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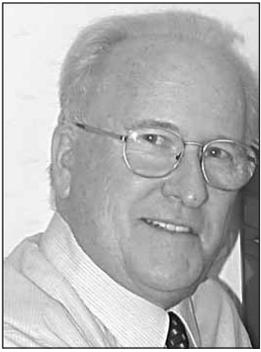
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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Budget skills made Rossi a winner every time

**S**ue Rossi, Pleasanton's long-term Finance Director who retired June 30, was just a young girl when she first came to Pleasanton, one of a number of trips she made with her parents from Oakland to enjoy the County Fair. Now, with the Fair ending its 2006 run on Sunday, so has Rossi, finally able to join her husband Bill, who retired five years ago from his job at the East Bay Municipal Utilities District. With two children, five grandchildren and large families on both sides (Sue has six brothers and sisters in the area; Bill has three), they'll both enjoy the freedom Sue Rossi has from a demanding work

including more than \$40 million from Pleasanton, caused Rossi to look both ways and even behind her back as she anticipated revenue needed to keep Pleasanton afloat.

What helped, Rossi recalls, was the timing of the major tax revenue sources. The recession of the early 90s affected sales tax revenue almost immediately, but the city continued receiving increased dollars from real estate, where a downturn doesn't impact property tax receipts for about two years or longer. With the city home to one of the largest regional malls in the area—Stoneridge Shopping Center—and having had a major housing development boom in the 1980s, Rossi was able to shift dollars from one revenue source to another so that there was little impact on year-to-year budgets. Major capital improvements, such as the reconstruction of Main Street, an Olympic swimming pool at the aquatic center, and scores of new streets, water lines and sewers to handle the housing growth continued unabated.

Even today, with the city fielding its largest debt load to open the Callippe Preserve golf course and trail system, Rossi's cautious budgeting keeps the city financially secure. When she joined the city, the General Fund revenues totaled just over \$30 million, with a 1982 population of about 25,000. Last month, as Rossi turned over her post to David P. Culver, former finance director in Santa Cruz, the General Fund came in at a high of \$84.5 million, more than \$2 million, or 5.8 percent, over projections. Looking forward, the expectations are even higher: a revised projection in General Fund revenue for Fiscal 2006-07 of \$89 million, or 5.3 percent above estimates, making both the retiring Rossi and incoming Culver cheer, not to mention the major capital improvement projects that will now be fully funded.

It's been a 24-year venture that came to a close with well-deserved accolades from the city and the community last week. ■

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schedule that often involved late night meetings and 10-hour workdays when city budgets were being prepared.

Everyone agrees that Rossi is leaving Pleasanton in good shape—with a Mid-Term Budget and Capital Improvement Program just approved by the City Council that continues Rossi's conservative fiscal approach and has kept Pleasanton well prepared to handle any financial crises. And crises there were during the years since 1982 when Rossi signed on as an accounting supervisor, following similar work for the cities of Livermore and Fremont and for two years in the private sector. The economic swings, particularly the downturn in 1989 and the early 1990s, along with the state budget crisis that caused Sacramento to take millions of dollars from California counties and cities,

### About the Cover

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who takes pride in having forged close-working relations with county and Tri-Valley officials and agencies, is now striking out on global issues that she believes have an important impact on Pleasanton residents. Her work in sponsoring key resolutions at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and in world peace initiatives have brought both praise and criticism from those with views on how far beyond the city's limits mayors should go in speaking out. Cover design by Ben Ho.

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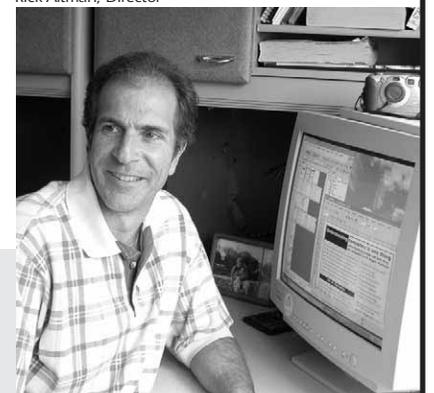


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# Streetwise

**Q:** What is your favorite  
kid-friendly day trip?

Asked around town



**Jennifer Nocar**  
Homemaker

We love the Sausalito Children's Discovery Museum. The drive over is gorgeous. The view of the Golden Gate Bridge and Bay are beautiful. There is a snack bar and playground, and the interactive displays are very educational and fun.

**Brenda Kilroy**  
Homemaker

We pack up a picnic lunch and go to all of the parks. We love the water parks. Parks are free entertainment and a great way to meet people if you are new to town.



