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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Sunday's Spirit Run offers family fun, scholarships

I hope you'll join me and hundreds more at the downtown Rotary Club's annual Spirit Run this Sunday, and really for three reasons:

- It's an exhilarating, fun-filled family activity, and a healthy way to start off Father's Day.
- Proceeds from corporate and individual sponsors will benefit Pleasanton high school graduates.
- It's a chance to test your skills, either running in the 10K or 5K events or (like me) taking a three-mile walk through the Fairgrounds and along the Arroyo del Valle.

There's even a Kids' Challenge fun run for 7-year-olds and younger, although don't discount these youngsters when it comes to running and endurance. Last year, Duncan McCarthy, who was 5 years old at the time, finished 42nd in the 5K run, completing the course in just 37 minutes.

As Duncan showed, this Pleasanton showcase event really is for the family, with his sibling, parents and grandparents all participating. There were eight racers last year in the 70-79 age category, where Chuck Holmes, 78, ran the 5K in 54 minutes. The oldest woman runner was 74.

According to the Spirit Run's Chairman Mike Hosterman, the top runners last year clocked in at about 45 minutes in the 10K. The best time in the 5K was 16 minutes for men, 19 for women. The Spirit Run has been prominently promoted in the pages of Runners Magazine now that Rotary certifies the runners and their qualifying times.

This year, the Downtown Rotary (officially the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, one of three in the city) has distributed \$21,272 in scholarships to 17 of this week's graduates at Foothill, Amador Valley, Village and Horizon high schools. This is the highest amount in scholarships ever, and with Sunday's event expecting a record-high registration of over 1,200, Hosterman believes the club is on target to raise \$15,000 more than the previous record.

Sponsorships, including \$15,000

being contributed by Fremont Bank, help provide the funds for the scholarship program. A committee headed by Steven Nerad, a Pleasanton dentist, and including Janet Yarbrough, Frank Guthrie, Daisy Ng and Troy Carmichael, interviews applicants each spring and makes the awards based on financial needs, community service, academic achievement and character. This is the first year that Rotary gave out two-year scholarships, with equal amounts being dispersed each year. Nerad's long-term goal is to provide several four-year scholarships so that winners can count on this financial help throughout their undergraduate college years.

The Spirit Run had its beginnings during the city's 1994 Centennial celebration when Joanie and Jim Fields, with the help of Brad Hirst and others, started the Arroyo Creek Trails (ACT I) community race. More than 1,100 runners joined in, although that number fell to 800 the following year, when it was ACT II. Downtown Rotary took over the third year, providing the manpower needed to both promote and handle what its members saw as a spirited event, which also gave it its name. This year Rotarians will have water and other treats available at stations along the way. One club member will be high on the Altamont Pass to call in a warning if a Union Pacific train is approaching so that the top runners can be alerted to speed it up. Last year, a train blocked the route at Santa Rita Road, canceling out several top times at the finish line under the Pleasanton Arch on Main Street.

Check-in and race day registrations will open at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at a cost of \$30 for adults and high school students, \$20 for kindergarten students through eighth grade, and \$10 for the Kids' Challenge. Families of four or more are \$18 each. Pre-registrations are available for \$5 less through On Your Mark Race Management at 209-795-7832 or its Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com. ■



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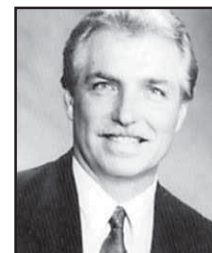
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Students from Amador Valley High School get to show off their graduation robes for the first time at the school's baccalaureate ceremony held last Sunday. Today is the actual big day, with both Amador and Foothill High School holding graduation ceremonies at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. With their high school careers coming to a close, graduates in the district discuss where they're going in the future. Cover photo by Lauren Wallace.

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Streetwise

Q: Have you done what you thought you would do when you graduated from high school?

Asked Downtown



Heidi Massie

Communications consultant

Yes, I have done many of the things I planned on after high school, just not in the time frame I had imagined. I went to college, got married and had kids. Things have worked out really well.

Maria Bonitz

Supervisor

To some extent I did what I wanted: Went to college, got married, had a family. I guess the only thing I wish I had done differently is travel the world more. There is always time for that in the future.



Eric Carter

Air Traffic Controller

I always knew I'd be in an aviation-related field. I live in the kind of community I always knew I would live in. Life continually evolves; it will be interesting to see what the next years bring.



Jan Proud

NICU nurse

Definitely. I had a goal to become a nurse and have been happily working in that field ever since. In retrospect, I would alter the plan by having a bit more fun, I was very determined and busy.



Marco Headrick

Auto mechanic

Yes, I've done exactly what I wanted. In high school, I had no direction. Then I took auto shop. I failed all my other classes but really got into auto shop, so I signed up for three more classes. After graduating, I went on to college in Alameda, and now I have a great career.



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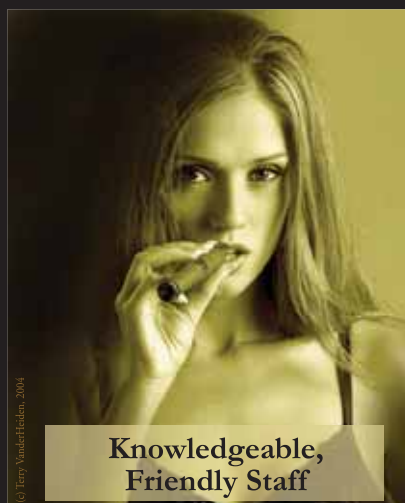
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News Digest

Watch the grads today

The Pleasanton Unified School District will be airing the graduation ceremonies for Foothill and Amador Valley high schools through a closed-circuit "simulcast" as the ceremonies happen today at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, on the large video screen in the Exhibition Hall venue at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. No school-issued tickets will be required for seating in the hall, which can accommodate 500 additional guests. Seating is available on a first-come basis.

Garden Tour raises \$15,000

The "Hidden Gardens of the Valley" garden tour, organized by Realtor Charli Hyden, raised more than \$15,000 for the Valley Humane Society. All the money will go toward building VHS's new facility located in Stanley Business Park in Pleasanton. The nonprofit is planning a 5,000 square foot building designed specifically for the health and fair treatment of animals. E-mail Hyden at charli@charlihyden.com for more information on how to help this project.

