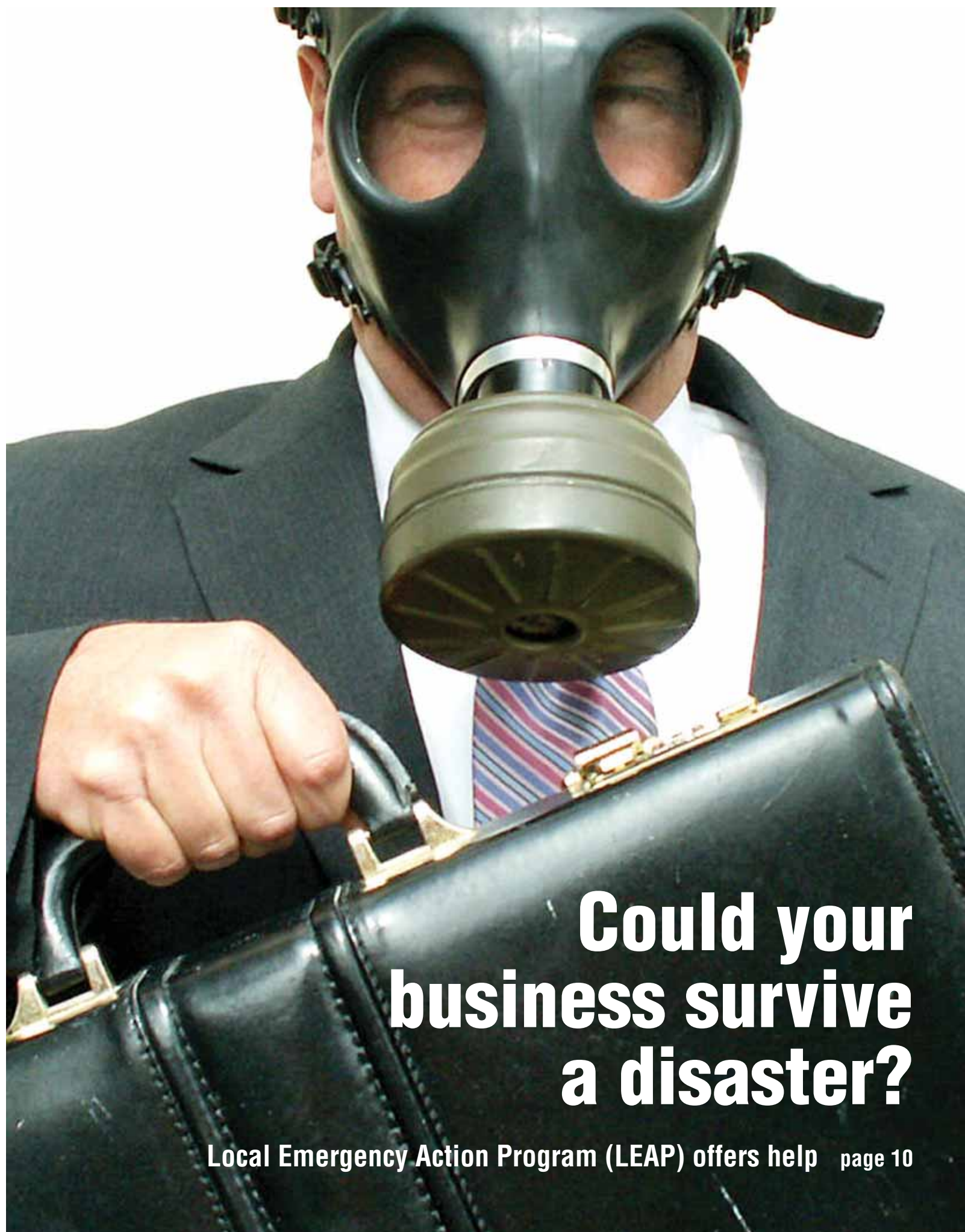


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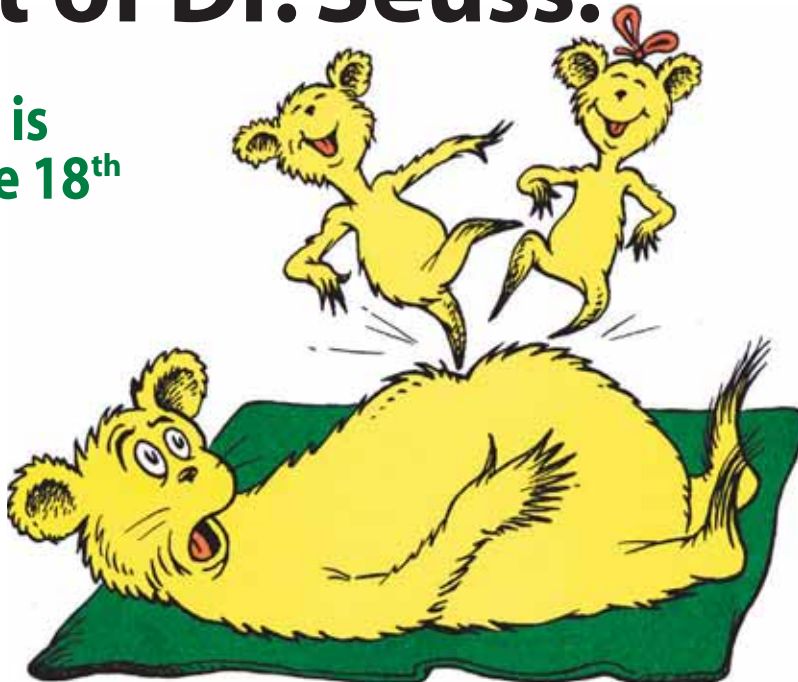


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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Hope Hospice expands services as population ages

Hope Hospice is an organization that helps many in the Tri-Valley cope with end-of-life challenges for themselves and their families. Now, thanks to a decision to intensify its focus on fund-raising to meet an expected increasing need for its services, the organization is closing its thrift shop at Main and Angela streets to concentrate on a broader community base it will need to accelerate its care. The thrift and resale shop has seldom earned a profit. Although it has given Hope Hospice public visibility, over the years it has become more difficult to staff with volunteers in a community where both husband and wife have jobs outside the home and less time these days to give their time as needed by the thrift shop. Other non-profits are struggling with the same dilemma, and even city committees and commissions are facing shortages these days in finding residents interested in volunteer work when they often have little time at home.

Helen Meier, who was named executive director of Hope Hospice four years ago and was director of the Tri-Valley Haven for 12 years before that, said the number of patients the organization serves has increased from 10-12 when she started to more than 50 today. Last year, Hope Hospice served 232 "patients" to comfort them as they dealt with a number of terminal illnesses and neared the end of life. Working with their families, Hope Hospice volunteers ranging from nurses to doctors to bedside companions ease the worry and workload of spouses, children and other loved ones. There's even a videographer who volunteers his time to interview patients and have them put their life stories and comments in a video format that will last forever.

