of advertising, making its labored, noisy journey around downtown Pleasanton, just like the advertising we inevitably get when something is happening at the fairgrounds.

What did surprise me was that the banner read "Penton for City Council." Thank you, Penton, for the noise (and air pollution) you filled my Saturday morning with. I wonder how much fuel that took. I'll ponder all that on election day.

*Stephen Disbrow*

### Cindy McGovern for City Council

Cindy McGovern has won our vote again for the City Council slot. She has the knowledge, compassion, leadership and concern needed for our city's future. Cindy believes in listening to the public, especially the citizen community and has the drive to truly serve the public, not just rubber stamp plans without tough questioning and thoughtful suggestions. We need Cindy McGovern to serve again. Re-elect Cindy McGovern to the City Council.

*Gerry & David Gire*

### Support Measure QQ

PP equals full employment for lawyers while QQ brings an open process the whole community can participate in. Which would you want?

*Ken Chrisman*

### Re-elect McNerney

Congressman Jerry McNerney deserves re-election because he has delivered on his campaign prom-

### Marriage has historical, traditional, religious meaning

A root beer float consists of root beer and vanilla ice-cream. If orange soda wants the same rights (a color photo and prominent placement on the restaurant menu), they should not ask to be called a root beer float, but work to change the laws that do not allow equal protection under the menu.

Marriage is a word with historical, traditional, and yes religious meaning socially endorsed with favorable tax and legal responsibilities and privileges, principally because most marriages yield children (a.k.a. tomorrow's citizens and taxpayers).

To be in favor of Prop. 8 is not to be anti-equality just pro marriage. The differences between civil unions and marriage (taxes, disclosure, living together, minimum age, etc.) can be corrected, without changing the definition of marriage.

*Joshua Thomas*

### Hosterman informed about issues, problems

Jennifer Hosterman is my choice for mayor. She is informed about issues and problems in our area especially traffic congestion, public safety, and our quality of life. Jennifer is accessible and very easy to reach by phone or email. It's refreshing to have an elected official that always personally replies to emails. She considers it an important part of her job to communicate openly and often with all the citizens of Pleasanton. Pleasanton is very fortunate to have her as our mayor.

*Gary Smith*

### PP: Wolf in sheep's clothing

Wake up Pleasanton. Citizens with special interests disguised as hillside protectors are trying to pull the wool over your eyes. PP key supporters claim their goal is to

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protect the hills; their real goal is to satisfy their own self interest, keep traffic off their streets and the public out of the hills around them.

I urge you to follow the solid line of PP yard signs up Sycamore Creek Drive or Hearst Drive. Sycamore Creek residents are working to eliminate the planned development beyond Bridle Creek that will fund the Callippe Golf Course bypass road. The fact that the city promised the bypass road to residents of Sycamore Road, Alisal and Happy Valley to relieve them of the golf course traffic seems to mean nothing to Bridle Creek residents. They purchased their homes fully aware Sycamore Creek would serve as the access road to Callippe Golf Course. Now they are working to stop development that would provide the bypass road funding.

And Hearst residents? They want to stop any development above their homes to limit traffic and to make sure the existing private open space is not opened to the public. It is disappointing that the consequences of the self-interest of a few can result in the loss of a publicly accessible extensive greenbelt in the southeast hills as well as placing an unfair traffic burden on other neighborhoods. Vote "yes" on QQ, "no" on PP.

Kevin Close

QQ—parkland for Pleasanton

Want to hike, bike or ride your horse from Callippe Preserve Golf Course to Shadow Cliffs? Want to walk in the southeast hills, enjoying the spring wildflower bloom, bird watching or picnicking with your family? Then QQ is the hillside measure for you.

QQ offers a real strategy for achieving a vast open space park in the southeast hills. For years the community has worked with landowners to acquire the parkland in our award-winning city park system, including the Augustin Bernal staging area, Moller and Laurel Creek open space, and the land and historic Alviso Adobe in the wonderful new park to open this month. QQ proposes an inclusive community process allowing that partnership to continue. Together we can achieve a plan resulting in the dedication of large parcels of open space lands to the city—creating a southeast hills greenbelt for all to enjoy.

PP has many flaws. Its most serious one is it lacks an achievable strategy for acquiring public parkland. PP's stated strategy is to somehow keep land from developing and hope that someday it will be purchased by East Bay Regional Park District. The district's Measure WW on the November ballot includes a 20-year funding program for district land acquisition. No funding is included for Pleasanton's southeast hills. Significantly, PP did not even lobby for funds to even study that possibility. Finally, the District historically does not purchase land

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within urban growth boundaries with development potential; it's just too expensive. Want that greenbelt? Vote "yes" on QQ.

Dolores Bengtson

QQ is a scam, deja vu

It feels like deja vu from Livermore. Remember 2005, Pardee Homes and the whole Livermore trails fiasco?

Developers there put a bunch of money into defeating the citizen's measure to protect their hills and open space. The citizens prevailed, and Livermore will have beautiful hills to look at for years and years to come. Pleasanton has a similar issue coming to a vote and the developers are back again, with their money flowing to promote the flawed Measure QQ. Pleasanton citizens' David v. the developers' Goliath. Might doesn't make right (and neither does money), so hopefully the Pleasanton voters will see through this scam and vote "yes" on PP.

