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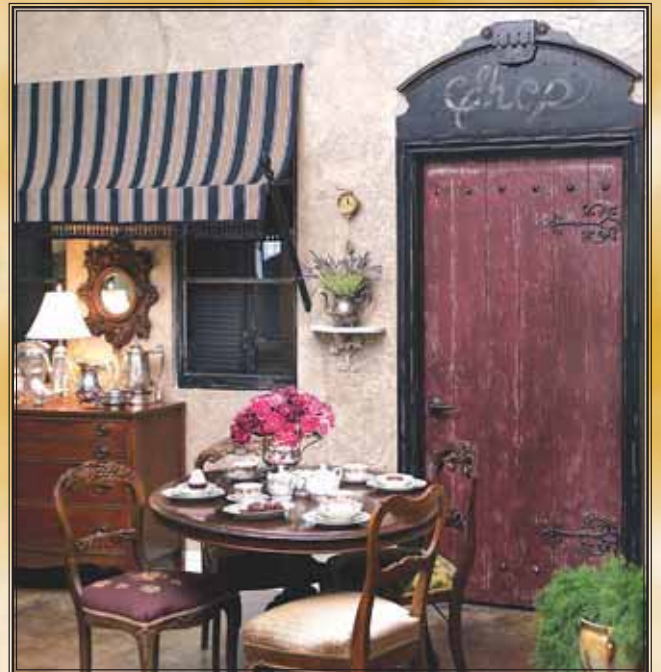
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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Local support for mental illness

As a teenager at Amador Valley High School, where she graduated in 1993, Krista Radojevich thought her episodes of sleeplessness and occasional bouts with anger and social isolation were all part of growing up and academic stress. These continued at UC Davis and grew more pronounced after graduation in 1997 and as she started her career as a pharmaceutical sales representative. All the while, she was dealing with her father's mental illness, not realizing that hers was increasingly similar until, at age 26, she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, a brain disease that she now controls through various medications.

One in every five families is affected by mental illness, with more than 2 million diagnosed with bipolar disorder. The actual numbers are probably higher since mental illness, while treatable, is also a disease few like to acknowledge. Radojevich and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, which she supports, are trying to change that, to take the shame long associated with mental illness out of the closet so that more sufferers will seek help. As the leader of NAMI's Tri-Valley Bipolar Bears, Radojevich hopes to have several hundred joining in the NAMI "Walk on Mental Illness" planned for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. This second annual walk is one of a number of events and discussion groups NAMI and the Pleasanton chapter hold during the year for the hundreds locally who have a mental illness, which includes bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, severe depression and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD).

Radojevich, now 31, is a frequent speaker at schools and organizations that want to learn more about mental illness. She also leads her team's support group starting at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church for those who deal with mental illness or family members who are seeking support and guidance. Unlike a broken bone or even a miscarriage, mental illness is not as easily described or understood

in social circles or at work. Even families sometimes shun those who "act differently" because of a mental problem. Radojevich points out that at next weekend's march, quite a few will walk alone, while at similar walks for breast cancer research or AIDS, families walk together with survivors to celebrate the event.

Radojevich said the early symptoms of mental illness are subtle and often confusing. She first found herself unable to sleep at night, with her thoughts turning to strange and troubling situations that made her restless. At one time, the FBI was after her, a dream-like experience that had no connection with reality. It was an experience that worsened, just as John Forbes Nash, played by Russell Crowe, found himself in fierce battles with demons and his inner self in the 2001 movie "A Beautiful Mind." Although taking prescription medicines to ease the disorder, Radojevich felt she was getting better and swore off the medication. The demons came back, along with anger, and she spent two weeks in a locked mental ward as new prescriptions restored her mind. Since then, she takes the pills she needs every morning as she brushes her teeth, giving her the help she needs for a normal lifestyle and good job performance in dealing with customers. That's far different than her early difficulties, which for Radojevich, always a social butterfly, caused her to withdraw at times, even at parties, in a quest for social isolation, a typical symptom of bipolar disorder.

Just as there's no "cure" for cancer, where the term "remission" is used by survivors, there's no cure for mental illness. But today's treatments, new medications and support groups such as NAMI and the Tri-Valley Bipolar Bears show sufferers, their families and friends that mental illness does not mean insanity. This help in making life much more bearable and publicly accepted than ever before. To join Radojevich's Pleasanton team on its June 3 walk or offer financial support for research and publicity, contact NAMI Walks at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org). ■

### About the Cover

Although Memorial Day is a time for honoring our fallen veterans, it's also a time to pay our respects at family gravesides and at memorials in places around Pleasanton. Our cover pictorial shows you where they are and what they're about. Cover design by Ben Ho.

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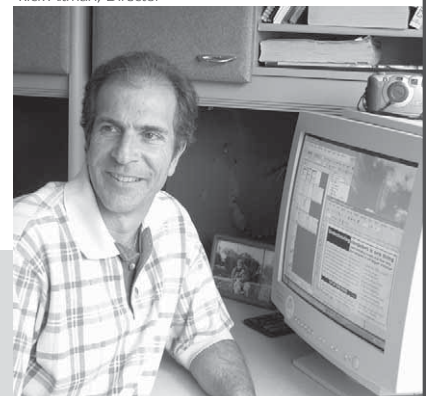
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# Streetwise

**Q:** Do you plan to see the movie "United 93?"

Asked Downtown



### Mike Pine

Retired

I do plan to see the movie. I like that they included the victims' families in the development of the script. It may be a bit tough to watch, but I think the story needs to be told.

### Adelaide Smith

Customer Service at Noah's

I knew a movie would eventually be made. I think it will be interesting but sad at the same time. We all need to remember what happened to the people on board and the heroic steps they took.



### Bob Linc

Owner of Main Street Spirits and Deli

I think those passengers were some of the bravest people in current times. I wish all Americans, myself included, had the courage to step up to the plate and do the right thing. I'm going to wait a while, but in time I will see it.



### Eric Miller

EMT

I will not see the movie. It's too painful to revisit all of the tragedy. We lost too many firefighters and rescue workers that day. I don't want to relive all those memories.