Exchange students

Cultural Homestay International, a nonprofit, educational group, is looking for families in the Bay Area to host students from many different countries, including Taiwan, Switzerland, Korea, Spain, Yugoslavia, Ecuador, Colombia, Estonia and Germany, to name a few. Students are looking to become part of an American family while they attend high school for either a semester or a year starting in August. Interested families should call Suzanne Autry at (800) 521-1278.

Block party sign-ups

The Pleasanton Police Department is currently registering neighborhoods that want to take part in the annual National Night Out block party. This year's party is Tuesday, August 1. Participating neighborhoods hold a variety of activities that night, and Pleasanton police officers stop in at each event. Call Officer Penelope Tamm at 931-5233 or e-mail her at ptamm@ci.pleasanton.ca.us for a registration packet.

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

Bypass road study under way in Happy Valley

Residents want road, not development that could fund it

by Jeb Bing

A new Blue Ribbon committee began wrestling with its assignment to find a bypass road to the Callippe Preserve Golf Course that would take traffic off Alisal Street, an effort that has been made for the last 10 years without success.

The new group, composed of residents from unincorporated

Happy Valley and other parts of the city, golfers and those appointed by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, reviewed historical documents dating back to the 1990s.

These included plans by Summerhill Homes to build custom homes high in the hills overlooking Alisal Street on property owned by Al Spotorno and his family. As part of the development, Summerhill

agreed to build a bypass road that would connect with what is now Sycamore Creek Road and the golf course road at an estimated cost of \$5 million.

That plan was rejected by the City Council after a geotechnical study showed the land where the roadway would be constructed was unstable. Council members also said the proposed housing devel-

opment would be an eyesore that could be seen from downtown.

In her report to the new committee, the city's Administrative Services Director Lorie Tinfow indicated that most city officials believed the specific plan that called for the hillside road was no longer in force, because of the geological findings. But longtime residents of Happy Valley disputed that and said both the plan and the roadway are called for still and rule the land uses in that community.

Much of the meeting was devoted to reports by city Traffic Engineer Michael Tassano and Patrick Costanzo Jr. of Greenbriar Homes.

Tassano confirmed suspicions of residents along Alisal Street that drivers are traveling well above the post 25 mph limit, with 85 percent of them traveling at an average speed of 40 mph. Traffic volumes

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Diaz named city clerk

Developed "streaming video" system for Brentwood

Karen Diaz, who has more than 20 years of municipal government experience, was named City Clerk of Pleasanton this week by City Manager Nelson Fialho. Diaz will complete her work as City Clerk of Union City on June 23 and start her new job in Pleasanton on Monday, June 26.

Diaz, whose husband Fred is the City Manager of Fremont, has held city clerk positions in Brentwood and Escalon and was also city clerk in Indio, where the job is an elected position. In Brentwood, which has no community television system to broadcast municipal meetings, Diaz set up a Web-based streaming video system where residents could tune in to City Council and other public meetings on their computers.

Although TV30 community television broadcasts the City Council meetings here on Channel 29, along with some workshop meetings, Diaz's system could be used to make more documents, agendas and minutes available on the Internet from a variety of other Pleasanton public meetings.

Diaz succeeds Dawn Abrahamson, who left her City Clerk's post earlier this year to take the same job in Fremont.

Diaz has served as Treasurer and chairwoman of the Northern California City Clerk's Association. She and her husband and their daughter, Alana, 8, live in Fremont. ■



Rebecca Guyon

Alex Keir, 10, survived bouts of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) and Ewing's Sarcoma and now is raising money for cancer research through the Relay For Life.

10-year-old cancer survivor raises money for research

Alex Keir beat cancer twice and is now giving back

by Rebecca Guyon

As medicine and technology improve, there are, fortunately, more and more people who can say they survived cancer. But Pleasanton resident Alex Keir, 10, is one of the few people who can say she survived cancer twice. Keir, a fourth grade student at Donlon Elementary School, was first diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) and, after surviving that battle, she was later diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma. Now, a year and a half after conquering her second battle with cancer, Keir is taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay

for Life, happening in Livermore June 24-25 at the Livermore High School track and field, to raise money for cancer research.

"I know what it's like to go through having cancer, and I know it can be even worse for people with some other kinds of cancers, so I wanted to do the Relay for Life since it is something I can do to help," Keir said.

Keir was 2 years old, almost 3, when she was diagnosed with ALL. Her family, originally from Scotland, had just moved to Pleasanton after her father was transferred for work. It was shortly after arriving in Pleasanton that Keir became extremely fatigued,

but at the time her parents chalked it up to her adjusting to a new country. As the symptoms progressed, they decided to take her to the doctor and it was then, after a series of tests, that she was diagnosed with ALL.

The news came on November 5, a date easy for her parents to remember because it is Guy Fox Day in the United Kingdom, but one Keir only thinks of now as her best friend Hannah's birthday. Being only 3 at the time, Keir has no memory of her first occurrence of cancer or the two and a half years of chemotherapy and

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Supporting our troops

Foothill high School senior Nick Christian (kneeling in front row, holding flag) graduates today after organizing a march through downtown Pleasanton that raised more than \$5,000 to help the Pleasanton Military Families organization. About 50 joined in the march, which started on the Foothill campus and gained additional marchers as the group wound through residential and downtown streets, ending at the Pleasanton Public Library, where this photo was taken.

Christian, 17, has been accepted as a freshman at The Citadel, a military academy in South Carolina, where he hopes to graduate as a Second Lieutenant in four years and then serve in the Army's Special Forces.

Founder of the Support the Troops Club at Foothill, Christian wears the dog tags that belonged to his grandfather when he fought in World War II. Other relatives served in Korea and Vietnam.

"Our country is engaged in a war again, and it's up to us here at home to support those troops as much as we can," Christian said.

Survivor

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radiation treatments that followed.

Keir had been free of cancer for a little more than five years when she was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma. This time her family learned the news after she broke her arm during a trip to Scotland.

"We got x-rays, and the doctor said there was something unusual," said Keir, who remembers the process well this time. "She said my bone looked like the bones of an old lady." Her family cut their trip short and went back to the U.S. where she then received the diagnosis. Keir's case, having two occurrences of different kinds of cancers, is quite unusual. But, the doctors do not think the two cancers are related since ALL affects the blood whereas Ewing's Sarcoma is a bone disease, Keir said.

During her bout with Ewing's Sarcoma, Keir again went through chemotherapy and radiation treat-

ments, but in addition, she could not go outside or be around other people because her immune system was weakened. That was perhaps the hardest part of the process for Keir, who missed going to school and seeing her friends.