Nickie Nieves

McGovern understands, has intellect

As a resident of Pleasanton for the past thirty-two years, I have observed first-hand the importance of quality leadership in the city of Pleasanton. Cindy McGovern first came to my attention as an actively involved parent in the preschool our children attended. Cindy continued her enthu-

siastic participation in our community by taking a leadership role in the unification process that created the Pleasanton Unified School District. Remaining active in our schools, Cindy served on the Pleasanton school board for 10 years.

Recently the issue of Oak Grove came to our attention. My wife and I requested information and assistance regarding our concerns about the project. Cindy was the only City Councilmember willing to meet with us to discuss the impact of the project on our neighborhood.

Pleasanton needs representation on the council by individuals who have the understanding, intellect,

and love of Pleasanton to engage the broad issues, while at the same time are willing at a moment's notice to interact one-on-one with any citizen who requests their time. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Cindy's caliber on our council. Please join me in voting for Cindy McGovern on Nov. 4.

Bob Grove

Hosterman signs a code violation

I, like many others, saw the numerous political signs for Mayor Hosterman placed in Delucci Park

Saturday morning during the weekly farmers' market. I also saw the article on the Pleasanton Weekly's website questioning its placement.

I am attaching a copy of the City of Pleasanton code section which clearly prohibits the placement of such signs on public (city-owned) property.

Pleasanton Municipal Code Title 18 ZONING Chapter 18.100 POLITICAL SIGNS, SIGNS ANNOUNCING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY BANNERS

18.100.050 Posting of political

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campaign signs? Certain public property prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to post, place or affix a political campaign sign or cause to do the same, on or to any public property or utility structure. It is also unlawful for any person to post, place or affix a political campaign sign or cause to do the same, on private property in a manner which poses a hazard to motorists, pedestrians or cyclists using the public rights-of-way, by blocking the view of traffic-control signs, devices or cross traffic or by protruding into the public right-of-way. (Prior code § 2-9.64)

As a code enforcement officer for the City of Livermore (and Pleasanton resident), it would be highly unusual to allow for the placement of such signs upon public property—not to mention the sheer number and/or size.

*Celeste Storrs*

**Hosterman a role model for Pleasanton**

The Pleasanton community is fortunate to have Jennifer Hosterman as mayor. She is passionately proud of Pleasanton and devoted to all aspects of our community. Jennifer has the extraordinary ability to realize that to best serve her constituents, she must communicate with members of Tri-Valley, county, state and federal governments. With today's world affairs, this is the only way in which citizens everywhere can truly thrive. That vision is impressive and necessary. Jennifer advocates inclusiveness. Her respect for colleagues, staff and citizens is remarkable. Despite council time limits, our mayor continually allows speakers to 'have their

say."

Mayor Hosterman epitomizes our standards for being a 'Community of Character'. Mayor Hosterman is the role model for the face and heart of Pleasanton. She will continue to maintain and strengthen our community pride through tackling the challenges Pleasanton must face.

*Jim and Sandie Dibiase*

**We need balanced thinking on council**

It's important we elect Jerry Pentin to Pleasanton's City Council on Nov. 4. We must ensure a balanced approach in dealing with the challenges facing Pleasanton. I first met Jerry several years ago through my wife's association with the Pleasanton North Rotary Club. In working on some of the club's community projects I found Jerry to give 110 percent on anything he had a hand in.

A 17-year resident who has been active on numerous committees, Pentin has proven leadership on the Parks & Recreation Commission as an advocate for preserving open space and making Pleasanton a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. As a business owner, he understands the critical economic need to keep large employers from moving away from our city because of the revenue they generate that funds our library, maintains our parks, pays for our police and fire, and supports so many other amenities we must never take for granted in Pleasanton.

And this is where the balance comes in. Jerry knows our parks and trails better than most and has supported projects that add to the system. He supports completion of Stoneridge Drive as critical to the development of Staples Ranch as a long term revenue source for Pleasanton. Let's ensure balance,

vote Jerry Pentin for City Council.

*Arne F. Olson*

*(Planning Commissioner)*

**'Yes' on QQ, Pentin, Hosterman, McGovern**

Measure QQ is the initiative supported by nearly all city commissions, the City Council, local environmental and affordable housing groups and the Chamber of Commerce. Rarely do we see such agreement among a diverse set of organizations. The other measure is extremely limiting, grossly misleading and is supported only by the group who put it on the ballot.

Hosterman is a wonderful mayor and has demonstrated strong leadership with an uncanny ability to work on issues from a broad range of perspectives. She has engaged the community, businesses, and reached out beyond the local level to help and to get help. McGovern has continued to show that she is just as hard working, consistent, and fair as a City Council member as she was in her service on the school board. Pentin is a refreshing newcomer to politics in Pleasanton with a keen grasp on the current issues. He will bring an independent, intelligent and thoughtful perspective to the City Council.

*Jon Harvey*

**Re-elect Cindy McGovern**

Cindy McGovern is the most impressive politician I've ever met, inspiring me to write a letter to the editor for the first time.

