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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Prop. 82 too costly, ineffective

A broad-based and growing coalition of educators, private preschool providers, business groups, minority groups and taxpayer organizations are opposing Proposition 82 that is on next Tuesday's primary ballot, and with good reason. It is seriously flawed. Dubbed the Rob Reiner plan because of the Hollywood actor/director's early efforts to get it on the ballot, Prop. 82 would establish voluntary preschool education for all 4-year-olds. Funded by a special 1.7 percent tax on individual income over \$400,000, or a couple's income over \$800,000, it would raise \$2.1 billion in 2007-08 for the new preschool program, with revenues projected to grow annually along with a favorable economy. That is, of course, if the economy remains robust and those with these high incomes stay in the state to pay the tax.

While expanding educational opportunities is a laudable goal, this initiative would create a complicated, costly government bureaucracy. It could also shut down thousands of private, community-based preschools, many of them run by low-to middle-income women who operate these early-care centers that comprise 70 percent of California's child care industry. The onerous credentialing requirements, union membership and other mandates Reiner wants imposed would devastate these entrepreneurs.

Then, too, this proposed universal preschool program would actually only increase preschool participation from 66 percent of all 4-year-olds currently enrolled to 70 percent. That's \$2.1 billion a year in new taxes and spending for a 4 percent increase in preschool enrollment. A Legislative analyst estimates the initiative would end up spending \$8,000 per child for only three hours of instruction a day. But more would be spent on the new bureaucracy. Prop. 82 also directs nearly \$150 million annually to administration and overhead first, and directs funding to

classrooms and per-pupil preschool spending last.

History shows that raising taxes on higher income earners causes them to flee the state and take their businesses and investments with them, reducing existing state revenues from income taxes. The personal income tax is now more than 50 percent of the state's General Fund budget revenue, with only 11 percent of California taxpayers accounting for 73 percent of this tax. Even a slight reduction in revenues from these higher earners would have a significant negative impact on state revenues and the existing vital services that rely on the General Fund, including schools, roads, public safety, healthcare and other priorities.

In her research, Jill Buck, author of the "Go GREEN" initiative who is seeking the Republican nomination in next Tuesday's primary for the 18th State Assembly District, argues that Rob Reiner's universal preschool program would be neither cost-effective nor accomplish his purpose. Only 8.4 percent of the funding would be used to enroll "high risk" children. The state spends an average of \$7,100 per student in the kindergarten through 12th grade public school system for roughly eight hours of instruction. Prop. 82 would spend \$7,800 per student for three hours of instruction.

Over the next few days, expect to hear and see a multimillion-dollar ad campaign in support of Prop. 82 from Reiner's celebrity supporters who have amassed more than \$10 million to persuade voters to approve the measure at the ballot box. The opposition has raised about half that, with many educators, including the Pleasanton school board, taking no position just to be safe. Those who won't be safe if Prop 82 passes are those in the upper income groups who will pick up the tab for a program that's likely to be increasingly costly, with the income levels of those taxed to cover it increasingly lowered. I'm voting no on Prop. 82. ■



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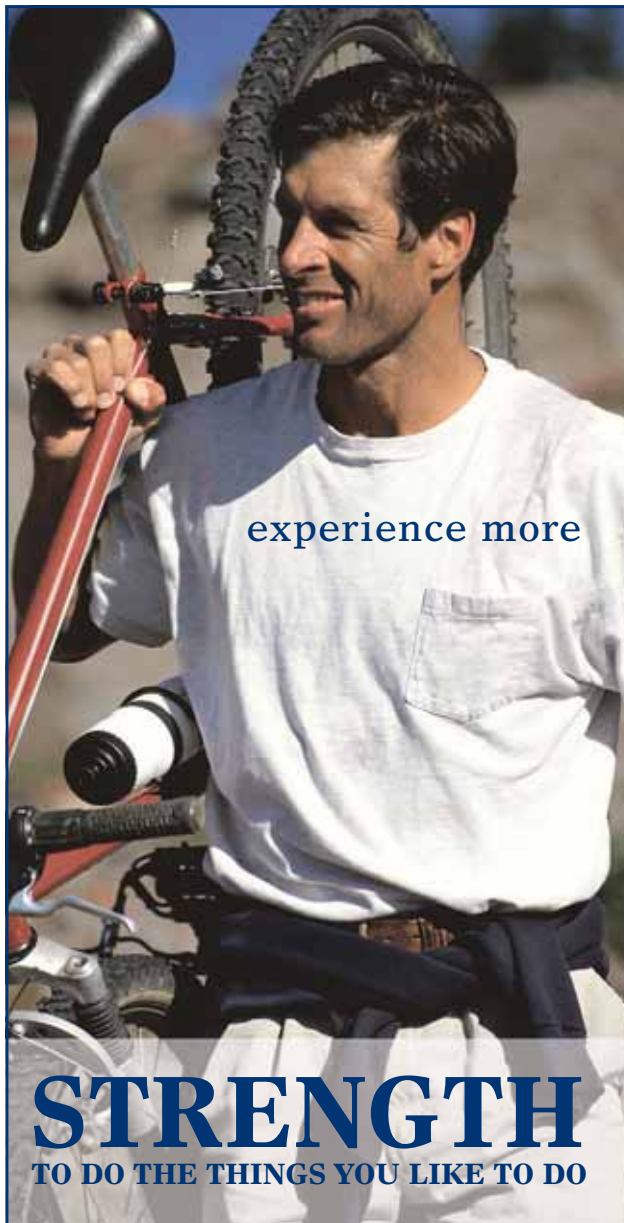
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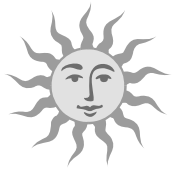
About the Cover

Foothill Knolls sales executive T. J. McGrath kisses his former neighbor and close friend Cis Puricelli on her inaugural skydiving jump over Byron on her 65th birthday. It was McGrath's many photos and stories about the joy of skydiving that convinced Puricelli, shown riding in tandem with instructor Bryon Gutow, to give it a try. Photo by Clay Bonavito of Byron Skydiving.

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Streetwise

Q: Should English be the official language of the United States?

Asked Downtown



Eric Williams
Pastor

It is important for everyone to be able to communicate. If we can't communicate, we can't relate to each other. There is an old saying, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Debbie Smith

Homemaker/Registered Nurse

I definitely believe it should be. Our culture is being redefined and watered down in many ways. I don't want to deny immigrants their ethnicity; I want them to continue to celebrate their own culture. However, they are in the United States, and English should be the first language spoken.



Gordon Smith

Consulting engineer

English should be the official language, although I don't have a problem supplying forms and communications in other languages. In Canada, 174 languages are spoken. Newspapers and other publications cater to those different ethnic populations.



Carlton Carter

Transportation analyst

English should be the official language. It is representative of the majority of U.S. residents. I do believe we should do what we can to accommodate those who use English as a secondary language. That might make them feel less "foreign" in this country.



Patty Charron

High school Spanish teacher

Even though we are a nation made up of various cultures and ethnic groups, English must remain the unifying factor that brings people together. Being bilingual or multi-lingual is extremely valuable in our society, but English should still remain the official language.



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Newsfront

News Digest

New Axis board members

Axis Community Health recently named three new members to its board of directors. The members are: Rev. Ronald Culmer, rector of St. Clare's Episcopal Church; James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Owners Association; and Julie Robey, general manager of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Las Positas closed on Fridays

Las Positas College will be closed Fridays beginning June 5 until August 4. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Offices in Pleasanton will also be closed on Fridays and follow the same schedule. Security will still be on duty even though the campus is closed.

Safari Summer Camp for kids

Carden West School is hosting its "Safari Summer Camp" for children preschool through fifth grade starting June 12. The camp runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday until August 18. During the camp, students will take part in arts and crafts, outdoor sports, computer class, indoor/outdoor games, reading club, water activities, dancing, Olympics and special guest appearances. Call 463-6060 to sign up or visit www.cardenwest.org for more information.

Visitor guide

The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau released its 2006-2007 edition of the Tri-Valley Visitors Guide, a full-color, magazine-style publication that showcases the Tri-Valley region. The publication expanded this year from 36 to 56 pages. The edition features editorials, a calendar of events, meeting planner, dining guide, regional maps and photographs of the Tri-Valley. The guide can be picked up at local hotels, Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco airports and AAA locations.

Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or e-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Voters to decide key Congressional, state nominations Tuesday

Three from Pleasanton in Congressional, State Assembly contests

by Jeb Bing

Pleasanton voters go to the polls Tuesday in California's state primary to decide their political party's nominee for key federal, state, regional and county offices.

More than 38,000 are registered to vote in Pleasanton, although the turnout Tuesday is expected to be light. An estimated 30 percent of those who will vote have already cast absentee ballots.

No municipal or school board races or issues are on Tuesday's ballot, where the main contest is in the 11th Congressional District with three candidates in both the Republican and Democratic party contests vying for their party's nomination. In that race, former Peninsula Congressman Pete

McCloskey is campaigning to unseat incumbent Congressman Richard Pombo, who is seeking renomination for an eighth term in office. A third candidate, Tom Benigno of Tracy, also is on the Republican ballot, although his candidacy has so far generated little public interest.

For the Democrats, Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton, a wind-energy consultant, is trying again for the chance to oppose Pombo, with airline pilot Steve Filson of Danville, and electrician and former Wall Street stockbroker Steve Thomas of San Ramon also vying for the nomination.

The Democrats also have a heated race under way in the gubernatorial race. With eight candidates on the ballot, State Controller Steve Westly and State Treasurer Phil

Angelides are considered the two top contenders for their party's nomination. For the Republicans, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is viewed as the favorite among the four names on the ballot.