After a year and a half of treatments, Keir was given a clean bill of help and aside from check-ups every three to six months, she is back to living the life of a normal 10-year-old girl.

It was last year that she first got involved with the Relay for Life after her mother's doctor invited her to walk in the "survivor's lap." For the Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser organized across the country by the American Cancer Society, participants form teams that then walk in a 24-hour relay and raise money by getting sponsors. Some laps have themes to them, and one of the most moving parts is the survivor's lap, where cancer survivors walk together around the track.

This year, Keir decided she wanted to not just walk, but also raise money and is on the team

"Neighborhood Cancer Watch." So far, she has officially raised \$3,607.28, and her team has raised a combined total of \$8,470.28.

"It's a good cause that can help save a person's life," Keir said. "Just a little money goes a long ways."

Keir said she is very thankful to everyone who has already donated and hopes to raise even more money for cancer research. ■

Make a donation

To donate to Keir's campaign, visit the American Cancer Society's Web site at www.cancer.org and click on the "Relay for Life" link. Look for the Livermore Relay for Life site and find Keir's personal web page where you can make a donation directly online. Checks made payable to the American Cancer Society with "Livermore Relay" on the memo line can be sent to Pure Girls, 660 Main St., Pleasanton 94566 and will be forwarded to Keir. Pure Girls is helping collect donations for Keir after it named her the "Pure Girl of the Month" for May.

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Students (l-r) Chelsea Heimbaugh, Malina Catlett, Ann Sanborn, Randi Olsen and Caitlin Stanley will represent Pleasanton this year during the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association student exchange.

Pleasanton gets ready to welcome students from Tulancingo

Sister City student exchange kicks off its 23rd year

by Rebecca Guyon

Five high school students from Tulancingo, Mexico, will arrive in Pleasanton next Monday, marking the start of this year's Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association's annual summer student exchange. The students from Tulancingo are Orietta Hernandez, Dante Vizcayno, Daniela Bravo, Jorge Enrique Perez-Tagle and Montserrat Vizcayno. Pleasanton students Chelsea Heimbaugh, Malina Catlett, Ann Sanborn, Randi Olsen and Caitlin Stanley and their families will host the Tulancingo students during their stay, which will last until July 17. At the end of the visit, the Pleasanton students will travel to Tulancingo with their home stay brother or sister where they will stay with a Mexican family until August 14.

"Meeting someone from a different culture will be a lot of fun," said Randi Olsen, a junior at Amador Valley High School. She first heard of the program when a group of students from last year's group gave a presentation on their experience.

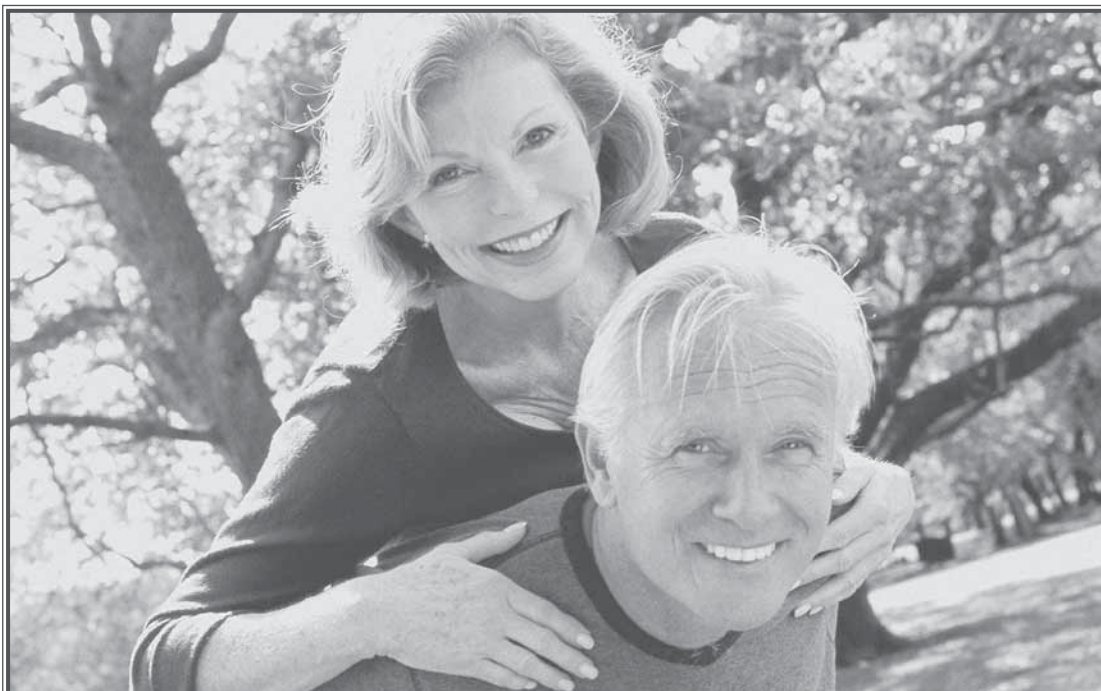
"The kids seemed so enthusiastic and it sounded like they had a lot of

fun," she said.

Since the sister city relationship between Tulancingo and Pleasanton was established 23 years ago, the student exchange has been a key part of the program. Pleasanton students at least 15 years old who are either sophomores or juniors and have taken at least two years of Spanish can apply for the exchange. Applicants go through a rigorous interview process before five students are finally chosen.

In addition to learning about a new culture and making friends, the program offers Pleasanton students a great opportunity to improve their Spanish skills. The program is total immersion, so while the students

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PPIE awards more than \$30,000 in education grants

Pleasanton Partnership in Education (PPIE) Foundation recently awarded 39 Pleasanton teachers and faculty members \$31,650 in funding for a variety of projects through the organization's education grants.

A variety of projects addressing many different facets of education were awarded. They include a \$727 grant to Amador Valley High School teacher Diane Kratz for DVDs and models to increase student awareness of cancer and reduce cancer rates; a \$350 grant to Janice Castagnini at Foothill High School for books to support teaching about past and current race relations; a \$2,000 grant to Linda Shaffer at Hearst Elementary School for pedometers and guides

to promote physical activity and growth for all fourth grade students; and \$1,000 to Mame Wisniewski at Walnut Grove Elementary School for character education workbook binders.

This is the 16th year PPIE has given out education grants. The foundation has awarded close to \$475,000 in grants over the years. PPIE also provides grants to student projects twice a year.

PPIE is a community-based volunteer group that aims to enhance learning experiences for students in the Pleasanton school district through partnerships with businesses, schools and the community. To learn more about PPIE, visit www.ppie.org.