**Kerry Miller**  
Contractor

We like to go to the San Francisco Ferry Building. It's a great place to people-watch and visit the Farmers' Market. Then we walk along the wharf to Pier 39. We always enjoy a day in the city.

**Victoria Glenn**  
Homemaker

One of favorite outings is a day at the Oakland Zoo. We pack up a lunch and head out. They have a great new reptile exhibit and an insect display, and the kids have a wonderful time. A visit is very inexpensive, especially if you have a membership.



**Josh Bailey**  
Electrician

We love to go to Val Vista Park. We slide on the slide and play at the playground. Then we take off our shirts and shorts and run through the water in our bathing suits. After that, we lie in the sun and get all warm.

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)  
Compiled by Cybele Ryan

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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Wine Stroll

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting the Sixth Annual Downtown Summer Wine Stroll from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 20. More than 25 members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will showcase their wines throughout the downtown at up to 35 locations. Each guest will receive a commemorative glass and event map. Tickets are currently on sale and will be sold until July 19. Cost is \$20 in advance. Any remaining tickets will be sold the day of the event for \$25 beginning at 5:45 p.m. in front of the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street. For info, call 484-2199

### LEGO Train is coming

A working LEGO Model Town and Train exhibit from the Bay Area LEGO Train club is on display at the Museum On Main until July 30. The LEGO replica depicts trains, buildings, shops and towns. There is also a children's crafts area where kids can try their hands at artwork. Their creations will be on display in a special area at the museum. Admission to the museum is a \$2 requested donation. The museum, located at 603 Main Street, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Call 462-2766 or e-mail [valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net) for more information or visit the museum's Web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

### Citizens' Academy

The Pleasanton Police Department is accepting applicants for the fall 2006 session of the Citizens' Police Academy. This will be the 14th Citizens' Academy the department has presented since the program's creation in 2000. Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 7, and conclude Dec. 14. The program aims to create closer partnerships with the public, explain law enforcement procedures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process. Classes are held on once a week on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m., with the exception of Thanksgiving, Nov. 23.

The program is open only to adults who are Pleasanton residents. Participants cannot have any felony convictions or any misdemeanor arrests one year prior to the application. Acceptance into the program is contingent on a successful background investigation. Contact Sgt. Brian Laurence at 931-5169 or e-mail [blaurence@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:blaurence@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) to receive an application, or pick one up at the Pleasanton Police Department, 4833 Bernal Ave.



### Can we keep him?

Fairgoers had a chance to check out the Budweiser Clydesdale horses earlier this week at the Alameda County Fair. After spending time with his adoring fans, this Clydesdale hitched together with seven other Clydesdales and the group took a turn around the racetrack following the last race of the day. This weekend is the last chance to catch the Fair, which closes this Sunday. Along with rides, food and exhibits, the country singer Miranda Lambert will perform at the amphitheater.

## City employee expected in court on embezzlement charges

*Accounting assistant accused of stealing \$77,000 of city funds*

Former city employee Laurie Smith will be seen in the Alameda County Superior Court in Hayward July 24 on a felony embezzlement charge of allegedly stealing city funds. She is currently being held at Santa Rita County Jail without bail.

Smith, an accounting assistant, was arrested May 4 for allegedly embezzling approximately \$77,000 from city coffers over a four-year period, police said. Police first started investigating the case in December after a \$1,500 check received by the city and deposited into the city bank account had not been properly credited to the Fire Department. The city's finance department conducted an audit, which identified a "lapping scheme." Smith admitted to stealing cash from the city's bank deposits and was terminated based

on that admission, police said. Police did not arrest Smith at the time because they wanted to fully uncover the extent of the embezzlement before proceeding.

"This is highly unusual in city government," said Sergeant Craig Eicher. "We notice it a lot more in private industry. I think it's because in government there is generally more oversight so these things are generally caught, but with the method she was using, it was so complex, that it was difficult to determine what was going on."

"Lapping" is a term used to describe the embezzlement method where an employee receives a customer's payment and takes the money instead of applying it to the customer's account. To cover the theft, the employee takes another customer's payment and applies it to the first account, continually repeating the process.

Smith has yet to enter a plea. The city is seeking restitution for the embezzled \$77,000.

—Rebecca Guyon

## City's revenues up again due to sales, property tax growth

*Golfers beating expectations on rounds played, fees paid*

by Jeb Bing

The City Council has approved a record-high budget for fiscal 2006-07 that shows revenue continuing to increase to the General Fund despite a slowdown in housing starts and new development plans.

Based on projections, General Fund revenue for the current fiscal year will top \$89 million, or about \$4.5 million more than in the last fiscal year that ended June 30.

The increases came from increased sale taxes anticipated for the next 12 months of \$16,183,376 and a whopping \$43,632,553 in property taxes, compared to \$40,139,778 in fiscal 2005-06. Across the board, Pleasanton will see revenue increases except in those areas most affected by the recent economic and housing development slowdown.