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Democrats are also battling it out in the 10th State Senate district, where incumbent State Senator Liz Figueroa is termed

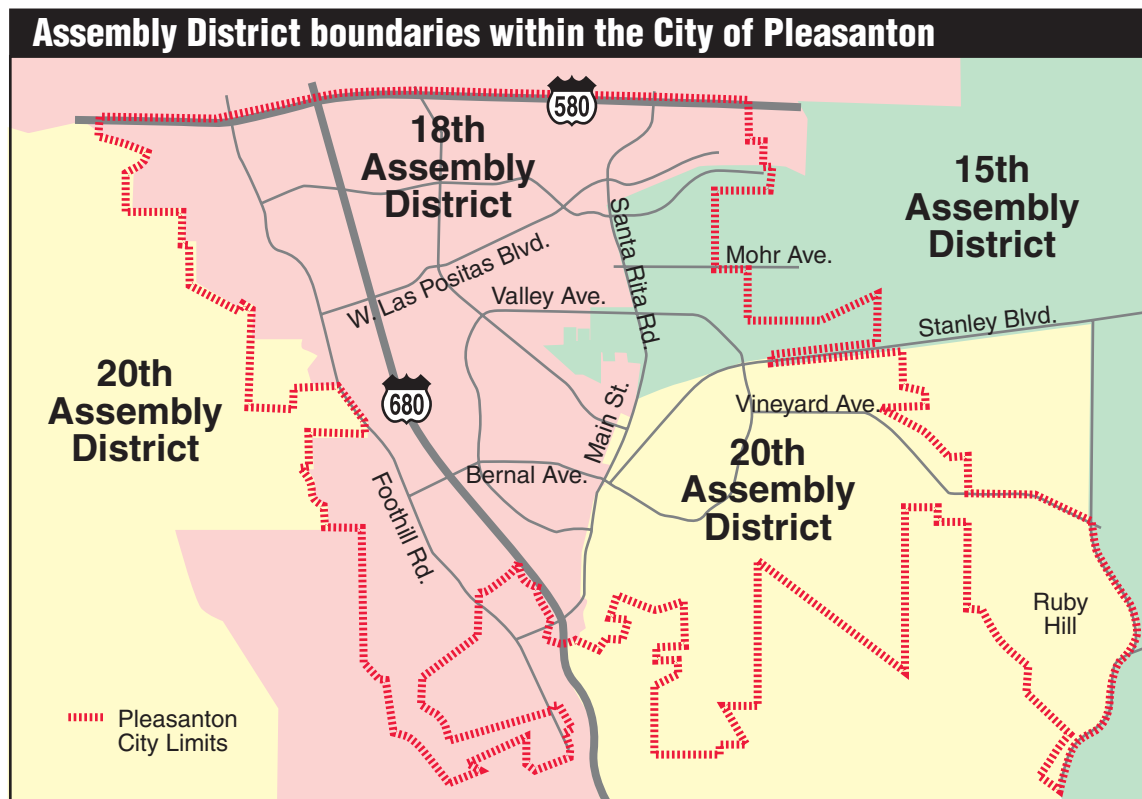
out. Assemblyman Johan Klehs and former Assemblywoman Ellen Corbett, both from San Leandro and the 18th State Assembly district, are on the ballot with former Assemblyman John Dutra (D-20th). On the Republican ticket, Lou Filipovich and Laura Riffle are vying for the 10th Senate District nomination.

As always for Pleasanton voters, the State Assembly races are confusing. Since 1982, Pleasanton has been split into three Assembly districts, now represented by former Dublin mayor and Republican Guy Houston in the 15th, Klehs in the 18th and Alberto Torrico in the 20th. Before 1982, the city was part of a single district that included Fremont, San Leandro and Hayward. When longtime Assemblyman Carlos Bee of Hayward died, Pleasanton City Councilman Floyd Mori was elected to fill his unexpired term.

Then, with the rapid growth of cities within the district, including Pleasanton, as shown in the 1980 Census, new districts were created and Pleasanton, with its largely Republican constituency, became part of others that had more Democrats in the mix. As a result, Mori was the last state assemblyman from Pleasanton. Former Mayor Tom Pico ran two years ago for the Democratic nomination in the 20th, but was defeated by Torrico.

Many voters in Pleasanton are unaware that their Assembly district is roughly only a third of the city, since they vote only in one. That's why yard signs around town have different candidates' names, although the only real contest is in the 18th. There, Bill McCammon of Pleasanton and Mary Hayashi of Castro Valley are seeking the Democratic Party nomination in a district long controlled by San

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Expulsions in the Pleasanton school district

What happens when students get off track?

by Rebecca Guyon

Every year, there is a handful of students in the district that are expelled for a variety of reasons. Just like any school district, Pleasanton has to deal with student behavior problems and try to do its best to help struggling students get back on track.

This year 30 students were expelled from Pleasanton schools. Of that number, 23 were high school

students and seven were middle school students. Both high schools usually expel an equal number of students, said Rich Puppione, director of pupil services, adding that the expulsions are fairly consistent at 25-30 per year.

There are many behaviors that could result in expulsion, such as bringing weapons or firearms on campus, violence directed at students or staff, stealing and causing property damage. The most common cause for expulsion is the use, possession and selling of drugs and alcohol on campus,

Puppione said.

"Anything you can get suspended for you can also get expelled for," Puppione said. "It's up to the principal at the school site to decide whether to move for expulsion or just suspend, except in cases where expulsion is mandatory."

When a principal moves to expel, the student is reviewed before a panel of three administrators from schools in the district other than the one the student currently attends.

"We also try not to get administrators from the elementary or

middle school the student went to so the panel is unbiased," Puppione said. The student and the school present their cases, and the panel comes up with a recommendation for the board of trustees. In order to recommend expulsion, the panel has to determine that other means of correction are not feasible to bring about proper conduct or, if due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student on campus is viewed as dangerous. The recommendation then goes to the

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Jeb Bing

Navy Capt. Wanda Riddle speaks at Memorial Day services at Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pleasanton veterans remembered

Navy captain praises those serving in military today

by Jeb Bing

Calling the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan the true heroes of the day, Navy Capt. Wanda Riddle paid tribute last Monday to the nearly 500 veterans buried at Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In her remarks during special Memorial Day services, Riddle urged the public to support the troops who "are in harm's way" as they seek to bring democratic governments and free societies to both countries. She also praised the more than 100 men and women from Pleasanton who are in the military and whose names are printed on yellow streamers along Main Street.

Riddle was the keynote speaker at an hour-long ceremony at the historic burial ground, which holds the graves of many of the early settlers of Pleasanton and the Valley. Gravestones of veterans buried there and in the adjacent St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery were decorated with American flags by members of Boy Scout Troops 941 and 998. VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 posted

the national colors, followed by the national anthem sung by Susannah Meyer and Jill Horn, and an invocation by the Rev. Dan Danielson, pastor of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, a featured speaker, talked about the significance of Memorial Day as a time to remember all those who have gone before, including the city's forefathers buried at Memorial Gardens.

"We are looking at ways of preserving and restoring this historic cemetery so that it continues to be a special place in Pleasanton," Hosterman said. "You can be sure that I will be very involved in that effort."

Then the audience grew quiet as Joe Rose of the VFW led the reading of the Honor Roll of Silence—the names of the 476 Pleasanton veterans buried at the cemetery. That was followed by a 21-gun salute by a rifle firing squad from the U.S. Air Force R.O.T.C. at Berkeley and the playing of Taps by Boy Scouts David Crisotomo and Jack Atherton. ■



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Home Depot closes in on Bernal-Stanley complex

by Jeb Bing

A new Home Depot store and garden center proposed for a vacant 14.7-acre site at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard could be closer to gaining city government approval after developers agreed to scuttle plans for an adjoining gasoline station and to make architectural changes.

Don MacKenzie and Pete Knoedler of Regency Centers, which would develop the land parcel across from McDonald's for its owner, Frank Aufder Maur, said the store is needed on the east side of Pleasanton to serve a growing customer base.

In a second public meeting with the Planning Commission, billed as an unofficial workshop discussion, the Regency representatives said the site would be called Pleasanton Gateway and would include:

- A Home Depot building materials store with 106,432 square feet of floor space and a 34,760-square-foot garden center. The store would be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
- A Longs Drugs store with 15,789 square feet of floor space, which would include a drive-through lane on its north side facing Stanley. Except for fast-food restaurants, this would be Pleasanton's first drive through for retail sales.
- Three satellite stores with one building totaling 11,500 square feet and two

others with 10,000 square feet each. Tenants have yet to be identified.

• One 5,000-square-foot, drive through restaurant. No operator has been identified but Regency said it would not be a fast-food restaurant and more likely a retailer that sells coffee and other beverages.

Responding to concerns expressed at a public meeting last January, Greg George, Real Estate manager for The Home Depot Corporation in Orange, Calif., assured planners that the company has no plans to sell or reduce retail operations at its store on Johnson Drive. Critics had discounted Home Depot's argument that customers from central and east side Pleasanton neighborhoods would use the new store and not drive across the city to the Johnson Drive facility. Once the new store is open, they argued, the older store would be closed, with customers from the 580 and 680 freeway interchange areas using city streets to reach the new one.

"Our current store in Pleasanton has been very successful over the past 15 years," George stated in a letter given to the Planning Commission. "Sales this year will exceed \$60 million, growing to over \$75 million by 2009."

"Our operators have found that once a store reaches these volume levels, one of two things should happen,"

George wrote. "The first would be to expand the store size and reconfigure the interior into a prototype layout. The second would be a new store opportunity in the nearby market."

