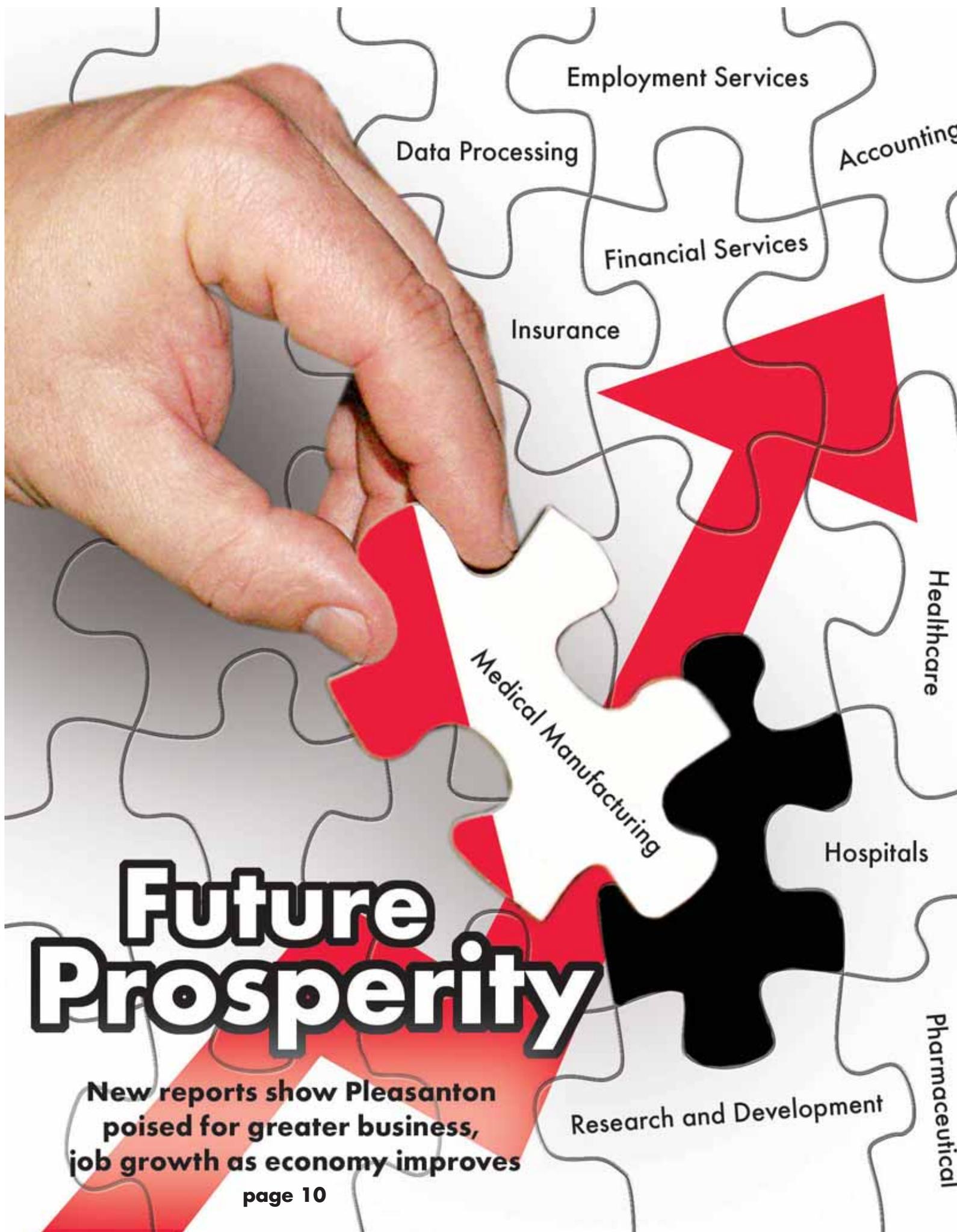


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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Cancer survivor plans hike fundraiser

Like most of us, Chuck Deckert had never heard of Burkitt's Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma until last February, when he was diagnosed with the often fatal illness. It was hard to believe since I knew Deckert, a graduate of Amador Valley High School in 1979 who had just turned 44, as a trim athletic district sales manager for Corporate Express. In the 21 years he had worked for the Colorado-based corporate services and office supply company, he had taken only two days of sick leave. At the time, he was doing weekly bike rides of 60-70 miles, was running 6-7 miles several days each week and was in the best shape ever. As a new member of the board of the Museum On Main, he was having lunch about this time last year with the board's president Jim Allen and Museum director Terry Berry when he suddenly had acute stomach pains, and had to leave.

The pains continued off and on followed by a bloating that, when his mother Rosemary saw him a few weeks later, made him look as if he was five months pregnant. She felt a small lump about the size of a tangerine in his lower abdomen and urged her son to call a doctor, a first for most trim and fit 44 year olds. A biopsy indicated it was Burkitt's, which Deckert found in his quick research through library books is one of the rarest of cancers and afflicts fewer than 300 Americans a year. Few doctors and medical hospitals know how to treat it, but fortunately for Deckert, the UC San Francisco medical center is considered one of the best. By the time treatment started, the growth was the size of a watermelon, but quickly began to shrink as he withstood 98 days and nights at UCSF undergoing very aggressive chemotherapy, which he could handle because of his good physical condition.

Now he's back on his feet, back to work and, finally has a full head of hair again. He's also back to work on the museum board, which he joined after two terms as a member on the Pleasanton Human Relations Commission. He's also active again as a member of the St. Vincent de

Paul Society, as a board member of the Kottinger Gardens senior housing project and as a new board member of the Senior Support Center. Faced with statistics that show that there's a 40 percent chance of recurrence among Burkitt's patients, Deckert faithfully checks in at UCSF for extensive testing every three months. Doctors there are optimistic that he has beaten the disease because of his good physical shape and ability to undergo aggressive treatments.

Now it's payback time for all the good wishes from friends and family around the country, not to mention the \$1.5-million in bills his Corporate Express health provider has paid. His sisters Julie Fontana of Pleasanton and Karen Barasanti of Brentwood posted news of his brother while he was undergoing treatment on the Internet site carepages.com, and he spent much of his time reading through and answering hundreds of e-mails, including those from more than 300 of his friends in Pleasanton. Besides thanking everyone for their support, he has also joined with 80 others in a team training program to prepare for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Hike for Discovery" fundraiser in May. Hardly for beginners, this hike challenges teams from throughout the U.S. to compete in grueling hikes into the Grand Canyon and to places where the park's 5-million annual visitors rarely see. The event is designed to highlight the ongoing funding needs of the 712,000 Americans who today are battling the blood cancers of leukemia, myeloma, Burkitt's and other forms of lymphoma. Theirs is a struggle for life. Deckert and his fellow hikers hope cancer patients can be successfully treated through the research funding and care the Society provides. Those wanting to join in the effort can log on to Deckert's Hike for Discovery Web page at [www.active.com/donate/hfdsf/hfdCDeckert](http://www.active.com/donate/hfdsf/hfdCDeckert). Even simpler: send Deckert an e-mail at [chuck-deckert@comcast.net](mailto:chuck-deckert@comcast.net) and he'll send you a postage-paid envelope for your donation. ■

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# Streetwise

**Q:** What's your favorite Winter Olympics event?

Asked downtown.