Overall, the mid-year budget has been amended to reflect additional net income of \$2.1 million, which resulted from revenue increases of \$2.3 million and increases to expenditures of \$229,700.

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## Two cops retire after total of 59 years on duty

*Chief Neal praises officers for dedicated community service*

Two police veterans with a combined total of 59 years of service have retired, earning praise from fellow officers and Police Chief Tim Neal for their exemplary service to the Pleasanton community.

Honored at recent police department ceremonies were Sgt. Don Saulsbury, named two different times as the department's "Officer of the Year," and Police Officer Jim Marshall, who joined the Pleasanton department in 1979.

Saulsbury came to the Police Department with an associate's degree from San Jose City College and later earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Cal State Hayward, now Cal State East Bay. He served in a variety of special assignments such as traffic, detective work, special investigations, field training, traffic motorcycle supervisor and on the department's SWAT team. He was also a TASER instructor, helping other officers learn this new technology.

"Sgt. Saulsbury has always been considered a 'cop's cop,'" Neal said at a retirement ceremony. "He has been eligible to retire for the last two years, but continued to come to work each day with a rookie's passion. Taking time to enjoy the job, laugh often, Don never lost focus on the seriousness of the job and pro-



Sgt. Don Saulsbury



Officer Jim Marshall

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## Pleasanton Real Estate News



by  
Gerarda  
Stocking

### PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS VS. CMA'S

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# Debbie Look joins Firehouse Arts Center fundraising campaign

*Billy Butler named to PCAF board of directors*

by Rebecca Guyon

Debbie Look was recently named campaign coordinator of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, making her the organization's first and only paid staff member. Look takes this position as she is ending her two year term as the Pleasanton Parent Teacher Association Council president.

As the campaign coordinator, Look will lead PCAF's capital campaign to raise funds for the Firehouse Arts Center, which will house a 250-seat theater, galleries and classrooms in the old firehouse

on Railroad Avenue in the downtown. The City Council has agreed to fund \$6 million to the project and PCAF hopes to raise an additional \$6 million so the entire plan, estimated to cost \$11 million, can be achieved.

Look will further this funding effort by researching grant oppor-



Debbie Look

tunities and other potential donors, providing marketing materials and doing "whatever is needed," she said.

"We're getting geared up really quickly because we have a very quick timeline," Look said. "The city puts the project out to bid later this year and we want a certain amount of funds by that point so the project can have its full scope."

It was because of this short timeline and the growing amount of work to be done that the PCAF

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# Seven Girl Scouts receive Gold Awards

*Students completed a variety of service projects for the community*

Seven Pleasanton Girl Scouts received the Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve, after the completion of several service projects across the community. The Girl Scouts are Christina Edholm, Anne Jensen, Alice Tasker, Jessica Hitchens, Melissa Easley, Jennifer Vincent and Kelly Groth. Edholm, Jensen, Tasker and Hitchens recently graduated from Foothill High School. Vincent and Groth will be seniors next year at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools, respectively. All the Girl Scouts are members of Troop 3991.

In order to earn the award, each scout must complete a project that takes at least 50 hours to complete and improves the lives of members in the community. Each Girl Scout took the project seriously and the range of projects demonstrates

their diverse interests.

Edholm organized, built and painted a bike shed for the Tri-Valley Haven in Livermore. Jensen researched and prepared a pamphlet about dating violence that is available for students in the attendance office and health classes at Foothill. Vincent organized a booth at the annual Science Fun Fair titled "Beware of Butts" that raised awareness about the dangers of smoking. She was inspired to do the project because her grandfather died of a smoking-related disease. Tasker organized a "Hair Raising" event for Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that collects human hair to make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness. Forty people donated their hair at the event held at Hairlights Salon. Jensen got the idea after donating her own hair to

the organization a year ago.

Easley and Hitchens completed their project together, organizing a Fitness Health Fair for Pleasanton residents in April. The fair offered activities such as karate and bicycle safety demonstrations, three-legged races, soccer games, obstacle courses and information on local health and fitness classes. Groth built two cat trees for the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' (SPCA) animal shelter. Having regularly volunteered at the shelter, Groth recognized the need and created the project.

Prior to undertaking the project, a Girl Scout must first earn badges and complete many hours of community service. Only one percent of all Girl Scouts earn their Gold Award.

—Rebecca Guyon

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Courtesy Natalie Mano

Boys at the Southern Cross Humanitarian-run orphanage near Cusco, Peru, enjoy their new school kits, donated by Pleasanton residents and organized by Ken and Carolyn Mano of Pleasanton.