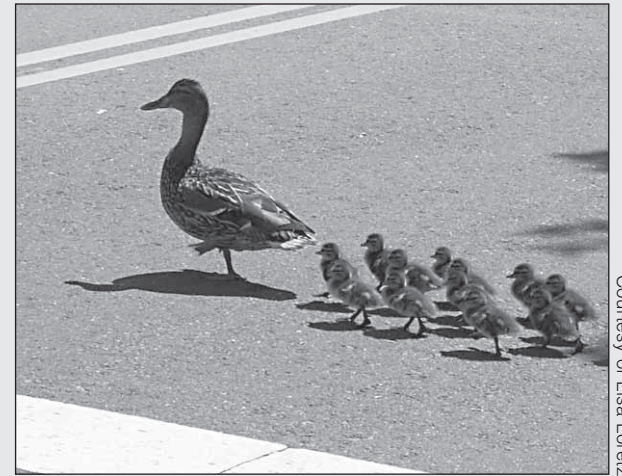
"If there is housing growth, like we see in the Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore area, we naturally want to open more stores to keep up with this anticipated growth," he added.

George said the store proposed for the Bernal Avenue site would be profitable from year one, drawing close to \$10.5 million in new sales from the local trade area it would serve.

Complaints from speakers at the public meeting focused on mounting traffic problems at the intersection of Bernal, Stanley and Valley, with congestions during peak hours causing backups all the way to Santa Rita Road.

As part of its development plans, Regency representatives said they would widen Stanley to 10 lanes, beyond the eight lanes already planned at the Bernal intersection. Bernal would be widened to eight lanes, although no changes are planned on Valley.

Asked to make more changes in its architectural plans, the Regency Group said it would make the Home Depot building design more compatible with surrounding architecture. The developer is expected to submit formal development plans to the city this summer. ■



Courtesy of Lisa Lorentz

A dedicated mom

This mother duck and her 13 ducklings were determined to go on a walk to Kottinger Park last Sunday, Mother's Day, crossing five streets before getting to their destination with the help of Lisa Lorentz, Ron and Joey Sutton and Vivian Alder. Lorentz first spotted the ducks on Bernal Avenue after returning from a Mother's Day breakfast with her family. Knowing the duck family was going to be crossing several busy intersections, she took her own family home and ran back to the ducks, following them on their journey and helping them cross streets until they arrived at their final destination. The journey wasn't easy; the family took a break for shade along the way and at one point the ducklings were so tired that after crossing the road, they couldn't hop up on the curb. The human-helpers made a little ramp and it helped get them on their way. At last, the mother duck and her ducklings made it the water and tall grass at Kottinger Park, and the Suttons, Lorentz and Alder said goodbye and wished the mother duck a Happy Mother's Day.

Amador Valley High School Competition Civics Team

On behalf of the Amador Valley "We the People" Competition Civics team, we would like to thank the greater Tri-Valley Community for all of their support and generosity this year. We are very proud to have represented Pleasanton and the State of California at the National "We the People" competition in Washington, D.C.



We would like to thank the following community members for their generous help throughout the year as guest judges.

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Styles and fads come and go. For a time, nearly everyone wanted a home decorated in rich earthtones, then mauves and purples set the style, and on and on it goes, from Scandinavian simplicity to Mediterranean opulence.

A wish that today ranks at or near the top of most buyers' lists and that probably won't soon be replaced by something else is that the commute from a home to a place of work be as short and easy as possible. We are getting progressively fed up with the patience- and health-threatening old stop-and-go for hours on the way to and from work.

And that's not all. Our entire conception of home is undergoing a change. For decades, it's been the mildly luxurious dormitory at the end of the commute from work, the place to eat and sleep, but not necessarily the place to work, play, relax, entertain and find most of our fulfillment in life. Now it is. Some trend students call the change "finding sanctuary."

That has many more ramifications than just the distance to work, and they're well worth discussing because, knowing them, you can increase the value and salability of your home. For assistance call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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Lab offers classes for teachers

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in collaboration with the School of Education at the University of California, Davis, is hosting 12 workshops for middle and high school science teachers.

The workshops teach teachers about biophotonics, biotechnology and astrophysics. While those subjects may sound daunting, the workshops are designed to start at the basic level and build upon each other so that even people with no knowledge of the subjects can join in and be experts by the end. The workshops consist of four sessions, each progressing in difficulty. Teachers will learn through the use of hands-on activities and experience using advanced science equipment so they can then take that knowledge back to their classroom in the fall.

The workshops run from June 27-July 21 and are held at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, San Joaquin County Office of Education, California State University, Fresno, and UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. All workshops are free. Visit <http://education.llnl.gov> for more information.

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Expulsion

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board of trustees who vote on the next action.

"The only people who really have jurisdiction to expel are the trustees," Puppione said.

While the trustees make the final decision, they rarely go against the recommendation of the board, said Trustee Kris Weaver.

"The discipline policies are pretty clear cut," Weaver said. "Sometimes we will get someone that has a long laundry list, and if they have a long laundry list and then do something else, there's no question. If anything, the question is why haven't we seen the student earlier, but certainly it's the desire of many administrators to try to work with kids because they want to keep them in the system."

Trustee Pat Kernan agreed, saying the board is "pretty stringent."

"We try to be supportive of the teachers and faculties and try to defer to site recommendations as much as possible," he said.

Where a student goes once he or she has been expelled depends on the nature of the infraction, Puppione said. In cases where a student brought a weapon or explosive to school or was selling drugs, things that would put a student in juvenile hall, the student is sent to the Hayward Court School. There is also a Hayward Community School for expelled students, and both

facilities are run by the Alameda County Office of Education. Students with less serious infractions are usually referred to Village Continuation High School or could possibly home school.

The district is very well connected to the two Hayward facilities, Puppione said.

"I go to a meeting about every other month at the Alameda County Office of Education on alternative programs and know all the people in those schools," he said. "When we need to transfer kids in, I will go with the family to enroll."

The schools focus mostly on remedial work because many of the students enrolled had serious attendance issues in the past, but they do also use a literature-based program to impart character education, as well.

Once a student has been expelled, that does not mean their career in the Pleasanton school district is over. It is possible for students to get reinstated, Puppione said, and it actually happens quite frequently. But getting reinstated is no easy matter. When a student is first expelled, the board gives the student a list a requirements they must meet by the end of the year. This list can include completing 100 hours of community service, enrolling in counseling services which Pupil Services pays for, maintaining a grade point average of a "C" or higher, maintaining good attendance, and no behavior problems. Recently, the trustees

have been adding a requirement for parents to attend "Changing Adolescent Behaviors," a class through the Adult Education and the Pleasanton Police Department.

"A lot of times we will recommend the parent go to the class or say the student's placement will be different if the parent chooses to go to this class," Weaver explained. "We have just had excellent results. Parents who wouldn't have gone otherwise went, and it has been life changing for the student, the parents, for everybody."

For a student to be reinstated, it once again is up to a vote by the trustees. If reinstated, the expulsion will be expunged from the student's transcript, and the student can return to the school he or she was expelled from, which Puppione said is a great motivator.

"A lot of kids when they are expelled have hit rock bottom, and we're really doing them a favor by saying, 'Get your life in order and do these things,'" Weaver said. "It's exciting when I see kids at graduation who have really turned it around. That's the positive side. I think for many of these students, if we had let them stay where they were they wouldn't be nearly as successful now."

Kernan agreed, saying the ultimate goal is to get students back on track.

"We try to bring in all the resources we can because the ultimate goal is to rehabilitate the child," he said. ■

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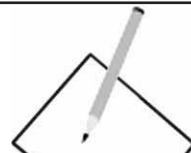
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Jared Miller

Jared Miller (second from right) was commissioned to the rank of second lieutenant in the U.S. Army following his graduation from the University of Colorado May 12. He was sworn in by his father, retired Army Major Doug Miller (second from left). His mother Jan and sisters Ashley and Reagan pinned on his bars. Both sisters traveled far for the event, with Reagan flying in from Cairo where she is studying Arabic and Ashley from Miami where she is a ninth grade teacher. Lieutenant Miller will report to Fort Rucker, Ala., at the end of July for flight training, the same program his father completed in 1968.

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Leandro politicians. Another Pleasanton resident, Jill Buck, is running unopposed for the Republican nomination in the 18th.

In the 15th District, Assemblyman Guy Houston is also unopposed for renomination as the Republican candidate, and will likely face next November the only candidate for the Democratic Party nomination, Terrence Coleman.

Besides the Democratic and Republican parties, other parties also are fielding candidates in the primaries. They include the American Independent Party, Green Party, Libertarian Party, Natural Law Party and the Peace and Freedom Party.

Tuesday's ballot also will include two measures, requiring a No or Yes vote. Proposition 81 seeks voter approval of a \$600-million bond issue to construct and renovate public library facilities.

Proposition 82 would impose a 1.7 percent added tax on individuals earning \$400,000 a year or more, or couples earning more than \$800,000, to pay for universal preschool education for all 4-year-olds in California, at a cost of \$2.1 billion in the first year.

The primary ballot also contains the names of six candidates seeking appointment as Superior Court judges, five seeking the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, two vying for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, and Ron Thomsen and Patrick O'Connell running unopposed for the offices of County Assessor and County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder, respectively.