### Krissy Miller

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I plan to see it. The families all supported the movie. I think we Americans should experience and validate their loss. We need to remember the feelings and not be sheltered.




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## Helping Our Out-of-Shape Kids

Modern life is great in so many ways – but the advances and conveniences have brought health hazards with them. We now know our kids are overweight and out of shape. Happily – we can help our children.

### Food Choices

Adjusting what we eat is difficult, but possible. Emphasize protein foods – meats, fish, dairy, nuts. Emphasize fresh fruits and vegetables. Drink water. Cut down on chips, fries, fatty and sugary foods – especially sodas! We all know these things – the trick is to do them. Our hint: if you don't buy it, you won't eat it. **Healthy eating begins at the supermarket!**

### Eating Habits

Even more important than what we eat is how we eat. **Let appetite be your guide.** A child should eat when hungry, and stop when pretty full – not stuffed to the gills! Three regular meals a day with moderate portions and a couple of snacks (healthy foods!) are good – never get too hungry, never get too full. Cut down on eating in

front of the TV – one tends to eat until the program is over. Try to eat at fairly **regular times**, and try to have the family eat together. Avoid food fights with your kids – no one wins these. Again, if you don't bring the junk food into your home, the kids won't eat it!

### Exercise and Activity

Just as important as food choices is exercise. Kids today sit far too much – in front of the computer and TV. Parents can set a good example, and you can exercise as a family. Turn off the TV, go for a walk with your kids, encourage their participation in sports or dance and get moving!

In all of this, most of us pretty much know what to do – the problem is doing it. If you discuss your action plan as a family and do it as a family, you will have the best shot at success. Not just now, but for the rest of your and their lives.

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Compiled by Cybele Ryan

# Newsfront

## News Digest

### WWII bombers at Livermore

Special crews will fly three World War II bomber aircrafts into Livermore Airport Sunday for three days of public display. The planes, a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and a B-25 Mitchell smaller twin-engine bomber, will be open to visitors from 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Memorial Day and Tuesday.

The B-17 Flying Fortress was the wartime comrade of the B-24 and one of the most familiar bombers in the public eye during WWII, said Kevin Ryan, the Livermore stop coordinator for the display group. Only nine remain in flying condition of the 12,000 that were built during the war years. The B-24 Liberator was the most heavily produced multi-engine aircraft ever and the single most produced warplane during WWII. The B-25 was used for low-level bombing and ground attack in the Pacific.

Livermore is one of 120 cities on a tour sponsored by the Collings Foundation. Donations requested for the walk-through tours are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

### Donate to Peru

The Amador Valley High School Boosters Club is currently collecting donations for an orphanage located near Cusco, Peru called "The Sunflower" in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Donations of clothing in good condition or new socks and underwear suitable for everyday use by children, mostly ages 3 to 14, can be delivered to 4526 Mohr Ave., Pleasanton. If there is no one home, you may leave the donations by the front porch. The expedition leaves in early June, and donations need to be gathered as soon as possible. Contact Ken Mano, Boosters Treasurer, at 846-4381 for more information.

### Education award

Amador teachers Jon Grantham and Brian Ladd were recently awarded a grant from the Prudential California Realty Education Foundation for their dedication to teaching. Grantham, the band director, and Ladd, "We the People..." coach and social studies teacher, were nominated for the award by community members. This is the 14th year that the Foundation has given out the award. To date, 973 teachers have been honored, and \$570,000 in grants have been given out.

## McCloskey campaigns to restore ethics to Congress

Seeks to unseat Pombo in June 6 Republican primary

by Jeb Bing

Fresh on the heels of Vice President Dick Cheney's stopover in Stockton this week to boost the re-election campaign of U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R-11th), former Congressman Pete McCloskey has stepped up his efforts to unseat Pombo in the June 6 Republican primary.

Calling Pombo "one of the most corrupt members of Congress," McCloskey, who served as the Peninsula's congressman for 15 years starting in 1967, has moved to Lodi to challenge Pombo, who is seeking re-election to his eighth term. The 11th Congressional District includes Lodi, Pombo's hometown of Tracy, Danville and Pleasanton and much of the I-680, I-580 and I-5 corridors.

Besides McCloskey, retired businessman Tom Benigno of Tracy also is seeking the Republican nomination, although neither his candidacy nor campaign has generated much support.

In an interview with editors of the Danville Weekly and Pleasanton Weekly, McCloskey said he relocated to "move Pombo out of office and restore ethics to Congress." He also has been encouraging Democrats

to switch their registration for this election to the "Decline to State" category so that they can vote for him in the Republican primary to unseat Pombo.

With Congress adjourned for a Memorial Day recess, both Pombo and McCloskey will be crisscrossing the district over the next 11 days with talks planned at major Republican fundraisers and public events. What they won't be doing is appearing together on the same platform as they did May 15 in the only public forum both agreed to.

"That clearly was not a debate," McCloskey said. "Mr. Pombo ignored my charges about the money he has taken from disgraced members of his own party, including Tom DeLay and Jack Abramoff. He won't debate me because he doesn't want to answer those questions."

McCloskey, who has addressed local Democratic Party organizations to solicit their support in defeating Pombo, said the three Democrats appearing on that party's primary ballot on June 6 "are basically too weak" to defeat the Tracy congressman. Those candidates are Jerry McNerney, Steve Filson and Steve Thomas.

"I would not have run had we



Shannon Corey

Candidate Pete McCloskey tell Weekly editors why he is seeking a return to Congress.

been able to find a Democrat with a chance of challenging Pombo," McCloskey said. "I'm convinced that the only way to get this man out of office is to take him on in the primary, which I am doing.

"My wife Helen and I have moved to Lodi because we feel that Congressman Pombo, by reason of his voting record and close

ties to Indian gaming lobbyist Jack Abramoff and former Majority Leader Tom DeLay, has become an embarrassment to the Republican Party."

McCloskey said the 11th District is about 47 percent Democrat, 46 percent Republican and 16 percent

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Crowds flock to food booth sponsored by Pleasanton North Rotary at Police Department's community open house.