Meier praised the work of Holly Clark, who manages the Main Street thrift shop, and her small and shrinking staff of volunteers. Her job has been made more difficult in recent months as fewer show up to help

her keep the store open on regular hours and to arrange the donated merchandise for sale. Unlike larger organizations that also operate sales outlets, such as Goodwill and St. Vincent de Paul, Clark has no large central warehouse to store the many donated items brought into the store, nor trucks and "musclemen" to help bring them in for pricing and sale or to deliver them. Police Chief Tim Neal, vice president of the Hope Hospice board of directors, said concerns over staffing, the lack of profitability and the growing need to hire part-time help to keep the thrift store open and operating has occupied the board's attention for most of the four years he's been a member. As hard a decision as it was, closing the store on Main Street will free both people and funding resources that Hope Hospice needs.

Although there are similarly-focused hospice organizations around the country, there's only one Hope Hospice. The organization has served the Tri-Valley and the I-680 corridor up to Alamo for 26 years and is one of the best known among a coalition of hospices that share a Web site as well as exchange information. Today, many families have used a hospice group to care for a dying family member. Some hospices have homes where the terminally ill can have 24-hour care in the final weeks. Hope Hospice has found that its patients prefer to be in their homes, and the organization can provide daily care as needed, including medical equipment, pain medications and counseling. Its counseling services have become as well known as its end-of-life care, with trained counselors and others available to help families get through their crises. There are also bereavement sessions for both spouses and children to help them cope with their losses.

Those who want to help or learn how to contribute to Hope Hospice can call the organization's headquarters in Dublin at 829-8770 for more information. ■

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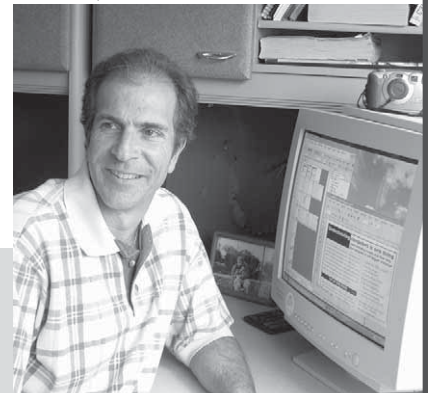
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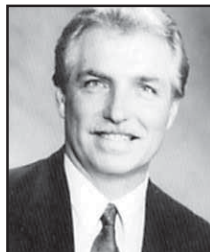
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Streetwise

Q: Are you making any changes in your daily life to help conserve gasoline?

Asked Downtown



Zana Ibrani
English professor

I am planning to buy a hybrid as my next car. I am hoping to see less dependence on oil in the future. Hopefully, more of the population will choose to drive hybrid cars or at least smaller, more environmentally friendly cars.

Jason Borris
Teacher

I am absolutely making changes! I am driving 55 mph on the freeway. I feel like an old-fogey. I even get mad at folks that fly by at 75 mph, but driving slower definitely conserves gas.



Crystal Evans
Office manager

Actually, I'm making a lot of changes to help save gas. I walk much more than I used to and I think about consolidating errands. I bring my lunch to work and I carpool as much as possible. Five dollars used to go a long way in my little Honda, now it barely gets me around the block.

Patricia McCloud
Loan officer

I have one fancy car and one that is much more economical. These days I choose to drive the economical car; it gets much better gas mileage. I have become much more conscientious. Now I save over \$100 on my monthly gas bill.



Anthony Tsang
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Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is holding its annual 5K-10K Spirit Run Sunday, June 18, which is also Father's Day. The 10K race starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K run/walk at 8:20 a.m. and the Kid's Challenge at 9:30 a.m. All races start and end under the Pleasanton Arch on Main Street. During the last seven years, the race has raised \$174,140 in sponsorships and \$83,360 in registration fees. Approximately \$155,000 net has been raised and transferred to the Pleasanton Education Foundation for scholarship distribution. To register for the run, visit www.pleasantonrotary.com.

Animal fundraiser

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is holding the "Huge Yard and Boutique Sale" Saturday, June 10, to raise funds for its animal rescue services. TVAR is a nonprofit organization that is run solely by volunteers dedicated to finding homes for homeless animals. The sale will last from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. All proceeds go toward TVAR services. Visit www.TVAR.org for more information.

Austrian exchange students

Edu-Culture International, a nonprofit organization that hosts student exchange programs to the Bay Area, will be hosting 25 students from Austria this summer in Pleasanton. Although the students will be here in less than three weeks, only half have been placed in homes, and Edu-Culture is looking for Pleasanton families willing to host the students. All the students speak English, and most of their days are spent in pre-arranged activities organized by Edu-Culture. For more information or to express an interest, contact Judy Nobriga at jamn53@comcast.net.

Summer writing camp

Hacienda School of Pleasanton and the Emerson School of Palo Alto are holding the "Write Now! Summer Writing Camp" from July 17-21 and August 14-18. The first course focuses on expository writing, specifically essays, book reports, research papers, as well as note-taking, outlining and self-editing. The second course focuses on creative writing and self-expression through poetry, narrative fiction, drama and screenplays. Call 485-5750 or visit www.headsup.org for more information.

Pombo gears up for November race after defeating McCloskey 2-1

Pleasanton's McNerney to face Congressman again with Democratic nomination in hand

by Jeb Bing

Incumbent Congressman Richard Pombo (R-11th) won his party's nomination for an eighth term in office Tuesday in a lopsided vote that saw his vocal Republican challenger and former Peninsula Congressman Pete McCloskey garner less than a third of the vote.

In brief remarks at his Tracy campaign headquarters, he said he will be in the district frequently in the coming months as he launches his re-election campaign for the Nov. 7 vote.

The contest ended earlier at McCloskey's festive, balloon-filled campaign election headquarters at

the Pleasanton Hilton Hotel. The candidate, subdued from the start of early returns that showed him losing, thanked his supporters, watched briefly as Pombo's votes continued to mount, and then left by 10 p.m. By 11, the party was over.

Pombo, whose district includes Pleasanton, received 28,944 votes, or 62.3 percent of the votes cast, to McCloskey's 14,856 votes, or 32 percent. A third candidate in the Republican primary, businessman Tom Benigno, received 2,676 votes, or just under 6 percent.

Pombo will face the Democratic Party's nominee Jerry McNerney

in the General Election June 7. McNerney, a Pleasanton resident who has never held an elective office, received 19,408 votes, or 52.6 percent, showing what party loyalists said was surprising strength over airline pilot Steve Filson, who had 10,539 votes, or 28.5 percent. A third candidate, Steve Thomas of San Ramon, trailed with 7,007 votes, or 18.9 percent.

McNerney, who was rebuffed in the primary two years ago by the local Democratic organization but later qualified for a spot on the November ballot to oppose Pombo, was endorsed this time by U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-10th) and the

California Democratic Party. Filson, on the other hand, was endorsed by the national Democratic Campaign Committee, which was seeking a viable candidate to defeat Pombo in November.

McNerney was one of three Pleasanton residents vying in Tuesday's primary. Jill Buck ran unopposed for the Republican nomination in the 18th State Assembly District, earning 9,520 votes. On the Democratic ticket, Bill McCammon, also of Pleasanton, lost a heartbreaker to Mary Hayashi, who received 17,029 votes, or 51 percent, to McCammon's 16,421, or 49 percent. Buck and Hayashi will face off in November in a district that includes Pleasanton's downtown and most neighborhoods to the north and west.