**Kristi Bisson**  
Corte Pacifica

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Corte Elena

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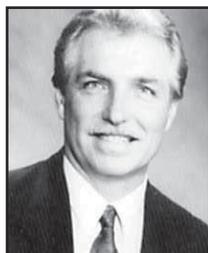
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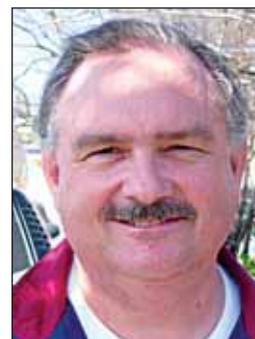
**Robert Perez**  
Bernal Ave.

My daughter Jazzy and I will be watching the downhill skiing and ice skating.

**Melinda Moy**

Glacier Court North

I saw the opening ceremony and it was beautiful. I will definitely be watching downhill racing, ice skating, luge and bobsled. I like all of them and will be watching for the local athletes from Tahoe and Truckee.



**Jon Threshie**  
Glacier Court North

I will be watching ski racing and jumping. You never know, we may see a smattering of luge or bobsled. I like to see the disasters and drama. . . . Makes it very exciting.

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail editor@PleasantonWeekly.com  
Compiled by Sandy Christman

# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Special Ed meeting

Parents with children in a special ed program can attend "There Are No IEP's in College" 7 p.m., Feb. 28 at Village High School, 4645 Bernal Ave. The workshop will focus on the difference between services received in high school and college, the laws governing these services, eligibility and accommodations that are available in college. Call Gina Gourley at 426-4293 for more information.

### PPIE grants

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education is accepting applications for the second cycle of student grants. Students can apply for up to \$500 of funding for an extracurricular or co-curricular project. Student applications must be written and developed by a student and sponsored by a teacher. Pleasanton faculty and staff can apply for Education Grants for up to \$2,500 to fund classroom activities. The deadline for these applications is April 11. Application packets can be downloaded off the PPIE Web site at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org). Students can also receive packets by calling Lydiksen's PPIE Parent Ambassador Nancy Wiest at 417-8484 or the PPIE office at 846-5620. The deadline is March 14.

### Citizens' Academy signups

The Pleasanton Police Department still accepts applications for the Citizens' Academy. The Academy, March 9-June 15, meets on Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department.

The program is open to adults who pass a screening process and live or work in Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions and have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of the application. Applications are available at the front counter of the Police Department, 4833 Bernal Ave. or by contacting Sergeant Brian Laurence at 931-5169 or [blaurence@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:blaurence@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

### Correction

The Pleasanton school district has corrected enrollment figures for Amador Valley High School given to us by School Demographer Tom Williams and used last week in a photo caption accompanying our cover story, "School crunch: Is it ending?" The district said that the correct figures should be 2,353 for current enrollment, with a peak enrollment of 2,459 projected for next year.

## Council OKs building Alviso Adobe Park

*City still needs  
\$500,000  
for \$4 million project*

by Jeb Bing

City Council members Tuesday, saying they were exasperated by years of delay in developing the long-planned Alviso Adobe Community Park off Foothill Road, voted to start the construction process immediately despite a near-half-million-dollar shortfall in available funds.

The vote to proceed was unanimous on a 4-0 vote, with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman absent from the meeting.

The action came just hours after Congressman Richard Pombo, (R, 11th), in a meeting with Pleasanton officials, praised the project and said he would seek federal funds to help pay for it.

"I think this is a great project; I'm all for it," Pombo said. "I'll keep working on it to see what I can do."

The briefing by Councilmen Steve Brozosky and Matt Sullivan, City Manager Nelson Fialho and Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen pointed out the long history of the park site that includes the Alviso Adobe, one of the oldest structures in Pleasanton.

Jorgensen said the Adobe and its surrounding seven-acre site have been identified by the California Office of Historic Preservation, the council and the Parks and Recreation Commission as having great potential for historic interpretation of Pleasanton's past. He told Pombo that plans call for using the site, once developed, for interpretive opportunities to take school children through the property to see firsthand the different stages of development on the site, "from rich Native American history to Spanish influence to early California when it was used by the Meadowlark Dairy."

Pombo said the center should also have a section to show children how modern farming and dairy production is handled.



Councilman Steve Brozosky (right) shows Congressman Richard Pombo sketch of how the 158-year-old Alviso Adobe would look when restored as part of a \$4-million historical preservation project. Brozosky and Councilman Matt Sullivan (left) asked Pombo for federal funding assistance to develop a 7-acre interpretive center and park.

At Tuesday's council meeting, most of the discussion centered on how to cover a lingering \$1.7-million shortfall to pay for the development, estimated to cost over \$4 million.

Nelson said that part of the shortfall could come from \$543,000 in funds currently allocated for other capital projects and then using park dedication fees to pay for the rest. Even if Pombo obtained federal funds to help finance the project, it could take two years for that money to reach Pleasanton. If successful, however, Pombo's funding could repay city funds used now to build the Adobe Park.

Councilwoman Cindy McGovern said that while she is a strong supporter of building Adobe Park now, she hesitated to authorize money from park funds, which also are needed.

Brozosky said the city should use whatever funds are available to get started on the project. To delay it another six months until addi-

tional funding can be found could mean the end of the project because the city is faced with a long list of capital improvement priorities that could take the money.

"I want to move forward on this as quickly as we can," Brozosky said. "We've had fundraisers where many people have contributed toward this park, with the unfortunate result that much of those contributions have been lost as construction costs escalated over the long waiting period."

Kathy Narum, a member and former chairwoman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said developing the Adobe Park was the commission's top priority. She urged the council to move forward and not delay a decision again.

Other speakers also supported the park development, although three from the Laguna Oaks community objected to the proposed size and extensive use of the site.

With its location on a bluff on Old Foothill Road that overlooks

Laguna Oaks, one speaker said visitors at the site could look down onto his backyard and swimming pool. He asked for special screening to block that view.

Christine Ellis of Laguna Oaks asked that plans for the park eliminate the proposed barn, which would be built where the old Meadowlark Dairy barn was located. She said the barn, which would be painted white to match Meadowlark's, would be an eyesore and block views of the Ridgeland for Laguna Oaks residents.

Councilman Jerry Thorne disagreed.

"We've been working on this plan at least since 1995 when I joined the Parks and Recreation Commission," he said. "It's been thoroughly discussed and reviewed and now it's time to build Adobe."

At the council's request, City Manager Fialho was asked to report back at the council's March 7 meeting with a detailed financing plan for starting the construction work. ■

## Getting girls involved with science

*MECCA and Expanding Your Horizons make science come alive for high school girls*

by Rebecca Guyon

Although women have made great strides in the workforce, they still lack a strong presence in the fields of science and math. That's why Making Electives Count for Career Achievement (MECCA) and Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) provide Tri-Valley girls with opportunities to spark their interest in math, science, engineering and technology and explore careers in those fields.