Cindy thoroughly researches issues and eagerly listens to her constituents, she works tirelessly for Pleasanton. She serves every Pleasanton resident, cares about the community, the schools, the longevity of Pleasanton and the surrounding hillside.

Cindy McGovern's special interest is Pleasanton, not developers.

Cindy McGovern has fought for your voice in Pleasanton politics by trying to protect your right to referendum. An easy decision: re-elect your advocate, Cindy McGovern.

*Tim Belcher*

**Vote for Arkin, Grant and Bowser**

Valerie Arkin, Chris Grant and Jeff Bowser are worthy of your vote for the Pleasanton school board. Each has unique experience to make him/her an excellent member of our board. Arkin has been part of many youth-related groups, including the Library Commission and YMCA. Grant is already serving on the board and promotes fiscal responsibility and continued student achievement improvement. Jeff Bowser has the notable history of having been a school teacher, administrator and PTA president, and so has seen several sides of situations. Your votes for Arkin, Grant and Bowser will ensure continued good leadership and work toward student success.

*Mary Reding*

**Elect Pentin to council**

With the election a few weeks away, we are writing to encourage Pleasanton residents to elect Jerry Pentin to our city council. The process of governing a city, weighing its needs and evaluating its issues, calls for unwavering fairness, practicality, and integrity.

Having known him for over 12 years, we know these traits are core to who Jerry is as a person. These qualities, plus his passion for our city, its parks, its housing, and all else that flavors our quality of life, will make him a productive member of the city council. Pouring his energy into a myriad of civic projects over the last 17 years, Jerry has tirelessly worked to improve Pleasanton for its resi-

dents. In addition to his role as Parks and Recreation commissioner, he has spearheaded many charitable efforts and raised countless funds for various city programs.

Jerry will bring a fresh outlook, years of civic experience, and impeccable integrity to the city council. Let's elect Jerry Pentin to the Pleasanton City Council.

*Ron and Barbara Bissinger*

**Bowser, Arkin and Grant for school board**

I encourage Pleasanton voters to cast their ballots for school board candidates Jeff Bowser, Valerie Arkin and Chris Grant. These three citizens have already served Pleasanton's students in various ways. Jeff is a former Pleasanton student, teacher, administrator, and PTA president. Valerie has been involved with Tri-Valley YMCA parent-child programs, Pleasanton Library Commission, and the PTAs of several schools. Chris is currently serving on the school board and helped create the Excellence in Education Committee, which focuses on areas of importance to our city's parents, teachers, administrators, and students. Jeff, Valerie and Chris will bring valuable experience and leadership to the Pleasanton school board.

*Janet Sears*

**Prop. 8 would be discriminatory**

Jane Barlow writes that she is "a little puzzled at the lack of outrage among Californians" over same-sex marriages. I must admit I am puzzled too. What is so outrageous about two people loving each other and expressing their commitment legally like the rest of us?

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**Letters**

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The exact title of Proposition 8 as stated on the ballot is "Eliminates the Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry." If Barlow and the rest of the Prop 8 supporters really have issues about the indirect impact of the current legislation on churches, religious charities and the public school system, perhaps they should have redrafted the proposition specifically as such. Eliminating rights based solely on sexuality is akin to discriminating against one's color, creed or gender. It's just plain old bigotry, which has absolutely no place in our constitution.

*Caroline J. Yu*

**Pleasanton needs Pentin**

I had an opportunity to work directly with Jerry when we were both Parks and Recreation Commissioners and I found him to be thoughtful, positive, willing to consider all sides and do his homework before making a decision.

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Jerry has been directly involved in a leadership role with a number of projects that this community can be very proud of. Those projects include the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, the renovation of our Veterans' Memorial Building, the Firehouse Arts Center and the Kottinger Place Task Force to name a few. Jerry has included protecting open space and our ridges while making them accessible to all Pleasanton residents as one of his objectives as a Council member.

There is no question in my mind that Jerry has the background and qualifications to be a great Council member. However, the positive, mature leadership traits that Jerry has demonstrated in all of his roles as a community leader is what gained my active support of his candidacy.

Please join me in supporting Jerry Pentin for City Council.

*Jerry Thorne  
(Vice Mayor)*

**Brozosky dedicated to the cause**

It's great to live in a town where impassioned and talented people dedicated to serving our city and citizens are running for mayor and City Council. Both mayoral candidates bring their individual talents to the race this year and there are some differences in their focus.

I am supporting Steve Brozosky for mayor because my major concerns for our city are traffic, preserving our ridgelines and fostering quality of life through the arts. Steve is dedicated to all these causes and has demonstrated during his years as a councilman and school board member that he listens to citizen's concerns and ideas. He finds creative ways to work through challenges such as partnering with Pleasanton

schools to increase sports fields, suggesting a landscaping contest to find the best plan for the Bernal Park, and funding for the Firehouse Arts Center. Please join me in voting for Steve Brozosky for mayor.

*Julie Lewis*

**My dad is the better candidate**

My dad, Steve Brozosky, has always been an active member of Pleasanton; constantly trying to make Pleasanton the best it can be. Growing up, he has always been there educating and helping our community. During my elementary school years, he continually helped in my classrooms with the computers, setting up and helping run fall carnivals, and even helping create a garden.