Polls open at 7 a.m. Tuesday and close at 8 p.m., with results expected to be announced starting at 9 p.m. Voters should check their Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet for the location of their polling place, which might have changed for the primary election. ■

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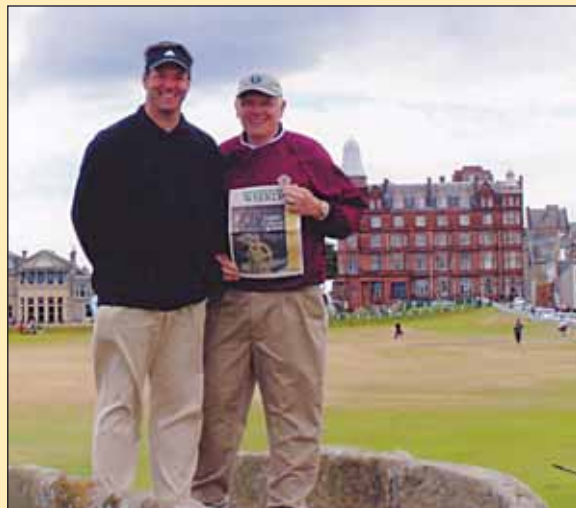
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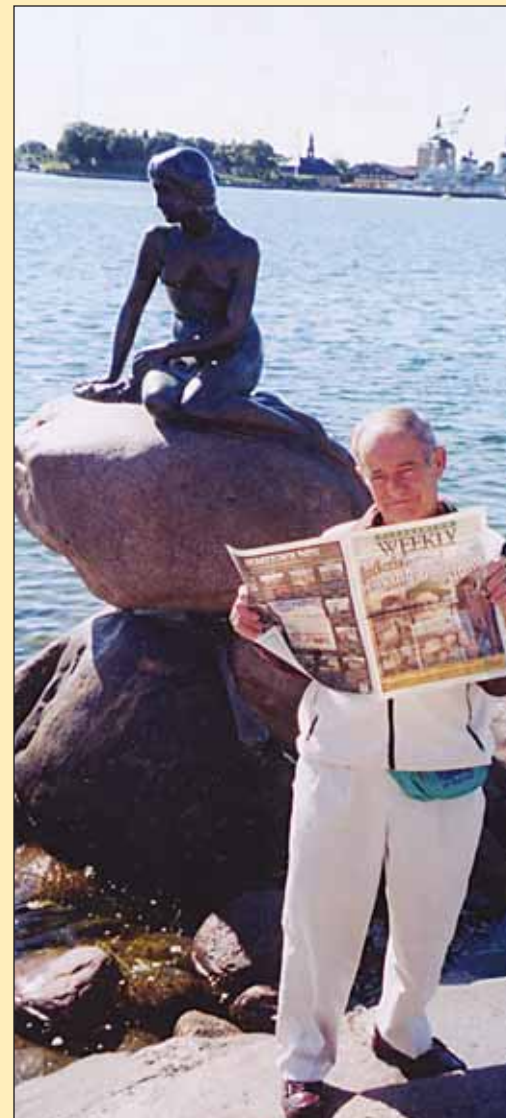
Magic in Malta

Danny Carlson reads the Weekly during a vacation to Malta, miles away from his everyday life working for the city of Pleasanton Streets Department.



Fore!

Roger Moore (right) and his son-in-law Scott Reiss read the Weekly on the bridge crossing the Swilken Burn, considered golf's most famous water hazard, on the Old Course at Saint Andrews, Scotland.



Weekly is waterproof?

John Rogers shares the Weekly with the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, Denmark, during a cruise of cities on the Baltic.



Sunlight 24/7

Dick and Fran Migliore read the Weekly while stopping at the Arctic Circle during their month-long trip to Alaska and the Yukon Territory. They were at the Arctic Circle on the "Summer Solstice" when there is daylight for 24 hours. All that light gave them plenty of time to fully read every article in the Weekly.



Watch out for bears!

Cort, Courtney and Anne Zimmerman, and Anne's brother Emil Harvey, read the Weekly during a break on their 10-mile hike to Iceberg Lake in Glacier National Park, Montana. They didn't rest too long, though, because a mother grizzly bear and two cubs showed up shortly after this picture was taken.



Reporting for duty, sir!

George, Mark and Nicholas Kanakis read the Weekly in front of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's house in Hyde Park, N.Y., only days before Nicholas reported to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where he majors in military history.



Helping children in Russia

Five members of Valley Community Church, (front row l-r) Stacey Sprague, Brad Zetterlund, Ginger Klenk, Greg Ellis and Christie Catron, along with Christie's sister Kathy Schulmeister of Arkansas, traveled to Rybinsk, Russia to work with more than 100 kids at a youth camp. Here, the group reads the Weekly with the students, the majority of whom were able to attend the camp due to the support of many people at Valley Community Church. The members spent 10 days at the camp and six days sight-seeing in Moscow.



Study hard

Rachel McElhinney takes time out from her students at Oxford University to read the Weekly.

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Opinion

Editorial

All eyes are on Tuesday's primary

All eyes will be on the 11th Congressional District Republican primary Tuesday where former Peninsula Congressman Paul "Pete" McCloskey is challenging incumbent Representative Richard Pombo, who is seeking an eighth term in office. McCloskey, 78, told editors at the Pleasanton Weekly and the Danville Weekly that he searched in vain for viable opponents-- either Republican or Democrat--to take on Pombo. Finding none, McCloskey rented a house in Lodi so that he could qualify to run for the 11th District seat, himself. Since then, he has campaigned vigorously across the wide-ranging district that includes San Joaquin County and Tracy, Pombo's home town, and parts of Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Alameda counties, including most of Pleasanton.

Pombo, 45, whose family is well-known in the Central Valley, has also become a frequent public speaker on this side of the Altamont, meeting with business and civic organizations and establishing a district office in San Ramon. Most recently, through his leadership roles on the House Transportation Committee and now as chairman of the House Resources Committee, he obtained appropriations for numerous projects that could ease freeway congestion, including a feasibility study now underway for a new freeway between Patterson on I-5 and I-680 near San Jose. Earlier this month, he announced that his committee would provide \$250,000 to help restore the historic Alviso Adobe west of Foothill Road in Pleasanton.

McCloskey, while making inroads in the 11th District with a rigorous, almost non-stop schedule of speeches, handshakes and public forums, is still best known on the Peninsula where he served eight terms in Congress from 1967 to 1983. He wrote the 1974 Endangered Species Act that he now accuses Pombo of seeking to destroy by planning to sell off parts of national parklands and protected habitats for housing and commercial development. He also cites improper contributions that Pombo accepted from disgraced members of Congress and lobbyists, including former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Jack Abramoff, calling Pombo one of the most corrupt members of Congress. McCloskey's campaign theme is to "restore ethics to Congress."

Voters will find a third candidate vying for the Republican nomination: retired businessman Tom Benigno of Tracy, whose campaign has generated little public interest.

In the 11th District, the Democratic Party congressional candidates are airline pilot Steve Filson of Danville, wind-energy consultant Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton, and electrician and former Wall Street stockbroker Steve Thomas of San Ramon.

While we aren't endorsing candidates in any of the primary races, we hope Republicans and Democrats will vote in their own party's primary. The issues and candidates are too numerous and important to cross party lines to vote only in the Republican 11th District primary, as some have been urging Democrats to do. With contested races among candidates for governor, U.S. Senate, State Senate and State Assembly, in addition to the 11th District, every vote is needed in each party's race to ensure that the best candidates will face off in the decisive General Election on Nov. 7.

Letters

No on Prop 82

Dear Editor,

Proponents of Proposition 82 are misleading the public. They say it will tax the wealthy, but in fact, if the program goes over budget (and when was the last time we saw a government program run at, or below, budget?), then the parents participating in the program will be taxed for the remainder of the bill.

They say it will provide "universal" preschool, but in fact, proponents admit that the program will only increase preschool participation from 65 percent of all 4-year-olds currently enrolled, to 70 percent. That's \$2.4 billion for a mere 5 percent bump in preschool enrollment.

Many believe that Prop 82 will aid children of low income families who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend preschool. In fact, only 8.4 percent of the funding would be used to enroll "high risk" children.

This program is not cost-effective. The state spends an average of \$7,100 per student in the K-12 system for roughly eight hours of instruction. Prop 82 would spend \$7,800 per student for three hours of instruction.

I'm not opposed to universal preschool for our children, but Prop 82 is not the answer. Let's go back to the drawing board and vote no on 82.

*Jill Buck
Candidate, 18th State
Assembly District*

Zone 7 vote

Dear Editor,

As a Zone 7 staff member and a 30-year Valley resident, during past elections, when asked by friends, family and neighbors, I've not hesitated to make recommendations for selecting members of the Zone 7 Board of Directors. I have the privilege of working directly with these individuals, and up close and personal, I see what works and what doesn't.

So this year, why am I going public with my suggestions? I am doing it because this is such a critical time for local residents and customers of Zone 7. The Agency has nearly \$350 million worth of Water Quality, Water Supply and Flood Protection projects currently underway. Projects that, when completed, will provide immediate, direct, and meaningful benefits to local residents and businesses.

Our four incumbents consistently and reliably put the public interest before any special interest, or any consideration of personal gain or benefit. They bring professional level finance, geo-technical engineering, water resources management, legal and environmental credentials to the mix.

Under their guidance Zone 7 has built, and operates, one of the most reliable water systems in the State of California. I have great confidence in the four directors seeking re-election, and believe I have a personal respon-

sibility to you, and to them, to convey that vote of confidence.

John Greci, Steve Kalthoff, Bill Stevens and Chris Moore have earned our vote. Don't hesitate to keep them for another term.

*Dale Myers
General Manager, Zone 7*

Buck inspires

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to write a message primarily to my fellow "Decline to state" voters. I am like many in the East Bay Area who choose to be independent of a political affiliation. For years, this has meant that I did not participate in Primary elections.

My opinion changed because of a candidate I met. I had a conversation with the candidate for 18th Assembly District, Jill Buck. I was so impressed with her sincerity it actually changed my thinking. As I was speaking to her, it came to mind that, this is a person I identified with as a neighbor and as a parent. I was inspired by Jill.

I realized that primaries are the practical opportunity for voters like me to have a voice early in an election cycle. We all need to be sure the numbers represent our intentions.

I encourage my fellow independent voters to do three things:

1. Vote in this upcoming Primary Election
2. Choose the Republican ballot when asked and vote for Jill Buck for 18th District Assembly
3. Find out where Jill will be speaking (on her website www.JillBuck.com), meet her and be inspired too.

*Dale R. Brown
Linwood Common*

Why parcel tax?