"I think women have made great strides in sciences and math and technology, but it's in a very limited area where they have made those great strides, primarily biological sciences," said Ginny McGaha, school counselor for the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program and director of the MECCA program.

"There is a great need to bring women into physics, engineering and other hard science research. It's important because, as a country, we are really looking

for scientists and engineers, and women bring a totally different perspective than men."

Nearly 175 high school girls from Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin are involved with MECCA this year. During this year-long program, students take part in science workshops, go on science-related field trips and meet with women working in the field of science. Already, students have studied how the sense of smell works, the physics of steel strength, how to graph changes in

speed and direction and explored the biological makeup of squids.

"(MECCA) helps a lot with my science and math classes in high school because a lot of the things I've done in my classes I had already done in MECCA," said Foothill senior Samantha Herbert. Herbert started going to MECCA her sophomore year after one of her teachers told her about the program. "I was interested because

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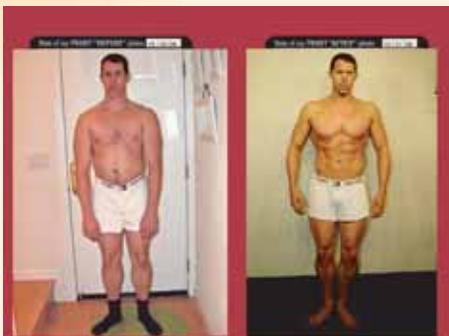
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## PTA honors Hansen and Reinke at Founders Day event

*Award acknowledges years of service to education*

by Rebecca Guyon

Harvest Park principal Jim Hansen and long-time Parent Teacher Association leader Vicky Reinke were honored with the California PTA Honorary Service Award Feb. 16 during the PTA Council's Founders Day luncheon. The award is given to individuals who support the PTA and Pleasanton schools. Past recipients include Superintendent John Casey, Trustee Juanita Haugen, Go Green founder Jill Buck and last year's recipient, former district Public Information Officer Jerri Long.



Jim Hansen

"This is such an honor," said Hansen. "I am very appreciative of everything the PTA does for Harvest Park. I know we couldn't do what we do without the support of the PTA and our parents."

Harvest Park PTA President Toni Hume presented the award to Hansen saying "he not only encour-

ages his staff to be involved with the PTA, but to be active members." She added that he is one of the first to write PTA volunteers thank you notes and has an uncanny ability to know all his students' names.

PTA Council President Debbie Look presented the award to Reinke, highlighting Reinke's years of service to the Pleasanton PTA as well as her active role in the Peralta District and State PTAs. Reinke, a Pleasanton resident for 20 years, has



Vicky Reinke

two sons who graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2005 and 2003. She got her start in the PTA as president of the Fairlands Elementary School PTA and was active in getting the PTA started at Mohr Elementary School. Later, she was a founding member of the PTA Council and

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CCOP fourth-grade girls take the court at the Oakland Coliseum Jan. 25. Pictured are (l-r) Christina Mendez, Olivia Deutschman, Paige Zollars, Mary Alex Roy, Nadia Firoozmand, Kaylee Udinski and Alison Sell. Partially hidden are Tara Ross and Carly Krakauer. Team member Elysa Roman is not visible, and Alyssa Benson was unable to attend.

## Hooping it up

### CCOP 4th grade girls at Oakland Coliseum

What a thrill! Ten fourth grade girls—Pleasanton's CCOP CYO team #4013—had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to shoot hoops on the very court used by the Golden State Warriors. Their assistant coach, Bob Zollars, had an inside track for securing the unique experience. His son, Danny Zollars is the Warriors' Game Operations Manager.

Just before the Warriors took on the Dallas mavericks Jan. 25, 10 excited girls walked out on the court and split up into teams of five. At 6 p.m., they'd arrived at the Coliseum and were escorted to the floor entrance. There, they waited for the Mavericks and Warriors to finish initial pre-game shooting warm-ups.

As the Mavericks exited the floor, each passed through the tunnel where the girls were waiting. Mavericks' forward, Jerry Stackhouse, stopped for a few seconds to wish the girls good luck. Finally, the last player left the court and the game was on.

The 10 girls ran out to center court with wide smiles for a 5-on-5 intra-team 12-minute scrimmage. Danny Zollars arranged to have the Warriors' announcer introduce

the players and broadcast the game over the loudspeaker. A few thousand early-arriving fans cheered loudly as the girls made good plays and scored baskets. All 10 team members managed to get at least one shot off during the game and six girls scored at least one basket.

The girls also displayed a tough one-on-one defense during the scrimmage. One of the Warriors officials watching the game commented that he "wished the Warriors played as well defensively."

Toward the end of the game, the girls became aware of their pictures on the big screen and started waving to the cameras.

Afterward, they returned to their seats to watch the Warriors vs. Mavericks game. CCOP Coach Bob raffled off his court-side seats to the team members. Four girls accompanied by a parent or grandparent won the opportunity to watch a quarter from courtside. Each girl also had her photo taken with Warriors mascot, Thunder, and the Warriors provided a DVD of the girls' complete game to each team member—although it's likely, even without the DVD, the 10 will remember their experience on the Warriors' court forever.

—Carol Bogart

## PTA honors

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currently serves as the organization's parliamentarian.

"You do these things because it is what you love doing, not for an award, but it really does make it special," Reinke said. "Keep doing things for kids and schools, it's worth it," she added, addressing the other PTA volunteers in the audience.

Although she has been very active in the Pleasanton community, Reinke and her husband will be retiring to Angels Camp in the coming year.

"There will be a huge void in the community because Vicky is someone who truly makes a difference," Look said.

In addition to the award, the PTA Council made donations to the California PTA's scholarship fund in Hansen's and Reinke's names.

The PTA celebrates Founders Day every year as a way to honor PTA volunteers and to recognize

the contribution made by the PTA's original founders, including local legend Phoebe Apperson Hearst. The Museum On Main provided displays about the life of Hearst and her involvement in starting the PTA. The displays decorated the banquet hall at Castlewood Country Club where the event was held.

Assemblyman Johan Klehs (D-18) attended the event and introduced keynote speaker Delaine Eastin, the former California Superintendent of Public Instruction. Assemblymen Guy Houston (R-15) and Alberto Torrico (D-20) and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty sent representatives. Other members of the community and school district also attended, including Casey, Haugen, Board President Steve Pulido, Trustee Kris Weaver, Council Members Steve Brozosky and Jerry Thorne, City Manager Nelson Fialho, President of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers Jacqueline Smith and principals from nine Pleasanton schools. ■

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Foothill students Robin So and Christine Wu dissect a squid during a MECCA workshop. MECCA is a program in the Tri-Valley that promotes girls to study science, technology, engineering and math.

## Science

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I knew I wanted to go somewhere with science, but wasn't sure what I wanted to do. It's a good way to explore my options and see what is out there."