In the 15th district, former Dublin mayor and current State Assemblyman Guy Houston ran unopposed for the Republican nomination, earning 27,910, or 100 percent of the votes cast. On the Democratic Party ticket, Terry Coleman also ran unopposed, gaining all of the 26,216 cast.

There was also no contest in the 20th Assembly District, with Democratic Assemblyman Alberto Torrico winning all 22,613 of the votes cast, and Republican Ken Nishimura receiving all 9,302 votes.

Turnout was light throughout Pleasanton, with precincts often empty. Although no specific counts of the number of votes cast in Pleasanton is yet available, the turnout for all of Alameda County was just under 30 percent, slightly higher than that statewide turnout of 28 percent.

In other races, Gov. Arnold

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Making history come alive

Civil War buff gives hands-on presentation to schools

by Rebecca Guyon

Fifth grade students at Mohr Elementary School went back in time today to get real insight into the life of Civil War soldiers, thanks to Pleasanton resident Ernie Manzo. Donning a real uniform of a Union Army sharpshooter, Manzo teaches the children about the life of a Civil War soldier, acting as if he is a soldier from the past and using other authentic relics from that time period to bring history to life.

"The students act like they're visitors back on July 5, 1863, at the Battle of Gettysburg, and I walk them through the soldiers'

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Pleasanton resident Ernie Manzo (third from the left) marches into a reenacted Civil War battle wearing an authentic Union uniform. He dons this outfit and brings other Civil War artifacts during school presentations.

Courtesy Ernie Manzo

Graduation is the hottest ticket in town

Five seats not enough for some families

by Rebecca Guyon

With Amador and Foothill high schools both scheduled to hold their graduation ceremonies at the Alameda County Fairgrounds next week, students and parents are getting ready to celebrate the big day. But with growing numbers of students, getting a ticket to the event gets harder each year. Each student gets five tickets to the graduation ceremony, and some families think that's just not enough.

Jane Rosell's son is graduating from Foothill this year, and this will be the family's fifth Foothill

graduation ceremony. Rosell's other children graduated in 1991, '92, '94 and '95, and she has another child who will graduate next year in 2007. She would like to have all her son's siblings, as well as their spouses in some cases, attend the ceremony, but five tickets are not enough for that. Although the school does offer families the opportunity to ask for one extra ticket, even that one is not enough to cover Rosell's family.

"I'm just trying to get in my immediate family, but I can't get enough tickets," she said. "These are people that sit around my dining room table, people who have helped with Eagle Scout projects, been Confirmation sponsors, gone to football games, watched band

reviews, and now they can't watch graduation."

The schools impose the five ticket limit because of the Fire Marshal's regulations that stipulate the facility can hold a capacity of 3,000 people, said Foothill Principal Kevin Johnson.

"If you take a look at it, there are roughly about 500 seniors, and they all count as one even though they don't have a ticket because they take up a seat," explained Amador Vice Principal Greg Giglio. "We give each of them five tickets, and that's 2,500 seats. That's 3,000 people with just graduates and guests alone, and that doesn't include teachers, because they're involved in the procession, and it also doesn't include the choir, band

and honored guests."

"I don't know why everyone is saying it's the Fire Marshal's fault," Rosell said. "Why do we have to hold it there? Why are we still holding (graduation) at the same place it was held in '91?"

Some parents have suggested holding the graduation ceremonies at each school's individual football field instead of the Fairgrounds so the families could be allocated more tickets.

"I completely understand that they can only allow so many people, but there are other options they can think about," said Jennifer Amar, who has two students graduating from Foothill this year. "We

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Civil War

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experience, like what they eat, what they wear, and I show the flags, the different ranks and how they marched," Manzo said.

Although Manzo's day job is as an insurance adjuster, his passion is history, specifically the Civil War. Many years ago, Manzo got involved with Civil War reenactments, which is how he acquired the uniform and props used during his presentation, as well as his depth of knowledge. His specialty subject is the sharpshooters, who actually wear a green uniform rather than the blue and gray uniforms worn by other Union soldiers.

"I became interested in the sharpshooters because they use different tactics, different weaponry—they were really ahead of their time," Manzo said.

Manzo first started giving the presentations to local schools last year when his daughter was a fifth grade student at Mohr. In the fifth grade, students learn about the Civil War, so his presentation ties in with the course curriculum. He has also presented at Harvest Park Middle School and at an elementary school in Concord. He first got the idea to do these presentations at schools after participating in an all-day Civil War education event at the Gibson Ranch, located outside of Sacramento, sponsored by his reenactment club, the National Civil War Association. More than 4,000 students visited the event, stopping at different displays to learn about all aspects of the Civil War. Now that Manzo has gotten his feet wet, he hopes to make more presentations to schools in his home town.

"I would love to do a couple more schools in Pleasanton," he said. "Ideally fifth grade is the best because they aren't obsessed with being cool, and they are much more interested in wanting to learn."

With the props and the interactive lesson, Manzo believes that his work helps to get students excited about history and learning about the Civil War.

"It gets the kids out of the classroom environment, and they enjoy the pageantry about it," he said. "They have the chance to interact with things they've never seen before." ■

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Turning students into leaders

New Foothill leadership academy wraps up its first year

by Rebecca Guyon

At many schools, the leadership class is generally seen as a place where students just plan dances and make posters. But at Foothill High School, teachers and students are changing that image through the Foothill Leadership Academy, a new program implemented for the first time this past year, and the change has caught the eye of people across the state, including State Superintendent Jack O'Connell.

"We changed leadership dramatically to make it an interactive civics program," said Dan Schneider, one of the three leadership teachers. "It's hands-on at the campus, community, state and global level."

Instead of the usual class of about 40 students, leadership is now three classes with 133 students. Each class is different, focusing on the different levels of community: school, local and global.

"With a school the size of Foothill, having one class of 40 students meant there was a very low ratio of student leaders to the student body," said Scott Sears, another leadership teacher. "Now, with 150 students in leadership, that means about 5 percent of the student population can be involved."

It also means students have the chance to take action on issues that concern them. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, students in Schneider's class, which focuses on global issues, raised \$40,000 for hurricane relief through a letter campaign to the students, parents and faculty at Foothill and then got clothing store Abercrombie and Fitch to match the funds.

"That's an impressive amount for high school students to raise," Schneider said. Students in the global class also had a successful showing of "Invisible Children," a film about child soldiers in Uganda. Over the course of three nights, nearly 800 students, parents and community members attended the screening.

Adam Jennings teaches the class that focuses on the local community, where students have organized blood drives and fundraisers for the Children's Hospital in Oakland and participated in the Taylor Family Walk-a-Thon. Jennings also requires students in his class to keep up with current events.

"They read the news and talk to each other about what's going on, then transfer that into a project," he said.

Sears leads the class focused on the school community, which of all the classes is the closest to the traditional leadership class in that it is led by the elected student body officers and focuses on school spirit activities. Senior Shannon O'Malley, ASB Commissioner of Student Affairs, said she has enjoyed the changes made by the leadership academy.