—Rebecca Guyon

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"Shall the Bernal Property Phase II Land Use Plan, comprised of the "grand park" design concept, as approved by the City Council, be ratified? YES/NO

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9285 and 9286 of the Elections Code of the State of California, that the following deadlines are hereby established as the final dates on which direct arguments and rebuttal arguments for and against the measure appearing on the ballot may be submitted to the Elections Official for printing and distribution to the voters as required by law:

The deadline to file a direct argument is **5:00 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2006**

The deadline to file a rebuttal is **5:00 p.m. Monday, July 3, 2006**

Arguments and rebuttals are to be submitted to the City Clerk/Elections Official, City of Pleasanton, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton. The argument or rebuttal should be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. Arguments and rebuttals filed prior to the deadline may be changed or withdrawn until the deadline. Arguments will be made available to the public beginning Monday, June 26, 2006. Rebuttals will be available to the public beginning Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

The City Attorney's Impartial Analysis will also be available to the public beginning Monday, June 26, 2006.

For additional information concerning the regulations for filing an argument or rebuttal, please visit the City Clerk's Office at 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, or call (925) 931-5027.

Copies of Resolution 06-041 regarding the City Council sponsored initiative measure seeking voter ratification of the Bernal Property Phase II Land Use Plan is available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Karen D. Gonzales, Deputy City Clerk

Posted: June 14, 2006, Published: June 17, 2006

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Amador names new basketball coach

Robert Collins was announced as Amador Valley High School's new basketball coach, taking the spot left by retired Coach Don Underwood. Underwood coached the Amador team for 27 years.

Collins is currently a teacher and head basketball coach for Richmond High School where he has taught for the past four years. Prior to his work with Richmond, he was a coach at Acalanes High School in Lafayette. His coaching

record includes advancement to the North Coast Section playoffs 11 times, achieving three league titles for Acalanes along with two appearances in the Northern California playoffs. He earned his credential from St. Mary's College in 1997 and has taught Spanish and P.E. classes. At Amador, he will be teaching academic support classes for underachieving students.

—Rebecca Guyon

Happy Valley

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also have increased as golfers make their way to Westbridge Road at the junction of Happy Valley Road and Alisal.

Costanzo reviewed his company's plans for an 85-home development off Alisal, a project that started out with 102 proposed large custom homes. The development, which Happy Valley long-timers said they don't want but recognize that it may be their only way to move traffic off Alisal onto a bypass road Greenbriar would build, would have a range of lot

and house sizes.

The largest homes would be built on 34,000-square-foot lots that would face onto Alisal. The rest of the homes would face onto their own neighborhood streets that would eventually lead to the bypass road. Along with golfers, owners of these homes, if built, would use Sycamore Creek Way to reach Sunol Boulevard, the only way out of those areas.

Members of the Blue Ribbon Committee are Costanzo, Kellen Aura, Wes Felton, Jim Frietas, Gene Jordon, Vanessa Kawaihau, Roger Manning, Bob Maund, Peter Richert, Al Schorno, Tom Smith and Al Spotorno. ■

Tulancingo

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are in Tulancingo, they'll speak Spanish the entire month with their host family.

"Spanish has always been my favorite subject, and this is a good chance for me to improve my Spanish skills," Olsen said. "I'm scared I'll forget everything when I get there, but I know people will help me."

While in Pleasanton, the group of Tulancingo and Pleasanton students will explore the Bay Area, visiting Alcatraz, the Exploratorium and Waterworld. The students will also attend meetings with both of Pleasanton's rotary clubs, Rotary Downtown and Rotary North. During the annual Fourth of July

picnic at Lions Wayside Park, the Tulancingo students will be introduced to the community. Before that, members of the PTSCA will have a chance to meet the students at a Welcome Open House reception next Wednesday.

"I'm looking forward to the new experience," Olsen said. "It will be fun to represent the city as an ambassador and make new friendships." ■



5-year-old wins chess competition

Hearst Elementary School student James Du, 5, took first place in the kindergarten division of The Northern California Chess Association's annual chess tournament held in San Jose. Du competed against 45 other kindergarten students to win the title. Known as the largest annual chess tournament west of the Rocky Mountains, the competition brought in 1,298 students in grades K-12 who competed in divisions based on age.

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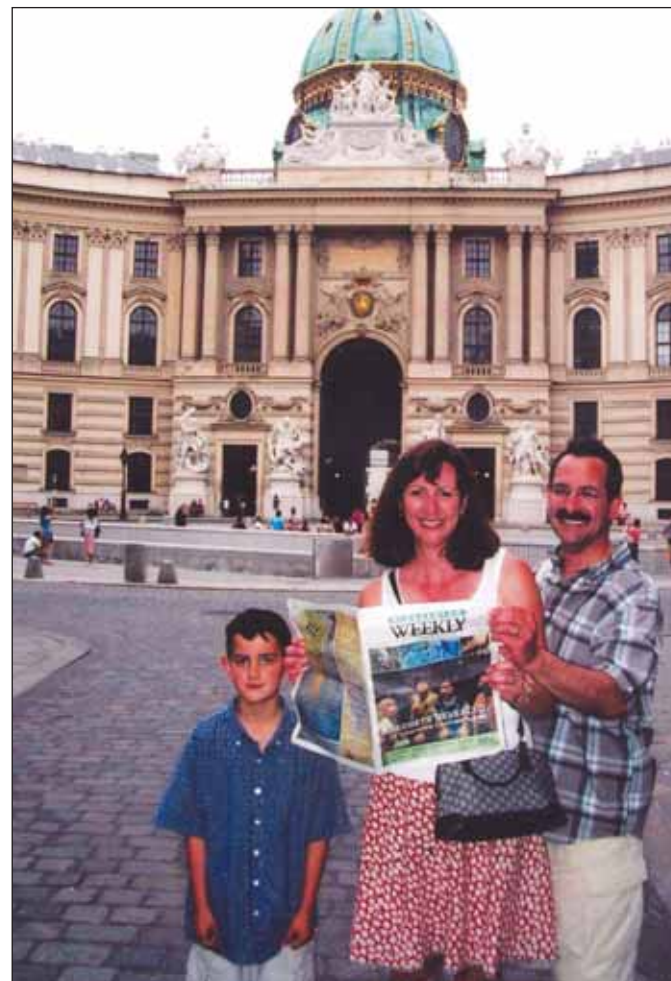
Roman holiday

Tim White and JoAnne Kelley read the Weekly while visiting the Coliseum in Rome.