McGaha said career exploration is a key part of the program. That is why students also go on field trips where they meet with science professionals. This year students had a chance to tour Google, visit the engineering department of Santa Clara University, which has the second largest female professorship in the country, and learn veterinary skills at the Oakland Zoo.

"We want to expose girls to a variety of careers in science and technology because when most people think of a career in science, all they can think of is being a doctor and we want them to know all that is out there," McGaha said.

During this year's Tri-Valley EYH conference at the SBC facility in San Ramon, students will have the chance to study forensic science, work with animals, find out how science affects the work of the Coast Guard and more. Pleasanton's Kristen Stivers, a biomedical scientist at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, attended the conference when she was in ninth grade and is coming back this year to lead the forensic science workshop titled "CSI San Ramon."

"It was a really fun experience," Stivers said of her time going to the conference as a student. "It was neat to see these hardworking professional women take time out of their busy schedules and give back to young girls. They were all very willing to share what made them get into the career they chose."

Stivers originally went to EYH because she was interested in becoming a pediatrician, but later went the route of research studying

how food-based mutagens that can cause cancer bind to DNA.

"I just love doing outreach," Stivers said. "It's so fun to see young girls get excited about science."

### Getting involved

Sign-ups for MECCA start in October. Interested students can visit their school's career center or call Ginny McGaha at 455-4800,

ext. 109.

The Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons conference is Saturday, Feb. 24 at the SBC facility in San Ramon. The conference is currently full, but girls can sign-up for drop-in spots by arriving the day of the event. There is still space available for the EYH conference at Mills College on Saturday, March 18. Call Ann Willoughby at 423-4234 for more information. ■

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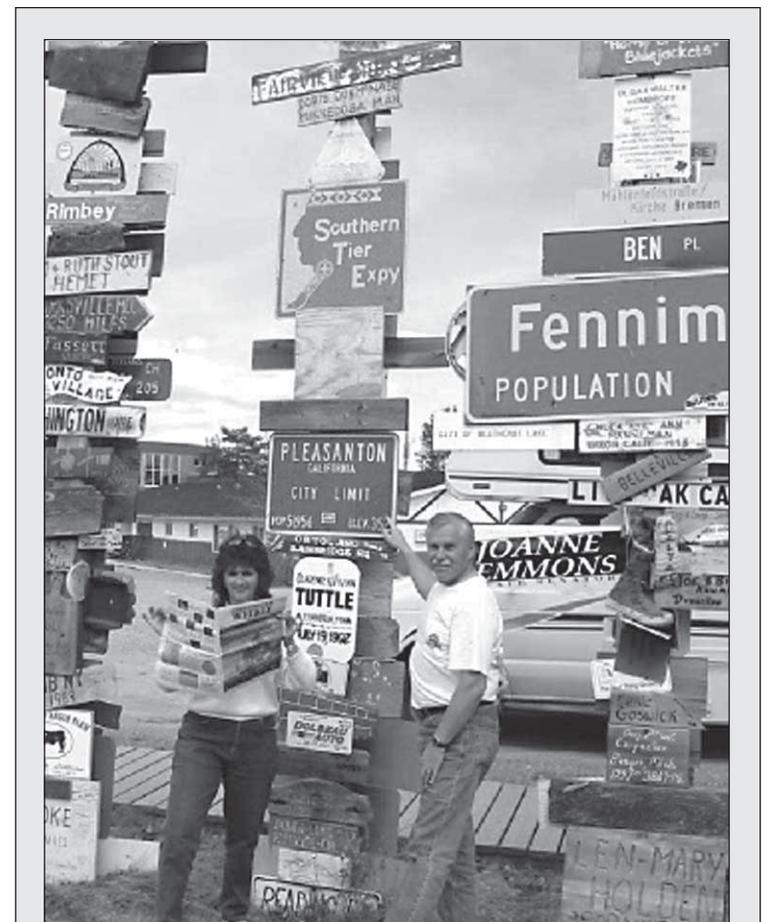


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# Opinion

## Bernal planning- draft looks like a winner

The crisp, clean designs in the draft development plan for the Bernal parkland that will be publicly reviewed in the coming weeks deserve strong support as they make their way through various city committees and commissions, and then in a final public hearing before the City Council. With Council approval, the plan for Bernal could go to voters next Nov. 7 for final approval as the controlling document for future uses on Bernal. This draft document is a far cry from the complicated, multi-use plans first considered after Pleasanton acquired the acreage free of charge in 2000. Gone are proposals for a third high school, ice hockey rink, church, even a cemetery. Gone, too, is the controversial plan for relocating the ACE train station off the Fairgrounds parking lot, as County Supervisor Scott Haggerty requests, along with the massive commuter parking lot that also would be required. A park-and-ride commuter lot at the far northwestern tip of the property could be stripped from the plan, too, since few commuters use the one the city built next to the Federal Express shipping center at Stoneridge Drive and I-680.

This plan, prepared by land use architect M. D. Fotheringham and longtime planner Wayne Rasmussen, represents the vision hundreds of Pleasanton residents ask for on planning this last major piece of open space in the heart of the city. In many ways, it reflects those visions, and includes elements of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, Lithia Park I Ashland, Ore., and Central Park in New York City. Like those, the Bernal planning document includes a multitude of land use options and flexibilities, but insists that Bernal stay a park, never a place for needed housing or commercial use. Adding to its park-like features, Fotheringham has planned for winding pedestrian pathways, water elements, meadows of indigenous plants and trees, picnic areas and resting places. Other than a long-planned and already approved 50-acre site for sports, including lighted fields for baseball, soccer and other team sports, a cultural arts center and teen center at the eastern edge of the site and a possible day care center near the new fire station at Bernal's northern edge near Valley, the final draft plan will keep most of Bernal open with unobstructed views of the Ridgeland, just as it is today.

This final draft plans, with maps and descriptions, can be found in three documents prepared for Bernal that are now available at the public library for review. They are the final Master Plan for the 50-acre Bernal Community Park, the Phase II Specific Plan that encompasses the rest of the site, and an informative Environmental Impact Review that will serve as a controlling document for future development.

The public is encouraged to review these documents and then offer its views during the public hearings in the coming weeks. City Council and Commission meetings can be found on-line at ci.pleasanton.ca.us or by calling the City Clerk's office at 931-5027. ■

## Letters

### Haggerty didn't listen

Dear Editor,

My observation as a resident of Happy Valley after attending the meeting this evening (Jan. 26, 2006) regarding the closure of Happy Valley Road is that Supervisor Scott Haggerty is arrogant, closed-minded and has already decided that the road will be closed. His mannerisms and body language said as much.

He requested that people come up and speak what was on their minds, whether for or against the closure. As people against the closure spoke (some more passionately than others), he would roll his eyes, look up to the ceiling, whisper to his staff while hiding behind a piece of paper, turning his back to them and walking across the room, whining "Do you think I want to be here? I'd like to be home with my kids." Like you were the only one in the room that wouldn't have rather been home with their family!

