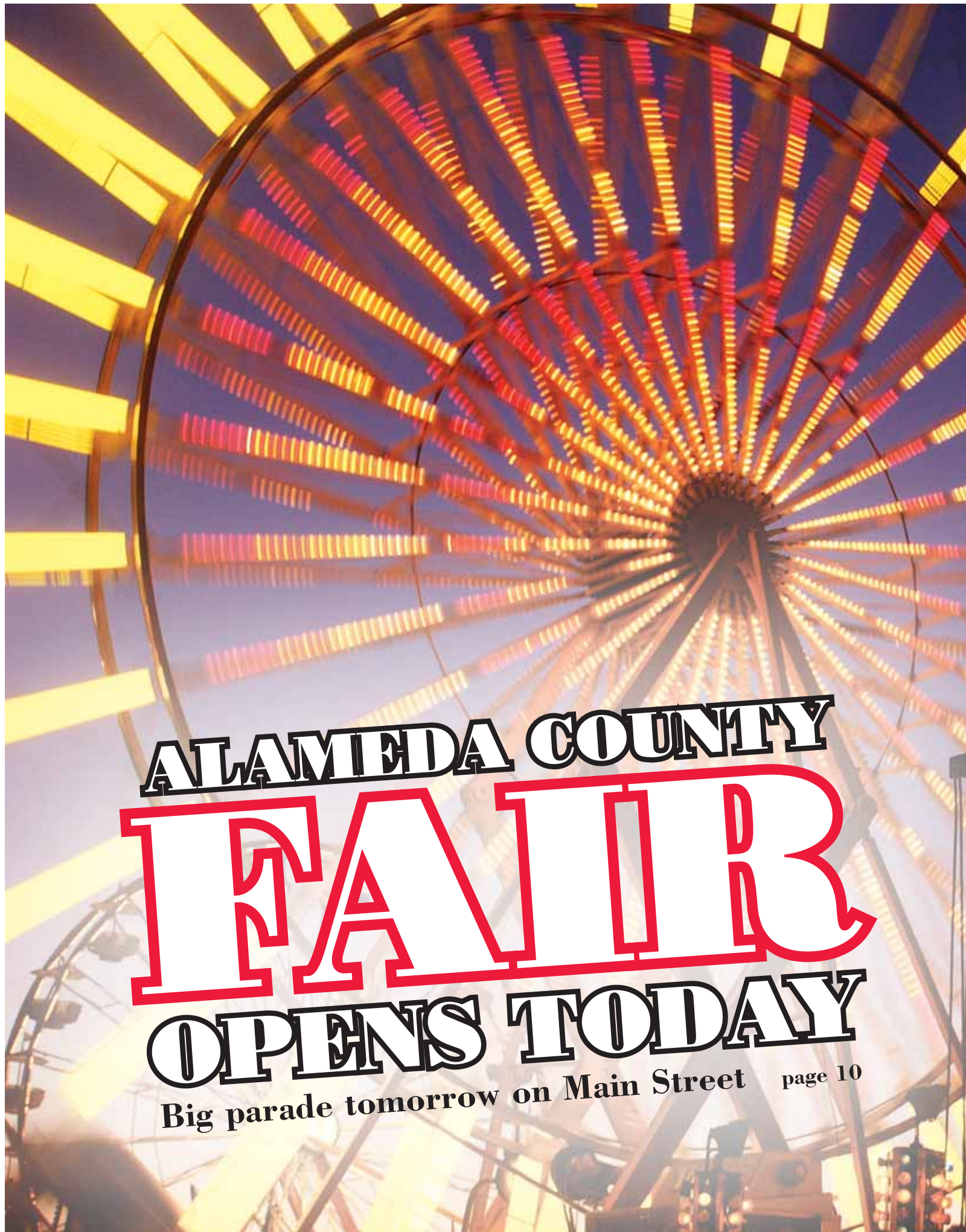


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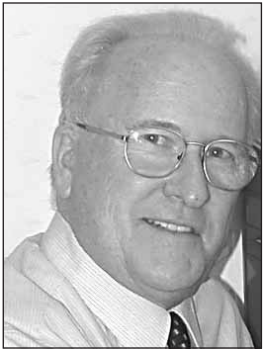
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Great dining, but some assembly required

Although I'm fairly handy around the house when it comes to yard work, painting and fixing things up, two duties I've been encouraged to leave to my wife Jan are the laundry, where I've been known to ruin a thing or two (hot water isn't always best), and the kitchen, where I've demonstrated disastrous culinary skills beyond soft boiled eggs and packaged meals. So I was surprised when my daughter Kerry Nally invited me to join her group on a kind of "Ladies' Night Out" at Dream Dinners, a franchise on Stoneridge Drive that is owned by Jennifer Costa. My assignment was to prepare two full dinners—Chicken Provençal with rice pilaf and another chicken dish whose name I can't remember or pronounce. For a dessert, I chose Peach Crisp. Costa got me started, handing me an apron just like Kerry and the eight other women were wearing, and I took my place at a stand-up counter to start the first dish. There on the post was a detailed, step-by-step recipe, with all of the ingredients in bottles, cans and trays at the back of the counter, each with its own measuring spoon or cup. No pinches of salt or other guesswork required, which is a good thing in my case.

Frankly, it looked ridiculously simple. So I took the two baking pans that Costa gave me (I was splitting one large meal) and liberally sprayed the pan with a nonstick oil, which I also sprayed around the room when I turned to my partner Kerry with a question. I guess my technique needed some tweaking. Wiping up the excess, I measured out the black beans, frozen corn kernels and followed this with the frozen chicken breasts, red peppers, chopped green onions, a chicken soup base (I didn't know chicken soup had a base), mild salsa, tomato paste and oregano, once I learned what that looks like and how it's pronounced. Finally, I grabbed a bag of cheese, placed it on top of a plastic wrap that covered all of the ingredients, attached a cooking instruction label, and that was it.

It was then, about 45 minutes into the process, when I noticed

Kerry and her friends watching me between occasional sips of wine one of the women had brought along. Some of them were snickering. I have to believe it was directed at me. It wasn't break time. They were done, with most of them having prepared six meals while I was still working on the first. So I rushed to the Chicken Provençal work station where I figured the assembly work would be easier and faster since I had the routine down. I looked for something called dried tarragon. Once again, Kerry came to the rescue and pointed me in the right direction. Then came an even tougher challenge. The recipe called for lemon zest. Not just one of the lemons, which were in a bowl, but a zest of a lemon. Dream Dinners' Associate Leslie Hamann saw me pondering and reached into the bowl to retrieve a tiny, multi-prong scraping device, which she said is a zester. After a brief demonstration, I got the knack, and Hamann said I was one of the best men zesters she's seen. I took this as a compliment. I felt Emeril-esque. I was ready to kick it up a notch. I believe this assembling performance of mine cleared my name as far as past cooking attempts go.