As I was growing older, becoming more aware of what my dad has been contributing, it was clear to me that he was the type of guy who would help everyone out, even when he had enough on his plate. He continues to be a leader for Abbie 4-H since my older sister and I have been involved; always volunteering to run different projects to teach younger generations. Even up until today, my dad has eagerly been involved with my high school by actively participating with the schools' Interact Club through the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, which he is soon to be president.

My dad has always been the type of person who would help out wherever he could. He has learned the route in which Pleasanton should be leading while being on the Pleasanton City Council for four years and now on the Pleasanton school board. My dad knows what would be in the best interest for Pleasanton, and knows how to make it happen. In order for Pleasanton to succeed and becoming the best city it can, please vote for Steve Brozosky for mayor on Nov. 4.

*Richelle Brozosky*

**Arkin will listen to community**

I am writing this on behalf of many parents who live in Pleasanton, to explain why we support Valerie Arkin and why she will be a great trustee for the Pleasanton school board.

Valerie is a person of integrity and treats everyone with respect. She is very personable and is the type of person who can work with others and get things done. Valerie has been on the various boards as a trustee for the past several years and she has done an excellent job. She has three children in Pleasanton schools, understands our school system, the needs of our children, and she is able to communicate effectively with the parents. She will truly listen to the community and will do what is in the best interest of our students. We need someone who embodies the Community of Character traits. We always see Valerie working as

a parent volunteer at extra-curricular events such as band and other sports events, in fact at virtually all school-related events. So join us and elect Valerie Arkin as our next school board trustee.

*Fred Carter*

**Yes on QQ**

Pleasanton's legacy of preserved ridgeline open space is a wonderful civic asset that could be compromised in the future if measure PP passes next month. The 5,000 folks who signed the PP petition thought it would preserve open space but the unintended consequence of this poorly drafted measure is that it probably won't. The fatal flaw in PP is the 10-unit development exemption. Future developers wouldn't have to set aside most of their land in accessible public open space but could simply carve it up into 10 big lots. Voters who want to preserve open space as future development proceeds and expand public access to it should reaffirm the process that has worked so well to date and vote "no" on PP and "yes" on QQ.

*Ward Belding*

**Vote to re-elect Cindy McGovern**

We are fortunate to have Cindy McGovern serve as a member of Pleasanton's City Council for the past four years. In this capacity, she has continually proven her unwavering commitment to preserve the quality of life in Pleasanton no matter what pressures she has faced.

Cindy has extensively studied and researched the issues brought before the City Council with a full understanding of what is of benefit to our residents. She has voted for and stood up for what

are in the best interest of our community in spite of pressure from special interests groups. Cindy is an honest, dedicated leader with a true loyalty to our community.

Please vote to re-elect her during this critical election so she can continue to stand up for what is best for all the residents of Pleasanton.

*LaDon Albertson*

**Why I'm voting 'no' on Prop. 8**

I've been married over 25 years and I keep thinking about what marriage has meant to me. The wedding was about celebrating that with friends and family and getting my religion's sanction. The marriage has been about other things: joint tax returns, the right to be included in my husband's medical decisions, the right to openly declare my commitment to another person.

Sure, we have kids that we raise together, but anyone can breed. And I know single and gay parents who have done as good a job as we have and some who've made fewer mistakes than we have. And I know married people who can't have kids and older folks well past child bearing age who have gotten married. So arguments that marriage is an institution between a man and a woman for the purpose of having children and preserving the traditional family don't make sense to me.

Unless, of course, the next proposition will take the right to marry away from those who are sterile, those too old to start families, those who refuse to sign a commitment to bear children, and those who through affairs, divorce, alcoholism, drug abuse or cultural 'difference' have torn traditional families asunder.

Is that the slippery slope the

pro-Prop. 8 people keep talking about?

*Patricia Haller*

**Hintzke works tirelessly for Pleasanton schools**

As the election date is drawing near, I would like to give my support to Jamie Yee Hintzke who is running for Pleasanton school board.

Jamie has been actively involved in many committees that directly benefit the students in the district. I got to know her since I started working as the district nurse two years ago. Jamie, along with the members of Lifetime Planning Committee, advocated hiring a licensed, credentialed school nurse. As the chairperson of the Pleasanton Wellness Committee, Jamie worked tirelessly in several projects--sun safety, food allergies prevention, mental health issues, and most recently, Rethink Your Drink Campaign. These are just a few examples.

I have been so impressed with her dedication, her intelligence, and her knowledge around issues on public education. Please join me in voting for Jamie for school board, she will be an outstanding contribution to the community.

*Susan Han, RN*

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# AN OPEN LETTER TO PLEASANTON VOTERS



**This Land Is My Land,  
This Land Is Your Land,  
And My Land Is Your Land, Too?**

This song re-write describes the insulting attitude of many Pleasanton residents involved in the "Save OUR Hills" movement. As a five-generation ranching family whose history in Pleasanton dates back to 1867, and is still in commercial operation, we wish to inform Pleasanton residents that for 141 years our Family has **managed, maintained and PAID THE TAXES** on some of those hills. Those hills are **OUR hills – NOT yours!**

## **We and other long-time private landowners are not developers or speculators:**

Measures PP & QQ distort the facts and would like you to think otherwise by focusing on developers.