You weren't even listening Mr. Haggerty, because if you were you would have heard a very divided community, thanks to you! All the while blaming the city, "Heh, I didn't build the golf course, the

city did." Bottom line is no one wants the traffic and no road is any safer than another when it comes to the increased traffic. Are you not a public servant Mr. Haggerty? Why don't you try acting like one. Fix your roads, as you were well aware of the traffic impact once the golf course was completed!

*Dora Brogden*

*Happy Valley Resident*

### Golfers should pay for bypass road

Dear Editor,

Who needs the bypass road? The golfers. Who should pay for the bypass road? The golfers. How should this be passed on to the users? Through a surcharge.

This is the normal way unforeseen costs are passed on to the end users [only]. I recommend a \$10 surcharge on each round. According to your figures, this will generate over a half million dollars per year. I don't know the cost of the bypass road, but this would generate over five and half million dollars in 10 years.

*Ellis B. Schott*

*Gulfstream Street*

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# Future Prosperity

**New reports show Pleasanton poised for greater business, job growth as economy improves**

by **Jeb Bing**

**A** collaborative effort by a broad range of stakeholders that shows a challenging, yet optimistic economic future for Pleasanton will be considered Tuesday night at a special public workshop of the City Council and its Economic Vitality Committee.

The reports by Bay Area Economics, the Tri-Valley Business Council, and the U.S. Labor Department show that Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley are evolving as a mix of prosperous industry specializations driven by a surge of homegrown entrepreneurships. This trend involves a combination of local forces, including a business-savvy and highly educated population, innovative entrepreneurs and a city, civic, education and business leadership bent on improving economic vitality and the quality of life.

Along with the successes seen since recent economic downturns, the challenge facing Pleasanton, according to these reports, is to sustain the gains and work to retain businesses now here while also recruiting new companies to the area.

"Talented people can leave or stop coming," said Tom O'Malley, President of the Tri-Valley Business Council. "Quality of life can decline, businesses can decide to locate elsewhere."

"So going forward, the region will have to ensure that the necessary talent, entrepreneurial business support and quality of life are in place to sustain the region's innovation-based economy and to remain competitive with other regions that are working hard to do the same," he added.

The new level of responsibility that will be required to sustain the recent economic gains will require a partnership among city and business leaders and community stakeholders who will be called on to:

- Analyze current economic trends and key industries;
- Identify opportunities for future economic development and job creation;
- Formulate economic development goals and strategies; and,
- Create an action plan to serve as a blueprint for implementation activities.

Pamela Ott, the city's Economic Development Manager, said Pleasanton has fared relatively well in recent years, despite some weaknesses in several sectors influenced by general economic trends.

Wedgits, a home-based startup company on Serpentine Lane which invented and developed a popular toy using geometrically symmetrical blocks, is moving to Roseville. The company said it was unable to find reasonably-priced land where it could expand and that its growing number of employees could not afford housing here.

In addition, the recent merger of SBC and AT&T into a new organization to be called AT&T is expected to downsize its CarrAmerica space in the Hacienda Business Park as it moves most or all of its operations to San Ramon and Texas.

At the same time, Pleasanton has seen considerable business growth despite a rocky start to 2005. That's when Oracle Corporation finalized its \$10.3-billion hostile takeover bid for PeopleSoft, then the city's largest employer with 3,500 workers. Oracle officials said the quick work of Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, City Manager Nelson Fialho and Ott to arrange meetings with them and to talk about the advantages of doing business in Pleasanton helped to persuade them to keep many of the former PeopleSoft operations that they would use in Pleasanton.

Fears of massive layoffs dissipated as Oracle chose to keep all but a few hundred at its Pleasanton operation, where it has since established a visible foothold in the community that includes contributions to schools, placement of a large monument sign for Oracle along I-580 for all commuters to see and active participation in the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Because of a rebounding office market, Oracle was able to rapidly sell three former PeopleSoft buildings that it no longer needed: one on Stoneridge Drive to Thoratec, which wanted to expand, and the other two to Kaiser Permanente, which will move its Information Technology operations here from Oakland. That will bring to Pleasanton more than 1,000 jobs, at least twice the number lost in the Oracle takeover of PeopleSoft.

Just as important, according to the Bay Area Economics report to be reviewed Tuesday and the Tri-Valley Business Council's "Preserving Prosperity Project" report published earlier are the growing number of small businesses started in the Valley.

According to O'Malley, the region has gone from a business creation rate below the national average in the early 1990s to one well above the national average in 2003, the last year these statistics were available, although O'Malley believes the trend is continuing.

"In recent years, the Tri-Valley has become a wellspring for thousands of small, homegrown companies that are transforming the region's economic landscape and accounting for a greater share of regional prosperity," he said.

"The number of business establishments per resident has boomed—from about 3 per 1,000 residents in 1990 to more than 10 by 2002," O'Malley added. "In all, more than 18,000 companies have been created in the Tri-Valley since 1990."

In addition, homegrown firms are the most important source of job growth in the local economy. O'Malley reported that since 1990, new firms have added on average about 41 percent more jobs each year to the local economy than have existing firms, and about 420 percent more jobs than firms relocating or expanding into the region.

"The role of very small firms (five or fewer employees) in local prosperity has grown substantially," O'Malley said. "By 2003, these firms were 80 percent of total firms, compared to 75 percent in 1990. By 2003, they were generating 35 percent of the local economic revenues, well above their 26 percent contribution in 1990."

As a group, the Business Council's report shows firms with 100 or more employees have lost jobs since the early 1990s while smaller firms have gained jobs.

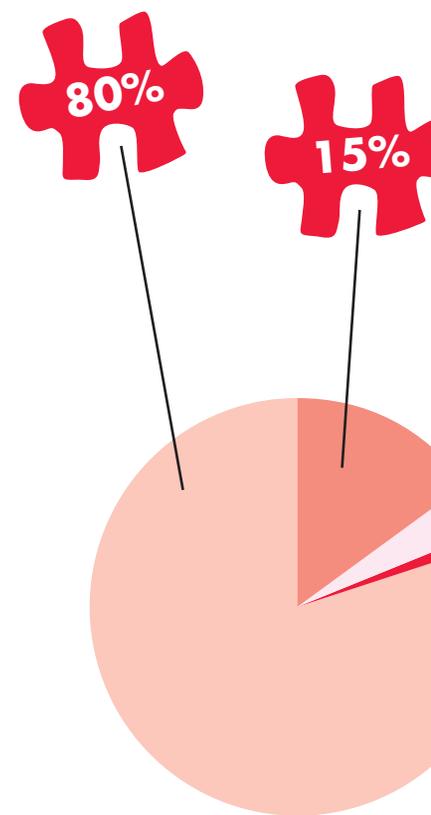
## Report: "No surprise."

The report's findings came as no surprise to James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Owners Association of Hacienda Business Park.

"We're seeing a lot of activity in the park right now with smaller and entrepreneurial businesses moving in, taking advantage of the vacancies and still-low rents," he said. "Building owners are 'condominimizing' their empty offices by shaping them to accommodate these startup businesses. It's a healthy situation."

Paxson said the office occupancy rate today in Hacienda Business Park is about 91 percent, better than in surrounding Bay Area business parks.