## Crowds jam police open house festivities

6-hour event shows tactical skills, friendliness of agency

by Jeb Bing

A crowd of more than 2,500 jammed the Pleasanton police complex last Saturday for a Community Open House to demonstrate police services and for the public to meet

police officers.

Police Chief Tim Neal, who brought his department together for the six-hour program, said he walked into his office and found a

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## 850 years on campus

Retirees reminisce on their time in the district

by Rebecca Guyon

Representing 850 years of service to the Pleasanton school district, 35 retiring district employees were recognized for their dedication to students and education during the "Salute to Service" event earlier this month.

"I hope the people retiring today realize that they contributed to creating the culture of the district where we have high standards and strive to do better," said Superintendent John Casey to the audience of school employees. "That is the legacy you leave for years to come, and for that we say 'thank you.'"

Teachers, classified employees and administrators were among those retiring, including former Amador Valley High School principal Steve Dellanini. Dellanini has worked in education for 36 years, 27 of which were in the Pleasanton school district. During his career, he has held a variety of roles, first as a teacher, then principal of Amador and later as assistant superintendent of human resources. He finishes his career as coordinator of apprentices and internship programs in the district.

"The years as principal of Amador were among my favorite," Dellanini said. "Those years, my own kids were students there and many of my friends' kids were students there. We had an incredible group of students, teachers, and started a lot of traditions that go on today.

"My years teaching were also great years," he added. "I loved being a teacher and working directly with the kids."

Kevin Fennell, a P.E. teacher at Harvest Park Middle School, is also retiring this year after teaching in Pleasanton for 41 years. One of his claims to fame is that 58 teachers in the district are also his former students.

"When I first started teaching, we used to have to chase the cows off the field," he remembered. "The area was farmland and the cows would come down and eat the grass."

Before teaching in Pleasanton, Fennell taught at Oakland Technical High School and Skyline High School, also in Oakland.

"I wanted to give back to the community since I had lived in

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## Alumni Career Day another success

*Foothill graduates return to share advice with current students*

by Rebecca Guyon

Foothill High School alumni from the Class of 1977 through the Class of 2003 returned to campus last Friday for the annual Alumni Career Day. For the past 15 years the school has held the event where alumni have a chance to mingle and then go back to the classroom to talk about their careers with juniors and seniors.

"I think it's important for the students to see people who were where they are now and hear their experiences," said Principal Kevin Johnson. Johnson has been principal of Foothill for 11 years and said that now he's starting to see alumni at the event whom he knew as students.

Thirty-nine alumni attended the event this year and had careers ranging from firefighter to chef to marketing manager.

"There's a good mix of careers represented, which is something we strive for," said teacher Len Reppond who has been active in organizing the event ever since it started. "It helps for the students to look at career opportunities with a fresh perspective and set their minds thinking about occupations for their future."

Carolyn Cuzzo from the Class of 1996 said she remembered enjoying the Alumni Career Day

when she was in school, so when her brother, also a Foothill alumnus who now teaches biology at the school, encouraged her to attend, she was happy to come. Cuzzo is a retail coordinator for Guess, Inc., meaning she coordinates wholesale purchases for the company.

"I hope the students come away from my presentation knowing that there are jobs out there that are fun," she said. "Do what you love and make a career out of it."

This was the second year Michael Krikorian from the Class of 1978 attended the career day. He attended the first one 15 years ago and at that time was working as a real estate developer. He has since retired from that profession and is now working as a TV producer in Pleasanton.

"I want to give the students a picture of reality because, while teachers do a wonderful job educating, students don't really know how the business world works," Krikorian said. "They have the basic tools they need, but then applying what you've learned to business is different."

Lynn Pulino, a volunteer organizer who has led the event for the past six years, said she thinks students respond stronger to hearing the alumni give career advice.

"It's not just some adult talking to them," she said. "Kids can connect more because this is someone

who was sitting in the exact same seat and can tell them where they went from there."

In addition to meeting with the students, many alumni said they come to the event so they can catch up with teachers and see people from their class.

"I've gotten the e-mails over the years and thought it would be an interesting opportunity to check up on the school," said Heidi Melander from the Class of 1987. Melander works as a waste reduction specialist, meaning she helps communities develop and implement recycling programs. Beyond teaching students about her profession, she said she hopes her talk will also spark an interest in environmental issues.

"Hope I get them thinking about the things I work on, and it's a good opportunity to hear back about what high school students think these days," she said.

While those involved say students come away enriched from the event, the day is also a chance to keep alumni involved with the school.

"It builds a sense of community by saying to the alumni that you may have graduated, but you are still a part of what we do here, which is helping students be successful," Johnson said. ■

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# Women's health a focus in May

Valley doctors offer health advice for women

by Rebecca Guyon

While health is something women and men should be concerned with all year round, the California Office of Women's Health, in collaboration with national partners, observes May as National Women's Health Month. The objective is to raise awareness of health issues that affect women and girls, while celebrating state, local and community efforts to enhance awareness of women's wellness and take proactive steps to safeguard their health.

Kaiser celebrated Women's Health Month last week with a "Women's Night Out" event held at the Pleasanton Medical Offices. Dr. Janis Kahn, associate chief of women's health for Kaiser's Pleasanton and Livermore offices, said it's important to focus on women's health because many women forget to take time for themselves and instead worry more about their families.

"In general, women are responsible for many of the health care decisions in the family, so when we can get women to make changes about their own lifestyle, it translates to changes in the family, as well," Kahn added.

Women have very specific health issues that are distinct from men and are usually tied to pregnancy, menopause and the menstrual cycle. But even with these differences, the main thing women can do to ensure a life of good health is the same thing as men: Maintain a nutritious diet and exercise.

"Nutrition is the foundation of anyone's health," said Dr. Bettina Zatuchini, a gynecologist with

ValleyCare Health System. "At least walk 30 minutes daily, and be sure to schedule preventative medical appointments."

In addition to the usual health risks associated being overweight, being obese can have dire ramifications for women, Kahn said.