"I think all the students [previously] in ASB were really nervous about the new program at first because we were so comfortable with old leadership," she said. "But it's more effective with the leadership academy because so many more students are involved."

Senior Laura Cusson joined leadership for the first time this year. She moved to Pleasanton from Iowa last year as a junior and decided to sign up for leadership because she had a lot of ideas she wanted to implement. One project she led this year was to partner leadership students with English Language Learners at the school.

"I thought this would be a way to incorporate the (EL) students in more activities at school," Cusson said. About 20-30 students from leadership meet with the EL students during their English class time. In addition to making friends, it's also a good way for the students to practice their English and improve their comprehension of the language, Cusson said. The program has been effective in making these students feel more a part of the Foothill community, and four of them have signed up to be in the leadership class next year.

To be in the leadership academy, students must apply and go through an interview process. Jennings said the main thing they look for in a student is commitment and follow-through.

"A student can come in and want to fight AIDS in Africa, but sometimes when they see the work involved, they think it's more than they want to do," Jennings said. "We're looking for students who are responsible and will follow-through on their projects."

Apparently they have found plenty of students who fit that description because 150 students are signed up for the class next year.

One of this year's biggest highlights was a visit from State Superintendent Jack O'Connell. O'Connell met with the classes in March and saw the program first hand.

"That was a huge success for us," Sears said. "He told us that what we're doing here is 'best practices' and that the program is exciting, new and pushing the envelope."

Part of what makes the program such a hit is not just that students are doing good things for their community, but that they are leading the effort and learning about project management at the same time.

"It's not just good deed doing, but life experience," Schneider said. "It's organizing events, learning interpersonal skills—hands-on education that you can't offer inside a classroom."

"The thing that's neat is the kids come up with the ideas," he added. "We're there to guide them in the right direction, but it is them saying I have an idea, and then they make it happen." ■

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Community celebration to mark July 4 holiday

Volunteers, sponsors ready for 8th annual event

by Jerri Long

Pleasanton will continue its tradition of celebrating Independence Day with a free, old-fashioned family picnic and concert in Lions Wayside Park from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4.

"Let Freedom Ring!" will be the theme this year, with the Pleasanton Family Bells performing as a bell choir along with the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.

Bell ringers from four families of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pleasanton Stake, will be chiming in with the band, which is under the direction of Bob Williams.

Adding local color to the event will be three costumed performers: Vocalist Ward Belding as Uncle Sam; Poet Laureate Emeritus Kirk Ridgeway in Colonial garb, presenting an original performance poem; and Ormond Eckley in costume as General Pleasanton, the historic figure for whom the town was named (before a clerical error changed the spelling). The husband and wife team of B. Dana and Chris Lindstrom also will sing, with Skip Marell serving as the master of ceremonies.

Audience members are being encouraged to wear red, white and blue in their outfits and to bring along their own lawn chairs or blankets. The Pleasanton Lions Club will provide free hand-held American flags to the first 400 to arrive. The Lions also will again be offering their popular bargain lunch of hot dogs and sodas or water for \$1 starting at 12:30 p.m. Free patriotic face "tattoos" for children will be offered.

This will be the eighth year that a small group of volunteers has organized the Fourth of July celebration. Founder and producer W. Ron Sutton dubbed the event "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution."

This year's focus will be on the Liberty Bell, with previous year's themes focused on the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, Constitution and Gettysburg Address.

The music at this annual event is part of the Friday night's "Concerts in the Park" series under the auspices of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, and is sponsored by Sutton's company, ACCUSPLIT of Pleasanton, the Bank of Walnut Creek, Raley's Supermarket and the Lions Club. ■

Election

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Schwarzenegger won the Republican nomination with 89.9 percent of the vote. He will face Phil Angelides in November, who received 47.9 percent of the vote to runner-up challenger Steve Westly, with 43.4 percent.


California Senator Dianne Feinstein easily won her Democratic Party's nomination for re-election with 1,772,995, or 86.9 percent of the votes cast, against two challengers, Colleen Fernald and Martin Luther Church, who received 8 percent and 5.1 percent of the votes cast, respectively.

Winning the Republican nomination for the Senate seat was Richard Mountjoy, with all 1,270,000 of the votes cast.

Both state propositions failed. Proposition 81 that would have allowed the state to sell \$600 million in bonds to provide grants to local agencies for the construction, renovation and expansion of local library facilities, failed 53 percent to 47 percent, or 2,104,230 to 1,865,583.

Proposition 82, the preschool bill that would have paid for preschooling for a year before attending kindergarten, lost by an even bigger margin. There were 2,453,578 No votes, or 60.9 percent, against 1,577,048 favorable votes, or 39.1

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Coliseum scoop
Inside the Coliseum, Bill and Pat Klein, Al and Bev Walburg and Leonard and Martha Mark read the Weekly.

percent.

Officials said Proposition 81 would not have affected Pleasanton, since it was aimed at districts where library improvement programs are already in place. The Pleasanton Library's expansion plans are not expected to be ready for another two years or more, long after the Proposition 81 money would have run out.

In the highly contested nonpartisan race for the Alameda County

Superior Court Judge seat, Dennis Hayashi won with 48,714 votes, or 30.7 percent, trailed by Sandra Bean, 21.3 percent, and Kathy Mount, 17.7 percent.

Other Alameda County races were uncontested. Those winning included Ron Thomsen, as Assessor; Patrick O'Connell, Auditor-Controller; Gregory Ahern, Sheriff; and Donald R. White, County Treasurer and Tax Collector. ■

Graduation

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have a beautiful field at Foothill, and I'm sure it's strong enough to hold folding chairs."

Johnson said one of the main reasons for holding the ceremony at the Fairgrounds is because of the tradition.

"(The Fairgrounds) is a place where you can hold a classy event, and it's something that has happened in our system for many years. It's traditional, and the kids like it there, so it works out well," Johnson said. "We've looked at holding it at different facilities, such as the football field, and actually you don't get more seating. You could get more if you sit in lawn chairs on the field, but we don't like that idea because it

doesn't give the proper tone to the event."

Other concerns are a lack of shade for the students who would be seated on the field and finding enough parking at the school sites, Giglio said.

"It's hard to change policy when it's something they've been doing years and years, but as the years go by, each class will be larger, and that means less tickets all around for the parents and families," Amar said.

Neither school has a formalized system for students who do not need all five tickets to give them back and then re-allocate them to students who need more. However, the schools do encourage students to turn back tickets they do not need, and it is not uncommon for families to share tickets or ask around for more, Giglio said. Last year, the schools tried a new program where they had people with

out tickets wait at the entrance and then right before the ceremony, they let in people to fill extra space. The schools will do it again this year.

Giglio is also looking into getting a closed-circuit broadcast set up at a different facility so people who do not have tickets can still watch the graduation, but it is up in the air whether it will be ready for this year's ceremony.