## **Both initiatives are violations of private property rights and discriminate against long-time private landowners:**

There are already in place City regulations that have strict limitations on building in the hills, a housing cap that is approaching build-out, a General Plan that has just been updated, a defined urban limit line, slope restrictions, view shed limitations and more. **Measure PP** is very poorly written, is mean-spirited, and does not consider the ramifications it imposes on long-time private landowners. **Measure QQ** is redundant and invites public discussion on long-time landowners' private properties for ALL residents to participate - **even those who do not own property**. Is there room for improvement? Perhaps – **but PP & QQ are drastic measures that are unfair and unjust!**

## **PP & QQ devalue all landowners' properties and prevent us from realizing the full potential of our lifetime investment.**

For the farmer/rancher their investment is in the land.

**No average homeowner would tolerate similar restrictions on their property:** Would you allow yourself to be subjected to restrictions that would devalue the worth of your home and would require you to abide by public input of all residents? Outrageous? Yes! But that's what PP & QQ do to long-time private landowners with hillside properties.

**Why bother to elect City Councils if residents continually rule by initiative?** Council Members are elected to represent **ALL** the citizens of Pleasanton, not just a few "special interests". Ironically some of the proponents of PP & QQ live in the highest elevations of the surrounding hillsides. When you moved to Pleasanton were you aware of the hillside and hilltop homes in Castlewood, most of which are totally obscured by trees and shrubs and are virtually invisible from the flatland? Landscaping and time do wonders to preserving the beauty of the hill views, adding to Pleasanton's charm and character. The open space, parks and trails we already have are currently underutilized. Do we really need more? Who will maintain these properties?

**The very homes you live in now were once on land that was someone else's open space, someone else's view shed, someone else's farmland!** Where do you think you'd be living right now if some rancher/farmer in the 1960s, 70s and 80s had refused to sell their land for development that included your home? Except for the few remaining longtime ranchers who are struggling to stay in business, agriculture has all but disappeared from Pleasanton. The infrastructures supporting farming were eliminated by new developments, new people moving in, and new businesses. **We never protested these changes.**

**To "save the hills", voters should agree to spend taxpayer \$ to buy that private land at its FULL -POTENTIAL FAIR MARKET VALUE – NOT AT AGRICULTURAL / OPEN SPACE VALUE!**

**PROTECT EVERY CITIZEN'S PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS  
VOTE NO ON BOTH PP AND QQ!**

Al and LaVerne Spotorno & The Spotorno Family  
Spotorno Ranch, Pleasanton

# Community Pulse



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Police Report

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

#### Oct. 20

- Theft:
  - 3:12 p.m. in the 7500 block of Trotter Way; identity theft
- Vandalism:
  - 9:01 a.m. in the 7600 block of Olive Drive; worth over \$400
  - 10:17 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive; worth less than \$400
  - 2:38 p.m. in the 3000 block of Santa Rita Road
  - 6:10 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue
- DUI:
  - 11:13 p.m. at the intersection of Andrews and Owens drives
- Brandishing a firearm:
  - 12:32 p.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Oct. 21

- Theft:
  - 8:02 a.m. in the 400 block of San Gabriel Court; petty theft
  - 8:08 a.m. in the 400 block of San Gabriel Court; stolen vehicle
  - 9:26 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stonecliff Vista Lane; petty theft
  - 12:53 p.m. in the 500 block of San Gabriel Court
  - 1:34 p.m. in the 2300 block of Woodthrush Way; identity theft
  - 3:54 p.m. in the 6700 block of Corte Del Vista; identity theft
  - 5:03 p.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle; grand theft
  - 5:25 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 9:30 p.m. in the 4000 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

- 9:46 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; grand theft
- 10:22 p.m. in the 3100 block of Gulfstream Street
- 10:52 p.m. in the 7400 block of Apsen Court

#### •Burglary:

- 8:33 a.m. in the 1300 block of Benedict Court
- 12:11 p.m. in the 3400 block of Gulfstream Street

#### •Vandalism:

- 11:06 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- 2:12 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue

#### •Recovered vehicle:

- 1:16 p.m. at the intersection of San Antonio Street and Junipero Drive

#### Oct. 22

- Petty theft:
  - 7:08 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue
  - 11:28 a.m. in the 4400 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### •Vehicular burglary:

- 10:59 a.m. in the 5400 block of Sonoma Drive
- 3:38 p.m. in the 3700 block of Smallwood Court

#### •Vandalism:

- 10:36 a.m. in the 400 block of Rose Avenue
- 12:58 p.m. in the 400 block of Rose Avenue

#### •Lost property:

- 9:51 a.m. in the 200 block of Main Street

#### Oct. 23

- Theft:
  - 7:06 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue; petty theft
  - 8:00 a.m. in the 5700 block of

Via Peralta; petty theft

- 9:40 a.m. in the 4800 block of Cobbler Court; identity theft
- 6:16 p.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle; grand theft

#### •Burglary:

- 8:39 a.m. in the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### •Vandalism:

- 5:28 a.m. in the 1800 block of Rosetree Court
- 10:14 a.m. at the intersection of Junipero Drive and Sunol Boulevard
- 11:49 a.m. at the intersection of Augustine Street and Rose Avenue
- 12:00 p.m. at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Anderson Street