## Local family lends a hand to Peruvian orphanage

*Donated clothes, school kits go a long way for children in need*

by Rebecca Guyon

Although Peru and Pleasanton are thousands of miles apart, the two were recently connected through the generous work of Ken and Carolyn Mano of Pleasanton and their daughter, Natalie, of Berkeley. Ken and Carolyn collected more than 400 pounds of clothes and assembled 88 school kits for children at an orphanage near Cusco, Peru. The couple was inspired to act after Natalie, 40, joined a humanitarian trip to the orphanage, which is run by the Southern Cross Humanitarian organization.

"Just the pictures of the kids," Ken said is what caused him and his wife to organize these projects. "It's incredible because all of these kids are deserted or their parents died."

Over the course of two weeks, the Manos collected nearly 400 pounds of donated clothes. There is no way to know exactly how many people donated because many would leave their donations on the Manos' porch, but Ken believes easily a couple dozen people made donations. Ken, who is treasurer of Amador Valley High School's Boosters Club, was able to use that role and sent out announcements about the drive over the Boosters' listserv.

"Our Boosters Club tries to do things to get our kids and families to do some service in addition to raising money for the teams," Ken

said.

Carolyn took the lead on the school kits by organizing the Relief Society, a ladies group with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which she is involved in. The women donated the kit supplies, which included pencils, colored pencils, rulers and scissors, and assembled 88 kits.

Due to concerns about package delivery in Peru, Natalie and the other volunteers on the trip, 30 in total, took the donations with them in their carry-on luggage when they traveled to the orphanage on June 14. Once in Peru, Natalie was able to help hand out the clothes and school kits, which the children at the orphanage greatly appreciated.

"One kid opened it (the school kit) up and looked at his ruler for a full minute, staring at it, turning it over," Natalie said. "Another kid had a red pen, and was just thrilled by it. It was really cute. They were so humble about receiving pencils because a lot of these kids have nothing, so it really was their first possessions."

The clothes were also appreciated, Natalie said.

"Many of the kids just have rags that are so dirty, so they were so appreciative of the new clothes," she said. "The clothing was in such good shape, that it's more than

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## Retire

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professionalism in policing."

Following 28 years of service, Officer Jim Marshall has also retired. Prior to joining the police department 27 years ago, he received a bachelor's degree from California State University at Sacramento in 1979. He also served as a police cadet with the El Cerrito Police Department and as an intern with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office from 1974 to 1977.

Over the course of his career, Marshall served most of his time as

a patrol officer and was appointed as a field-training officer in 1985. Since that time, he trained many new recruits, readying them for solo patrol work. He also served twice as a detective, first in 1985 and again in 1991, investigating crimes.

"Jim earned the respect of everyone in the department, receiving numerous commendations for his dedication and quality of work," Neal said. "One of his most recent commendations involved the arrest of the people responsible for a home invasion robbery at the Vineyard Mobile Villas this past January. He spotted the suspect vehicle as it left the area and stopped it."

—Jeb Bing

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## City's revenues

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Most significant was an increase of \$710,000 in revenue from the newly opened Callippe Preserve golf course, which was attributed to a higher-than-anticipated number of golfers using the 18-hole course. When it opened last November, CourseCo, the contract manager for the course, and city financial analysts projected 29,000 rounds of golf on the course during the first seven months of operation. Instead, more than 45,000 rounds have been played through June 30, significantly hiking the green fees of about \$60 a player and also resulting in higher revenue from food and beverage sales.

"As a result, we expect to be able to add an additional \$100,000 to the \$1 million in bond payments due this fall," said David Ironmonger, deputy finance director.

For the first full budget year, as reflected in the mid-year budget

approved by the council, analysts are increasing play projections from 55,000 rounds for the 12-month period to 58,000 rounds.

"This may be a conservative revenue outlook, but Callippe is a new facility and may be experiencing a 'honeymoon effect' with golfers trying it out for the first time," Ironmonger said. "We really need to have a good two years' worth of results before calculating the anticipated number of players each year."

The slowdown in housing starts have revised the 2006-07 projections downward for fees from building permits, to \$2.4 million from \$2.6 million in 2005-06, and Planning and Public Works fees to \$1.4 million from \$1.5 million in the last fiscal year.