Dear Editor,

I just read that the board of trustees for the Pleasanton School District recently approved hiring a company for \$37,500 to conduct a parcel tax feasibility study. In addition, they are estimating that it will cost the district an additional \$25,000 for public opinion polling and \$32,000 for mailing costs. That adds up to \$94,500 to just study putting this on the ballot. If the parcel tax is passed, the funds will be used for adding counselors, class size reduction and furthering technology support. Why aren't we putting that \$94,500 toward those items? If we did, maybe we wouldn't need a parcel tax. What are you thinking, board of trustees? Why am I wasting my time at my children's schools selling cookie dough, wrapping paper and books to scrape together funds for the schools when the district has tens of thousands of dollars to frivolously waste? I'm outraged, and every parent who has a child in the district should be outraged as well!

*Nancy Krakauer
Pleasanton*

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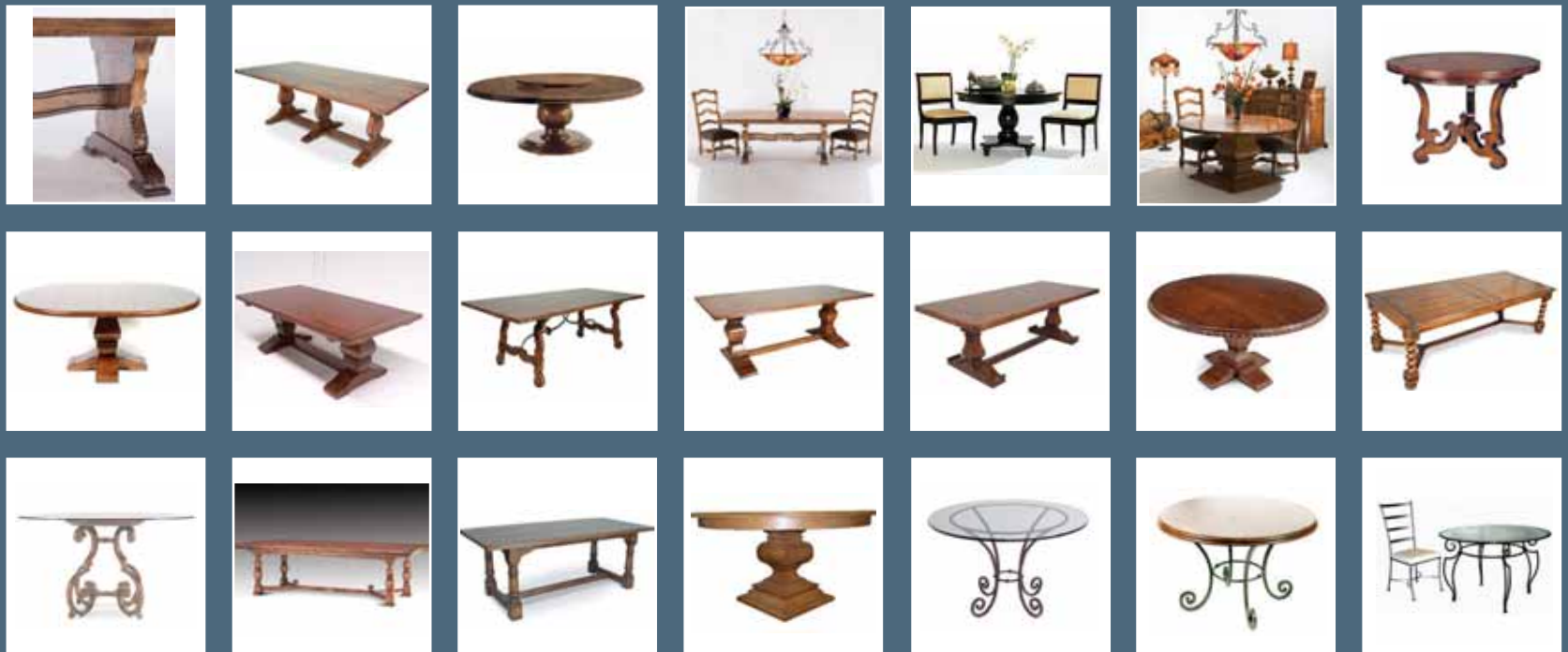
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Jumping for joy

by Jeb Bing



Cis Puricelli celebrates her 65th birthday by joining her tandem instructor Bryon Gutow on a flight to 14,000 feet, where the two will jump together on Puricelli's first skydiving venture.



Neighbors kiss at 14,000 feet

Nearing the 14,000-foot altitude, seasoned skydiver T. J. McGrath (left) eases any concerns his friend and former neighbor Cis Puricelli might have as she gets ready for her first jump in celebration of her 65th birthday, joining this group of other skydivers. Puricelli rode tandem, attached in a harness to instructor Bryon Gutow, seated behind her.

For T.J. McGrath, it's the thrill of the chase, diving from 14,000-foot straight down to catch up with his fellow skydivers, all within 70 seconds before they must open their parachutes for another three-minute ride down to the ground.

McGrath, 54, a Foothill Knolls sales executive, was almost breathless as he described the adrenaline rush that comes with jumping from a twin-engine Beechcraft King Air over Byron. With 12 on board, the skydivers jump about 3 seconds apart, free-falling head-first at speeds over 200 miles an hour to catch up with each other, then spreading their arms and legs to slow their fall to as little as 120 mph, while holding hands in a round-star or doughnut-like cluster and doing other maneuvers. Even diving alone, as McGrath does on most Saturday mornings, there are back flips, summersaults and other acrobatic maneuvers that he said can only be achieved in free-fall to make each jump special.

Recently, McGrath had the extra thrill of accompanying his former neighbor Cis Puricelli on her first parachute drop, a much-anticipated gift from her husband George on her 65th birthday. Arriving at the Byron Skydiving Company at 9 a.m. with an entourage of 35 other neighbors and family members who had come to celebrate, Cis Puricelli donned a skydiving jumpsuit, watched a training video and went through the basics while still on ground with her tandem instructor Bryon Gutow.

Then it was time for the 12-skydiver group to take off. On reaching 14,000 feet, Puricelli connected herself to a special harness Gutow was wearing and, on cue, the two jumped in tandem, dropping in free fall to about 6,000 feet when Gutow pulled the cord on his

single parachute. McGrath, who had jumped 3 seconds behind and 3 seconds in airspeed forward, maneuvered his body into head-first position to accelerate faster and catch up, giving Puricelli a congratulatory kiss about 7,000 feet off the ground before all three started their slow parachute-assisted descent.

The parachutes skydivers use today are different from the old bulky and much larger military designs, still used by paratroopers. Long ago, they were replaced by the non-military parachutists with a newly designed, almost rectangular-shaped chute that is actually classified as a semi-rigid glider. It enables skydivers to move forward in different directions at speeds of between 20-25 mph and to land with ease and pinpoint accuracy.

"I remember the rough landings when I first started skydiving 35 years ago," McGrath said, "With these new parachutes, I can land standing up, even on one foot with no drag from the parachute, even in windy conditions. They've helped to make skydiving not only an exhilarating experience, but a sport anyone can do."

The Puricellis and T.J. (for Terrence John) McGrath and his wife Sheila lived next door to each other when the McGraths moved to Pleasanton and a new home on Chestnut Street near Muirwood Park 21 years ago. The Puricellis, who still live there, have two daughters, Debbie and Dorothy, who are married, while the McGrath's, who moved to Foothill Knolls 12 years ago, have two sons: Thomas, 18, a freshman at Las Positas College, and J.T. (for John Terrence), 13, who is completing seventh grade at Hart Middle School.

McGrath handles food service sales throughout the country for Lindsay Olive Co. in Lafayette.

Cis Puricelli was always interested in T.J. McGrath's stories about skydiving.



"This is really a sport almost anyone can do, from teenagers to those like Cis Puricelli who's 65 to many even much older,"

—T.J. McGrath



Cis Puricelli gets a hug from T. J. McGrath on her 65th birthday after the two parachuted down from 14,000 feet, her first jump and one of many for McGrath, a 35-year skydiving enthusiast. The two and their spouses have been close friends since the McGrath's moved to Pleasanton 21 years ago.

Clay Bonavito

Clay Bonavito

...en, several years ago, we all met up in Las Vegas for a weekend and visited the 'inside wind tunnel,' where we could all experience the sensation of a skydive without having to jump out of an airplane," McGrath said.

...his son Thomas' high school graduation present last year, McGrath gave him a parachute jump at the airport. When Puricelli saw the photos, she put that on her birthday list for this spring.

...though her husband paid for the skydive, I gave her a photo package that included 100 pictures and a video of her jump," McGrath said. "Like everyone who does it once, whether it's my son Thomas or me, they always want to do it again. They're hooked."

...or Sheila McGrath and George Puricelli, they stay at the airport, Starbucks coffee and doughnuts in hand, as they watch their spouses come down. Often on weekends, the hangars are filled with skydivers heading earthward in various team formations and with their colorful chutes billowing above. The King Air holds 12-14 jumpers and makes three roundtrips each hour. Open Wednesday through Sunday, Byron Skydiving Company, owned and operated by Clay Bonavito, uses a single engine Cessna 441 on weekdays, which holds a smaller group.

...t skydiving trips take the parachutists to 14,000 feet, that's an altitude where everyone can breathe easily without oxygen and also a height that both the single and twin engine Beechcraft can reach quickly. The altitudes take longer to reach and require more specialized equipment.

...ere are 25 sanctioned skydiving drop zones in California, with Byron the closest to Pleasanton. The King Air Airport used to have a skydiving club with a dedicated zone, but it was too difficult to maintain

on a voluntary basis. Byron Skydiving, a privately-owned commercial business, maintains its own aircraft, hangars and drop zones, and the new directional parachutes allow skydivers to land near the hangars and parking lot, which eliminates the need for transportation to pick them up.

At Byron, the cost of a basic tandem parachute jump, including rental of a jumpsuit, goggles and helmet, is \$185. For McGrath and others who have their own parachutes and clothing, it's \$13 to ride to the 14,000 foot level and jump out.