With the chickens now wrapped and ready to go, I turned to making the Peach Crisp, a simpler five-ingredient recipe where the hardest part was putting on women's sized vinyl gloves needed for mixing the batch. By now, "Ladies' Night Out" had ended, with just three of us left to wrap things up, pay the bill and head out the door. Costa and Hamann, along with others on the Dream Dinner team, stayed behind to clean up, another advantage. A great alternative to take-out food, this new dinner assembly process puts a variety of tasty, healthy dinners on the table for under \$3 a serving. Next time, though, I'll go on "Men's Night Out," when the preparation skills will probably be similar to mine. That way we can finish together. For information Dream Dinners, menus and reservations, contact Jennifer Costa at 737-0448 or by email at pleasantonca@dreamdinners.com. ■

About the Cover

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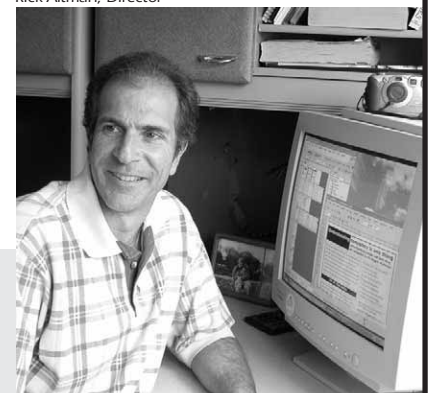


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Streetwise

Q: Are you following The World Cup?

Asked Around Town



Monique Morineau

Massage Therapist

I am watching the World Cup. I don't have any favorites. I love to see the underdog teams give the usual winners a run for their money. It's great to see a sport bring people together in peaceful unison.

Dean Minerva

Mechanic/ Tire Technician

I actually listen to it on the radio in Spanish. When the announcer calls a goal he says "GOOOOOAL" for many seconds. There's a whole different vibe to it. The Cup brings the world together.



Mathew Uriu

Sales Account Manager

I don't follow soccer. I'm an American football fan. If it were the World Cup of Football, I'd definitely be interested. Soccer just hasn't infiltrated American society and culture yet.



Kelvin Nguyen

Engineer

I want the U.S. team to win! They tied Italy and now they can enter the second round. I grew up in Vietnam. Most likely every household there is watching the World Cup. As kids we played outside in any empty space available. Soccer is a big deal.



Chrissy O'Sullivan

P.E. Teacher/Homemaker

When I have a chance I do watch the World Cup. My parents are from Switzerland and France. Soccer, or should I say football, is very important in Europe. So yes, I am excited to see who wins.



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Wine and Roses

The Pleasanton Hotel and The Rose Hotel will host the Second Annual Wine and Roses Fundraiser Sunday, June 25. Participants will enjoy wines from 14 wineries, hors d'oeuvres and live music. Proceeds will be donated to Camp Arroyo, ValleyCare Medical Center's neonatal intensive care nursery, and local after-school programs. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Call The Rose Hotel at 846-8802. Visit www.livermorewine.com for more information about each charity.

CVB has a new home

The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau has moved its office to 349 Main St., Ste. 203, Pleasanton 94566. CVB was located at 260 Main St. for the past 10 years, but moved to the new office, which is just across the street, to gain additional space needed for its expanding staff. All phone and fax numbers have remained the same.

Walk-in summer school admission

The district is no longer accepting late summer school applications, but walk-in applicants will be accepted as space allows. To check availability, go to the following locations on the appropriate dates: For grades 1-3 enrichment or academic support classes, go to Fairlands Elementary School on Wednesday, July 5. For grades 1-3 art and drama academy, go to Mohr Elementary School on Wednesday, July 5. For grades 4-6 enrichment, academic support, art and drama and summer drama conservatory, go to Walnut Grove Elementary School Wednesday, July 5. For grades 7-8, go to Harvest Park Middle School on Wednesday, June 28.

Corrections

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Housing advocates demand more affordable housing in Pleasanton

Threaten court action over housing cap, development restrictions

by Jeb Bing

A San Francisco-based public interest law firm has sent a "demand letter" to Pleasanton officials urging them to move quickly to rezone 30 to 40 acres of land for high density apartments and homes for those at the state-designated very low, low and moderate income levels.

Richard Marcantonio, managing

attorney for Public Advocates, Inc., also asked City Manager Nelson Fialho to set up a meeting "within the next 30 days to discuss the unlawful policies and actions that have excluded affordable housing opportunities for lower-income families" in Pleasanton.

Writing on behalf of Urban Habitat, which Marcantonio described as "an environmental

justice organization with a mission of promoting affordable housing," the attorney said the city can avoid a lawsuit by removing barriers his organization views as in the way of new housing affordable to low and moderate income families.

Fialho, who received the 14-page letter Tuesday, said he and City Attorney Michael Roush will review the material in the coming

week, and then draft a response.

Marcantonio said that Pleasanton assured the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in 2003 that it would meet the HCD's and the Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) "fair share" housing numbers shortly. Besides rezoning land to specifically accommodate subsidize and low-income housing, it would also raise the 350 limit it had imposed on yearly building permits to allow for this development.

"Three years later, it (Pleasanton) has still not fulfilled that promise."

That failure, according to Marcantonio, prompted HCD to take the "unusual step" last year of decertifying the city's state-mandated housing plan.

According to HCD, Pleasanton's share of the Bay Area region's need for affordable housing stands at over 2,400 homes, of which 729 must be affordable to very-low-income households—families earning no more than \$40,000. Since 1999, however, only 20 homes for this income group have been built in Pleasanton.

Marcantonio said that for the past several years, developers proposing to build affordable housing on vacant land within Pleasanton's urban limits have been consistently discouraged.

"The entire Bay Area region depends on every local community

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Former Police Explorer sworn-in for duty

Cassie Pickett (left) has her father, Mike (right), adjust her police badge after he pinned it on her during a swearing-in ceremony at the Pleasanton Police Department. Pickett recently completed the Evergreen Police Academy and is now officially a member of the Pleasanton Police Department, although she is already a familiar face around the department.

While a sophomore at Foothill High School, Pickett enrolled in the department's Police Explorer Program, where students get an inside look at police work. Pickett was active in the program, and after graduating from high school she began working at the police department as a part-time records clerk while working on her associate's degree at Las Positas College. Once she graduated from Las Positas, she began her training as a police officer at the Evergreen Police Academy and recently finished her six-month training. Pickett is the first student from the Explorer program to become a Pleasanton Police Officer.

"This is a day a lot of us knew was coming for a long time," said Police Chief Tim Neal before the swearing-in ceremony. "It's a special day for all of us who watched you grow up here for six-plus years."