#### •Drug violations:

- 12:37 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; possession of marijuana for sale, possession of non-narcotic controlled substance

#### Oct. 24

#### •Grand theft:

- 3:47 a.m. in the 2200 block of Camino Brazos

#### •Vandalism:

- 10:27 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- 12:28 p.m. in the 5000 block of Woodthrush Road
- 12:39 p.m. on the northbound I-680 offramp at Stoneridge Drive

#### •DUI:

- 1:46 a.m. at the intersection of Golden and Hopyard roads

#### •Public drunkenness:

- 9:57 a.m. in the 3500 block of Brent Court

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### City Council

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

#### •Continued from October 21 - Public Hearing:

PUD-72, Jerome and Laura Raney – Consider an application for Planned Unit Development rezoning of two parcels totaling approximately .51 acres from the RM-1,500 (Multiple-Family Residential) District to the PUD-HDR (Planned Unit Development – High Density Residential) District and development plan approval to construct three new residences at 4715, 4715-B, and 4693 Augustine Street

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, November 3, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Draft FY 2009/10 City Grant Application Packet and Identification of Funding Priorities
- FY 2008/09 City Grant Program Commission's Quarterly Project Performance

### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Draft FY 2009/10 City Grant Application Packet and Identification of Funding Priorities
- Review of Final Draft of the Human Services Pocket Guide
- Review of Commission Meeting Schedule for December 2008, January and February 2009

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Election Information

Pleasanton residents may vote early at the Registrar of Voters Office

#### Alameda County Registrar of Voters

1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland  
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#### Office hours for Early Voting

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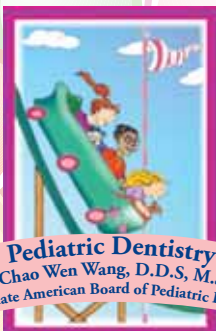
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# Transitions

## Obituaries

### Angie Marie Lewis

Angie Marie Lewis died Oct. 15 at the age of 79.

She was born in Castroville, Calif. on Aug. 25, 1929. Ms. Lewis was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a generous, compassionate and spirited lady. She moved to Pleasanton four years ago to be near family, but lived the majority of her life in San Jose, where she worked in Silicon Valley in the semiconductor industry. She worked for Fairchild Semiconductor, National Semiconductor and eventually made a career at Intel Electronics long before they became the major microprocessor company they are today.

Ms. Lewis mostly enjoyed being with family and spending time watching her grandchildren grow. She lived at The Gardens at Ironwood Senior Apartments and most recently moved to Parkview Assisted Living Center in Pleasanton.

She is survived by her son, Casey Lewis; daughter-in-law, Karyn Lewis; grandsons, Deryk Lewis, Brett Lewis and granddaughter Krista Lewis, all of Pleasanton; daughters, Judy Fox of Tracy and Tammy Hunt of Oakdale, Calif.;



grandson, Adam Schafer of San Jose; granddaughters, Jacqueline Gulan of San Jose, Jill Hatfield of Tracy, Cassie Schafer and Sara Hunt of Oakdale, Calif.; and great-grandchildren, Tyler and Riley Gulan and Brooks Hatfield.

A memorial service was held Oct. 20 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Catherine Fackler

Catherine D. Fackler died Oct. 18 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Fackler, or Kay as friends called her, was born in 1914 in the small, rural town of Tolono, Ill. to Jacob and Catherine Daeger. She was the youngest of three daughters and often spoke fondly of her experiences growing up on the farm. She was married to her childhood sweetheart and devoted husband, Paul, for 47 years, until his death in 1986. It was during her life in the Air Force that she developed her love for travel and over the years, she visited countries on every continent. When the couple moved to Livermore in 1964, she and Paul became enthusiastic golfers and she continued to play regularly with the Springtown Ladies Golf Club until she was 83.

She loved gardening, flower arranging and cooking and enjoyed weekly games with her ladies bridge club. She also served on committees at St. Michael Church and was a volunteer librarian at St. Michael School.

She will be remembered for her



joyful laugh, her heartwarming smile and the kindness and generosity she always showed to her family and friends.

She is survived by her two sons, Paul Fackler of Pleasanton; Michael Fackler of Livermore; daughter-in-law, Kathy; and her granddaughters, Kelly and Salli.

A mass was held Oct. 23 at St. Michael Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery. The family thanks the staff at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and ValleyCare Medical Center for their support and friendship.

### Andrew Phillips

Andrew Phillips, a Foothill High School sophomore, died Oct. 19 after a battle with cancer, with his family by his side.

Sleeping peacefully at home, he was able to complete his journey free of the pain that had increased over the last weeks. Many friends and family were able to share time with Andrew in person and over the telephone as he approached the end, and he voiced his love for family and friends many times throughout.