With skydiving gaining popularity across the country, there are also regional and national competitions in three basic categories:

- **Style:** During free fall, how many bear rolls, back loops and front rolls can you do before deploying the parachute?
- **Relative Work:** Based on multiple people free falling together, how many points can you earn for each star, cluster, doughnut or other team formation before heading down by parachutes?
- **Accuracy:** How many times can someone consecutively come down and land on a small target, smaller than even a Frisbee?

"This is really a sport almost anyone can do, from teenagers to those like Cis Puricelli who's 65 to many even much older," McGrath said. "Even former President George Bush made a skydiving jump to celebrate his 80th birthday, and I think he's done another one since then."

He added: "One of my favorite quotes is 'Life should not be determined by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.' Skydiving does that." ■



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Review of Bids and Award of Contract for Construction of Delucchi Park Public Restrooms, CIP 038030
- Resolution Placing on the November 7, 2006 Ballot an Initiative Measure for the Approval of the Bernal Property Phase II Land Use Plan; Determination Regarding Ballot Arguments for Initiative; and Resolution Requesting Consolidation with Statewide General Election and Establishing Various Election Procedures -
- **PUD-54, Threhand, LP, Reznick Property**
Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to subdivide an approximately 20-acre site located at 5 Windy Oaks Drive into eight-lots, consisting of seven single-family lots for custom homes and one lot for a City water tank.
- **PUD-77-08-1M, Laurence Callait**
Application for a major modification to an approved PUD development plan (PUD-77-08) to reduce the side-yard setback from the approved eight feet to five feet to allow the construction of single-story additions totaling 637 square feet to the existing two-story residence located at 5745 Northway Road.

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, June 5, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Discussion of Naming Rights for the Firehouse Arts Center
- Discussion Regarding the Proposed Valley-Wide Public Art Project "Art Takes Place"
- Discussion of Public Art Signage Project for the Firehouse Arts Center
- Review of FY 2006/07 City Grant Application Packet and Review Process
- Consideration of Changing July Meeting Date

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 8, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Discussion of Naming Rights for the Firehouse Arts Center
- Establishment of a Subcommittee to Review and Recommend Appointees to the Trails Ad Hoc Committee
- Consideration of Canceling the Commission's Scheduled Meeting for August 2006

Library Commission

The Library Commission meeting scheduled for June 8 has been continued to June 22.

Human Services Commission

The June 7 Human Services Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled commission meeting is July 5, 2006.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

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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

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

\$20,000 missing from local church

The office manager at St. Augustine Catholic Church, located at 3999 Bernal Ave., reported the loss of \$20,000 the morning of May 22. The police report states: An unknown person entered a locked closet and took a black nylon bag with \$20,000 in U.S. currency and checks. Police have no leads at this time. However, they are conducting an investigation, according to the detective in charge of the case.

Theft at apartment complex

A resident of the Archstone Apartments, 5112 Owens Dr., reported the theft of four tires and rims from his parked car. The crime took place sometime during the night of May 22, according to police. The victim reported going to his 1997 Acura Integra the morning of May 23 to find it had been propped up and resting on cinderblocks, a car battery and a car jack. The car was unlocked. The victim wasn't sure if he secured it the night before. Nothing appeared to have been taken or disturbed inside the vehicle, police said. The loss was valued at \$1,500.

Police Report

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

May 22

- Theft: 6
- Found property: 2
- Possession of marijuana:
- 4:52 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Avenue

May 23

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 1
- Public drunkenness:
- 1:20 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and Bart Station
- 1:39 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita and Jensen roads
- Threaten bodily harm:
- 8:30 a.m. in the 3800 block of Hopyard Road

May 24

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Child abuse:
- 9:42 a.m. in the 7200 block of Valley Trails Drive
- Domestic violence:
- 9:07 p.m. in the 2400 block of Santa Rita Road

May 25

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Obscene phone calls: 1
- Public drunkenness:
- 12:49 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 12:59 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 5:35 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
- 11:43 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Child abuse:
- 11:04 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- Trespassing:
- 6 a.m. in the 1000 block of Minnie Street

May 26

- Theft: 7
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Under the influence of narcotics
- 12:49 a.m. at the intersection of Peters Avenue and St. Mary Street
- 4:57 p.m. at the intersection of St. John Street and Peters Avenue
- Child abuse:
- 9:29 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue
- 2:58 p.m. in the 3500 block of Ballantyne Drive
- Child neglect:
- 12 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue
- Arson:
- 7:56 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

May 27

- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 3
- Assault:
- 2:35 a.m. in the 3500 block of Utah Street
- Child Abuse:
- 9:58 a.m. in the 1600 block of Calle Santiago
- Battery:
- 2:34 p.m. in the 1600 block of Calle Santiago

May 28

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 3
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Cruelty to animal:
- 12 p.m. in the 3400 block of Park Place
- Domestic violence:
- 3:21 p.m. at the intersection of Burgundy and Touriga Drive

ACCIDENTS

May 22

- 8:43 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of First and Ray streets

May 23

- 2:09 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and W. Las Positas Blvd.
- 5:30 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

May 24

- 10:01 a.m. - Injury accident in the 4400 block of Willow Road
- 1:02 p.m. - Hit-and-run, non-injury accident in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:47 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Blvd.
- 5:52 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Sutter Gate Avenue and Santa Rita Road
- 11:20 p.m. - Hit-and-run, non-injury accident at the intersection of Hacienda and Stoneridge drives

May 25

- 8:05 a.m. - Injury accident involving a bicycle at the intersection of Bernal and Valley avenues
- 11:59 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita and Jensen roads
- 4:30 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Angela and First streets

May 26

- 3:18 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Willow Road and W. Las Positas Blvd.
- 7:15 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Rosedale Court and Springdale Avenue

May 28

- 2:25 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Bernal and Valley avenues
- 5:52 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Northway and Crestline roads

Calendar

Civic Meetings

City Council

The council meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 6.

Housing Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the third Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 15.

Human Services Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The June 7 meeting is canceled. The next meeting is July 5.

Library Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 8.

Parks & Recreation Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 8.

Planning Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 14.

School Board

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 6.

Youth Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The next meeting is June 14.

Class Reunions

Amador Valley High School Reunion, 1996

Amador Valley High School will be holding a 10-year reunion for the class of 1996 7 p.m.-midnight, Sat., June 24 at the JW Marriott Hotel, 500 Post St., San Francisco. E-mail Christina_Mantha@yahoo.com, visit www.reunionmakers.com, or register on classmates.com.

Classes

Modern Greek

Conversational Modern Greek class will be held from 6-8 p.m., Thursdays from June 1-July 6 at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon, Livermore. Cost is \$139. Call 424-1467 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed.

Party Planning

Party Planning class will be held from 7-10 p.m., Wed., June 7 at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon, Livermore. Cost is \$39. Call 424-1467 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed.

Clubs

Foothill Kiwanis Key Club

Foothill Kiwanis Key Club meets noon-12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Call Irv, 556-1177 or visit www.kiwanis-pleasanton-sunrise.com.

Garden Club

The Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Alisal

Weekend Preview



'Steel Magnolias' opens tonight

The Pleasanton Playhouse is presenting "Steel Magnolias" a play that was turned into a popular movie about the lives of five women in Louisiana. The play stars (l-r) Katherine Justice, Mara Bartlett, Kathleen Kemp, Sara Stoebe and Sheilah Morrison. The show runs from June 2-25 with shows 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays at the Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Ln., Ste. 309. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors 60 or older and juniors 18 or younger. Visit www.pleasantonplayhouse.com or call 462-2121 for tickets.

Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Call Beverly, 485-7812.

Genealogical Society

Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at Congregation Beth Emek, 13400 Nevada Ct. Call Jane, 447-3898 or visit www.1-agis.org.

Hacienda Park Toastmasters

Hacienda Park Toastmasters meets noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Tyco, 4280 Hacienda Dr. Call Kevin, 598-5442 or e-mail kevin@kevdo.com.

Horseshoe Pitching

The Horseshoe Pitching Club meets 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Call Martha, 462-4283.

Ladies Choice Investment

Ladies Choice Investment meets 7 p.m. on the second Monday monthly to discuss educational stock selections and investments. Call Jeannie, 846-5106.

Lions Club

Lions Club meets 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday monthly for dinner at the Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr. Call Jerry, 846-9628.

Mt. Diablo Rose Society

Mt. Diablo Rose Society meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly except in July, Aug., and Dec. at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. call Pat, 846-4913.

Order of Eastern Star

Diablo Star #214 focuses on charity work for cancer and heart disease and meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly at Orinda Masonic Center, 9 Altarinda Rd. Call Karen, 798-9225.

P-Town Street Rods

Truck or car enthusiast club meets 6-9 p.m. the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday monthly at Chicago's Metropolitan Deli, 6003 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call George, 846-5550.

Phi Delta Kappa

This international organization includes professional educators and those interested in education and meets at various locations four to six times during the school year. Call Pat, 443-5526.

Pleasanton Art League

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association features demonstrations by nationally recognized artists held at Cultural Art Center, 4477 Black Ave. Call 462-5917 or visit www.pal-art.com.

Pleasanton Downtown Association

Pleasanton Downtown Association meets 8:30 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Pleasanton Downtown Association, 830 Main St., Suite A. Call Frances, 484-2199.

Pleasanton Kiwanis Sunrise

Pleasanton Kiwanis Sunrise Club meets 11:45 a.m. every Friday at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St. Call Irv, 556-1177 or visit www.kiwanis-pleasanton-sunrise.com.

Pleasanton Newcomers

Newcomers Club meets 10 a.m. the first Wednesday monthly for coffee and at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly for lunch. Call 215-8409 or visit www.pleasanton-newcomers.com.

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Events

Pleasanton North Rotary Club
The Pleasanton North Rotary Club meets at 12:15 p.m. every Friday at the Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr. Call Wayne, 426-2510.

Quilt Guild
The Quilt Guild Club meets 1:30 p.m. on the second Saturday monthly at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Call Marion, 828-5656.