Rebecca Guyon

Schools could see more counselors next year

District may receive additional state funding for counseling services

by Rebecca Guyon

The board of trustees empowered district staff at Tuesday's meeting to hire during the summer months one to two new counselors at the each of the comprehensive high schools, a half or fulltime counselor for the alternative high school, and one to two counselors to be shared among the three middle schools, if it seems like it will be financially possible. Although the resolution unanimously passed, it was not without some debate over where the funding for the new counselors should come from.

Superintendent John Casey and his staff brought the resolution to the board in light of state budget developments which point to a strong possibility that the state will allocate additional funding for secondary school counselors. However, the state budget will not be finalized until June 30, or possibly later, and the board does not

meet during the summer.

"Since we don't have a board meeting from now until August, we'd like authorization from the board to watch the state budget, watch the enrollment, and to have its blessing to add counselors depending on how things develop," Casey said.

The addition of new counselors could cost the district anywhere from \$301,063 to \$602,126 depending on how many counselors are added, according to the staff report. The district has said adding more counselors at all school levels is top priority after reviewing a report by the Excellence Committee, a 55-member committee the board created last year in order to recommend changes to the schools. The Committee recommended the district add enough counselors to lower the student-counselor ratio at the comprehensive high schools from 685 to 1 to 300 to 1. At the alternative high school, the com-

mittee recommended a ratio of 250 to 1 and adding three new counselors at every middle school.

While all the trustees, with the exception of Trustee Kris Weaver who was absent from the meeting, agreed that they would like to add more counselors, there was disagreement on whether the district should move forward with the hiring even if the state funds do not come through.

"I hate being at the mercy of the state," said Trustee Pat Kernan. Kernan proposed that the board ask the district to hire new counselors, regardless if the state provides additional funding or not, by taking the money needed out of the district's reserve funds.

"I've heard throughout the community people saying, 'The Excellence Committee is great, but you're just going to add a parcel tax and make us pay.' But that is not the case," Kernan said. The district recently hired a consulting firm to

investigate the feasibility of a parcel tax for the March 2007 election. "We need to make a statement as a board, be leaders, and back the Excellence Study," he added.

Trustees Steve Pulido and Jim Ott agreed with Kernan, but Trustee Juanita Haugen was adamant that the district should not dip into its reserve funds.

"I'm not willing to risk the reserve for hiring long-term people," Haugen said. "The worse thing we can do is hire someone without knowing we have funding and then cut them the next year, or cut other non-contracted staff."

In the end, the board agreed to authorize the district to hire new counselors up to the \$602,126 maximum cost, but left it open where the funding would come from. Casey said the hiring of counselors will be contingent on the additional state funding and if the district receives any additional funds from increased enrollment. ■



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Hope Hospice Shoppe gets ready to close its doors

Lack of help, profits led to store's end

by Rebecca Guyon

For the past 18 years, the Hope Hospice Shoppe, located at Main and Angela streets, has sold used clothing, books and other knick-knacks as a way to raise funds for Hope Hospice, an organization that provides quality end-of-life care and grief support for families. Those who enjoy shopping and browsing only have a few weeks left because the store will be closing its doors forever in mid-July.

"Everyone who comes in is so sad to see us going," said Holly Clark, the store's manager. "A lot of these people have been regular customers."

The shop has to be out of its space by July 31, so the store will most likely close by the middle of July, giving staff and volunteers time to clean out any merchandise that is left, Clark said. While the shop has given Hope Hospice visibility over the years, the store rarely brings in a profit and can be difficult to run because it relies solely on volunteers. The store needs about 35 volunteers to run it well, but there are usually only 10-



Rebecca Guyon

As the Hope Hospice Shoppe on Main Street gets prepared to close its doors, shoppers can take advantage of the huge sales going on until the final day in mid-July.

12 volunteers available, Clark said.

"They do everything," Clark said of the volunteers. "When merchandise comes in, they sort and price it and steam and clean them, getting them ready to go out on the floor. They also do the merchandising, displays and the selling. They do it all."

"It's very sad to see it go," said store volunteer Janet Fourcade of Pleasanton. "I love the camaraderie between people here. Many people come in to see the gals at the shop."

In its final days, the store has seen more people coming in, mostly to take advantage of the sales

going on. The store is offering 50 percent off all merchandise, including clothes, books, household items and furniture.

"Hospice is a good organization and an incredible charity, but I would shop here because they have a lot of nice things at a good value," said Helene O'Cain of Dublin. O'Cain, who is a nurse, said she's shopped at the store for nine years.

"It's very sad to see it go. I love the camaraderie between people here. Many people come in to see the gals at the shop."

— Janet Fourcade, store volunteer

Many say the store's closure is actually a good thing for Hospice, showing it is focusing its fundraising efforts on areas that will yield more funds and increase its services. But still, those who either volunteered or shopped in the store will miss it when it's gone.

"It was a Main Street staple," Fourcade said. "A lot of people will be affected when it's gone." ■

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Arkin, Faustina seek council seats in November

Join Thorne in competing for two openings

by Jeb Bing

Planning Commission Chairman Brian Arkin and Pleasanton businessman Dan Faustina have announced that they will seek election to the City Council in November in a repeat contest of last year's special election among those two and Councilman Jerry Thorne, who won.

Thorne, 61, a retired businessman and former chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, narrowly defeated Arkin in the June 7, 2005, election, with Faustina finishing a distant third. Thorne took the seat vacated by Councilwoman Jennifer Hosterman, who was elected mayor in November 2004.

In the upcoming Nov. 7 municipal election, two council seats are opening. Thorne is seeking reelection to the seat he won last June. Hosterman's four-year term of office on the council would have expired this November. The other open seat is currently held by Councilman Steve Brozosky, who is vacating it to run against Hosterman for the mayor's post.

Arkin, 45, a member of the Planning Commission since 1999, first became active in community affairs 10 years ago when he worked to block a plan by San Francisco to build 2,500 houses on the Bernal property. Later, San Francisco, which had owned the 520-acre parcel for nearly 70 years, sold it to Greenbriar Homes and associates for \$126 million. As part of the sales agreement, Greenbriar gave 318 acres free of charge to the city of Pleasanton in return for permits to build homes and apartments on the rest of the land.

Arkin also co-authored a ballot initiative, Measure V, which voters approved in 2004, that prohibits any additional housing anywhere on the Bernal property.

"I am running for City Council because I love our town, care about our residents and want to lead our community through buildout," Arkin said. "I have been working for a decade making Pleasanton a better place to live, work and play and want to continue my volunteer work on the council. I am passionate about Pleasanton—the place we all call home."

Arkin graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a B.S.

degree in Electronic Engineering and has an MBA from California Lutheran University. He holds 13 U.S. patents and is a published author. He works as the Director of Hardware Engineering at a semiconductor equipment company in Milpitas.

He and his wife Valerie have three children: Chris, 14; Angela, 11; and Nicholas, 6.