Italian getaway

Wanting to visit her brother who is a priest in Rome, Kate Wheatman (left) went on a trip to Italy with her friends (l-r) Debbie Madnick, Rosemary Bartolik and Linda Pearson. Here the friends read the Weekly in front the Duomo in Orvieto, Italy.



Austrian vacation

Steve and Rose Roesch, and their son Eric, a student at Mohr Elementary School, read the Weekly in front of the Hapsburg Palace in Vienna, Austria.

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Opinion

Editorial

Everyone is welcome at today's graduation

Foothill and Amador Valley high school graduates breathed a sigh of relief today after a group of school, business and community leaders worked quickly to make sure all the parents, grandparents, siblings and friends heading to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for commencement exercises would have a place to sit. This year's senior class stands at a record high of 535 graduates from Amador and 525 from Foothill. With just five tickets allocated to each graduate, that totaled 3,000 people with graduates and guests, alone, and that didn't include teachers, the choir, the band and honored guests. The Fairgrounds Amphitheater, where graduations have been held for more than a decade, holds just 3,000, and the Fire Marshal banned increasing the capacity in the bowl-shaped facility. At first, school officials weren't worried, since this year's class isn't much larger than the Class of 2005. Then someone remembered that it had rained, that there were more no-shows than usual, but even then that the amphitheater was filled last year. This year, with seniors clamoring for a change in location so that relatives traveling here from out-of-town could see them graduate, the school district had to find more room.

Within hours, Superintendent John Casey and school principals and vice principals Kevin Johnson and Matt Campbell of Foothill and Bill Coupe and Greg Giglio of Amador Valley worked around the clock to solve the problem. Fairgrounds General Manager Rick Pickering was contacted, who agreed to empty out the Exhibition Hall near the amphitheater for the added space needed. Daren Angus and Ryan Rollins of International Corporate Video on Valley Avenue cleared their crowded work sheets of business videos they were scheduled to shoot today, and set up camera crews that will be providing closed-circuit broadcasts of both graduation exercises—2 p.m. for Foothill and 6 p.m. for Amador—to a 10x15-foot screen in the Exhibition Hall. The school district ordered 500 chairs for the hall, and will provide water and refreshments for those unable to sit in the amphitheater or who, by choice, may choose the air-conditioned comfort of the Fairgrounds facility. ICV also will have at least one stationary camera in the center of the amphitheater and another roving cameraman to provide close-ups and crowd shots. An added benefit is that ICV will provide DVDs of the graduations for each of the high schools, which will sell them at a nominal fee to help recoup some of the costs of the \$7,000 video broadcast work and related expenses.

If this works, it's a sure bet the same system will be in place for the Classes of 2007 and 2008, which are expected to have at least 60 more students in each school. Enrollment figures show that the high class numbers will start to drop in 2009 at Amador, a year or two later at Foothill. Elementary school enrollment dropped significantly this year, and the district's demographer sees that trend line continuing into middle school and eventually the high schools in the coming years.

It's a tribute to the close-working relationship in Pleasanton's private and public sectors that so many pulled together on short notice to make sure the Class of 2006 and the families and friends here to salute them are together to enjoy this very special day.

Letters

Hosterman should withdraw

Dear Editor,

I am writing to urge Mayor Hosterman to withdrawal from the World Peace Forum being held in Vancouver at the end of June. Ms. Hosterman is scheduled to speak at this conference. In addition, she is using our proximity to the Livermore Laboratories to further her status as an anti-war speaker. Your readers can see the conference agenda and learn more about this event from the organizers Web site at www.worldpeaceforum.ca.

At this conference Ms. Hosterman will be sharing the stage with radical groups including United for Peace and Justice which equates the actions of our troops with barbarism. This goes against the belief system of most residents in our community. I am a strong believer in freedom of speech. I do believe that our elected officials have a responsibility to represent their constituents when they advertise their elected position. Ms. Hosterman was elected as mayor. She was not given a green light to promote Pleasanton as a war protest participant.

As a resident of Pleasanton for over 10 years, I am proud of our town and all that it has to offer. I am thankful for the hard work of our present and past city councils that have made Pleasanton a wonderful place to work and live. I encourage Mayor Hosterman to take Pleasanton off of the international protest stage, and refocus her attention on the many issues that face us here in town.

*Brian Cavanaugh
Maple Leaf Drive*

Responsible citizens

Dear Editor,

The price of liberty may be eternal vigilance but the price of good government is much greater. Good government requires that citizens know the issues, study the alternatives, compare possible actions, consider the costs, and how they will be met, and participate in the decision making process. All that and earn a living, raise a family and keep a household. It's a formidable challenge. However, the incredibly brave, persistent and dedicated women who achieved the franchise for women in this country founded the League of Women Voters (LWV) to put a down payment on that price. Since 1920 the LWV has done the work each of us is asked by our citizenship to do.

The League is a voluntary, non-partisan, intensely political organization. Any citizen 18 or over may join. Despite the name, many men participate in the League. The organization has three tiers, local, state and national, each feeding the others. Local Leagues choose topics of critical interest to them. League members attend boards, commissions, councils and legislative sessions at every level of government and supplement their understanding of issues with research. The League then provides voter education programs, from candidates' forums to discussions of the issues.

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derive from understanding the underlying issues, voters trust the League's arguments. To learn more about these issues, visit our local Web site, <http://lav.ca.lwvnet.org>. You can join the League and be a part of a citizen's commitment to good government by contacting us at lavlww@comcast.net.

*Mary Beth Acuff, Board Member
Livermore Amador Valley League
of Women Voters*

I'm telling!

Dear Editor,

I was enjoying your article about Home Depot and Longs Drugs ("Home Depot closes in on Bernal-Stanley complex," News, June 2, 2006) when you stated that a drive-up window planned for Longs would be Pleasanton's first "drive through for retail sales."

I'm gonna tell Bruce Takens at Meadowlark Dairy that you said that!

*Hollister A. Gilroy
St. John Street*

Cemetery is history

Dear Editor,

While at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens on Monday (May 26, 2006), I was reminded of an abandoned cemetery in my hometown in Massachusetts in the early 1930's. We kids used to play "Cops and Robbers" and "Cowboys and Indians" among the falling headstones and abandoned crypts. The readable dates on the headstones were 1790, 1800, 1805, etc. We knew that was a long time ago, but that's all we kids thought of it. The cemetery was located at a crossroads of two major streets near the southern entrance to the city. That bothered a city council member because he felt that such a site was detrimental to the view that visitors would have of the city. He determined that many of the headstones and crypts were of Minutemen and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. He told the City Council that these Minutemen had marched to Concord Bridge and perhaps fired "The Shot Heard Around the World" on "the 18th of April in Seventy-five" (Longfellow). He convinced the City Council and the City took over the cemetery and cleaned it up. It was later named as a National Monument.