### Breast cancer screening

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is hosting a free screening for breast cancer June 7 at its offices located at 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Call Sandra Ryan at 275-8365 for more information.

"There is a strong association between obesity and cancer of the uterus, as well as breast cancer," Kahn said. "When a woman is obese, her body produces more estrogen, and that increases the risks for those cancers."

Zatuchini and Kahn agreed that one of the biggest misconceptions is that women are not affected by heart disease when in fact it is the number one cause of death in women.

"Heart disease is the number one cause of death in women, but when you ask most women what they think it is, they'll say breast cancer," Kahn said. "That has changed over the past few years with the 'Go Red for Women' campaign, but there are still a lot of women who don't think it affects them."

Often times, doctors who may not be familiar with women's health ignore signs of heart disease

because they don't associate it with women, Zatuchini said.

"Because most people think it's a men's disease, if a woman in her 30s complains of chest pains, doctors may overlook it," she said.

Signs of heart disease in women may be presented differently than in men with many women not having chest pains, but demonstrating vaguer symptoms such as fatigue and gastrointestinal problems, Kahn said.

Dr. Dolores Musco of San Ramon Regional Medical Center said that, although it is getting better, many people think that women tend to exaggerate their health problems.

"While women do seek attention faster, it's usually because they know something is going on, and it may be early in the disease process," Musco said. "If somebody's worried, they're worried, and you shouldn't label it as hysterical. That's annoying."

In fact, seeing the doctor early and for regular check-ups is one thing women do well when it comes to health.

"Women really seek medical attention more than men do," Musco said. "They always come in for annual physicals, which means we can catch things earlier with women."

"I just think education is the main thing," Zatuchini said. "That's why it's important for women to come to the doctor, so we can educate and answer questions for them. Through knowledge you can learn what to avoid and what to do to maintain good health." ■

## Police fair

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7-year-old boy relaxing in his chair with his feet on the chief's desk.

"I don't even do that," quipped Neal, who said the spirited open house made everyone feel "comfortable."

The public had a chance to explore the police building on tours provided by the 25 Volunteers In Police Service (VIPs) and Police Explorers. The fenced-off back

parking lot looked much like a "First Wednesday Street Party" with display tents, specialty vehicles, food provided by the Pleasanton North Rotary Club, and special police demonstrations.

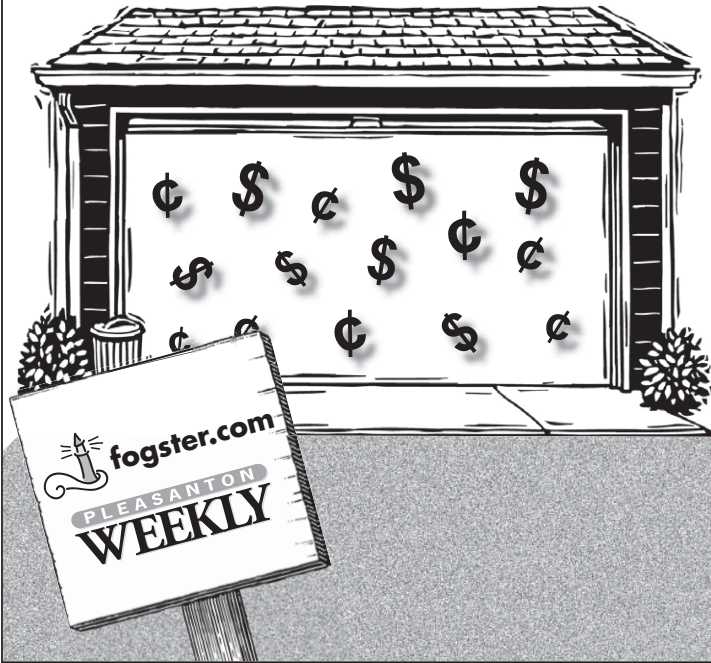
"Everything police" was on display, Neal said, with officers and employees representing every facet of the organization explaining and demonstrating their work, including Patrol, SWAT, Detectives, Traffic, K-9, Dispatch, Animal Services, Crime Prevention and Youth and Community Services. One of the highlights of the day was the Traffic

and K-9 demonstrations held every 30 minutes to show the riding skills of motorcycle traffic officers and the patrol and searching skills of the department's K-9 teams.

The local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) staffed a trailer that displayed a car driven by a local teen who was killed in a DUI fatal collision last year. Officers also offered fingerprinting IDs for children, took photos of kids on a Police Harley Davidson, and Maggie the Clown face-painted children without stop for almost the entire six hours. ■

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## Teachers retire

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Oakland and Berkeley all through college," he said. He received his bachelor's degree and teaching credential from UC Berkeley. When the jobs in Oakland dried up, Fennell said he was offered a job in Pleasanton, a town he hadn't even visited yet, but he took the offer and has been here ever since.

"This year was one of the best," Fennell said. "I have a great group of eighth graders and a lot of good memories of the kids."

Christina Robinson has also taught in the district for many years, 38 to be exact, and she spent all those years teaching first, second and third grade at Donlon Elementary School.

"Ever since I was a kid around 8 or 9 years old, I wanted to be a teacher," Robinson said. Over the course of her years as a teacher, Robinson said she has seen many changes in the classroom.

"Class size reduction has been a really good thing," she said. "It extended my teaching career quite a bit. But even with only 20 children in the classroom it's a lot harder because of the state-mandated, high-stakes testing where you have to show improvement every year."

Being at Donlon for the entirety of her career, Robinson said she feels a strong bond with all of her co-workers.

"This school and the people I work with have become my family," she said. "It's being a part of something that is bigger than yourself."

Although she is retiring, Robinson will still be helping out



Rebecca Guyon

Retiree Judith Burt, who has been a library assistant at Amador Valley High School for the past 37 years, shakes hands with (l-r) Pat Mitchell, secretary for the Certified School Employees Association, Board President Steve Pulido and Trustee Pat Kernan during the district's "Salute to Service" event.

around the district by volunteering at Donlon and working with at-risk children. Fennell and Dellanini said they both plan spending their new found time traveling. Fennell is going down to Baja California for the summer where he is going to build a shack outside of Ensenada.