Dan Faustina, 27, is also back in the race again. A lifelong resident of Pleasanton, he graduated from Foothill High School and went on to earn a degree in Political Science from Pepperdine University in Malibu. While at Pepperdine, he served as President of Psi Upsilon and was captain of the men's rowing team.

His interest in politics led him to be a deputy campaign director for a Los Angeles educator's run for the California State Assembly. He also served on the campaign staff for Claude Hutchison's bid for the 10th Congressional District in the East Bay. Earlier, Faustina volunteered on the Measure B School Bond campaign in Pleasanton.

Currently, Faustina serves as a County Commissioner on the Alameda County Commission on Consumer Affairs and was recently appointed to the Commission on Human Relations. He also serves as President-Elect of the Pleasanton Kiwanis Club, Youth Leader for the Senior High Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, and coach in the Pleasanton Junior Football League.

Professionally, he is an area vice president for Gallagher Benefit Services in the firm's Pleasanton office, and consults mid-size to large companies on their employee benefit plans.

"Pleasanton has afforded me many opportunities and I feel privileged to now give back," Faustina said.

In a campaign statement, Faustina said that the primary reason he is seeking a seat on the council is to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the community and that the course set forth will give future generations the same great city in which he was raised. Faustina promised that this campaign will be about the citizens and a city unlike any other in this great state. ■

7 Deadly mistakes that will cost you thousands when selling your home this summer

A new report has just been released which reveals seven costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a nine-step system that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get

what they want for their home and become disillusioned and – worse – financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

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Adult school holds graduation next week

Students leave with strong vocational skills and job prospects

by Rebecca Guyon

Last week, more than 1,000 students graduated from Pleasanton schools, but there are still several students in the district waiting for their graduation ceremony. Amador Valley Adult and Community Education will hold its graduation ceremony Tuesday, June 27, in the Amador Valley High School library, where 97 students will be honored.

"The graduation is a celebration of what our program brings to this community," said Adult Education Principal Glen Sparks. "Hopefully, what we're doing is part of the vocational solution to create people who are stronger in the workforce, and celebrate that you're never too old to complete a high school diploma."

Students are graduating from several different programs offered at the adult school. The largest group is students who completed their General Education Development (GED) certificate, of which there are 47 students. Most students in this program first take a course in preparation for the six-part test, which, although not a high school diploma, is treated by most employ-

ers as a satisfactory equivalent.

"In many cases, when adults look at their past transcripts and see they are many units away from their diploma, but they think they have the skills necessary, they go for a GED," Sparks said.

The adult school does offer the option for adults, defined as anyone 18 or older, to receive their high school diploma by completing the necessary credits. There are three students graduating with their diploma at next week's ceremony.

There are also two special programs that are relatively new to the district, the medical assistance program and the special education aide program, graduating 11 and 36 students, respectively. The medical assistance program trains students to work in the front and back offices of a medical office. The special education aide program is actually new this year and was created through a partnership between the special education department and Quality Behavioral Outcomes (QBO), a special education con-

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Housing

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to do its share," said Lila Hussain of Urban Habitat. "We are calling on Pleasanton to lift its ban on affordable housing for families."

Marcantonio said the city blocks affordable housing development not only through its zoning policies, but also by limiting the issuance of building permits to only 350 per year. Its housing cap restricts the total number of homes to 29,000, a rigid ceiling that the city is quickly approaching.

"Pleasanton has hundreds of acres of urban land suitable for residential development, including several areas within walking distance of the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, as well as infill sites adjacent to existing higher density development," Marcantonio wrote Fialho. "It has accumulated over \$7 million in its lower-income housing trust fund, a sum it expects will more than double in the next several years."

"Despite this wealth of available land and funding, however, the city's regulatory hurdles have blocked efforts by developers to build the needed affordable housing," he added.

In his report, Marcantonio also attacks the city's residential housing cap of 29,000 units. The cap was adopted by the City Council when it approved the 1996 General Plan. Although the plan, itself, did not go to voters, proposals for the housing cap and growth management restrictions did, and were approved overwhelmingly. Only recently, as residential building

nears the 29,000 unit cap, with about 2,500 housing units left to build, have changes in the housing cap been discussed.

Several members of the city's Economic Vitality Committee discussed raising the cap to allow for more affordable housing, and the issue was raised just last week at a meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Considerations are also being given to allow an 800-unit residential complex proposed for the Staples Ranch area to proceed with units in the affordable and skilled nursing portions of the project to be excluded from the housing cap count. Other assisted living complexes where residents have common dining facilities and no full kitchens, already are exempted, including the 200 senior units at Ridge View Commons.

But Fialho said that the so-called "fair share" numbers produced by ABAG and backed by HCD could put the city over its cap if all current development plans continue and those affordable units are built. The dilemma would increase in 2009 when a new set of ABAG numbers will be determined, which is expected to greatly increase the state's demand for more affordable housing throughout the Bay Area, including in Pleasanton.

As for a possible lawsuit challenging the housing cap, Fialho said that it could come down to a court's decision over which law prevails: the city's 29,000 housing cap that was approved by voters, or a state mandate that has yet to have the force of legislation behind it. ■

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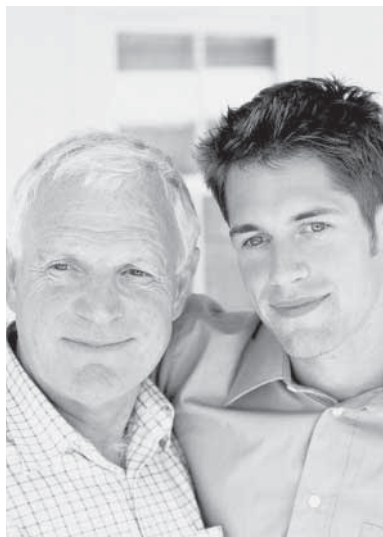
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Adult school

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"The goal is to help meet the needs for special education aides to help in class and be up on the skills necessary to work with a wide variety of special needs students," Sparks said. "It is comprehensive training, and I've been told that it made special education services better because it widened the pool of people who are qualified."

Pleasanton resident Lorraine Hetherington is one of this year's graduates from the program, and she has already landed a job working for as an aide for the summer school class at Vintage Hills. For the school year, she's signed up to be a substitute aide, and she's been told that there will be plenty of work.

"Honestly, I don't know what the graduation is—I've never been to it before," Hetherington said. "I'm really looking forward to working, to getting a job doing what I was trained to do."

Hetherington decided to pursue the program after her experience raising her oldest son, 17, who is autistic and her youngest son, 15, who has special needs. Having already gained a parent's knowledge, Hetherington wanted to get the professional skills necessary to be able to help in the classroom.

"It feels great," Hetherington said of completing her course. "I enjoyed

Take Us Along



Lean a little to the right
Jackson (left) and Wesley Katz read the Weekly while visiting the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa during a family vacation to Italy. The boys also traveled to England with their parents where they visited relatives.

the class a lot, and it was a very intense class. It just went really quick. There's so much to learn that it could have gone even longer."