I think that because the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens is on a major entrance into Pleasanton, it is critical for the city to take over the resting place of so many important local figures to prevent it from becoming an eyesore at the city's front door.

*Leo Walker
Vineyard Avenue*

Goodbye McCloskey

Dear Editor,

I wonder if Pete is crawling back under the rock from whence he came (News, "Pombo gears up for November race after defeating McCloskey 2-1," June 9, 2006). Perhaps he is busy packing his bags so that he can silently sneak back home.

*Herbert H Marshall
Clifford Circle*

Meet the Class of 2006

This year's graduates are ready to take on the world

story and photos by Rebecca Guyon

Today, students from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools end their high school careers as they walk across the stage of the Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheater and graduate. Earlier this week, Village High School students made that same jump with a ceremony at the Amador Theater.

Now that high school is over, students are getting ready for the next phase of their lives, eager for a chance to pursue their passions and become adults. Here's a look at some of the exciting plans Pleasanton students have for the future.

MICHAEL FUSCO

Foothill senior Michael Fusco always loved to draw, but he didn't think of art as a possible career until he visited the Getty Museum in Los Angeles two years ago during a summer art program.

"I had never visited museums much, but when I went to the Getty, for the first time I looked at the paintings and thought, 'I can do this, and it's what I want to do.'"

Since that time, Fusco has focused on painting, taking part in Foothill's art program and entering contests put on by the school's art club. Now, his hard work has paid off because in the fall he will be attending Pratt Institute in New York City, one of the country's top art schools, where he will study painting.

As with any art school, applicants have to submit a portfolio of work, and Fusco personally delivered his when he visited the school. Fusco's paintings are mostly portraits, figures and other "romantic kinds of things."

"It's a lot of traditional stuff that you don't really see anymore," he said.

Fusco is heading to the Big Apple with hopes of making a name for himself in the art world. While he's excited for the opportunities that wait, he admits he'll probably get homesick, considering New York is so far away. In fact, it is the things he's most looking forward to—new people, new city, new lifestyle—that he's also the most nervous about. But nerves won't stop him from reaching his dream, and someday New Yorkers will see his work hanging in galleries all around the city.



JESSICA MANNERING

Village senior Jessica Mannering has never turned away from a challenge, which is why she thought she'd fit in well as a U.S. Marine.

"I've had a lot of challenges in my life, and I've faced them all," she said, referring to her childhood spent mostly in foster homes. In high school, she moved from Amador and Foothill until she was finally placed in Village where she blossomed, taking part in leadership, choir, yearbook, the school newspaper, and the catering program. She hopes to continue to shine in the Marine Corps.

"I wanted to do something that involves the whole picture," she said. "In Pleasanton, everyone talks about doing something for the community, but I wanted to do something more than that, something for the greater good."

On August 28, she'll leave for boot camp at Paris Island, located off the coast of South Carolina. There, she'll go through basic training and do "excessive amounts of running." After boot camp, she'll be shipped off for schooling, although she doesn't yet know what school or where it will be.

Mannering's focus will be vehicle maintenance and repair, something she's been interested in since she was a little girl.

"I've always been a fan of muscle cars," she said. "A lot of my life I've been raised by men, so I got influenced that way, and it's always been an interest."

She's also looking forward to travel opportunities and is hoping she'll get to go to Japan. Up until now, she's only traveled to Texas to visit her mom, whom she reunited with when she was older. While she is sad to leave her dad—she's been living with him for the past four years—she is excited about the new opportunities that await her.

"I'm really looking forward to being a Marine and knowing I've accomplished what not many people do."



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PATRICK GLENN

Since he was a little kid playing T-Ball in Pleasanton, Amador senior Patrick Glenn loved baseball. "I love it because it's a lot of fun, and I enjoy all the people I meet—players and coaches," Glenn said. "I always dreamed of taking it to the next level, but I didn't know I could do it." Turns out, Glenn can and did do it. He'll be attending Santa Clara University on a baseball scholarship, where he will play in an outfield position. Around athlete, Glenn also played varsity football and basketball for three years but left the basketball team his senior year so he could focus more on baseball. "Baseball ended up being what I enjoy the most and what I'm the best at," Glenn said. During the summer, Glenn played for off-season teams and traveled to Arizona and Los Angeles, where he got the attention of some college coaches and was offered several scholarships. "I chose Santa Clara because I want my parents to be able to see me play," Glenn said. In addition to playing baseball, he'll also be majoring in business. Of course, his goal is to play for the major leagues, but he's also realistic. "It was never to happen, it'd be a dream come true, but there are no guarantees," Glenn said.

KYLE ADKINS

One thing Kyle Adkins is good at, it's time management. This Foothill student managed to earn a cumulative 4.35 GPA, making him one of the school's top students. He served as president of the Veterans History Project, was part of the "We the People..." competition civics team, and played on the varsity basketball team for three years. "At Adkins is graduating, those balancing skills will come in handy as he's heading to Boston where he will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall. He's planning on majoring in economics and computer science, though he's also left the door open to the possibility of studying business, as he has a reputation for being extremely difficult in terms of the amount of work he puts in, and they have a lot of bright kids that go there, but I'm looking forward to the challenge, to proving to myself that I can handle it," he said. Boston being a long way from Pleasanton, Adkins admits he's going to miss his friends and family, but is looking forward to the freedom college will give him.

Along the focus has been on succeeding in high school and working hard, the next goal, which was college, and now that I'm heading there I can pursue my interests and go after what I'm interested in."



Courtesy Elise Viebeck

ELISE VIEBECK

Amador senior Elise Viebeck got her first taste of life in Washington, D.C., last summer by working as a page on the floor of the House of Representatives.

"I sat on the House floor and collected comments from the representatives after the debates, which gave me a chance to talk with them," she said. "It was fantastic." Being a page also meant Viebeck got to listen to all the debates, and she was even present for discussions on some of the more controversial issues, such as the Patriot Act.

Wanting to continue to work in government and politics, Viebeck will be attending Claremont McKenna College next year in Claremont, Calif., where she will double major in government and international relations.

"For someone who is idealistic, there are so many opportunities to make a difference," she said.