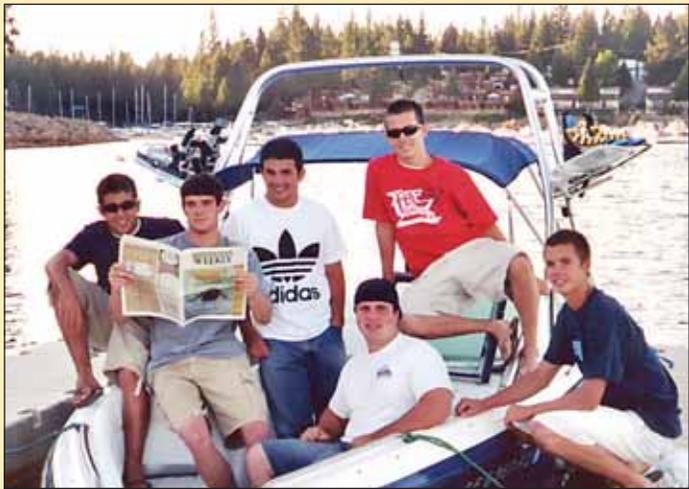
Receipts from the city's hotel and motel transient occupancy tax also may be lower by about \$115,000. The city expects to receive \$3,061,675 this fiscal year, well under the record high of \$4 million in 2000-01, the peak year for the city's 1,829 hotel and motel rooms.

The city's so-called "rainy day" reserves will continue to give authorities a cushion should a major recession, such as the one in late 1989 and the early 1990s, occur again. That, coupled with a \$15 billion shortfall in state revenue, that caused Sacramento to take more than \$40 million due Pleasanton in such categories as vehicle license fees, caused officials to beef up reserves. With changes the staff is recommending, General Fund reserves will total \$17.1 million in the current fiscal year.

In accordance with the city's financial policies, excess funds from the General Fund are set aside in the Capital Project Reserve for capital improvement projects (CIP). Besides an annual contribution of \$5 million to the CIP, another \$1.8 million from the year-end results of the 2005-06 budget is being added. Together, these added funds will help finance the four major capital projects the council has prioritized:

- Renovation of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street;
- Construction of three lighted baseball fields on the Bernal property;
- Renovation, expansion and fur-

### Take Us Along



#### Wake with the Weekly

The Dronkers boys and their friends, (l-r) Matt Dronkers, Vince Nocerino, Tim Dronkers, Ben Green, Jeff Dronkers and Christian Ruge, read the Weekly after a long day of wake boarding in Lake Almanor, Calif.

ther development of the Alviso Adobe Community Park, and,

- Planning, design work and initial construction of the Old Firehouse Art Center on Railroad Avenue.

"Overall, the city of Pleasanton remains in a strong financial posi-

tion," said City Manager Nelson Fialho. "The financial planning we have done over the last few years in building up our capital project reserves has proven to be key in funding a number of high priority projects." ■

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## Orphanage

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they're use to."

The group was in Peru for 11 days, and while there the volunteers did a variety of jobs, some helping with the actual building of structures at the orphanage and others working with the children and people in the town. Natalie worked with a group that met with new mothers to teach them mothering skills, such as changing diapers, bathing and other "basic stuff we take for granted." Additionally, the group donated hygiene kits with baby shampoo, lotion, diapers, pins, and a set of baby clothes to each mother.

Although the trip was a great success, there is still much work to

do on the orphanage, Natalie said. Southern Cross Humanitarian currently funds the orphanage, but the goal is to have it be self-sustaining. The organization hopes to do that by building a school at the orphanage that the orphans will be able to attend for free and that families living in the city will send their children to for a fee. This way, the orphanage will not constantly rely on donations, Natalie said. The orphanage is also without electricity, something they hope to get soon by saving enough to buy a \$6,000 transformer. But for now, the orphanage is doing well, and the children are happy with what they have.

"They're so love-starved and it's so hard," Natalie said. "Now, they have a bed to sleep in, food to eat, clothes to wear and are going to school. Everything else

for them is a bonus. It was such a stark reality of how poor they are, how much they need, and how much we have. When I came home it was a shock. I realized I can open fridge, have anything I want to eat, and it seemed like so much excess."

Natalie was so moved by her experience in Peru that she plans to go again, and this time the entire Mano family hopes to go, too. Southern Cross Humanitarian is hosting another trip in December, and Ken, Carolyn and Natalie, as well as Ken and Carolyn's other children, Trent, a student at Brigham Young University, and Melissa, a high school math teacher in Hawaii, will also join them. While there, they will help build the school, Ken said. ■

## Art Center

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decided to hire a fulltime campaign coordinator, said PCAF President Greg Reznick. When the PCAF found out that Look was interested in this new position, they were eager to bring her aboard, knowing the extensive research and fundraising she had previously done with the PTA Council.

"Debbie has done incredible work with the PTA Council and the school system," Reznick said. "She was integral in the Excellence Committee report, has experience doing grant writing and is a great organizational person who has connections to the community."

Look said she sees her work with the PCAF as an extension of the work she has already done for the community with the PTA Council.