Soroptimist
Soroptimist International is dedicated to issues affecting women and children and meets at noon the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. Call 846-6644.

Toastmasters No. 2452
Join the Toastmasters Club No. 2452 to improve your communication and leadership skills 7-8 a.m. every Thursday at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Call 413-1096

Tri-Valley Leads
Tri-Valley Leads meets 7:15-8:30 a.m. every other Wednesday beginning Feb. 22 at Carrow's, 7505 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Call Donna, 586-3952 or e-mail donna@diamonddonna.com.

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group
TMUG meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday monthly at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Call Izak, 830-8838 or visit www.clubtmug.com.

Tri-Valley Rotary
The Rotary Club meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Rd. Call Marlene, 846-1000.

V.F.W. Auxilliary
V.F.W. Post 6298 Auxilliary meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call Dan, 846-7320.

Cancer Survivors

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is sponsoring "A Celebration in the Park" honoring all cancer survivors and their families from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., June 4 at Castle Rock Park, 1700 Castle Rock Rd., Walnut Creek. A free barbecue lunch will be provided from noon-2 p.m. Call 947-4447 by Wed., May 31 to RSVP.

Children's Arts Festival

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts is hosting its annual Children Arts Festival from noon-4 p.m., Sun., June 4 at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Ave., adjacent to the Senior Center. Admission is free. Call Julie, 931-5355.

Elvis Rock 'N Roll Party

The Wall of Hope Breast Cancer Survivors' Project is holding its first gala, "Everything Elvis!" from 7 p.m.-midnight, Sat., June 3 at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$675 for a table of 10. Call 736-7100.

First Wednesday Street Party

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will be holding a Mardi Gras-themed First Wednesday Street Party from 6-9 p.m., Wed., June 7 along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Admission is free. Call 484-2199, ext. 4.

Goodguys 13th Summer Get-Together

A giant two-day automotive event featuring 2,500 hot rods, custom cars, classics, trucks, muscle cars and street machines of all years begins 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., June 3 and from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun., June 4 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. General admission is \$12, kids age 7-12 is \$6 and kids age 6 and under are free. Parking is \$8. Call 838-9876 or 426-7600.

PAR for Kids' Sake Golf Tournament & Banquet

The 5th annual Providing Autism Research for Kids' Sake Golf Tournament and Banquet will be Mon., June 12 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Cir. Call 461-0501.

Springstone School's Third Annual Golf Tournament

The first middle school in the nation for students with Asperger's Syndrome is holding its Third Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for the school 9 a.m., Mon., June 12 at Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Dr., Clayton. Cost is \$175 and includes a shirt, lunch and dinner. Call 962-9660 or visit www.thspringstoneschool.org.

Three Women Poets

The Century House Poetry Readings, sponsored by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts, will resume from 1-3 p.m., Sun., June 4 at 2401 Santa Rita Rd. Guest poets will be Molly Fisk, Jane Hilbery and Rynn Williams. Admission is \$5. Call 931-5350.

Wiggle Waggle Walk-A-Thon

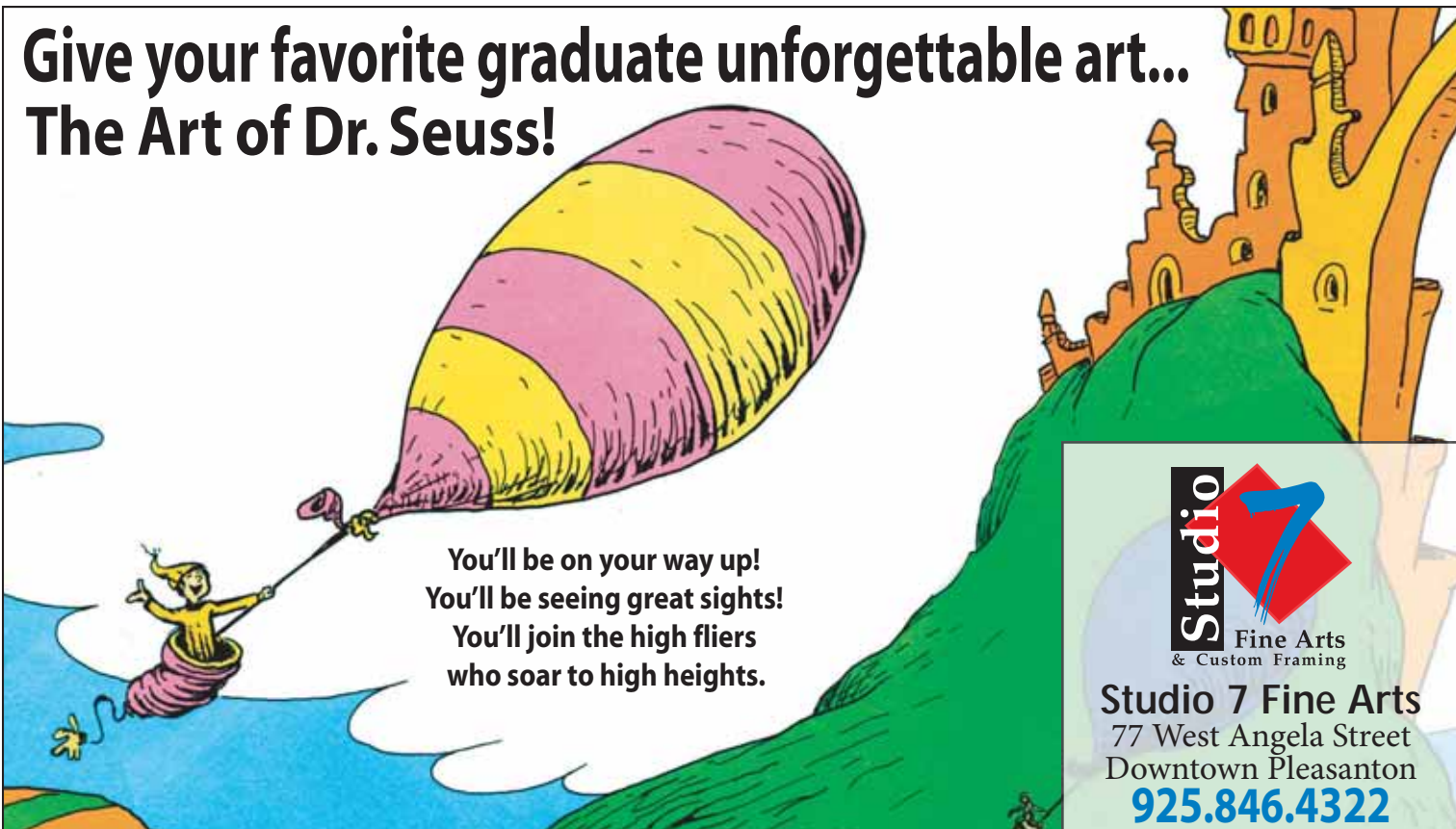
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Concerts


Concerts in the Park

Join the Pleasanton Downtown Association for its 2006 Concerts in the Park series from 7-8:30 p.m., every Friday from June 2 through Sept. 1 at Lion's Wayside Park, First and Neal St. Call Nickie, 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net. Tommy and the 4 Speeds are slated to appear June 2.

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Exhibits

Annual PAL Show

The Pleasanton Art League is holding its annual art show Sun., June 4 through Thurs., June 8 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Artists' Reception will be held from 5-7 p.m., Mon., June 5. Call Pat, 485-1689.

Art Exhibit

The Pleasanton Art League is holding its annual art show from Sun., June 4 through Thurs., June 8 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Artists reception will be held from 5-7 p.m., Mon., June 5. Call Linda, 373-3289 or e-mail pal_press@yahoo.com.

Film

Black and White

The Pleasanton Library and Las Positas College presents a series of classic black and white films 7 p.m. on the first Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Health

Stress Less

Stress Less, a meditation class for those with demanding jobs and commutes, is being offered from 6:30-8 p.m., Wed., June 7 at the Cultural Arts Center, 4477 Black Ave. Cost is \$10. Call Mary, (510) 551-8757 or Dzalandhara Buddhist Center, (510) 559-8183.

Kids & Teens

Children's Art Festival

The Children's Art Festival will be held from noon-4 p.m., Sun., June 4 at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Nonnie, 846-0994.

Spring Lacrosse Festival

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring Festival will be held from 2-4 p.m., Sat., June 3 at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Rd. Registration fee is \$39 which includes a new stick and ball. Register before Tues., May 30. Call Byron, 998-5550 or visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

ZooFest for Kids

Get your face painted, enjoy up-close encounters with animals and more from 6-8:30 p.m., Fri., June 2 at the San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Rd., San Francisco. Proceeds will support the Zoo's conservation and education programs. Call (415) 753-7061 or e-mail nanetteduffy.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

Boutique Textile Art

Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art from 10 a.m.-noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins. Call 935-8972.

Child Care Initiative Project

Licensed and license-exempt child care providers are encouraged to participate in the CCIP project to receive technical assistance and support, free training and support materials, and more. No cost for this workshop. Call Donnamarie at 249-3923.

Painting Classes

Learn how to use acrylic paints beginning Tues., June 13 for six weeks through the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Cultural Arts program. Call 556-4500 or register online at www.DublinRecGuide.com.

Train Lecture

Learn about the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad through the Tri-Valley area in the 1860s and its impact on the people and commerce of this area 7 p.m., Thurs., June 15 at Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Reservations requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call Terry, 462-2766.

Miscellaneous

Family Friend Employers Wanted

Child Care Links is accepting nominations for the "Family Friend Employer of the Year" award to recognize and thank Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton employers who support their employees as they balance work and family responsibilities. Call 417-8733 or visit www.childcarelinks.org.

Farmers Market

Shop for fresh produce, flowers, and baked goods from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday on West Angela Street between Main and First streets. Call 825-9090.