The drive to pursue greater education goals is what brings most adults to adult education, Sparks said.

"I think it's the joy of life-long

learning, that it's never too late to learn something," Sparks said. "The older one gets, the more appreciation they have for education, where in some cases it may be taken for granted at a younger age. That's why adults generally do well, because they're excited and passionate about learning." ■

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ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR OPENS TODAY

Big parade tomorrow on Main Street

by Jeb Bing

The Alameda County Fair kicks off today for a 17-day run of fun and excitement for all ages, special tributes for the men and women in uniform, and fantastic entertainers in the biggest concert series ever.

Thousands are expected to attend opening day ceremonies and the fireworks tonight, followed by the largest fair parade ever starting at 11 a.m. tomorrow on Main Street.

Country singer Tracy Lawrence starts off the free concert series tonight with shows at 6 and 8 p.m. in the Fairgrounds' 3000-seat Amphitheater. A popular country singer, he's posted more No. 1 Billboard country singles than other greats such as Glen Campbell and Keith Whitley, and has won top vocalist and video artist awards from the Academy of Country Music and Country Weekly magazine.

Shortly after Lawrence's last performance tonight, fairgoers will be treated to a dazzling fireworks display at the west center end of the racetrack. Best seats, according to fairgrounds specialists, are at the apron between the grandstands and the racetrack, but also at other open locations both within the fairgrounds and along Rose Avenue.

Then, at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, find a comfortable spot downtown along curbside on Main Street to watch the biggest Alameda County Fair parade ever. The parade theme, "Jump Start Your Summer," mirrors the 2006 County Fair theme, which celebrates cars and racing.

This year's Grand Marshal will be Doug McConnell, host of "Bay Area Backroads" on KRON-TV 4, who will be joined by honorary Grand Marshal Marc Meadors of Pleasanton-based Goodguys Rod & Custom Association. With more than 90 parade entries, over-sized balloons, floats and 10 bands, this year's parade will be the most entertaining yet.

"On opening weekend, the Fair will also honor the extraordinary contributions of the men and women who serve our country in the Armed Forces," said April Mitchell, marketing manager for the Fairgrounds. "We are expanding the salute to our nation's heroes to three days with an array of special events, including the return of Operation Postcard."

Giant postcard banners will be available to be signed by fairgoers and will be delivered to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan at the close of the fair. Last year, fairgoers signed more than 80 double-sided postcard banners that soon became the hit of soldiers in desert battle locations far from home. Many are still posted.

Also in the parade will be a special airbrushed Hummer driven by Lance Corporal Ian Dollard of Pleasanton. Dollard was one of the survivors when an improvised explosive device blew up the Hummer he was riding in at the time, killing nine of the Marines riding in it. Karla Comfort, 39, of Portland, and mother of 20-year-old Lance Cpl. John Holmason, who was one of the nine killed, had her Hummer airbrushed with the images of the 10 Marines aboard as a way to pay homage to those who fell on Iraq's urban battlefield.

Comfort drove the Hummer to Pleasanton this week and

has asked Dollard to drive it. As you look at it, you will be the one on the driver's door with the parade. After the parade, the Hummer will be on display at the Fairgrounds.

The Fair also will salute troops during Military Weekend. Starting today and through Sunday, military vicemen and women with valid military IDs will receive admission along with one guest.

The County Fair has added four more fantasias to its 2006 concert series. From the Grand Ole Opry style of Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, to the style of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, to the Pop R&B style of the Sunshine Band, these are shows not to be missed.

On Wednesday, July 5, young and old can enjoy the satiate singing of Pat Boone. With his trademark white shoes, perfectly combed hair and gleaming smile, Boone is the very essence of American values at a time when the and-role was viewed as a sign of the apocalyptic. Boone embraced rock-and-roll. With 45 million records sold, Boone is recognized today by Billboard Magazine as the most successful recording artist in history.

Of course, it's not all parades and entertainers. The year's fair has hundreds of exhibits, contests and activities. There's even a Pet Look-Alike Contest where you can email a photo of themselves with their pet, a cooking cook-off, and cooking academy contests. In addition to an assortment of large, air-conditioned exhibition booths, you can find arts and crafts, knitting and crochet, and homemade jams, candy and cookies, and plenty of other arrangements.

For many, the most exciting part of the fair is the oldest racetrack, which will feature live racing on Wednesday, June 28, through closing day on Sunday, July 2. That will total 11 days of thundering hooves and excitement for positions coming around the final turn.

Post time is 12:15 p.m. daily, although there will be no horse racing on Wednesday, July 5.

Box seats are sold out, but there's a new feature: a trackside terrace that includes a full buffet, refreshments, and an excellent view of the racetrack with TV coverage. Each table, and all for \$30, including Fair admission, call 426-7511 for reservations.

Adult Fair admission is \$9 at the gate, \$7 for seniors 65 and over, and \$6 for children. A Family Pak that includes two adults, two children, a parking pass and 30 minutes of TV is \$39.

Special admission promotions include the Kids Free Fridays for 12 and under on June 23, Madness on June 26, where everyone is free, Seniors Free Wednesdays on June 28 and July 5, and Wednesday on July 5, with a \$3 admission charge.

For more information on fair events, schedule, and ticket prices, visit the Fair's Web site at www.AlamedaFair.com or call 426-7600. ■

Two climbers test their skills on the Fairground's climbing wall, a 28-foot-high rock-like structure located in the Action Zone. It has five climbing areas that allow people to race against each other.

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Fairgoers sign their names and write messages on postcard banners that will be sent to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan after the Fair. Hundreds in the military sent their thanks to the Fair after posting the banners from the 2005 Fair.

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 28, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- Public Safety Element of the General Plan
Review and provide comment on a Draft Public Safety Element of the General Plan.
- 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.
- PUD-50, Ponderosa Homes
Application to subdivide an approximately 19.83-acre site into 27 lots and to construct 25 new, one- and two-story single-family detached homes ranging in size from 3,908 square feet to 4,595 square feet located at 3157 Trenerly Drive and 2313 Martin Avenue.
- PUD-44, Barbara Young
Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning of an existing 2.91-acre parcel located at 11249 Dublin Canyon Road from Agriculture (A) District to Planned Unit Development – Low Density Residential (PUD-LDR) District and for Parcel Map approval to subdivide the existing lot into three parcels, measuring approximately 19,779 square feet; 50,192 square feet; and 45,094 square feet, for three custom homes.
- PUD-05-01M/PDR-541, Frank and Barbara Berlogar
Application for: (1) a major modification to an approved PUD development plan to replace the approved production home designs with design guidelines for the Silver Oaks Estates development and to change a previous condition requiring Planning Commission review/approval of the custom home designs to Zoning Administrator review/approval; and (2) design review approval for an approximately 4,716-square-foot single-family residence with a 909-square-foot attached garage for Lot 5 of Tract 7399, located at 2200 Vineyard Avenue, in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.
- PUD-32, Daniel and Belinda Sarich
Work Session to review and receive comment on an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan to construct an approximately 13,015-square-foot single-family residence and an approximately 130-square-foot poolhouse on the approximately 20-acre site located at 5 Tuscany Place (formerly 1630 Vineyard Avenue), in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.