"I think it was really important to me to find work that was meaningful and had value for the community," Look said. "I think this project

is a wonderful addition to the community because it gives kids the opportunity to experience visual and performing arts on the local level, and it is a wonderful addition to our downtown. It builds on work I've been doing with the PTA and on the library commission."

PCAF also made an addition to its board of directors, naming Pleasanton resident Billy Butler to the board. Butler moved to Pleasanton last August, but was already familiar with the town because his wife grew up here, graduating from Amador Valley High School in 1993. A former naval officer, Butler is now a director for Mellon Financial's Private Wealth Management group in San Francisco. He said he first heard of the Firehouse Arts Center campaign through the Downtown



Billy Butler

Rotary Club, of which he is a member, and the Leadership Pleasanton class, organized by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

"I went through this year's Leadership Pleasanton class, and we spent one day on the firehouse project," Butler said. "I heard Greg speak, and part of our event was in the old firehouse building. I also already knew Beverly Howe, another member of the board, professionally and mentioned to her my interest in getting involved."

Reznick said Butler was chosen as an addition to the board because of his background in finance and his commitment to serving the community.

"He's going to be a great asset," Reznick added.

There are currently nine members on the PCAF board of directors. PCAF hopes to keep adding members and in the long term future have a board of 21, Reznick said.

PCAF is in the process preparing several fundraising events that it will announce closer to the fall. ■

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Callippe design attracting golfers, more revenue

Among some of the most pleasant sounds heard on the hills of the city's new Callippe Preserve golf course in Happy Valley these days are the words "Fore," in repetition few expected at this time a year ago. Opened last November, Callippe Preserve is proving to be a winner financially as well as in the numbers of golfers playing the course. CourseCo, the contract manager for the golf course, and city authorities report that golfers have played about 45,000 rounds at Callippe since it opened, well above the 29,000 rounds projected. Based on operating results for the first six months of play, CourseCo and city staff are recommending a revenue budget increase of \$710,000, and are increasing play projections from the initial 55,000 rounds to at least 58,000 rounds for fiscal 2006-07. With early results so favorable, this may be a conservative revenue outlook. However, Callippe is a new facility and may be experiencing a "honeymoon" effect with golfers, who are jamming the advanced reservations line to play once to see what the course is like. How many will continue to play Callippe is not certain, which is why golf course pros recommend waiting two years before making firm projections.

The good news, too, is that food and beverage revenues also are above projections, although miscellaneous revenues from golf cart rentals, merchandise and use of the practice range are in line with expectations. The increased revenue is helpful since expenses for the two-year period are expected to increase by \$624,000. A part of this is because of the heavier-than-expected play and increased food and beverage demand, which create additional operating expenses. Also, the golf course absorbed some initial start-up and service costs in the first six months of this year that were not anticipated or were under-budgeted, such as the need for additional equipment, furniture and fixtures, increased marketing expenses, expanded environmental mitigation responsibilities, and the cost of added security due to vandalism. CourseCo is also proposing an increase in labor costs for the coming year of \$73,000 for a paid marshal program, which has been a volunteer effort up to now. Marshals patrol the course to ensure that the pace of play is maintained, that environmentally sensitive areas are not compromised, and to act as ambassadors for the facility to encourage golfers not only to come back, but also to alert their friends to the advantages of Callippe Preserve.

Helping Callippe to attract golfers and maintain steady play is the excellent drainage system that allows tee-offs within minutes of the end of a major rainstorm. Unlike other courses in the Tri-Valley, which often close on days of intermittent rain, Callippe stays open, with greens and fairways quickly recovering to normal playing conditions soon after the rain stops. The steps taken to ensure good drainage have also saved CourseCo and Pleasanton costly repairs and added maintenance to soaked fairways where carts and golfers damage other courses.

Finance authorities now look at having more than \$100,000 over budget revenue once the books are closed on the 2005-06 fiscal year, enough to apply that to the \$1 million a year in payments on outstanding debt for the \$34.5 million 145-acre course and the surrounding 28 acres that are being preserved for trails. Clearly, Callippe has been a success since opening day. If it continues, Pleasanton can look for a revenue generator from the green, open hills at its southwest corner.

## Letters

### How to ease traffic

Dear Editor,

Goods movement and commuters have overwhelmed I-580 near Livermore. Please consider relief along these lines:

1. Encourage the Union Pacific Railroad to re-open their B (Mococo) line as part of a water level route between Oakland and the San Joaquin Valley. Container and other freight trains on that line could provide congestion relief, hefty fuel savings and reduced air pollution. Extending real BART to Los Medanos (Century Boulevard) and double tracking the B line east from there could enhance eBART, as well as other rail commute service from the Central Valley.