Viebeck recently went back to Washington as a member of Amador's "We the People..." competition civics team, which took second place in the national competition.

Viebeck has had some experience with international diplomacy, as well, serving as a student ambassador with the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Organization, which gave her the chance to live in Tulancingo for a month during the summer.

"In Tulancingo, it was basic face-to-face diplomacy," she said. "It was total cultural immersion. The entire experience was a highlight."

Looking to next year, Viebeck is nothing but excited for all the opportunities on her horizon. Although she's not entirely certain what she'll do once she graduates from college, one thing is for certain:

"I'm going to work in D.C. in some aspect of the federal government," she said. "Whether it happens right away, I'm not sure, and grad school is definitely somewhere in my future, but D.C. is where I'm heading."



NIMI MASTEY

Choosing what college to go to was pretty easy for Foothill student Nimi Mastey. She only applied to one, Stanford, and got in early decision in December, before the other college applications were due.

As Foothill's valedictorian, ending her high school career with a 4.45 grade point average, it's no wonder she got into her first choice school. Next year at Stanford University, Mastey will begin her major in biology with hopes of going to medical school after she graduates. Her interest in science and her passion for helping people is what led her to pursuing this career.

"The human body is so amazing," she said. "There are so many small details, and everything functions so well all the way down to the cell level."

While science is going to be her focus for awhile, Mastey also has been active in other activities during high school. She was a member of the Foothill tennis team and is active in Tae Kwon Do. Keeping with the theme of helping people, Mastey, along with several other friends, founded the Women's Health Organization, a club on the Foothill campus aimed at raising awareness about domestic violence issues. She was also a member of Foothill's "We the People..." competition civics team, which took second place in the state competition.

Looking toward next year, Mastey said she's excited over working with her professors at Stanford and meeting people from across the world, but admits she's also a little nervous about living on her own and taking on new, more advanced classes. But, she is surely up for the challenge.

STEPHANIE DELAWYER

The kitchen is buzzing at Village as the students in the catering class finish their dishes in the "end of the year cook-off." Stephanie Delawyer, a student in the class, prepares a candied pear that could have been presented as a dessert at any fancy restaurant in San Francisco.

"I like working with food," she said. "It's really fulfilling for me, and I like watching people be awed by the food."

That's why Delawyer is going to Diablo Valley College next year, enrolling in the school's restaurant and hotel management program—one of the best programs in that field. Delawyer has even gotten a head start by working at the Pleasanton Hotel's Sunday brunches.

It was through the Village catering class that Delawyer discovered her interest in creating food and, after a chef from DVC gave the class a presentation, she decided to look into the program.

"He was so skilled and had such great energy that I thought I would love to learn from him," she said.

Although she's there to cook, Delawyer said she's looking forward to taking a variety of classes at DVC and exploring other interests like dance, painting and drama, which she also takes now at Village.

"I'm leaving it open right now," she said of her future. "I'm not sure if I want to go into the restaurant business, but I want to try it out."

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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 July 20.

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 July 13.

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 July 13.

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 28.

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 July 12.

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

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.

Weekend Preview



Walk on the Wild side

Artist Kathleen Hill's collection of animal portraits are on display at Alexander's Main Street Gallery, 610 Main St., until June 24. Above is one of her many oil paintings, titled "Painted Sky." Hill, who is located in Livermore, is known for her work capturing animals in action. Call 846-6015 for more information.

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 Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call Dan, 846-7320.

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.

National Baseball Card Day

This event will take place from noon-4 p.m., Sat., June 17 at Pleasanton SportsCards, 3059 Hopyard Rd. It is sponsored by Major League Baseball Players Association, Topps and Upper Deck companies. The first 100 people will receive a special pack of 13 cards created for this event. Call 426-8274.

Opera in the Vineyard

"Opera in the Vineyard" will be held from 5-8 p.m., Sun., June 25 at Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Lawn and table seating available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Bring a low chair or blanket. Cost is \$30 and includes a glass of wine or beverage. Call 960-9210 or visit www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

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.onyour-markevents.com to register.

Summer Wine Stroll

Shop, dine, discover business and services while enjoying a variety of wines at the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Sixth Annual Downtown Summer Wine Stroll from 6-9 p.m., Thurs., July 20. Only 1,000 tickets available for \$20 and will be sold from June 20-July 19. Call Nickie, 484-2199.

Exhibits

Charlotte Severin

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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.

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.

Cinema Series

Wente Vineyards is hosting the "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.

Hidden in Plain Sight

"Hidden in Plain Sight," a film about the School of the Americas, narrated by Martin Sheen, will be shown at 7 p.m., Sat., June 17 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Fingerfood potluck and meet and greet begins at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2. Call 462-3459.

Fundraisers

Bingo

Choice for Children Education Foundation hosts Bingo at 4 p.m. every Sunday at Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. All proceeds benefit Livermore Valley Charter School. Call Maria, 201-3422 or e-mail ccef@lvcs.org.

Blankets for Babies

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at ValleyCare and Lucile Packard are collecting sewn, knitted, and crocheted 24- or 36-inch blankets. Call 426-4307 or 426-9635.

Dictionary Project

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Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are on sale for \$25 available at the Apoption Center, 273 Spring St. Proceeds go to Valley Humane Society programs. Call 426-8656.

Recycle for Breast Cancer

Recycle electronics, empty ink jet and toner cartridges to support the fight against breast cancer. Free pick up, drop off, or prepaid envelopes and shipping labels available. Call Larry, 735-7203 or e-mail larry@recycleforbreastcancer.org.

Wine & Roses

Wine & Roses will be held from 3:30-6 p.m., Sun., June 25 on the Pleasanton Hotel patio and at the Rose Hotel. Proceeds will benefit charities of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Call 846-8106.

Health

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.

Heart Attacks

Learn the difference between heart attacks for men and women from 10 a.m.-noon, Tues., June 27 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 for non-residents.

Summer Immunization

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families from 9-11:30 a.m., Saturdays July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 9 at 4361 Railroad Ave. Immunizations for children are also provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment only. Call 462-1755.

Yoga

The Art of Living Foundation presents a free yoga and breath workshop at 7 p.m., Mondays, July 31 and Aug. 14 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Bring a yoga mat and blanket and dress in loose, comfortable clothing. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

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.

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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.

Lacrosse Club Summer Program

Programs are available for girls entering grades 3-8, boys entering grades 1-8 and high school boys entering grades 9-12 and runs from Tues., July 11 through Sat., Aug. 19. Registration fee is \$50, \$60 after June 20 for grades 1-8 and \$55, \$65 after June 20 for high school boys. Call Byron, 998-5550 or visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

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.