For the time being, the five ticket limit stands and families will have to work around it. Amar said her family is hosting a barbecue after the graduation so everyone can celebrate, even if they were unable to attend the actual ceremony. Rosell is still unsure of what she's going to do, but one thing for sure is that her daughter and son-in-law traveling from the East Coast for the graduation will definitely get tickets. ■



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Opinion

Editorial

Apply the brakes to cost overruns

Along with reporting on rising interest rates and soaring energy costs, we weren't surprised Tuesday when the Pleasanton City Council took a hard look at how costs are increasing for its multi-million-dollar list of capital improvement projects that are among its priorities. These include a new firehouse art center and performing arts theater downtown, sports fields and eventual buildout of the 318-acre Bernal public parklands, restoration and expansion of the Alviso Adobe historic area on Foothill Road, and renovation of the aging Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. Public hearings have been held on each of these projects, and advocates have every reason to believe they'll be built, with most of the money to come from City Hall. They could be wrong, and Tuesday's discussion of both future funding capabilities and expectations showed how.

A few weeks ago the council put the brakes—sort of—on the \$1.4-million Kottinger Creek restoration and improvement project, paring it back by \$300,000. That disappointed the Friends of Kottinger Creek who had lobbied hard for the full measure, and annoyed even more who recalled that project started as a \$60,000 maintenance effort and mushroomed over countless public hearings as wide bridges and a new irrigation system were added.

Last Tuesday, the council balked again when bids for two other projects it long ago approved showed cost estimates were off by double-digit margins. A joint venture with the school district to split the cost on rebuilding nine athletic fields at Donlon Elementary School, which public sports teams could use after school hours, moved from a \$1 million estimate to \$1,326,077, based on the lowest contractor's bid. Both the school board and the council begrudgingly upped their \$500,000 caps by another \$150,000 to cover the real cost, satisfied that staffs in both agencies would trim back the excess to a maximum of \$1.3 million. City Councilman Matt Sullivan, arguing that a majority of the council had rejected his insistence that Kottinger Creek be fully funded, voted against adding more money for the Donlon fields.

Next came a whopping bid of \$432,065 to build public restrooms on Angela Street in Delucchi Park, a long-sought goal of the Downtown Specific Plan and of downtown merchants who are tired of parade watchers and First Wednesday crowds using their store restrooms. The problem: the lower of only two contractors' bids on the project was more than \$140,000 over the estimated cost of the restrooms when they were first proposed to the council last year. With costs for this kind of construction rising and little interest among builders, the council approved spending \$410,600 to get the work started so the facilities will be ready next year.

Alarmed by seeing construction bids coming in that are consistently over estimates, sometimes by as much as 27 percent, both the council and City Manager Nelson Fialho agreed Tuesday to search for solutions. Cutting the time from a project's initial acceptance by the council to the time the job is bid would reduce the increases caused by inflation. What's also needed are better controls over add-ons that come from every new meeting with committees, commissions and the council that move the design and the costs up well beyond what officials ever conceived in approving the project. Certainly no one thought that the project of establishing a maintenance manual for Kottinger Creek would lead to a new irrigation system, wide bridges, or excavation work to make the creek meander as it once did. The basic restrooms once planned for downtown will now have a third "family" restroom, electrically operated toilet flush valves and water faucets, and graffiti-proof exteriors, all nice additions if we can afford it. But we should know the costs early on before they get out of hand and before dashing the public's expectations when the brakes are put on. ■

Letters

What about adopted children?

Dear Editor,

I am the director of an adoption agency in Walnut Creek, and I live in Pleasanton. I want to make a comment about the "Just Like Mom" contest which appears around Mother's Day each year (Cover story, "Just Like Mom," May 12, 2006). It is a cute contest and I don't want to be negative, but for the thousands of families in the area who have children through adoption or other means, this type of contest will always exclude those families. Many of our families who have adopted children from China, Russia, Guatemala, Ethiopia and other countries have children that may look quite different than their parents, as do many biological children!

I know this contest is all about fun, and I don't mean to be too serious, but I am hoping you can change the format next year and have the "Just Like Mom" contest include many other wonderful characteristics and hobbies that children share with their mothers, and not just focus on physical features.

Debbie Parelskin, MSW

Director of Social Services, Partners for Adoption

Editor's Note: This was the first year the Pleasanton Weekly has held a Mother-Daughter Look-Alike contest.

No parcel tax

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton is a great city with outstanding citizens, leaders, teachers, etc. We all pay our fair share of property, state, federal and sales taxes to fund the infrastructure and services that make Pleasanton a great place to live.

Problems arise when leaders levy taxes to mask mistakes or to avoid making tough decisions regarding cost containment and resource allocation. Governments, like citizens, should live within their budgets.

Before an informed decision on a new parcel tax can be made, the board of trustees should provide information on how previous dollars have been managed and spent. Questions that deserve a board response include:

- To date, how much money from the District's budget has been used to pursue the Neal School lawsuit? I believe John Casey has said the figure is \$100,000 plus.

- Who was responsible for negotiating and approving the contract to build Neal School that resulted in a \$6 million plus dispute? Have the processes that failed to prevent this problem been reviewed?

- Given that the Judge in the Neal School dispute has invalidated the contract, is the \$1 million of free interest financing gone?

- How will budget surpluses be spent? Can proposals in the Excellence Committee Report be funded from surpluses?

- If Neal School is canceled, can its annual \$600,000 of "set aside" operating dollars be used to fund committee initiatives?

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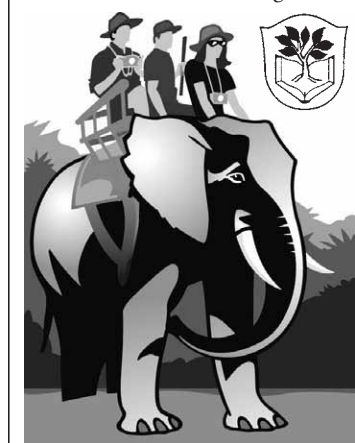
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“ARE YOU READY?”

Could your business survive a disaster?

Local Emergency Action Program (LEAP) offers help

by Jerri Long

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into a conference room recently at Oracle Corporation’s Pleasanton branch in Hacienda Business Park. The message loomed large on two projection screens, and answering that question occupied the next couple of hours as participants learned about steps they could take for emergency preparedness.

The free seminar was the second one offered by the city of Pleasanton as part of the Local Emergency Action Program (LEAP), a new partnership between the city, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Those who live or work in Pleasanton may not need to wonder if an emergency will occur, but rather when and what kind. Because this community is built on or near known earthquake fault lines, quakes are inevitable, although not necessarily catastrophic. The list of emergencies that could disrupt a business includes water damage, power outages, toxic spills, fire, robbery, riots, bomb threats, acts of terrorism and even the threat of a pandemic.

“Whether the disaster is natural, as in an earthquake, or man-made or man-perpetrated, we’re going to be cut off for several hours or possibly days,” Mayor Jennifer Hosterman told the group.

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- **PAP-93, Dennis and Barbara Georgatos, Appellants**
(PADR-1472, Stan and Stacey Knight)

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an application for administrative design review to construct: (1) an approximately 180-square-foot covered patio; (2) an approximately 292-square-foot first-floor addition on the rear; and (3) an approximately 1,251-square-foot second-story addition over part of the center and side portions of the existing residence located at 779 Mirador Court.