John Lennon

Elizabeth Partridge will show slides from her photo-biography of John Lennon while musicians Erik Pearson and Sonya Hunter perform Lennon's

music from 2-3 p.m., Sun., June 4 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Poetry Open Mic

Beginners and long-time writers bring up to 10 minutes of poetry to share for the open mic or listen to poetry from 7-9 p.m. every third Thursday monthly at Used and Rare Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Rd. Call Michelle, 931-5350 or e-mail mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

On Stage

Steel Magnolias

Pleasanton Playhouse presents "Steel Magnolias" at their black box, Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Ln., Ste. 309, June 2-25. Performances are Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and juniors. Call 462-2121 for tickets or order online at www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Political Notes

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated

San Francisco Chronicle columnist Debra Saunders will be the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women 6:30 p.m., Thurs., June 8 at Garlic di Pasta, 3037 Hopyard Rd. Call Marilyn, 485-9869 to RSVP.

Seniors

Bingo

Play Bingo 12:30-3 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Monday monthly and 1-3 p.m. every Friday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Game cards are 50 cents. Call 931-5365.

Emotional Wellness Group

Learn more about depression, anxiety, and how medications and alcohol may affect emotional well-being 2 p.m. every other Thursday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Charlene or Jode, 931-5382.

Friday Night Dance

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Paratransit Service

The paratransit service provides door-to-door bus service to seniors 65 and older, and individuals with disabilities of any age and is available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon-Fri., and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. Call 931-5376.

Support Groups

Al-anon and Al-a-teen

Al-Anon is a Tri-Valley support group for family and friends of alcoholics that meets from 6:30-8 p.m. every Sunday at San Ramon Presbyterian Church, 12943 Alcosta Blvd., upstairs in the Kindergarten room. Call 277-7661 or visit www.ncwsa.org.

Bereavement Support Group

This group of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton meets at 7:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursdays monthly, and is for anyone of any faith at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Mary, 846-5377.

Bipolar Support Group

The Tri-Valley Bipolar Support Group, which provides peer support for people with mood disorders, meets 7:15-8:45 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Claire's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Call 560-0842 or e-mail trivalleybipolar@hotmail.com.

Breast Cancer Prayer & Support

The Breast Cancer and Support Group of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001

Stoneridge Dr., room B. Call 461-8411. All are welcome

Breast Cancer Support

The free, professionally facilitated group is for women in any breast cancer treatment stage; meetings are 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Wednesday monthly in the south building's west day room at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 275-8414.

Cancer Support

Anyone facing cancer and care persons may join the Living Beyond Limits group that meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Thursday monthly at ValleyCare Health Center, 5575 Las Positas Blvd. No fee. Call Ken Smith, 846-8594.

Caregiver Support Group

Meetings are held from 1-2:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month for people caring for persons with Alzheimer's and dementia-related illnesses, at the Pleasanton Senior Center Support Program Sunroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5389 or Jode, 931-5382, ext. 1.

CHADD

Meetings are held for parents of children with ADD/ADHD from 7-9 p.m. on the second Wed. of each month at Thomas Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Rd. in the library. Call 484-2173 or visit www.chadnorcal.org.

ClutterLess Self Help Group

If clutter is stressing you out, come to the Presbyterian Church from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday, except May 29, at 4300 Mirador Dr., room 7. Call 297-9246 or 426-5311.

Diabetes Support Group

Groups meet from noon-1 p.m., on the first Wednesday monthly. Also from 6-7 p.m. every third Thursday monthly and for diabetics using insulin pumps, from 6-7 p.m. the second Thursday of every other month, Diabetes and Nutrition Education Center, Valley Care Medical Plaza,

5725 West Las Positas, Suite 220. Call 416-6710.

Domestic Violence

A Domestic Violence Support Group is meeting from 5-6:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore. There will be a fee of \$40 for every eight weeks or based on a sliding scale. For information and registration, contact Elizabeth, 449-5845 ext. 109.

DRC

Meet other men and women in their early stages of alzheimer's disease or any other memory loss related diseases from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tues., Wed., and Thurs. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For women, call Angie and for men, call Norman at 210-6196.

East Bay Cancer Support Group

The East Bay Cancer Support Group, Inc. meets on Thursdays at the Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley. All services are provided free of charge. Call (510) 889-8766 or visit www.ebcancersupport.org.

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 8:30 a.m.-noon Mondays at 770 Edgewater Drive, Suite 626, Oakland. Call (510) 568-7587 or visit www.fortyplus.org.

Grandparents Visitation Support Group

Grandparents who have problems visiting their grandchildren meets at 7 p.m.

every Thursday in March at Pleasanton Public Library in the small conference room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Space is limited. Call Joyce, 339-4700.

Head Injury Support

This group provides support for brain-injured individuals and their caregivers. It meets from 7:30-9 p.m. every fourth Wednesday in the Blackhawk Room at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call Jo Ann, 443-4366.

Hope Hospice Bereavement Support

The nonprofit organization offers a wide range of support groups, including grief support for adults, teens, children; young adult support; tragic loss; loss of children; men in grief; terminal illness; loss of parents; and loss of spouse; among others. Meetings are held at 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 214, Dublin. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

Independent Living

If you or your loved one need a personal assistant to help maintain independent living, Community Resources for Independent Living can help with specific needs. Call 371-1531; TTY, 371-1532. Visit www.cril-online.org.

Jobs Networking Group

CSIX East Bay, helping individuals in career transitions, meets from 1-3:30 p.m. every Thursday at WineCentives, 6040 Dougherty Road, Dublin. Cost is \$3. Call Doug Herz, 277-6600.

League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen

This group is designed to create a community between men to resolve problems, express feelings, form friendships and understand and improve relationships with women. The group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Anthropos Counseling Center, 326 South L. St., Livermore. Call 449-7925.

Live Beat Dads

Fathers who are raising their children meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 1550 Springtown Blvd., Suite 7E, Livermore, for discussions and speakers on individual's rights, custody issues, networking and parenting programs. Child care is available. Call Pete, 449-8436, or visit www.lbduk.org.

Volunteering

Alameda County Community Food Bank

Volunteers are needed to staff the Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 pm., Mon-Fri. Call (510) 834-3663 or visit www.accfb.org.

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.com.

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Help Brighten a Senior's Day
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Jewish Community Federation
Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay offers opportunities to volunteer within the community, such as serving meals, tutoring children, and serving on Jewish agency committees or boards. Call (510) 839-2900, ext. 261.

Museum Volunteer
Come and learn about upcoming events and special programs at 9 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St. Call Heather, 462-2766.

Open Heart Kitchen
If you love to cook and have a passion to end hunger, volunteer at Open Heart Kitchen, the Tri-Valley's only free hot meal service for the needy. There are many volunteer opportunities for teens and adults. Call Dianne, 580-1619 or e-mail dadamson@openheartkitchen.org.

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.

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ValleyCare Auxiliary
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EBAL recognizes Pleasanton high school athletes

All-League performers hail from Foothill, Amador Valley

by Michael Miller

The East Bay Athletic League this week recognized athletes from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools as "All-League Performers" for their contributions and achievements in athletics.

They include:

2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Baseball

First Team

David Rowse - Senior, Amador Valley, Pitcher
 Patrick Glenn - Senior, Amador Valley, Outfielder
 Collin Hoyer-Senior, Amador Valley, Catcher
 Bryce Miller-Junior, Amador Valley, Utility Player
 Cory Conflenti - Senior, Foothill, First Base

Second team

Ryan Theige-Junior, Foothill, Outfield
 Troy Channing, Sophomore, Foothill, Designated Hitter

Honorable Mention

Tony Smith-Senior, Foothill
 Steven Piscotty -, Freshman, Amador Valley

2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Softball

League MVP - Valerie Arrioto , Junior, Foothill

First team

Brittany Throne, Senior, Foothill, Catcher
 Nicole Romero, Senior, Foothill, Infielder
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 Brittany Wolff, Junior, Foothill, Outfielder

Courtney Jones, Senior, Foothill, Outfielder
 Alex Bright, Senior, Amador Valley, Outfielder

Second team

Kelly Sweeney, Sophomore, Foothill, Infielder
 Amy Crawford, Junior, Foothill, Infielder
 Emily Cipolla, Junior, Amador Valley, Infielder

Honorable Mention

Michelle Pitts, Sophomore, Amador Valley, Catcher
 Audra Bloom, Senior, Amador Valley, Outfielder
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2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Girls Lacrosse

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Jessica Thomas, Amador Valley
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 Hayley Saxton, Foothill

Second team

Emma Bijesse, Amador Valley
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 Robyn Clark, Amador Valley
 Jamie Lee, Foothill

Honorable Mention

Lyssia Porter, Foothill
 Brigitte Brierley, Foothill
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2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Boys Lacrosse

First team

Erik Jenkins, Foothill - Midfielder
 Andy Hatch, Amador Valley, Defense

2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Boys Volleyball

First team

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Second team

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Honorable Mention

Greg Ballard - Amador Valley
 Robert Tasevich - Amador Valley
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2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Boys Diving

Second Place - Weslee Janison
 Third Place - Jason Plummer

2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Girls Diving

First Place - Rebecca Payne
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2005-2006 East Bay Athletic League: Boys' Golf

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Note that not all EBAL all-league teams were available at the time of publication. ■

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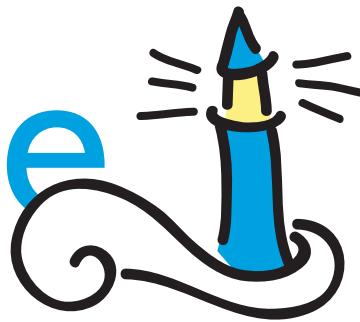
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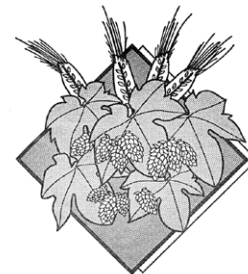
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