Trails Ad-Hoc Committee

Monday, June 26, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.
Council Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal

- Request to Change Alignment of Potential Future Trail at 990 Sycamore Road
- Discussion of Potential and Preferred Alignments for Iron Horse Trail North (Santa Rita Road to BART Station)
- Discussion of Potential Trails to Schools Program
- Discussion of Trail Signage

Future Meeting Information

- Civic Arts Commission July 3 meeting has been rescheduled to July 10
- Human Services Commission will meet again on July 5
- The City Council meetings on July 4 and August 1 have been canceled
- Parks and Recreation Commission will meet again on July 13
- The Youth Commission does not meet during the months of July and August

GENERAL INFORMATION

- As a reminder for the upcoming 4th of July Holiday - ALL fireworks are illegal in the City of Pleasanton. For more information regarding illegal fireworks, please contact the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department or the Pleasanton Police Department.

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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

Pleasanton Police conduct sobriety checkpoint

Five drivers were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) and eight vehicles were impounded for DUI violations and for drivers' license violations during a June 17 sobriety checkpoint, police said. The checkpoint was held between 8 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. on northbound Hopyard Road south of Inglewood Drive. More than 800 vehicles were screened.

Grand theft at Macy's Women's store

The Loss Prevention Manager of the Macy's store in Stoneridge Shopping Center reported to police that four Coach brand purses were stolen from a secured display between 7 and 7:15 p.m. on June 13. The suspect cut the security lanyards from

the display case releasing the purses. The theft was not captured on security cameras and none of the sales clerks remember seeing anyone suspicious near the display, police said. The manager reported to police that similar thefts have occurred at four other Macy's stores.

Credit card theft at Club Sport

Two credit cards were stolen from the locker of a male Pleasanton resident at the Club Sport on Johnson drive June 11, police said. The victim discovered the loss about seven hours after leaving the gym to find that \$19,196 had been charged at the Bayfair Mall Macy's store in San Leandro.

Burglary at construction yard

More than \$14,000 worth of plumbing equipment and water meters were stolen from construction trailers at the Greenbriar Homes construction site on Hanher Avenue off Old Vineyard Road sometime before 5:30 a.m., June 7, police said. The site showed signs of a forced entry.

Police Report

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

June 12

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 1
- Assault:
 - 11:06 a.m. in the 5500 block of Spring House Drive
 - 11:39 a.m. in the 7700 block of Paseo Santa Cruz
- Dog Killed:
 - 5:43 p.m. in the 7300 block of Hickorywood Lane

June 13

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 3
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 3
- Possession of alcohol by a minor:
 - 1:52 p.m. at the intersection of Crestline Road and Valley Avenue
- Assault:
 - 4:04 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

June 14

- Theft: 7
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1

- Found property: 2
- False identity given to police:
 - 1:16 a.m. at the intersection of First and Spring streets
- Public drunkenness:
 - 4:18 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive
- Dog bite:
 - 11:35 a.m. in the 1100 block of Hearst Drive
- Assault:
 - 5:41 p.m. in the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue
- Bomb threat:
 - 11:48 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Blvd.

June 15

- Theft: 7
- Assault:
 - 1:39 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- Dog bite:
 - 9:44 a.m. in the 700 block of St. Michael Circle
- Attempted suicide:
 - 2:44 p.m. in the 6200 block of Robin Court

June 16

- Theft: 8
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Sexually explicit phone calls: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Prowler:
 - 12:38 a.m. in the 400 block of Adams Way
- Possession of a gun:
 - 9:15 a.m. in the 1600 block of Paseo Laguna Seco
- Dog bite:
 - 11:55 p.m. in the 3300 block of Kim Court

June 17

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 2
- DUI: 1
- Assault:
 - 12:42 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road
 - 11:27 a.m. in the 400 block of Division Street
 - 11:08 p.m. in the 6200 block of Robin Court
- Battery:
 - 2:51 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- Resisting arrest:
 - 8 p.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road

June 17

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 3
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 2
- Possession of alcohol by a minor:
 - 2:09 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue
- Attempted suicide:
 - 4:47 a.m. in the 1400 block of White Stable Drive
- Assault:
 - 8:03 a.m. in the 2600 block of Chocolate Street
 - 4:45 p.m. in the 500 block of Tannet Court
- Dog attack:
 - 11:55 p.m. in the 3200 block of Royalton Court

ACCIDENTS

June 12

- 5:08 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive

June 13

- 3:41 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

June 14

- 9:06 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Touriga Drive and Vineyard Avenue
- 11:02 a.m. - Hit-and-run accident in the 1000 block of Division Street

June 15

- Noon - Non-injury accident in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 1:34 p.m. - Non-injury accident in the 4400 block of Black Avenue
- 7:03 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Peters Avenue and Angela Street
- 8:34 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Dorman Road and Denker Drive

June 16

- 5:58 p.m. - Injury accident in the 5100 block of Springdale Avenue

June 18

- 8 a.m. - Non-injury accident in the 7400 block of Muirwood Court

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Opinion

Editorial

Pleasanton's affordable housing dilemma

Just when work on the city's General Plan Update is moving forward at a faster pace than ever comes a threat of a lawsuit by affordable housing advocates who say we don't have enough. Groups including the Tri-Valley Citizens for a Caring Community, some churches and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) have decried the slow-growth policies of Pleasanton officials for years that have limited the number of buildable sites and housing permits than can be designated for affordable housing. Last year, HCD took the unusual step of decertifying Pleasanton's state-mandated housing plan after the city government showed no signs of meeting rezoning requirements it had promised the year before.

By law, every jurisdiction in California must have a General Plan and every General Plan must include a Housing Element, which is intended to meet the state goal of attaining decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family. Of the 535 separate jurisdictions in California, many fail to meet their deadlines for updating the Housing Elements, but generally all comply. Although the state Legislature in 2002 declined to consider a bill that would have penalized cities that fail to comply, cities that fail to gain state certification leave themselves exposed to possible lawsuits. Without a state-certified Housing Plan, Pleasanton's 1996 General Plan that is still our controlling land uses document is also out of compliance.