- **PADR-1338/PV-131, Dustin Boyce**

Application for: (1) administrative design review approval to demolish approximately 470 square feet of the existing home and to construct an approximately 2,222-square-foot two-story addition, an approximately 833-square-foot non-habitable basement, and an approximately 950-square-foot detached garage; and (2) variances from the Municipal Code to: (a) increase the floor area ratio (FAR) from 40 percent to 45 percent; (b) reduce the right (south) side yard setback from 5 feet to the existing 3.85 feet; and (c) increase the height of the garage from 15 feet to 20.5 feet at the property located at 4546 Second Street.

- **PUD-51, Generations Healthcare, Inc.**

Application for PUD rezoning of a 0.49-acre open area from P (Public and Institutional) District to PUD-MDR (Planned Unit Development - Medium Density Residential) District and for development plan approval for a two-lot single-family residential project to be located in the front of the existing convalescent facility located at 300 Neal Street.

Housing Commission

Thursday, June 15, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- Workshop to Discuss Proposed Changes to the City's Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
- Approval of Contract with Barcelon Associates for Property Management Services at Ridge View Commons and Kottinger Place
- Approval of Vice Chairperson for 2006

Youth Commission

- The Youth Commission held their regular monthly meeting on June 8. The Youth Commission does not meet during the months of July and August. The next scheduled meeting is September 13.

Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee

- The June 12 YMPIC meeting has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 10.

Upcoming Meeting Information

- The City Council will meet again on Tuesday, June 20.
- The July 4 and August 1 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
- The Library Commission will meet on June 22.
- The Trails Ad-Hoc Committee will meet on June 26.

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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

Raley's hit twice by the same suspects

The senior loss prevention officer of the Raley's store on Sunol Blvd. reported that a theft of \$1,200 worth of infant formula and diapers occurred on May 23. A report was not filed when the same two suspects took items from the store a few months back, police said.

The only piece not hidden

A homeowner in the 2400 block of Via De Los Milagros suffered the loss of a Rolex watch valued at \$6,000 while he was away on a month-long vacation, police said. The home is for sale, and several realtors brought potential buyers through. The

victim reported that he had other pieces of jewelry and cash hidden throughout the house that were not taken. The watch, tucked in a desk drawer, was the only item stolen, according to police. The victim surmised that the watch was taken because it was easy to access.

Display of girls clothing taken from the Mall

Fifty-five articles of girls clothing, valued at \$1,695, were grabbed from a table near the entrance of the Pacific Sunwear store at the Stoneridge Mall on May 25. No one was reported "on the floor" at the time of the theft, and the store is not equipped with surveillance cameras, police said.

Police Report

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

May 29

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 1
- Found property: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Public drunkenness:
 - 3:40 a.m. in the 300 block of Rose Avenue
- Attempted rape:
 - 3:11 a.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

May 30

- Theft: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 2
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 11:15 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- Assault:
 - 7:56 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue
- Child abuse:
 - 9:49 p.m. in the 3800 block of Pinot Court

May 31

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 4
- Found property: 1

- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Indecent exposure:
 - 9:49 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive
 - 2:57 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 1

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 4
- Burglary: 2
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 1
- Annoying phone call: 1
- Public drunkenness:
 - 2:30 a.m. at the intersection of Pleasanton and Bernal avenues

June 2

- Theft: 9
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Possession of controlled substance:
 - 6:09 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive
- Assault:
 - 8:58 a.m. in the 1000 block of Santa Rita Road

June 3

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 1
- Public drunkenness: 1

- 2:58 a.m. at the intersection of Ray and Main streets
- 2:11 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 9:19 p.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive
- Possession of open container in vehicle:
 - 2:49 a.m. at the intersection of Spring and Main streets
- Animal bite:
 - 9:27 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Assault:
 - 2:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 3:47 p.m. in the 3000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 4

- Theft: 1
- Disturbing the peace:
 - 5:09 p.m. in the 1200 block of Donahue Court

ACCIDENTS**May 31**

- 3:16 p.m. - Injury accident in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

June 2


- 10:57 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Alameda Drive and Brooktree Way

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Transitions

Obituaries

Bill Cater

Bill Cater, a Pleasanton resident for 50 years, died May 20.

He was born in Warren, Ark., on October 18, 1929. He was a paint contractor in Pleasanton and owner of Pleasanton Painting and Decorating. He was well known for his ability in the use of color in painting and decorating.



He was one of the founders of the First Baptist Church of Pleasanton. He helped build the original church still located on First Street. He was a Christian and life-long student and believer of the Bible. He became a reverend in his retirement years and was fondly known as "Rev. Cater." His ministry visited people in nursing homes in the area, and he made a point of spending time with people that didn't have any visitors or who didn't have a spiritual resource.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Marnette Cater, and his son, Terry Cater, both of Pleasanton; daughters Nancy Giordanengo and her husband Guy of Windsor and Sherry Cater; three brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Graveside services were held at Memory Gardens Odd Fellows Memorial Park in Livermore. The family suggests visiting a lonely person in his memory. Donations may be made in his memory to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 100, Dublin 94568.

Martha Becerra

Martha Becerra of San Ramon passed away on May 28.

She had a quiet spirit and loved spending time with her family. She relished the outdoors and was an avid walker who cherished her time with her friends walking the hills and neighborhoods of Pleasanton.

She is survived by her children Alma Hanson and her husband Richard, Martha Wirfel, Eugene Becerra and his wife Carole, Robert Becerra and his wife Sandra, and Lucia Becerra; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her husband of 51 years, Eugenio, preceded her in death.

Services were held and St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Interment was at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Births

The following birth information was provided by ValleyCare Health System.

May 4

Victoria and Ted Sien, a boy

May 5

Subarna Lahiri and San Jeekummar De, a boy

May 6

Mimi and Darian Edwards, a boy

May 8

Belle and Jim Musfeldt, a boy

May 9

Ruth and Marcus Catlett, a boy

May 11

Katrina and David Spohr, a girl

May 17

Alicia Flores and Anoosh Safdari, a boy

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Notice of Vacancies on Trails Ad Hoc Committee

The Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking four (4) volunteers to serve as members of the Trails Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee advises the Commission on trails and trail-related issues, and generally meets on the fourth Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue (adjacent to the City Council Chamber).

Three positions will be vacant due to term expirations, and the fourth position is new. Appointments are three-year terms (September 2006 to August 2009). The Commission is seeking the following:

- 1 Person to represent regional trails interests
- 2 Persons to represent the community-at-large
- 1 Person to serve as an alternate committee member.

For additional information about Committee's purpose, or to see its list of 2006 priority projects, visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/government/representatives/city-commissions.html#tah

If you are interested in serving, please complete an "Application to Serve on a Commission, Committee or Board" which can be obtained by visiting the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or by visiting our website at the address indicated above.

Please indicate the position for which you are applying (regional trails, community-at-large, alternate) on the application and submit to the City of Pleasanton, City Clerk's Office 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, June 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Interviews, if required, will be scheduled after all applications have been reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or you need additional assistance, please contact Fan Ventura, Management Analyst at (925) 931-5348 or by email at fventura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Calendar

Book Clubs

Great Books of Pleasanton

This book club meets at 7:30 p.m., the fourth Monday of each month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie Skinner at 846-1658. The June 26 meeting will discuss the writings of Aristotle "On Tragedy." The July 24 meeting will discuss Plato's "Republic."