Speaking to a group of small business owners last week, Karen Czarnecki, the federal government's deputy assistant secretary of labor for intergovern-



Share of Firms



Karen Czarnecki, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of labor for intergovernmental affairs and also director of the administrative affairs of the U.S. Labor Department, is a Pleasanton small business owner. She said the area is at "the forefront of job creation in the country." Consumer confidence here is "something to be proud of," she added.

mental affairs, said Pleasanton and the region are among the most advanced in the country.

"When you look at consumer confidence, it's about three years, and that's something to be proud of," she added.

Czarnecki, who is also director of the U.S. Labor Department's Workforce, said President Bush is making a commitment to hire 80,000 math and science teachers in these fields.

"It's a 10-year plan with \$136 billion to strengthen education and invest in the workforce in this country," she said. "We need to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation and living for quite some time. But a lot of other countries, are catching up to us."

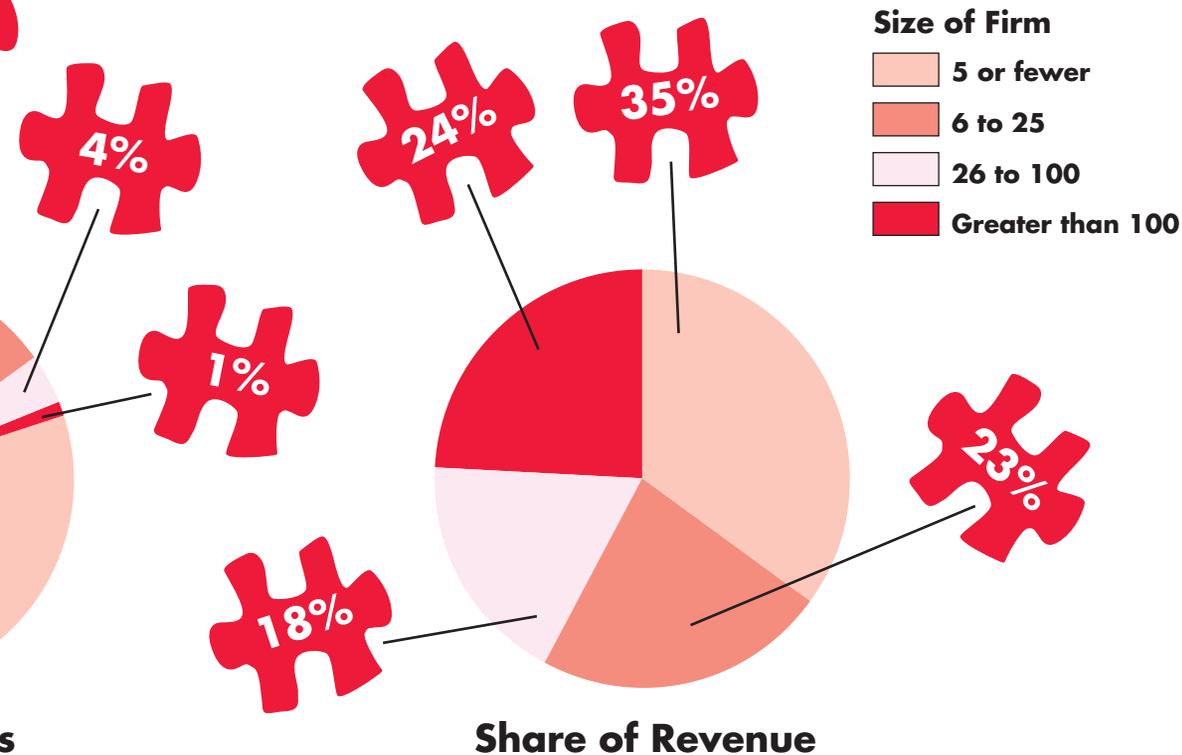
Responding to criticisms from local workers, Czarnecki also said that the federal government is heavily in career training to teach the workforce with high school districts to bring back workers by non-degreed but highly-experienced workers. "We don't go to college to fill the many vacancies," she said.

"We need to increase the education and training to compete in the world economy," she said.

## Learn

The BAE's "Economic Development Workshop" Tuesday night is intended to guide p

## Contributions to the Regional Economy



Joe Bing

secretary of labor for intergovernmental affairs, tells business owners seminar last week that this is one of the most advanced sectors in the country at the highest level in the last three years, according to the report.

The Tri-Valley "are in the forefront of job growth in the U.S." "Confidence, it's at the highest level in just a few years to be proud of," she added.

of the administration's 21st Century Workforce Act, making funds available to train an additional 100,000 workers to help increase the number of graduates.

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al contractors that they can't find skilled workers. The 21st Century Workforce is investing in these skills. Part of the challenge is to work on vocational courses that can be taught by skilled workers to teach students who are in need of these skills in the construction trades.

and training opportunities so that we can have a workforce that is ready to go to work.

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ment Strategic Plan" to be discussed by policymakers, city staff and the public on

ways to strengthen business retention, expansion and attraction programs, according to Pamela Ott.

In addition, the economic development strategies detailed in the more than 50 pages of analysis, charts, data and reports, also suggest ways the city government can use public resources to maintain and improve the local economy, which is facing special challenges as the city nears residential build-out. Although property and sales taxes are expected to continue growing for years to come, some fees collected through new home construction, such as those charged for new water and sewer hookups, and developer fees paid to the school district, could shrink as housing developments slowly grind to a halt. The BAE report will help highlight the fiscal/economic impact for the city as it makes land use and future development decisions as part of its new General Plan update considerations.

The BAE report shows that Pleasanton's demographic trends indicate a stable, affluent residential community characterized by high household incomes, low unemployment, strong educational attainment and a concentration in middle age ranges, although with a large population of Baby Boomers, who will start turning 60 this year.

The report also finds that Pleasanton is a "job rich" community, with more than 1.6 jobs for every working resident. While about one-third of the city's working residents stay in Pleasanton to work, including a number of home-based businesses, the more than 56,000 jobs in Pleasanton are also filled by numerous commuters coming here from other cities.

As good as that sounds, the large number of out-of-town commuters also cause traffic congestion, which annoys local residents and the commuters, themselves. High-priced housing here also means that many of the jobs that pay nominal salaries are held by workers who realize they can't afford to live here and would exchange their positions for comparable jobs closer to their homes in Tracy or beyond, where many of them live.

### Jobs for all

Even so, BAE found that Pleasanton's economy has a broad distribution of jobs among high wage professionals, including those engaged in scientific, technical, administrative and information related positions. These sectors have seen strong growth since 2002, creating more than 3,300 new jobs, the study shows.

"Pleasanton's high quality of life, educated and seasoned workforce and existing economic base offer a major competitive advantage to foster the expansion of existing firms and attract new firms," the BAE report states.

It warns, however, that to support a healthy, sustainable economy, the city must find the means of providing housing that is "accessible to young workers, attractive to families and one that provides opportunities for people to age in place.