Urban Habitat, an environmental justice organization with a mission of promoting affordable housing opportunities for lower-income Bay Area residents, has told Pleasanton: enough is enough. With the city nearing buildout to a voter-approved/mandated 29,000 housing unit cap, and with high-end housing developments awaiting final approval, affordable housing advocates see the opportunity for more affordable housing here slipping away. In a 14-page letter sent to City manager Nelson Fialho this week, public interest lawyer Richard Marcantonio of Public Advocates, Inc., is at the head of Urban Habitat's resolve to force Pleasanton to build affordable housing, even if it means tossing out the housing cap. Housing advocates and community coalitions such as the Tri-Valley Citizens for a Caring Community have been successful in court battles with other cities. Just recently, in a groundbreaking court judgment and settlement entered by Contra Costa Superior Court Judge Joyce Cram, the city of Pittsburg and its Redevelopment Agency was ordered to produce 990 units of affordable housing over the next nine years.

As housing prices and rents rises, even in low-end housing districts, the continuing surge of new residents moving to California, and especially to the Bay Area, will put increasing pressure on cities that have growth management controls. Pleasanton is one of only a few California cities to actually have a housing cap, with firm city boundaries that curtail residential development. As evidenced by the General Plan Update that has been moving slowly through public and government review processes since 2003, with mid-2007 now seen as the earliest date for completion, Pleasanton has always been a city that carefully and cautiously handles population and development growth. Its plans for residential growth on some of the few remaining undeveloped acres, including Hacienda Business Park, include plans to build more affordable housing that we all agree the city lacks and needs. By inviting Marcantonio and the housing coalitions he represents to join in the city's planning efforts, perhaps we can move forward to wrap up the General Plan in a more amicable approach that will provide the housing needed without state or court interference. This would be the fastest way of meeting the city's and coalitions' affordable housing goals.

Letters

Hosterman embarrasses

Dear Editor,

In the May 12 issue of the Pleasanton Weekly, Mayor Hosterman claimed that her activities with regard to issues like global warming, world peace and nuclear proliferation are bringing her great recognition (News, "Hosterman, at Chicago mayors' conference, says she'll seek re-election," May 12, 2006). At the just completed United States Council of Mayors held in Las Vegas, our mayor introduced a resolution that asks Russia and China to no longer target our cities with nuclear weapons. She, no doubt, believes that if these countries answer her request then the United States can destroy all nuclear weapons. And our mayor finally got the recognition she deserves. On June 3, the Las Vegas Review-Journal wrote:

"Our choice for the 'Kumbaya' award at this weekend's U.S. Conference of Mayors, being held in Las Vegas, goes to Pleasanton, Calif., Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. She has submitted a resolution that calls on Russia and China to declare that U.S. cities 'are no longer targets for nuclear attack.'"

As residents, we can all share in this recognition because we paid for her expenses while she was on this trip. If she had only thought of this approach prior to September 11, 2001, we could have avoided the attack and its consequences.

Doug Miller, Paseo Santa Cruz

Give peace a chance

Dear Editor,

Brian Cavanaugh wrote a letter demanding that Jennifer Hosterman withdraw from the Mayors for Peace, claiming that the quest for peace is radical and none of our business (Letters to the Editor, "Hosterman should withdraw," June 16, 2006). The inference from these letter writers who bash Jennifer is that somehow this takes her away from city business and that her participation in peace activities is bringing shame upon those who cherish the militaristic aspects of the American government. Jennifer has shown that she is capable of being an engaged mayor. Her outside activities haven't dampened her zeal in taking care of ordinary day to day mayoral pursuits.

And, regarding the irrelevance of peace to our community, just look at how many Pleasanton children spend their spare time playing video and computer war games where they are carrying big automatic weapons and blowing up people and testing their prowess in warlike settings. Their parents buy these games for them; war and killing is embraced and regarded as great entertainment. Everything warlike is embraced in a world where one finger can press a button that will vaporize everyone, or worse, surviving in a world not worth living in. Children continue to spend their time playing war games, being trained as warrior robots for a reality that renders no winners. I lived with a Vietnam vet for 10 years and watched his screaming nightmares. In real life, there are no winners in war. It's an exercise in insanity. So, judging from what I see with our kids, maybe we do need some balance here in Pleasanton.

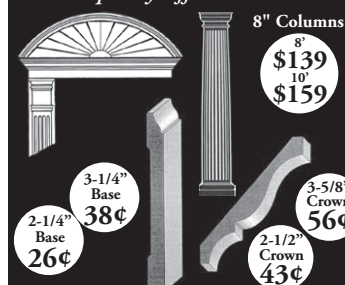
I'm thankful Jennifer is working with other mayors around the world to discover the language of peace. We can't have a peaceful world if we don't have the courage to start somewhere; and, I think we are long overdue in questioning, as communities, just exactly where our country is going in regards to these never ending wars and to this mindless, flag waving reverence toward all that is violent, malevolent, cruel and warlike. There is so much more to life than that. Let's show our children that we can do better.

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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 meeting scheduled for July 4 is cancelled. The next meeting is July 18.

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 18.

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.

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 school board will not meet during the summer months. The next meeting is August 22.

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.

Events

Adopt a Shelter Cat

Bishop Ranch and Veterinary Center & Urgent Care is hosting an adoption event for local animal rescue groups from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., June 24 at 2000 Bishop Dr., San Ramon. Call Tracy, 449-0705.

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.

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.

Tapestry Women

Share friendship, food and crafts or make baby blankets for local hospitals and missions from 10 a.m.-noon, Sat., June 24 at Ironwood Community Center, 3431 Cornerstone Ct. Call Claudia, 462-4675.

Weekend Preview



'Find' Stella at Lions Wayside Park

Classic rock band Finding Stella will perform tonight, Friday, June 23 at Lions Wayside Park during the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Friday Concerts in the Park Series. Every Friday during the summer, the PDA puts on a free show featuring a variety of music acts. The show starts at 7 p.m., but many people get there much earlier in the day to lay out blankets and claim a spot on the lawn. Visit www.pleasantondowntown.net to view a complete schedule.

Exhibits

Charlotte Severin

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

Vanessa Barrett's Solo Art Exhibit

View portraits in acrylic, pastel, collage and wood by Vanessa Barrett from July 1-30 at 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Opening reception will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sun., July 2 at Wente Vineyards Tasting Room. Visit www.WenteVineyards.com.

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.

Fundraisers

Operation SAM

Stop by Museum On Main, 603 Main St., and donate items or cash to Operation SAM, a nonprofit volunteer organization that sends packages to American troops that are deployed all over the world. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed-Sat. and from 1-4 p.m. on Sun. Call 462-2766 or e-mail operationsam@comcast.net.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society is hosting "Relay for Life," at 9 a.m., Sat., July 29 until 9 a.m., Sun., July 30 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Gather in teams of 12-15 for \$150 per team. Each member is asked to help raise a minimum of \$100 in donations to help fight cancer. Call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Get Tee'd Off at Breast Cancer

The Tri-Valley chapter of Stepping Out for Cancer Kures (SOCKS) is holding its annual golf tournament, dinner and auction Friday, June 23 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Kormen Breast Cancer Foundation. Cost is \$195 per player. Registration starts at 11 a.m. with a scramble format at 1 p.m. and dinner and award presentations at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.trivalleysocks.org or e-mail golf@trivalleysocks.org for more information.