Andrew was poised at the cusp of life between childhood and young adulthood. During the last months he spent a great deal of time reflecting upon his life and dreams: completing high school, studying marine biology in Hawaii, sailing, studying marine mammals, marrying and raising a family of his own. He loved the sea, sailing and fishing, traveling with his family, building, and exploring. While he often asked for solitary time, he reveled in the company of his friends and family. Even at the very end he was able to instigate some hilarity. On Oct. 17, he requested everyone to gather round and sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

A memorial service for will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. A reception will follow at the Phillips house, 3361 Marsh Hawk Court. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people contribute in his name and per his wishes to either: The Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940-1023 (write "Memorial Gift" on the envelope) or donate online at [www.monterey-bayaquarium.org/cr/cr\\_donors/donations.asp](http://www.monterey-bayaquarium.org/cr/cr_donors/donations.asp) or donate to Beat Sarcoma, 143 28th St., Ste. 4, San Francisco, CA 94131 or donate online at [www.beatsarcoma.org](http://www.beatsarcoma.org).

### Herbert Marshall

Herbert H. Marshall died Oct. 22 at the age of 80.

He is survived by his bride of 56 years, Martha; three children, Curtis, Carole and Christine; and grandson, Christopher.

A service was held Oct. 28 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

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# Calendar

## Careers

**Youth Employment Program** Are you 14 to 21 and looking for a job? Learn how and where to look for a job and tips on crafting a resume and interviewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. A career counselor from the Tri-Valley One-Stop will be available to help. Call 931-3411.

## Civic Meetings

**City Council** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Housing Commission** The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Human Services Commission** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Planning Commission** The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**School Board** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

**Youth Commission** The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Clubs

**Amador Valley Quilter Meeting** Ellen Anne Eddy, renowned thread artist, will present a program on Thread Magic from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave.

**Daughters of the American Revolution** The Jose Maria Amador Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution holds its monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 8. Members are descended from the patriots of the Revolutionary War of independence from England. Prospective members welcome. Call 699-4147.

## Events

**Annual Holiday Drive For The Troops Overseas** Operation: S.A.M. (Supporting All Military) hosts a holiday drive for the troops from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Road. Items being collected are toiletries, games, socks and more. Visit [www.operation-sam.org](http://www.operation-sam.org) for a complete list.

**Blast from the Past Singles Dance** Single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends while dancing to hits from the '60s and '70s from 8 p.m. to midnight Nov. 8 at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Sponsored by the Society of Single Professionals, tickets are \$20 at the door. Call 415-507-9962 or visit [www.theparty-hotline.com](http://www.theparty-hotline.com).

**Free Car Wash for Veterans** Veterans can receive a free car wash Nov. 11 at Autopia Car Wash, 220

N. L. St., Livermore, and all Bay Area locations.

**Harvest Party** A harvest party in the pumpkin patch will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. There will be pumpkin carving, a petting zoo and a costume contest, as well as a pie and cake bake-off and a chili cook-off. Call 484-2482 or visit [www.harvestvalley.org](http://www.harvestvalley.org).

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace** Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., the second Wednesday of the month. They will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Following the vigil is a peaceful march to City Hall. Contact Cathe Norman, 462-7495; Matt Sullivan, [mjs7882@gmail.com](mailto:mjs7882@gmail.com); or [kdowding@pacbell.net](mailto:kdowding@pacbell.net).

**Sunol Junk 'N Treasure Fest** Sunol Junk 'N Treasure Fest, a reuse, reduce and recycle fair, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Sunol Community Park, off Main Street at Kilikare Road in Sunol. It includes a community sale and swap of gently used items, ewaste collection and recycling, as well as demonstrations on recycling, composting, art and crafting with reclaimed materials. It is organized by Sunol 4-H Green Team. Call 249-9004.

## Exhibits

**Disney Fine Art Exhibition** Alexander's Fine Art hosts the fine art of Rodel Gonzalez, Disney Fine Art's newest sensation. Rodel will hand embellishes six never-before-seen limited edition releases from Nov. 1 to 15 at the gallery, 608-G Main St.

**Visual Improvisations** A solo show of paintings by award winning Pleasanton artist Courtney Jacobs will be on display from Oct. 30 to Dec. 1 at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Jacobs' non-figurative work, created in oil and acrylic, is an exploration of intuition through abstract painting. Call 600-1573.

## Fundraisers

**Animal Lover's Boutique** The ninth annual Animal Lover's Boutique is from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Road. Featured items include animal-related gifts such as jewelry, toys, fashion, greeting cards, home décor, ornaments and more. All proceeds go to the Valley Humane Society's Just Like New fund, which provides care to animals in low and fixed income families in the Tri-Valley. Call Jackie Barnett, 846-2512.

**Biletnikoff Foundation Celebrity Crab Fest & Sports Auction** The 9th annual Biletnikoff Foundation event is from 6 p.m. to midnight Nov. 7 at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Tickets are \$120 and the attire is casual. The foundation enables young people to realize their full potential through education addressing problems related to substance abuse and gender violence. 556-2525. Tickets may be ordered online at [www.biletnikoff.net](http://www.biletnikoff.net).

## Health

**Fall Immunization Clinics for Children** Clinics are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 at Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave. They are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal

and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

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ache from the death of a loved one, divorce, loss of job, surgery, spouse or child in Iraq. Father Padraig will facilitate the evening at 7:30 Nov. 13 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are welcome.