"Pleasanton's ability to provide housing to support its economic development is constrained by a voter-approved cap on the development of housing units with the city," the report states. "No more than 29,000 units are allowed and its Growth Management Program limits the number of residential building permits that can be issued each year at 350."

It recommends organizing a Business/Workforce Housing Task Force to find ways of adding affordable housing that workers can afford.

The City Council and Economic Vitality Committee workshop will meet starting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Open to the public, the meeting also will be televised for later broadcast on Community Television Channel 29. ■

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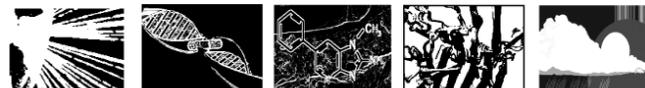
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All lectures are held at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Two presentations: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Seating is first come, first served. No pre-registration. For directions see <http://education.llnl.gov/sos>



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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council and Economic Vitality Committee Joint Workshop**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Draft Revisions to the Economic and Fiscal Element of the General Plan and Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Presentation and Review of Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan

**City Council and Planning Commission Joint Workshop**

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Land Use Workshop No. 6: West Side Properties and Remaining Properties
- Input on preferred land uses and/or development policies for several properties on the west side of Pleasanton and in other locations

**Human Services Commission**

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Review of Public Service Applications for Community Development Block Grants for Fiscal Year 2006/07
- Review of Upcoming CIP Projects

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Civic Arts Commission - March 6, 2006
- City Council Meeting - March 7, 2006
- Planning Commission - March 8, 2006
- Parks & Recreation Commission - March 9, 2006
- Library Commission - March 9, 2006
- Youth Commission - March 8, 2006

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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**"Are You O.K.?" Program**

The Pleasanton Police Department is offering the "ARE YOU O.K.?" service. This service provides qualifying residents with daily contact via the telephone.

The program consists of computer-calling individuals on a daily basis at a prearranged time to ascertain the individual's welfare. The computer will ask, "ARE YOU O.K.?" If the person is ok, the computer will instruct them to hang up. If the individual is not ok, the computer will then instruct them to hang up and dial 9-1-1. If the telephone is unanswered after three attempts, the computer will issue an alert to the dispatcher, who will then send an Officer or a Community Service Officer to check on the welfare of the participant.

There is no charge for this program and the Pleasanton Police Department is offering this to senior citizens and infirms. For more information, contact the Pleasanton Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 931-5100.

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, including any agenda amendments, please visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar)

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Stereo equipment stolen

More than \$4,000 worth of stereo equipment was stolen from a car parked in the lot of East Bay BMW in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive. The owner of the facility discovered the rear window of the vehicle broken on Feb. 20 at 7:50 a.m. Window molding was also pried off the car, police said. In addition to losing the \$4,360 of stereo equipment, there was also \$500 worth of damage to the car, according to police. The incident occurred sometime between 6 p.m. Feb. 18 and 7:30 a.m. Feb. 20, the lot owner said. No other cars were disturbed.

### Sweaters stolen from mall display

Eighteen sweaters valued at \$1,071 were stolen from the front table of The Limited clothing store in Stoneridge Shopping Center in the 2600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road on Feb. 10 sometime between 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m. An employee who was near the front of the store at the time of the incident said she saw three women who appeared suspicious, but she did not see anyone take the merchandise.

## Police Report

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

**Feb. 13**

- Theft: 6
- Threatening phone calls: 1

**Feb. 14**

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 2
- DUI: 1
- Assault:
- 11:10 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

**Feb. 15**

- Theft: 5
- DUI: 2
- Assault:
- 1:41 p.m. in the 3900 block of Petrified Forest Court

**Feb. 16**

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2

- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 2

**Feb. 17**

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1

**Feb. 18**

- Theft: 2
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Domestic violence:
- 10:44 a.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue
- Domestic animal bite:
- 5:17 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street
- Possession of marijuana:
- 10:31 p.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue

**Feb. 19**

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Possession of marijuana:
- 1:11 a.m. in the 6800 block of

Santa Rita Road

- Domestic violence:
- 1:36 p.m. in the 8100 block of Moller Ranch Drive

### ACCIDENTS

**Feb. 13**

- 9:13 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Mission Drive and Sunol Boulevard.

**Feb. 15**

- 4:09 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard and Valley Trails roads

**Feb. 16**

- 12:09 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Busch Road
- 1:28 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Foothill and Highland roads

**Feb. 17**

- 2:27 p.m. - Injury accident in the 1200 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 4:31 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive
- 5:51 p.m. - Hit-and-run non-injury accident at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and I-680

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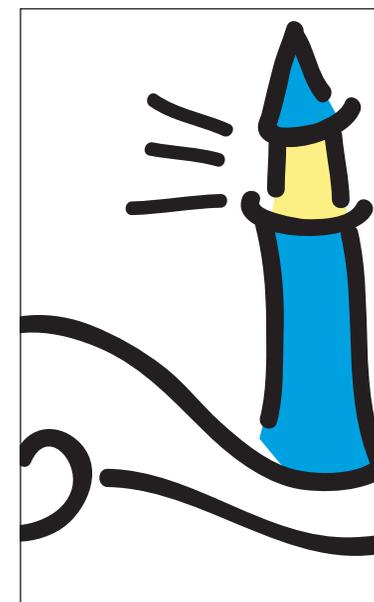
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## Book Clubs

### Political Book Group

The Political Book group will meet from 7-9 p.m., Tues., Feb. 28 in Livermore Library's board room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore to discuss "Imperial Ambitions" by Noam Chomsky.

## Civic Meetings

### City Council

The council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Mar. 7.

### Housing Commission

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Mar. 16.

### Human Services Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Mar. 1.

### Library Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Mar. 9.

### School Board

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Feb. 28.

## Concerts

### Early Music Concert Series

Las Positas College presents an Early Music Concert Series with performances by Telemann, Handel, Couperin and more 8 p.m., Saturdays, Mar. 4 and Apr. 1 at Las Positas College Library, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd. in building 2000, Livermore. Suggested donation is \$10 for LPC students and \$15 general. Call Marilyn, 424-1209.

### Mark Anderson and Tamriko Siphrahvili

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents pianists Mark Anderson and Tamriko Siphrahvili at 8 p.m., Sat., Feb. 25 at the Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civcartickets.org](http://www.civcartickets.org).

### The Justin Hellman Trio

The Justin Hellman Trio will be performing three new programs of jazz from 2-3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 26 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-3405.

### Traditions

Pacific Chamber Symphony presents a concert of "Traditions!" 7:30 p.m., Wed., Mar. 1 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Call 484-9783.

## Events

### Blood Drive

Donate blood from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tues., Feb. 28 at 22 South L. St., Livermore. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit [www.BeADonor.com](http://www.BeADonor.com) to schedule an appointment.