Livermore Book Club

The Livermore Book Club meets 7-9 p.m. every fourth Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

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 20.

Housing Commission

The commission meets 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is June 15.

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 20.

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.

Clubs

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 Debra, 454-1971.

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.

Events

Art in the Parks

The Dublin Fine Arts Foundation presents "Art in the Parks," until Fri., June 16. Its goal is to bring art to where people live and to create a sense of identity and ownership of the individual neighborhood parks for Dublin families. Call Lynne, (415) 931-1592 or e-mail lbaer@earthlink.net.

Chic in the City

The Tri-Valley Women's Connection presents a brunch time event featuring "Chic in the City," where runway models show off purses from 9-11 a.m., Thurs., June 15 at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Cost is \$17. Reservations and cancellations requested by June 12. Call Jan, 462-

Faire Affair for Children

The Mulberry Branch of the Children's Hospital in Oakland is hosting the Faire Affaire from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thurs., June 22, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. The exclusive adult event is held in The Court of Four Seasons the evening before the doors open for the Alameda County Fair. Prepaid tickets are \$45 or \$50 at the door. Call Lois, 734-5273.

German Sommerfest

Livermore Cultural Arts is sponsoring a German Sommerfest 5 p.m., Sat., June 24, at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Enjoy German music, dinner and dancing. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children and \$25 for a family of two or more children. Call Susan, 443-4909.

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.

Spirit Run

The Rotary Club is hosting the 13th annual Spirit Run on Sunday morning, June 18, in downtown Pleasanton. Call (209) 795-7832 or visit www.ourmarkevents.com to register.

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.springstoneschool.org.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation

Have breakfast with the U.S. Auxiliary Aviation Squadron 11N from 9-11 a.m., Sat., June 10, at the Livermore Airport. Speakers will be Ellen Tauscher and Richard Pombo. Call Ron, (510) 581-8728.

Yard/Boutique Sale

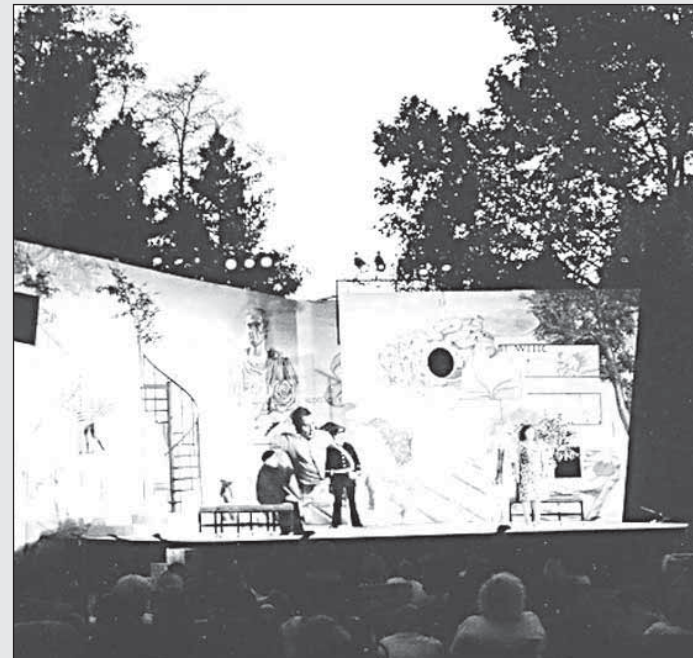
New and gently used furniture, glassware, toys, clothing, books, art, household items and more will be sold from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., June 10, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. All proceeds will help homeless animals through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

Exhibits

Charlotte Severin

Artist and member of the Pleasanton Art League, Charlotte Severin, will

Weekend Preview



Free Shakespeare

Civic Arts is hosting the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's production of "The Tempest," opening Saturday, June 24, at Pleasanton Middle School, its temporary home during the Amador Valley Community Park renovations where it has been held in years past. Admission to the show is free. The show runs until July 9 with performances Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Call 931-5340 for more information.

display her paintings until July 31 at Jim's Country Style Restaurant, 5400 Sunol Blvd.

Heidi Mann

Artist and member of the Pleasanton Art League, Heidi Mann, will display her oil paintings through Thurs., Aug. 31 at Washington Mutual Bank, 561 Main St.

Walk on the Wild Side

Artwork by Kathleen Hill will be on display from Sat., June 10 through June 24 at Alexander's Main Street Gallery, 610 Main St. Artist reception will be held from 4-7 p.m., Sat., June 10. Call Rosalinda, 846-6015.

"Summer Cinema Series" with "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial" and "Dee Wallace In-Person" 7:40 p.m., Tues., June 20 at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children. Call 362-9734.

Fundraisers

Super Yard Sale

Donate new or gently used household items to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., June 10 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Call Shelly, 980-6365 or 846-2512.

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Breast Cancer

Healthtalk.com and Sisters Network Inc. will present a free breast cancer education forum at 6:30 p.m., Thurs., June 15 at Westin St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell St., San Francisco. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. Call (800) 234-6080 or visit www.healthtalk.com/SF to register.

Disease Meets In Vitro Fertilization

Dr. Arnold Jacobson presents "Jewish Medical Diseases Meets In Vitro Fertilization: Ethical and Medical Consequences" at a potluck dinner at 7 p.m., Fri., June 16 in Alamo. Call 485-1049 or e-mail CulturalJews@aol.com to RSVP.

Exercise Class

The Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services offers a month-to-month 50 Fitness Plus class for seniors in the morning and Exercitement Fitness class for those ages 13 and over in the evening at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost varies from \$3 to \$4.50 per class. Registration required. Call 931-5365 for 50 Fitness Plus and 931-5340 for Exercitement Fitness.

Holiday

Father's Day Barbeque

Join Tesla Vintners from noon-3 p.m., Sun., June 18 for a Father's Day Barbeque at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Call 606-9463.

Father's Day Brunch

Celebrate Father's Day from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sun., June 18 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Reservations recommended. Call 846-8106.

Kids & Teens

Kid Power

Students entering grades 6-9 are encouraged to volunteer for the Pleasanton Library's Kid Power program, 400 Old Bernal Ave. All volunteers must attend one group orientation held between Fri., June 9 and Fri., June 23. Call Sandy, 931-3412.

Magic Mike's Funhouse

Magician Michael Stroud brings Magic Mike's Funhouse to the Pleasanton Library at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thurs., June 22 at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free tickets to each show will be distributed 30 minutes prior to start time at the Children's Desk. Call 931-3412.

Painting Workshop

The Pleasanton Art League will be sponsoring a Painting Workshop for children ages 9 and older from 2-4 p.m., Tues., June 11 and Wed., June 12 at the Cultural Arts Center, 4455 Black Ave. Cost is \$30 per session and includes all materials. Call Madelynn, 462-7964.

Pure Girls Party

Pure Girls will host two parties from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 5-9 and from 6-8 p.m. for ages 10 and older on Sat., June 17 at Pure Girls, 660 Main St. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Pizza, cookies, juice and supervision provided. Call 485-4380.