"I've been going there for quite a while and waiting for this time to build something," he said. He plans on staying there through "surf season" and will then leave in November to go up to the mountains for "ski season."

"Being a P.E. teacher, I'm really physically active," he said, noting that his other claim to fame is his ability to rip a phonebook in half.

Dellanini said he plans to travel to Italy with his wife of two years, Sally, who retired from the school district last year. The two were married in Italy, and Dellanini said they both have a special connection to the country. But even with his traveling, Dellanini still plans to help out at the district, volunteering as a coach for new administrators.

"We help them work through problems and use the experience

and knowledge we have in education," he said. "I'll also be doing some projects for Pleasanton Unified, and just enjoying life."

Many of this year's retirees spent more than 20 years working in the district, and 13 spent more than 30 years. The following teachers and classified employees are also retiring this year: Karelyn Adams, Mary Berget, Constance Bishop, Judith Brandon, Judith Brandt, Karla Bruen, Marsha Buck, Judith Burt, Laurence Constanza, Jean Ellis, Laura Ferreira, Susan Ferrari, Gena Gatlin, Claire Gaudiano, Carol Johnson, Susan Kast, Robert Kirkbride, Franciska Locus, Carolyn Machi, Barbara McCabe, Sandra McClary, Suzanne Murphy, Virginia Nacamu, John O'Brien, Karen Price, Nancy Ann Rowell, Sandra Sansoe, Gerald Shelley, Lynne Sorensen, Frank Sullivan, David Young and Esther Zierau.

"Whether a teacher or custodian or secretary, you've had an impact on the future citizens of our community," Board President Steve Pulido told the retirees. "Thank you for your endless hours of service." ■

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## Ladd named 'Teacher of the Year'

Teacher of the Year Brian Ladd (left) coaches students on the Amador Valley High School "We the People..." competition civics team before the national competition where Amador came in second. Ladd is a social studies teacher at Amador and has taught in the district for 16 years. In addition to leading the "We the People" class, he is also the head of AVID, a program that helps students in the "academic middle" prepare for college admission.

"I want to thank the administration because they've always been very supportive of the programs I want to implement and give me the time and the resources I need," Ladd said during an address at the "Salute to Service" event earlier this month.

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## Take Us Along

### Scouts in Oregon

Girl Scout Troop 1221 reads the Weekly during a trip to Lithia Park in Ashland, Ore. The girls are (l-r) Rachael Morley, Alice Zhou, Kim Albers, Katie Mattingly, Sarah Pearson, Stephanie DeLawyer, Saru Mehta, Cassi Mink and Abbey Stimson.

## McCloskey

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"Decline to State," which allows them to vote in either the Republican or Democrat party primaries.

"We have found that of those voters who registered "Decline to State" that seven out of 10 of them are former Republicans who have left their party because of abortion issues or their distaste for President Bush," McCloskey said. "We have always thought it would be impossible to win a straight Republican vote against Pombo," he added. "So if we can get these dissatisfied Republicans along with some of the Democrats who are registered the same way to cast Republican ballots in the primary, I'm sure enough of them will vote for me to defeat Richard Pombo."

McCloskey, who helped write the Endangered Species Act when he was in Congress, said he is particularly incensed by Pombo's efforts to dismantle it.

"He wants to gut the Act and sell off 15 national parks in order to satisfy the president's request to reconcile the administration's huge budget," McCloskey said. "He even wants to sell off the national historic site in the hills above Danville that includes the Tao House, built by Eugene O'Neill. It's unconscionable."

"If he's re-elected, Mr. Pombo would likely chair the House Committee on Natural Resources two more years and wreak even more damage on our environment," McCloskey said. "He must be

stopped."

McCloskey's campaign centers on the theme, "Restore ethics to Congress." He said Pombo is surrounded by lobbyists and fellow members of Congress who have been indicted or are under investigation for ethics violations, or like former Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham are in jail.

"Mr. Pombo has been designated by the nonpartisan watchdog group, Center for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, as one of the 13 most corrupt members of Congress," McCloskey said. "I want to see him voted out of office so that we can restore ethics to Congress."

While criticizing Pombo and the Republicans in Congress generally for losing the "real Republican values" the party had in the 1970s and 1980s, McCloskey said the Democrats have been just as corrupt when their party was in power.

"We say the Republicans are crooked, but we have to ask the Democrats if they know where they are on the issues," he said. "What do they stand for? If I'm elected I will work for an honest ethics committee, an oversight committee that will stop this corruption. I will work for a balanced budget. And, I will work to get Republicans and Democrats--both sides of the aisle--speaking to each other again."

"I think it is a disaster for the country when the Republicans or Democrats control the House, the Senate and courts and the executive branch," he explained. "You need balance to make sure there's oversight on abuse by any of those."

A fourth generation Californian, McCloskey was first elected to the House of Representatives in a special election in 1967 and re-elected seven times to represent the Peninsula and Silicon Valley. A Marine who served in three wars and in combat in Korea, he received the Navy Cross and Silver Star for heroism and two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered in the Korean War.

Later, as a congressman, he initiated the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1969, earning the wrath of opponents who labeled him anti-war, and he made the first House speech suggesting the impeachment of Richard Nixon for obstruction of justice in 1973.

On Iraq, McCloskey said the issue facing the country today is not whether we were lied to in going into Iraq, but how long our troops must stay there.

"Having toppled Hussein, the real issue today is how long can we occupy a Muslim country to our benefit?" McCloskey said. "My own opinion is that you cannot occupy a foreign country very long; they have to rebuild it themselves. We have given Iraqis a reasonable chance to go through the electoral process and select their leaders."