### Crab and Pasta Feed

The CCEF and LVCS presents a crab and pasta feed for the 21 and older crowd to benefit the Livermore Valley Charter School children from 6-11 p.m., Fri., Feb. 24 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Cost is \$35 or

## Weekend Preview



### Chinese Acrobats come to Amador Theater

The world-renowned Chinese Dragon Acrobat Circus comes to the Amador Theater Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. The Golden Dragon acrobats are the leading Chinese acrobatic troupe and have performed in 65 countries on five continents and in all 50 states. The show features a blend of acrobatics, traditional dance and elaborate costumes. Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$22 for adults and \$10, \$14 and \$18 for children 12 years old or younger. They may be purchased online at [www.civcartickets.org](http://www.civcartickets.org) or by phone at 931-3444. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd.

ticket/raffle combo is \$50. Call Denise, 455-8741 or e-mail [PTO@lvcs.org](mailto:PTO@lvcs.org).

### Tapestry Women

Hear a discussion on textiles from 9 a.m.-noon, Sat., Feb. 25 at the Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr. in the Fireside Room. Also, there will be supplies and instructions on how to make flannel baby blankets for local hospitals and missions. Call Claudia, 462-4975.

### Word for Word

The Pleasanton Library is hosting a performance of the San Francisco Professional Theatre Company, "Word for Word" 3:30 p.m., Sat., Feb. 25 at 400 Old Bernal Ave. This program is suitable for ages 12 and up. Admission is free. Call 931-3404.

## Exhibits

### California Visions

The paintings of four professional watermedia artists, including local artist Charolette Severin, will be on display from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Mon-Thurs., and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri until Tues., Feb. 28 at the Main Library Gallery, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Call 373-5509.

### Jade Fon Art Exhibition

Studio 7 Fine Arts will be hosting an opening night reception for the Jade Fon Art Exhibition from 6-9 p.m., Sat., Feb. 25, 77 W. Angela St. Call 846-4322.

## Film

### Living the Dream

A series of films and discussions examining the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be viewed 7 p.m., Fri., Feb. 24 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-3405.

## Fundraisers

### Caribbean Night 2006

The Pleasanton Middle School Parent Faculty Association is hosting "Caribbean Night 2006" from 7-11 p.m., Fri., Feb. 24 at the Pleasanton

Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$50 and includes dinner, dancing, raffles, silent and live auctions, and Monte Carlo gaming. All proceeds benefit student programs. Donations greatly appreciated. Call 426-4390.

## Health

### Improve Your Life and Well-Being

Andrea Chariton, D.C., an upper cervical chiropractor, will give a seminars safety 7 p.m., Feb. 27 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 847-2095.

## Kids & Teens

### Cub Scout Pack 901 Blue & Gold Ceremony

Cub Scout Pack 901 will be celebrating their anniversary of scouting with a potluck event 6:30 p.m., Fri., Feb. 24 at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Call 974-4170.

### Expanding Your Horizons

Increase the interest of middle and high school girls in math and science through hands-on interactive workshops, a career fair and positive role models on Sat., Feb. 25. Visit [www.lnl.gov/eyh/tv\\_eyh.html](http://www.lnl.gov/eyh/tv_eyh.html).

### Fourth Annual Youth Music Festival

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts is hosting the Fourth Annual Music Festival at 8 p.m., Fri., Feb. 24 at the Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Advance tickets are \$7, \$10 at the door. Call 931-5353.

## Lectures

### Fibromyalgia

Dr. Lynne Sullivan is offering a free lecture on fibromyalgia and how it pertains to your health 6 p.m., Mon., Mar. 13 at Chiro Health Center, 268 Main St. Only 15 seats available. Call 484-1070 for reservations.

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### Special Education Work Ability Program

The Pleasanton Unified School District's Special Education Work Ability Program will host a workshop 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 28 in Village High School's multi-purpose room, 4645 Bernal Ave. This is for parents of a high school student receiving special education services. Call Gina, 426-4293.

## On Stage

### My Fair Lady

The Diablo Light Opera Company presents "My Fair Lady" at 8 p.m., Thurs.-Fri. and 2 p.m., Sun. from Feb. 17-Mar. 18 at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets range from \$25-36. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dloc.org.

## Scholarships

### Amador Valley PTSA

Twelve \$500 scholarships are available to Amador's PTSA seniors. Based on essay, extra-curricular involvement, community service, honor/awards, GPA, ACT or SAT scores and work experience. Financial need is not considered. Visit www.capta.org.

### Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc.

Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc. awarding scholarships to seniors graduating from Amador, Foothill and Village high schools. The application forms are available from each school's scholarship advisor. They are due back to the advisor by March 8. Call Mary Reding at 846-3933 for more information.

### LPD AAUW Local Scholarship Foundation

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women is accepting applications from local university women for \$500-\$1500 scholarships. All application documents must be post marked by Mar. 15. E-mail devon@smalltownusa.net or mail to LPD AAUW Local Scholarships, 6128 Hansen Dr., 94566 for an application.

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## Spiritual

### Orthodox Faith

Learn more about icons, the religious art of the Orthodox faith, from 10 a.m.-noon, Sat., Mar. 4 at St. Innocent of Alaska Orthodox Church, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Call Margaret, 443-3132.

## Support Groups

### Express to Success Network

This women's business development group encourages attendees to donate gently used career wear and meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the third Thursday of every month. Newcomer's information session is at 6 p.m., Four Points Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Road. Call Kim Pace 426-0593. No cost.

### Fibromyalgia, Arthritis and Chronic Pain

Share ideas and learn relaxation and pain management tools from 7-8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Free and open to the public. Friends and family welcome. Pre-registration encouraged, but drop-ins welcome. Call 989-5620 or e-mail bettyrunnels@earthlink.net.

### Forty Plus of Northern California

The group is for professionals over the age of 40 who are unemployed or in career transition. The free classes are held at 8:30 a.m.-noon Mondays at 770 Edgewater Drive, Suite 626, Oakland. Call (510) 568-7587 or visit www.fortyplus.org.

## Volunteering

### Assistance League

Assistance League, a nonprofit organization, is looking for volunteers to assist with ongoing philanthropic projects and meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of every month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Call 484-1354 or visit www.amador-valleyassistanceleague.

### Senior Center Volunteers

The Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., has an array of daytime volunteer opportunities available to adults of any age including receptionist, bingo caller, teacher's aide and lunch program assistant. Call Raymond Figueroa, 931-5366.

### ValleyCare Auxiliary

Volunteers are needed at ValleyCare Medical Center. With nine volunteer service areas in Pleasanton and Livermore, opportunities are available at the information desk, office, library, gift and thrift shop. Call 734-3368.

### Volunteers Needed at RCJL

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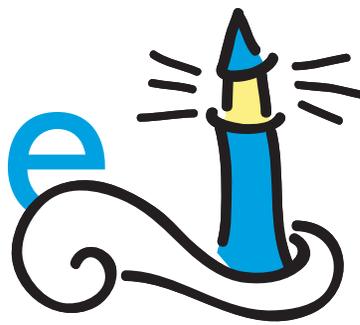
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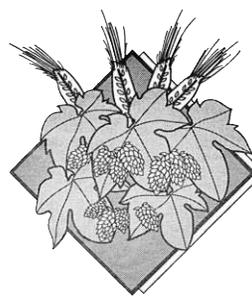
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