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.

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, cheerleading 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.

Swashbuckling Entertainment for Teens

The Teen Summer Program begins at 1:30 p.m., Sun., June 25 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Entertainment will be provided by the Davenriche European Martial Arts School. Following the pirate performance will be "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl" at 2:30 p.m. Free popcorn, soda and prizes for teens. Call 931-3404.

Teen Citizens' Police Academy

Pleasanton Police Department is hosting the Teen Academy, running from 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6-July 27. The academy is open to Pleasanton residents ages 14-17. Call 931-5100, or 931-5233.

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.ebparks.org.

YMCA Day Camps

Tri-Valley YMCA is accepting enrollment for a variety of day camps for varied ages and interests running from June 19-Aug. 25. Call 475-6108 or visit www.ymcaeastbay.org/trivalley.

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.

Papier-Mache Wimsy

Learn techniques that spark your imagination and encourage creativity 2-4 p.m. every Tuesday at Village High School, 4645 Bernal Ave., room 207. Bring newspaper, roll of 1" masking tape, and two wire coat hangers. Call 935-8972.

Spiritual Solutions to Fear and Terrorism

Brian Kissock will lead a free workshop on "Spiritual Solutions to Fear and Terrorism" 2:30 p.m., Sun., June 25 at the Garden Hilton Inn, 2801 Constitution Dr., Livermore. Call 447-2946.

Live Music

Jungle Rooster

Jungle Rooster will perform from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sat., June 24 at John Christopher Cellars in Blacksmith Square, 25 S. Livermore Ave., Ste. 103, Livermore. Meet the artists and designers of Blacksmith Square on Sat., June 25. Wine tasting and light appetizers will be available both days. Admission is free. Call 456-WINE.

Miscellaneous

Animal Adoption

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts dog and cat adoptions 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays at Farmers Market at First St., noon-4 p.m., Dublin PetsMart. Cats are available noon-4 p.m., Saturdays excluding the 4th Sat. at Dublin Pet Food Express and excluding the 2nd and 4th Sat. at Livemore Pet Extreme. Cats are available 1-4 p.m., Sundays at Dublin PetsMart and Dublin Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvlar.org.

California Vacation Land

Take a road trip across California without ever leaving the classroom from 1-4 p.m., Sun., June 25 at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville, Call 736-2280.

Donate to Help Fight Cancer

Help fight cancer by donating new or gently used clothing and accessories, household items and furniture to the American Cancer Discovery Shop, 1987-A Santa Rita Rd. Call 462-7374.

Family Read Night

Read stories and craft with the family at Family Read Night, offered in English and Spanish. Admission is free. Space is limited so registration is required. Call Donnamarie, 249-3923 for dates and locations.

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.

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

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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

Comedy Wednesday

John DeKoven's Comedy Showcase is every second and fourth Wednesday monthly at Main Street Brewery, 830 Main St. Cover charge is \$7 with a two drink minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.trivalleycomedy.com.

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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.

Recreation

Enrichment Classes

Pleasanton Parks and Recreation offers enrichment classes ranging from art, acqautics, sports, health and cooking at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-5340 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/parks.html.

Spiritual

Community Bible Study

An interdenominational bible study invites women in the community to a study of Ephesians from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday until May 18, at 4300 Mirador Dr. Childcare is available. Call 820-3481.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., and Children's Church Program (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m. Every Wednesday the Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m., Choir Practice and Boys & Girls Mission Crusade Club (grades K-5) all begin at 7 p.m. Singles and Young Married home bible study

meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. Seniors 55+ meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Call Sophia, 846-8650.

Tri-Valley Unity Church

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets 10 a.m. every Sunday at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Worship service and children's school will be offered as well. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

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Support Groups

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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.

Auto Immune Support

The group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call 848-5020.

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.

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The Cancer Support Group meets from 2-4 p.m., every Tuesday at the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Corner Cancer Resource Center, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Call 933-0107.

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.

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Diabetes Support Group

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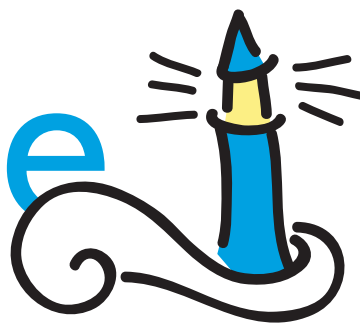
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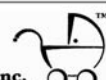
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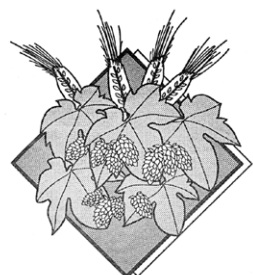
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349 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 462-9299. This popular downtown restaurant gets rave reviews from both locals and visitors. Offering a changing, seasonal menu and daily specials, including homemade soups, pastas, seafood, chicken and veal served in a comfortably elegant atmosphere. Indoor or outdoor seating. Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch.

Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too!

11891 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, (925) 828-9380. Lively chatter and the aroma of garlic are the first things you notice in this warm and friendly classically "Italian" restaurant, complete with red checked tablecloths. It has an open kitchen where patrons can watch the cooks "hand toss" the dough for this pizza mecca of the Tri-Valley. It is perfect for romantic couples as well as the entire family, and the authentic Southern Italian cooking includes traditional dishes such as Veal Scaloppini and Lasagna as well as Lamb Osso Bucco and Scampi.

Garlic di Pasta

3037-G Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, (925) 485-4500. Rated "A" by the Contra Costa Times restaurant critic. Voted the best Italian restaurant in the

year 2000 by the readers of the Tri-Valley Herald. Located off the beaten path of downtown Pleasanton in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center.

Pastas Trattoria

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Hasegawa Japanese

4855 Hopyard Road, across from Chili's Grill, (925) 734-0996. Japanese owner Kazutoyo "Joe Cool" Hasagawa has 26 years experience as a Suchi and Shabu-shabu chef. Traditional Japanese dining. Lunch served Monday-Friday. Dinner seven days a week.

Mediterranean

Athens West Restaurant

6999 Dublin Blvd., (925) 803-9601. Truly authentic Mediterranean cuisine featuring Greek specialties including delicious steaks and seafood. Large upscale dining facility with full bar located adjacent to the original Athens Burger Restaurant. Opens Tuesday-Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

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Sandwiches/Deli

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