Safari Summer Camp

Safari Summer Camp, for children from preschool through grade 5, runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon-Fri, June 12-Aug. 18 at Carden West School, 4576 Willow Rd. Fees range from \$150 to \$280. Call 463-6060.

Smart Girls Rock Promotion

Beginning Sat., June 17, the first 50 girls to come into Pure Girls, 660 Main St., with their report card showing a 3.0 GPA or higher in reading and math will receive a \$10 gift card and 10 percent off all Pure Girls purchases through August.

Sports Camp

Applications for Sports Camp, held from 4-7 p.m., Mon., June 19 through Fri., June 23 for children grades 1-5 is now being accepted. Pick up a brochure and application at Valley

Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Choose from basketball, cheer-leading or soccer. Call 846-6622.

Summer Space Odyssey

Pick up a Space Odyssey logbook and join the new summer reading program from Sat., June 17 through Sat., August 5 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Sandy, 931-3412.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Boys and girls age 10-19 are eligible to apply for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp in Thousand Oaks, Calif. College basketball scholarships available for players selected to the All-American team. Call (704) 373-0873 for a free brochure.

Visit an Endangered Bird

Children 8 years old and up are invited to take a bus to the nesting site of an endangered bird at 11 a.m., noon or 1 p.m., Sun., June 18. The bus will depart from Crab Cove in Alameda. Cost is \$3. A free 30 minute slideshow will be offered prior to the trip. Call (510) 636-1684 or visit www.ebpc.org.

Lectures/Workshops

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.

Writing Your Healing Story

Linda Joy Myers, Ph.D. will combine her background in art, clinical work and writing to offer a unique memoir-as-healing workshop 2 p.m., Sun., June 11 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Miscellaneous

Mystery Dinner Theater Show

The Pleasanton Hotel presents "Weddings are Murder," on Fri., June 16 at 855 Main St. Cost is \$60 and includes a show, 3-course dinner, gratuity and tax. Call 846-8106 to RSVP.

Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen provides hot meals to the underprivileged from 4:30-6 p.m. every Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., noon-6 p.m.; every Tuesday and Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore; and 4-6 p.m. every Thursday at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 460 N. Livermore St., Livermore. Call Carol, 580-1616.

Patio Barbeque & Blues

Enjoy food cooked on an outdoor barbeque and a full bar while listening to blues music from 5:30-9:30 p.m. every Thurs. at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Admission is free. Call 846-8106.

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

Summer Celebration Show

Uptown Singers presents the best of Opera to Broadway and Caberet 6 p.m., Sun., June 11 at Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Cost is \$60, dinner and show included. Reservations required. Call 846-8106.

Seniors

Personal Computers Group

Meets 10 a.m.-noon the fourth Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365 or e-mail please-nior@yahoo.com.

Senior Dinner

Open Heart Kitchen provides seniors 60 years and older with an evening meal from 4-6 p.m., Mon-Fri. at Ridgeview Commons, 4200 Case Ave. Suggested donation is \$3. Call 484-5131 for reservations.

Senior Lunch

Spectrum Community Services provides seniors 60 years and older with a noon meal at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Suggested donation is \$3.25. Call 931-5385 for reservations.

V.I.P. Senior Club

Meets from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays monthly at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5385.

Woodshop Program

The woodshop program is open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Drop-in fees are \$1.75 for residents and \$2.75 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 for additional drop-in hours.

Spiritual

Community Bible Study

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Men's Support Group

Anthropos Counseling Center provides support for men to improve personal growth and change and become aware of emotional habits and attitude. Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Friday, 326 S. L St., Livermore. Call 449-7925.

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Pleasanton Senior Grief Group
Not limited to seniors, this group is open to all grief issues. It meets from 10-11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5366.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Men with prostate cancer and their families are welcome to Man to Man, a support group that meets from 7:30-9 p.m., on the second Tuesday monthly in the West Day Room in the south building at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Call 933-0107.

Prostate Cancer Survivors

Tri-Valley Us Too, a support group for prostate cancer survivors, invites husbands and wives to its meetings held at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Kaiser offices, 7601 Stoneridge Drive. Men are also invited to meetings held at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the same location. Call 846-7460.

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Six Sigma Lean Enterprise Practitioners
Members of this group should have Six-Sigma, Lean or Project Management experience to discuss real world challenges. The group meets at 7 p.m., premeeting is at 6:30 p.m., every fourth Wednesday of the month, Winecentives, 6040 Dougherty Road, Dublin. Call 485-1699 or visit fredlafontaine@yahoo.com.

Stroke Support Group
ValleyCare Health System is holding a Stroke Support Group the last Thurs. of every month from 5-6:30 p.m at ValleyCare Medical Center in the Cafeteria. This is free and open to the public. Call 447-7000 ext. 5247.

Survival to Recovery
The focus of these meetings is for persons who grew up in an alcoholic home or who were affected by the drinking of one or both parents. The group, a part of Al-Anon, meets 2-3:30 p.m. Sundays at the St. Philips Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona Dr., Room 10-A., Dublin. Call 277-7661.

Temporary Restraining Order Clinic
This clinic is for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and meets 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays at 4471 Stoneridge Dr., Suite A and 2-4 p.m., Thursdays at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Call Michael, 449-5845, ext. 110.

Tri-Valley ADHD Adult Support Group
This group meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Call Pattie, 548-4247.

Vision Support Group
This is for individuals and their loved ones who have any kind of vision impairment and meet from 10-11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Jill, 931-5369.

TV30

City Council Meeting
The Pleasanton City Council meeting from Tues., June 6 will air at 6 p.m., Sat., June 10 and at 10 a.m., Sun., June 11 on channel 29.

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Tri-Valley Sports Final
Recap the week's local sports action at 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sat., June 10 and Sun., June 11 on channel 30.

Volunteering

Alameda County Community Food Bank

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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.

Community Service for Teens

Open Heart Kitchen's Ridgeway Commons Senior Meal Program needs 10-12 teens (at least 16 years of age) from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Job includes serving seniors from the buffet line, helping seniors get to their tables, bussing tables, cleaning, etc. Adults also welcome to apply. Call 580-1619.

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Valley Humane Society, 273 Spring St., is urgently seeking temporary homes for rescued kittens, puppies, cats and dogs. Food and medical expenses are provided. Also needed are Adoption Volunteer Coordinators

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Help Brighten a Senior's Day
Help create a welcoming dining atmosphere for low-income seniors. If you are interested in providing seasonal table centerpieces for 15 tables, call Dianne, 580-1619 or Carol, 580-1616.

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.

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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.

Shepard's Gate
Volunteer at Shepard's Gate Shelter, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore or their thrift stores, 7381 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, and 1362 Railroad Ave., Livermore any time Mon-Fri. Call Lyn, 443-4283, ext. 217.

The American Cancer Discovery Shop
The American Cancer Discovery Shop needs volunteers any time from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri.-Sat., or from noon-5 p.m., Sun. Call 462-7374.

ValleyCare Auxiliary
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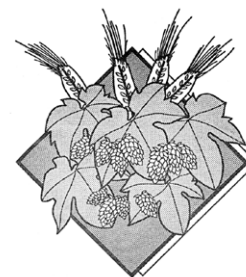
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