**Shop 'Til You Drop: Holiday Boutique** Vintage Hills School, 1125 Concord St., hosts a holiday boutique from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 5. Local vendors will showcase items such as handmade jewelry, clothing, accessories, home decor, beauty products and more. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

**ValleyCare Auxiliary Holiday Boutiques** The ValleyCare Auxiliary will hold their annual Holiday Boutiques Nov. 6-8 in the main lobby at ValleyCare Medical Center, 5555 West Las Positas Boulevard; Nov. 17 in the lobby of LifeStyleRx

in Livermore. Boutique hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

## Kids & Teens

**Free Karaoke, Candy, and Cookies** Free karaoke, candy and cookies from 4 to 6 p.m. Halloween at Party Bees, 1991 Santa Rita Road, Suite G. Halloween costumes are encouraged.

**Return to the Center of the Earth** Step into the 19th-century imagination of Jules Verne as La Legion Fantastique visits the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 2 p.m. Nov. 8. Larger than life Victorian-era science fiction characters share a tongue-in-cheek report of an ill-fated expedition to the earth's core. For ages 8 and older.

**Safe Trick or Treating Party** Trick-or-treat with seniors at Rosewood Garden's Safe Trick-or-Treating Party from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at 35 Fenton St. in Livermore. There will be free candy, refreshments and a costume contest for all ages. Call 443-7200.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Civil War In Pleasanton** The Civil War Veterans in our area were an interesting group. Over 90 Civil War Veterans lived here in the valley. Hear Richard "Dick" Finn tell interesting stories about how these people helped change our valley at 2 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

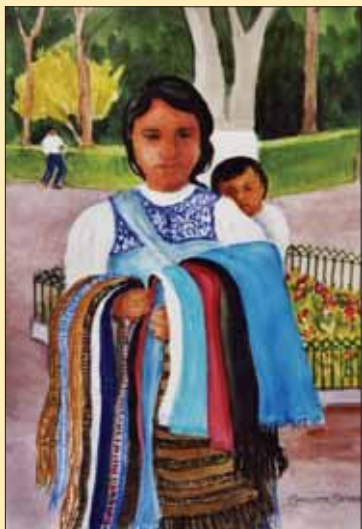
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A group of artists have come together for the "Mayan Mexico and More" art exhibit, which is inspired by a trip to Oaxaca, Tehuantepec, San Cristobal de las Casas, Palenque, Villahermosa, Cuernavaca and Mexico City. The exhibit opens with an artists reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Livermore Civic Center library gallery, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The show runs through Nov. 30. For hours, call 373-5500.

with a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call 426-9414. 7:30-9 p.m. No charge.

**Old Turtle's Wisdom** The theme of validating our spiritual gifts is the topic of Rev. Steve Maynard's lesson at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. The service will include a readers theater by the church youth. Ongoing groups and classes, as well. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

**Returning Catholics Program** Inactive & Returning Catholics: Consider this an invitation to take another look at the Catholic church. We provide discussion of important issues in today's church, education on current belief and practice. Tell your story and renew your faith in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. Meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call 474-2760.

Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twcoba.org.

**Family Members of Frail Elders** This group is to support family members as they experience the many emotions involved in supporting, caring for and loving the frail elders in their family. It meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Eden Villa Assisted Living, 4115 Mohr Ave. Call 872-8721.

Supervisor on administrative activities for medical records retention and storage. Hours are flexible and are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for a total of 32 hours. Call 201-6080.

**Barton Reading Program Tutor Training** New group now forming to start training in January. No experience is necessary and training is free. They match volunteers to students who need help and provide materials and training. Call Christina, 596-0292.

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. Registration is not required to attend the orientation. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvrar.org.

**Volunteering**

**Axis Community Health** Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave., seeks adult volunteers to work in our medical records department. Volunteers will work under the direction of Axis' Medical Records

**Sports**

**Lacrosse Spring Registration Open** Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Boys and Girls 2009 spring registration is open at www.pleasanton-lacrosse.com for boys U9 to U15 (grades 2 to 8) and girls U11 to U15 (grades 3 to 8). Availability is limited. Late fees will be assessed after Nov. 1 for boys and Nov. 20 for girls.

**Support Groups**

**Cancer Support Group** A general support group for people with cancer and their loved ones meets from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at ValleyCare Health

by Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Senior Helpers, and the Dublin Senior Center. Call 556-4511.

**Spiritual**

**Choral Evensong** Discover a uniquely Anglican and beautiful choral worship service at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, beginning at 5:15 p.m. Nov. 9. Close the day with psalms and hymns, then stay and enjoy the fellowship of a potluck supper. All are welcome. Call 462-4802 or visit www.stclarespleasanton.org.

**Mass of Remembrance** Honor those you have loved who have died

**On Stage**

**Miss Saigon** "Miss Saigon" is a classic love story brought up-to-date in one of the most stunning theatrical spectacles of all time. Shows run through Nov. 9 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$36 for adults, \$34 for seniors and \$26 for students. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

**Seniors**

**Brain Matters Lecture** Kathryn Tournat of Bella Menti Learning Solutions will discuss how our brains function, and how to tap the memories and thoughts in the corners of our minds at 10 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365.

**Senior Health Summit** Visit with health and resource vendors at the Senior Health Summit, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Enjoy free presentations, food, music, giveaways, and sign up for raffle prizes and more. Sponsored

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