2. Plan a widened I-580 ROW east from BART/Tassajara Creek to allow BART rail and HOV lanes in the median. Help Valley cities link Dublin Boulevard with North Canyons Parkway, and convert the north side frontage roads to I-580 ROW. This should reduce takes for a widened ROW.

3. Build new heavy-duty truck lanes outside the existing truck lanes, resurface the existing truck lanes for light vehicles, and convert the inside lanes to space for HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes and future BART use.

4. Stop the East Bay HOV project. It would add greatly to the cost of a future BART rail line and would use precious Alameda County money mainly to benefit Central Valley carpool commuters. Put the savings to items two and three above.

5. Improve shoulders to allow their interim use as bus/HOV lanes between the Airway and El Charro interchanges. This would let busses between the West Livermore BART Park/Ride and BART rail by-pass freeway congestion.

6. Expedite the I-580/Isabel (SR 84) interchange, and Pigeon Pass and other SR 84 projects. Motorists between the Altamont and Mission Pass would save four miles each trip, and many miles of I-580 and I-680 would have less traffic.

7. Encourage BART to build ballasted trackway (about \$15 million/mile, plus land, stations, cars and implementation) in the I-580 median to Greenville Road.

*Robert S. Allen*

*BART Director, 1974-1988*

### By-pass road still hot

Dear Editor,

At Pleasanton City Council's March 21st meeting, Ms. Laverne Spotorno stated that there was now no reason to build the original upper by-pass road to the Callippe Golf Course in Happy

Valley because the Spotorno family had abandoned plans to build a housing project that was to be serviced by that road.

Ms. Spotorno must be unaware that the purpose of this road is to divert traffic from the Happy Valley Loop. That remains the very urgent purpose.

In view of this change, it is high time that a Blue Ribbon Panel should be formed to reconfigure the road route in a more economic and logical fashion.

Council is to be commended on the manner in which this divisive issue has been controlled at the public meetings so issues such as this receive a fair hearing.

*Janet Linfoot  
Alisal Street*

### Roundabout removal too expensive

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed that the City Council voted to spend \$600,000 to remove the roundabouts on Vineyard, yet another example of the Council focusing on the wrong priorities (News, "Roundabouts coming off Vineyard," June 30, 2006). I agree, for once, with Mayor Hostermann, the lone member voting against the spending who said she believed that the citizens of Pleasanton prefer the money be spent on other priorities.

What priorities concern the citizens? Here's one: Traffic congestion on Valley between Santa Rita Road and Stanley Boulevard. This problem has been ignored by our city leaders for years. With the Stoneridge extension out of the general plan, and the Home Depot development at Bernal and Stanley progressing, the traffic problem will only get worse. And it will beat the expense of the safety and quality of life of families who live in the neighborhoods along that section of Valley.

During the school year, my sons and I have missed being hit three times by drivers while crossing Valley at Kolln on our way to Alisal. My neighbor's son was not as fortunate as us, and was hit while in the crosswalk. The \$600,000 could be spent on implementing traffic calming measures on Valley. For example, install solar powered "live" speed limit signs placed at the approaches to Kolln, like those in front of Amador and on Black Ave. Since the Council has money to rip out the roundabouts, I'm sure they could find a few thousand dollars to improve the safety of the families living in and around the Kolln/Valley intersection.

*Heidi Massie|  
Hall Court*



# The big picture

## Mayor Hosterman tackles global issues at the local level

by Jeb Bing

Like it or not, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman is speaking out on major issues facing America in her firm belief that national and global concerns affect everyone in Pleasanton just as much—or perhaps more so—than local debates over traffic congestion and affordable housing.

Just three weeks ago, she co-sponsored a resolution along with Mayor Don Plusquellic of Akron, Ohio, and Mayor Alan Larson of Schaumburg, Ill. at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Las Vegas that calls on the nations of China and Russia to declare that U.S. cities are no longer targets for nuclear attack.

“I am proud to say the resolution passed unanimously with every mayor in attendance from across the U.S. Democrats and Republicans, alike, voting in favor of the resolution,” Hosterman said. “This is huge, because we can now move our counter-parts in Russia and China to ask the U.S. to make the same declaration, we have really made progress.”

She also co-sponsored a resolution urging the mayor to support a federal ban on drilling for oil or natural gas in the Arctic wildlife preserve. That resolution failed.

She also supported a resolution that was approved by the mayors unanimously called the “2030 Challenge.” It asks that the global architecture and community guidelines for buildings include the following targets:

- That all new buildings and developments be designed to use one-half the fossil fuel energy they would typically consume.
- Require that at a minimum, an equal amount of existing building area be renovated annually to use half the amount of fossil fuel energy they are currently consuming, through design, purchase of renewable energy or the application of renewable technologies.
- That the fossil fuel reduction standard for all new buildings be increased incrementally, and finally,
- In the year 2030, achieve carbon-neutral buildings using no fossil fuel Green House gas-emitting energy to operate.