"But there comes a time when Iraqis have to govern Iraq, and we can't tell them how to do it," he added. "I don't think it's worth one more 20-year-old's life unless we know why we are staying there. And the question I want answered when I'm elected back to Congress is why we are there. Frankly, that's no longer clear to me or most Americans." ■

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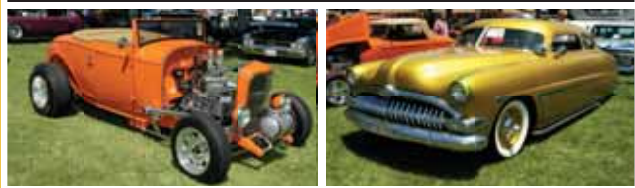


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## MEMORIAL DAY 2006

# Memorials in Pleasanton

by Julie Nostrand

## *A Time to Remember*

Memorial Day is about celebrating summer for most Pleasanton residents. It's a time for barbecues, trips to the pool or, weather permitting, the first camp-out of the season.

But for those who have lost loved ones, Memorial Day is also a time for reflection. Continuing this special day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service, families and friends, even organizations, have extended the observance to include special memorials that can be found throughout Pleasanton.

Community services are planned for 11 a.m. Monday to honor the nearly 600 veterans buried at St. Augustine Catholic and Pleasanton Memorial Gardens cemeteries. Besides remembering those who served, it's also an opportunity for families to wander through these historic burial grounds to see the headstones that mark the graves of Pleasanton pioneers, including the Kottingers, Bernal, Neals and many others.

Then it's only a short drive to other memorials that also commemorate the lives of lost loved ones.

### Local Hero



September 11, 2001, is one of those days. Everyone who lived through that day will never forget where they were when they heard the news: The U.S. was under attack.

As the terrorists' plan played out on national television, the employees of Pleasanton's Thoratec Corporation were personally involved. One of their own, Tom Burnett Jr., who was senior vice president and chief operating officer, was returning to San Francisco on United Flight 93 from Newark, N.J. And that plane was missing.

For most of the morning, no one knew what happened to Flight 93. Accurate information was hard to come by early in the day on September 11, and the employees of Thoratec held their collective breath. When the nation learned the fate of Flight 93 and its passengers, including Burnett, Thoratec grieved. The plane went down in a field near Shanksville, Penn. The passengers' fight for control of their plane made them the first soldiers in the war on terror.

The story of Flight 93 is legendary, with a movie now telling the story in graphic detail, including the role Burnett played in stopping the terrorists from ever reaching their destination, which was believed to be the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

In honor of Burnett's sacrifice and to memorialize his bravery, Thoratec erected a flagpole and placed a memorial placard in the courtyard of the company's headquarters just off Stoneridge Drive on a street now renamed Tom Burnett Lane.

### Veterans Celebrated



On a sun-drenched spring afternoon, Pleasanton residents Marcia Bronnenberg and Lori Flannery were enjoying time at Veterans' Memorial Park in downtown Pleasanton. As their children snacked and scampered about on the brick plaza, just a few feet away, a memorial keeps a silent vigil.

Erected in 1989 by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and the Auxiliary American Legion Post 237, the traditional concrete memorial and placard commemorates all veterans who served our country in times of war and peace. It's also become a favorite place for kids to climb, play and hide behind, a small monument that commemorates veterans while also providing a downtown rest area and playground for the living.

### A Bookcase of Memories



By all accounts, Sharon Cao was a bright girl. She loved to read, write and travel. She was a sophomore at Foothill High School, a member of the Interact Service Club and the treasurer of the Badminton Club. She hoped to attend Stanford University when she graduated. Then last June, her mother couldn't awaken her for school. Sharon had died in her sleep at the age of 15. The cause of her death remains a mystery.

As devastated friends and family struggled to come to terms with the unexplained loss, they decided to create a living memorial: a bookcase, books and DVDs for the teen section of the Pleasanton Library. With funds raised by the Sharon Cao Foundation of the Chinese American Cooperative Council, the memorial bookcase has now been installed and is filled with mementos from Sharon's life. General circulation books and other materials also have been purchased in her honor, with memorial name plaques on every item.

"We are so incapable of physically bringing Sharon back, but we are going to keep Sharon's vibrant spirit everywhere and forever," her memorial states.



Ryan Gordon led a typical life. He was a member of the Del Prado Stingrays. He lost his life in a tragic accident on his way to remember him.

So his friends started a fund to raise \$12,000, enough to hire an artist to create a memorial. Today, on a meandering path through the park, offers park users a place to reflect on the life of Ryan Gordon.

Ryan's parents, Curt and Mary, were the results, which included a memorial sculpture.

"I feel like his spirit is still here."

### Peaceful



Under a tree in front of the statue, a bronze statue of a young girl welcomes visitors. Underneath the statue, Dennis credits the artist Dennis Lee for the "Children of Pleasanton" memorial. Anne Lees."

Sarah Anne Lees was a young girl who lived, loved and laughed. She ended violently when she was 23.

The details of the crime are not known to the family and friends. According to the man who broke into the Castroville home, she was living. He assaulted her and she tried to escape. She later wearing her jewelry and her life.

The peaceful statue is a memorial to her memory and in celebration of her life.

**Ryan's Bench**



ical Pleasanton childhood. He played soccer for Ballistic United and swam for the... loved his dog, Clancy, and riding his bike, skate boarding and making pottery. When... Jet Ski accident in July 2003, his broken-hearted family and friends wanted a unique

raising money for a fitting memorial. Eventually their efforts netted the teens... an artist and commission a memorial to honor Ryan's memory. ...ing stretch of sidewalk in Val Vista Community Park, a colorful memorial bench... to rest their weary legs. Like Ryan, the bench is unique. A large mosaic that was... y Grudsky to commemorate a life well lived, is a work of art with a purpose. ...nd Valerie Gordon, worked closely with the artist on its design and are happy with... es scenes that are personal reminders of their much-missed teenager's life. ...here with me," said Valerie Gordon on one of her frequent visits to the Val Vista Park.

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- City Council Meeting - June 6, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Human Services Commission - June 7, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation - June 8, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Library Commission - June 8, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

**General Information**

**Early Voting for June 6 Primary**

**Election**

Early voting will be offered at City Hall beginning Tuesday May 30 through Election Day. The hours early voting will be available are 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's office at (925) 931-5027.

**GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION -**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Pleasanton on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 for the following officers:

**For Mayor (Full term of two years)**

**For Two Members  
Of the City Council (Full term of four years)**

Monday, July 17, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. will be the first date and time that Nomination Papers will be available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, California. City offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Friday, August 11, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. will be the final date and time for filing any Nomination Papers.

If Nomination Papers for an incumbent officer of the City **are not** filed by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 11, 2006, the Nomination Period will be extended until Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., **for non-incumbents only.**

While appointments to take out and/or file nomination papers are not required, they are strongly encouraged.

For more information, questions, or to schedule an appointment, please contact the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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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

**Purse thieves strike three times**

On the mornings of May 20 and 21, three incidents of auto burglary or attempted burglary were reported to Pleasanton Police. One female victim, a Pleasanton resident, reported that the window on the driver's side of her car was punched out and her purse was stolen while her car was parked at the Pleasanton Sports Park, police said. The second and third victims were visiting Foothill High School from San Jose when an unknown suspect broke the driver's side window of one car, stealing a purse. The third victim didn't suffer any loss from inside the car, only a shattered rear

window, police said. It is unknown if the purses were in plain view.

**Pleasanton PD conducts speed check**

The Pleasanton Police Department conducted a speed enforcement operation on Wednesday, May 17, in various areas of the city as part of their 2005-2006 Traffic Safety Grant. Forty speed citations were issued in various areas of the city. This operation was dedicated to raising driver safety awareness and to reduce the number of traffic collisions related to speed.

## Police Report

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

**May 17**

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 3
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 1
- Animal bite:
  - 1:43 p.m. in the 3800 block of Mohr Avenue
- Under the influence of narcotics:
  - 2 p.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- Child abuse:
  - 9:56 p.m. in the 6700 block of Paseo San Leon

**May 18**

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 2
- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Public drunkenness:
  - 1:16 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
  - 10:50 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

**May 19**

- Theft: 3
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 1
- Animal bite:
  - 1:26 p.m. in the 1700 block of Magnolia Circle
- Assault:
  - 2:14 p.m. in the 100 block of Angela Street

**May 20**

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 2
- Assault:
  - 3:54 a.m. in the 2400 block of Crestline Road
  - 3:45 p.m. in the 5000 block of Sonoma Drive
  - 8:34 p.m. in the 3400 block of Stacey Way
- Possession of amphetamines:
  - 8:50 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**ACCIDENTS**

**May 15**

- Noon - Non-injury accident at the intersection of I-680 and Bernal Avenue

**May 17**

- 4:37 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Stanley Blvd.
- 7:17 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Pimlico Drive and Santa Rita Road
- 7:19 a.m. - Non-injury accident in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:56 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road
- 5:09 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Owens Court and Owens Drive
- 8:24 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Ray and Main streets
- 10:50 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Junipero Street and Sunol Boulevard

**May 18**

- 3:13 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard

**May 19**

- 3:52 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Main Street and Rose Avenue
- 6:09 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Main Street and Stanley Boulevard

**May 20**

- 8:43 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Del Valle Parkway

**May 21**

- 12:01 a.m. - Hit-and-run non-injury accident in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 9:29 p.m. - Injury accident in the 3800 block of Muirwood Drive

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### A changing holiday called Memorial Day

On Monday, we mark the 138th anniversary of the first official observation of the holiday we now call Memorial Day. As before, several hundred of us will join the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Scouts and city and civic dignitaries at the St. Augustine Catholic and Pleasanton Memorial Gardens cemeteries for the traditional tributes to the nearly 600 veterans buried there. There will be speeches by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Captain Wanda L. Riddle of the U.S. Navy, we'll sing some anthems and patriotic songs, and then go home to do what thousands of others in Pleasanton will have already started: enjoying what many regard as the first holiday of the summer season with backyard barbecues, family gatherings and perhaps a trip to the mall.

Memorial Day is no longer the somber occasion that Gen. John Logan envisioned in his General Order No. 11 of the Grand Army of the Republic, dated May 5, 1868. That order designated May 30 as a day for decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country in the Civil War, ratifying, in effect, a Decoration Day to be observed in community cemeteries across the country, such as Pleasanton's Memorial Gardens. While the official and scripted ceremonies on Monday will hold to the true meaning of the day, the holiday, itself, has taken on new meaning. Those at Monday's ceremony will be mostly the same ones who were there last year. The Scouts, not grieving families, will decorate the graves. The vast majority of residents will enjoy their day off work and out of school with probably no recognition of loved ones buried here or in cemeteries in their old hometowns, where many older veterans and their families choose to be buried. In short, it's become a Memorial Day with few memorials. And, just as Veterans Day and Presidents Day have been moved to a more convenient Monday regardless of the dates, the officially designated May 30 for Memorial Day now provides another three-day weekend.

On closer analysis, the changes we see in Memorial Day may be justified. The number of veterans buried at Memorial Gardens has stayed nearly the same year after year with the deceased being laid to rest at other locations. With an estimated 60 percent of Californians who die now being cremated, even the burial sites have changed, from small crypts in specially equipped cemeteries to ashes scattered at sea by the Neptune Society and others.

The American Automobile Association estimates that 38 million Americans will travel away from home this Memorial Day weekend. Some will visit family and friends but the AAA also estimates that more than 35 percent of them will stay at hotels. Beachside lodges and campsites are already filled to capacity.

Let's hope that somewhere along the way, those enjoying the long weekend and their travels give a moment of thought to the day that's given them the opportunity with a tribute to memorialize the veterans who have served us well and are continuing to pay the ultimate sacrifice in the ongoing battles in Iraq and Afghanistan. That's what Memorial Day was once all about. ■

## Letters

### PAC money debate

Dear Editor,

I was shocked and saddened to learn the figure of \$12,500 for campaign contributions made by PACs to Jerry Thorne was incorrect (Letters to the Editor, "What is best?," April 28, 2006). That figure was based on a figure recently quoted in a local paper. In examining his campaign disclosure statements filed with the City Clerk for the period ending Dec. 31, 2005, his real totals were contributions of \$41,117 and expenditures of \$36,841.