Health

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.

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

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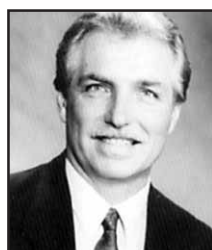
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Lacrosse Club Summer Program
Programs are available for girls entering grades 3-8, boys entering grades 1-8 and high school boys entering grades 9-12 and runs from Tues., July 11 through Sat., Aug. 19. Registration fee is \$50, \$60 after June 20 for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

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 Artes 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 Citizen's 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.

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.

Workshops

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.

Miscellaneous

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.

Poetry Open Mic
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On Stage

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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 Clerks 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 has been extended to Friday, June 30, 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



GENERAL MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the General Municipal Consolidated Election is to be held in the City of Pleasanton on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

"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

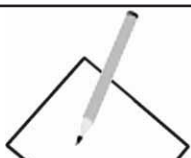
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Seniors

Friday Night Dance
Join the crowd for ballroom dancing once a month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$7 for residents, \$8 non-residents. Singles welcome. Reservations required. Call 931-5365.

Internet Access Workstation
The internet workstation is available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri. and 9 a.m.-noon most Saturdays. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

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.

Sports

Dodgeball Tournament
The Dodgeball Tournament will be held at 5:30 p.m., Fri., June 30. Cost is \$15 and includes a Baja Fresh Buffet. Sign up at the activities desk at ClubSport, 7090 Johnson Dr. Call 463-2822, ext. 570.

TV30

City Council Meeting
The City Council Meeting from Tues., June 20 will air at 6 p.m., Sat., June 24 and 10 a.m., Sun., June 25 on channel 29.

Conversations
Take a look into Eric Johnson's new magazine, "Alive East Bay," and join Celia Mason, a certified senior advisor, to learn about long-term care and how to reverse mortgages at 6:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., Sat., June 24 and Sun., June 25 on channel 30.

COPPS in Pleasanton
Learn about firework safety, teen drinking, summer pet tips and the Teen Academy at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Sat., June 24 and Sun., June 25 on channel 30.

Volunteering

Tri-Valley Haven
Tri-Valley Haven provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness in the Tri-Valley and needs volunteers to help with childcare, answer the crisis line and assist clients with restraining order paperwork. Training starts at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Must be at least 21 years old. Call Melissa, 449-5845, ext. 111 or e-mail melissa@trivalleyhaven.org.

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

Volunteers Needed at RCJL
The Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care to its residents. Volunteers play a key role. RCJL has a wide range of opportunities matching volunteer's interests while ensuring the needs of residents. To apply, call Irma, 964-2098.

Transitions

Obituaries

Nicholas "Nich" A. Ermak

Nich Ermak, a longtime resident of Danville, died in a rock climbing accident at Mt. Diablo State Park on June 8.

He was born November 26, 1983. He was a 2002 graduate of San Ramon Valley High School and currently a senior at the University of California, Santa Cruz, majoring in history. He was very involved in martial arts training in both the Bujinkan School of Ninjutsu and the Enbukan School of Battojutsu (a Japanese combat sword art). While on a recent trip to Japan, he performed before the Grand Master and earned his Shodan (black belt), a significant achievement.

He is survived by his mother Tricia Leonard (who is vice principal at Harvest Park Middle School) and step-father Fred of Pleasanton; father Don Ermak and step-mother Lois of Danville; brother Mike of Redmond, Wash.; sister Lisa Barbera of Littleton, Colo.; step-sisters Laura Johnson of San Francisco and Stacy Berkley of Pleasanton; and step-brother Chris Poulos of Forest Grove, Ore.

Services were held June 14 at Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon in Danville.

Edna E. Miner

Edna Miner died in Danville at the age of 93.

She was born in Butte Valley Township, N.D., and was the last survivor of nine children born to Norwegian immigrants. She graduated from the Fabiola School of Nursing in Oakland in 1932 and worked in the profession for most of the following 40 years. In the mid 1960s, she fought tirelessly to improve working conditions for nurses. She owned and operated a yardage store in Castro Valley for two years. She played the organ in her church. She was a member of The Elm Club of Oakland, Sons of Norway, Eastern Star, Republican Women's Club, and Rolling Hills Community Church in Danville. After retirement, she built a ranch house in Tracy and spent the next 18 years raising cattle, horses and chickens. Besides construction work, she was a talented seamstress, excellent Scrabble player, and she enjoyed deep sea fishing.

She is survived by three daughters, Marty Daniels and her husband Steve of Pleasanton, Holly Gillingham and her husband Chuck of Campbell, Patty Parks-Telek and her husband Frank of Danville; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband Hollis and first-born daughter Mary Susan preceded her in death.

Weddings



Sarah Beard and Benjamin Hamilton

Even on their wedding day, Sarah Beard and Benjamin Hamilton couldn't put down the Weekly. They are joined by (l-r) Amy Beard, Elijah Hamilton, Pastor David Beard and Sue Beard. The couple wed in River Falls, Wis., At Luther Memorial Church.

Services were held at Rolling Hills Community Church in Danville. Memorial donations may be made to the National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Robert Lawrence Ferguson

Robert Ferguson died June 4 at the age of 81.

He was born September 4, 1924, in Berkeley. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943-1945 as a B-24 bomber pilot. He graduated from Berkeley High School and attended Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. He was affiliated with the California State Sheriffs' Association A.C.R.E. and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton. He retired after 30 years of service as a Deputy Sheriff with Alameda County. He was an avid 49er fan, enjoyed model railroading, fishing and home repairs.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wanda Eloise of Pleasanton; sons Steven Alan Ferguson and his

wife Sandra of Albany, Calif., and David Robert Ferguson and his wife Delice of San Ramon; daughters Nancy Ann Higgins and her husband James of Ceres, Calif., Sally Jean Powels of Summerland Key, Fla., and Susan Jane Hogan and her husband Richard of Livermore; sister Helen Ormsby of Murphys, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, four sisters and son-in-law David Powels.

A memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton 94566.



Births

The following birth information was provided by ValleyCare Health Systems.

May 18

Pamela and Dennis Barned, twin boys

May 23

Susan Blair and Steven Dady, a boy

May 26

Jyothi and Kishan Kandula, a boy

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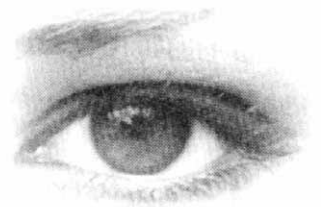
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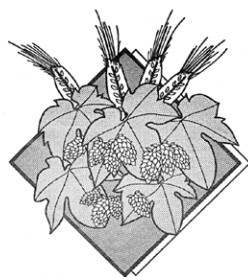
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