PAC money spent totaled \$38,500, including \$10,000 filed separately by PG&E. Arkin, his nearest competitor in contributions, totaled \$14,410. These are stunning statistics. Pleasanton needs some investigative reporters.

He indebted himself \$25,173 to Strategic Marketing Research from Stockton before the election. This money was used to hire precinct workers from Modesto, Stockton and Fresno, a phone bank in New Jersey for polling and other out-of-town services. On reading his disclosure statement at the end of June, he had cash contributions of \$12,520 but total expenditures of \$36,774. This debt was covered with donations made after the election.

Millions of dollars of professional out-of-town services didn't work in Livermore for Pardee. Maybe because the public was informed before the election?

Is this what the Chamber means by the "greater good"? And Jerry Thorne is campaigning on the issue of cutting costs for Pleasanton. Ironic! Thorne defeated Arkin by 445 votes, the same number that Matt Sullivan had defeated him in the previous election, only Sullivan only spent around \$8000. Now there's a money manager.

Marjorie Muentz  
Sharab Court

### Memorials remember

Dear Editor,

Why do we need cemeteries? Tradition, respect, gratitude, honor, or perhaps we could say its "one's final home."

When I discuss cemeteries with my friends or groups of people, many respond with, "I just want my ashes spread to the winds, the water or some mountain top. It really doesn't matter." Or does it? Two years ago a friend of mine went to Ireland on a vacation, his wife having a great desire to visit her family's roots. While there, they found a remote, small cemetery on a hill and the grave markers of her ancestors.

Knowing ones family history has usually been important to most of us, but we tend to forget our part in the history of our children and our grandchildren. Why is that? Most of us don't write diaries, most of us don't make tapes or CD's of our lives. Why is that? Our generation is going to leave behind some pictures, maybe some videos, and a whole bunch of "stuff." We need to rethink this trend in America.

Did you know that approximately 60 percent of those going to the great beyond are cremated? Perhaps too many people have lost their self-respect, not realizing that their lives really meant something in their family's world, especially to future generations.

People of Pleasanton, we need your support to have our City Council take over the option to buy the local cemetery for \$1. We need to preserve the past and future history of our town. Attend the Memorial Service at our local cemetery on Monday, May 29. Come, honor those who helped preserve the freedoms of America.

Howard Neely,  
Pleasanton

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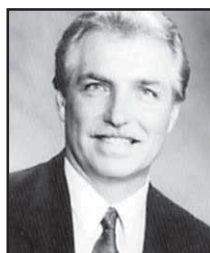
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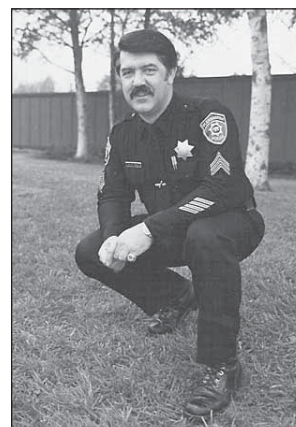


# Transitions

## Obituaries

### Edward Joseph Valin

Edward Joseph Valin, a 45-year Pleasanton resident, died in his Pleasanton home May 12 at the age of 71.



He was born Feb. 3, 1935, in Hayward and was raised there, graduating from Hayward High School in 1953. He served the community of Pleasanton as a police officer with the Pleasanton Police Department for 20 years and led the narcotics division, often going undercover for the job.

He frequently participated in the annual Police and Fire Olympic Games, in which he won countless medals for trap and skeet shooting. At the age of 61, he competed in the power lifting event and won the gold medal for dead lifting 505 kilograms in Long Beach, Calif. He was an avid outdoorsman and is remembered as an outstanding fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; daughter Kimberly Robbert and her husband Roy; sons Brett Valin and his wife Robyn and Scott Valin; stepson Richard Lee Tiago; brothers Bob, John and Roland Valin; six grandchildren and many cousins.

Visitation and funeral services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Donations may be made to the Pleasanton Police Officers Association Charitable Fund, ATTN: Treasurer, Daly Harnish, P.O. Box 909, Pleasanton 94566 or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 100, Dublin 94568.

### Eunice Hazlett Vought

Eunice Vought, a 14-year resident of Pleasanton, died May 7.

She was born June 6, 1911, in

Tulsa, Okla. She, with her family, moved to Santa Rosa when she was 6 years old. She attended the local schools and graduated from Santa Rosa High School. As a very young girl, she met Frank J. Vought at Sunday school of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. They were married in that church in 1929. She enjoyed working in various women's ministries, church hospitality and sang in the church choir for many years. She was an excellent seamstress, pie baker and active in the PTA.

As well as a homemaker, she worked as a telephone operator and supervisor for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph and later as an admitting clerk at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her daughters Yvonne Greulich and her husband Richard of Pleasanton and Frances Philbert and her husband Robert of Santa Rosa; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Frank J. Vought.

Graveside services were held at Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

### Ernest "Ernie" R. Jones

Ernie Jones passed away May 13 at the age of 82.

He was born February 29, 1924, in Broken Arrow, Okla., into a family of 12. In 1942, at the age of 18, he moved to California where he joined Operating Engineers. He was drafted that year into the U.S. Army for duty in the Pacific Theater, serving honorably through two campaigns until discharged in 1946. In 1957 he started a crane rental business. He was a member of the Masons and Shriners all his adult life. He was an active and out-going person and will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by sons Ernest and David; sister Vana Davis; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Charlotte Jones.

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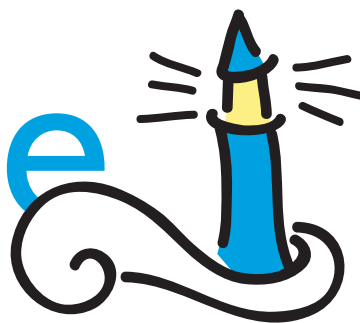
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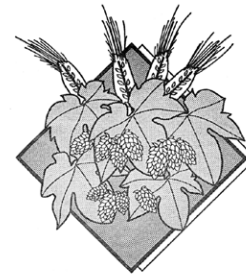
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