“In Pleasanton, we all care about our community. We care about quality of life. We’re Pleasantonians, but we are also Americans and Californians. We are a diverse community and a lot of these issues being addressed affect all of us.”

Hosterman said Pleasanton is already ahead of the resolution’s goals with its new ordinances that set green building standards for both commercial and residential construction. Local builders, such as Ponderosa Homes, are building and marketing housing that more than meets the 2030 goals.

“In Pleasanton, we all care about our community,” Hosterman said. “We care about quality of life. We’re Pleasantonians, but we are also Americans and Californians. We are a diverse community and a lot of these issues being addressed affect all of us.”

“That’s why it’s important to discuss national and global issues as I have been doing at the Conference for Mayors and other forums. We get into dialogue about these issues and how communities are facing them.”

Hosterman said Pleasanton residents should be just as concerned about global warming as everyone else in the U.S.

“At a mayors’ Energy Summit in Chicago earlier this year, we talked about global warming,” she told a committee of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce last month. “We are producing CO2 greenhouse gas emissions at a rate that life on this earth cannot tolerate.”

Calling it “climate change” instead of global warming, since

the same effect is actually producing cooler temperatures in parts of the world, including the southeastern states, Hosterman said that scientific reports at the meeting showed the world is currently 7/10ths of a degree Centigrade above the norm.

**"A fellow mayor recently asked me: 'If the American people were dependent upon foreign, unstable nations for their food supply, do you think they might get angry?' I think we'd be up in arms."**

"If greenhouse emissions continue at the current rate, the Earth's temperature will increase 2 degrees Centigrade by 2050 and an irreversible 3 degrees by 2080," she said.

Addressing the World Peace Forum in Vancouver June 24, she pointed out that, "Here it is, only 2006, and fisheries are crashing—no commercial fishing has been allowed on the entire West Coast for the first time this year.

"Key indicator species, such as polar bear populations, are crashing," she added. "Polar ice caps are melting at an alarming rate of speed. The world is in serious trouble."

The culprits? There are two, according to Hosterman: the energy inefficiencies of buildings in America, and the lack of leadership.

Here, Hosterman has taken her argument into national politics, blaming "national leaders" who are so focused on garnering the worlds' natural resources, "at whatever cost," instead of focusing on technologies to shift the country's needs to become energy independent.

"My nation is dependent upon unstable, foreign nations for oil. Why?" Hosterman asked the 4,000 international delegates to the World Peace Forum. "Why, especially when the Earth can only produce oil for another 46 years?"

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The solution, she told delegates, is to have government leaders who are willing to say enough is enough.

"We need to become energy independent, just as Brazil, which will announce its energy independence in the coming two years," she added. "Brazil has successfully transformed its entire vehicle population to Ethanol 85, a mix of ethanol and gasoline that has considerably reduced its carbon emissions, and thus, its reliance upon foreign oil. If Brazil can do it, why can't China? India? America? Such a shift in providing change to an educated populace takes leadership.

"I fear that my country, the United States of America, is failing to affect real leadership," she said to rousing applause.

Hosterman, who joined the World Peace Forum in New York last year at the invitation of a former mayor of Nagasaki, Japan, said the WPF paid all of her costs to speak at the Vancouver meeting, just as her costs have



been paid for other similar groups. Her remarks were reported in Political Affairs Magazine, whose online version can be read at politicalaffairs.net.

Hosterman also has criticized the country's nuclear policy.

"Nuclear weapons exist, and the use of nuclear weaponry is threatened," she said. "Already, the stage is set for a pre-emptive strike against Iran for its public quest to manufacture nuclear energy. Iran has requested a series of talks to discuss its interest in nuclear technology, which talks thus far have yet to materialize in a meaningful way. Just two days ago (on June 22), the Iranian Government stated it would have an 'answer' regarding its quest for nuclear energy. The administration of the United States responded they need an answer by mid-next week. According to them, that's time enough.

"The Lawrence Livermore National Lab is not 10 miles from my home," Hosterman said. "The Lab is engaged in research and ongoing experiments of all kinds, but mostly centered on improving all aspects nuclear weaponry. The National Ignitions Facility, or NIF, located within the Lab complex, is the largest laser beam in the world, used currently to increase accuracy and power of nuclear weapons.

"I don't have a conflict with the scientists engaged in this ongoing research at the Lab, nor do I have a conflict with the University of California Regents who operate the Lab," she continued. "In fact, some months ago I wrote a letter to Congress urging full appropriations to complete the National Ignitions Facility.

"However, I do have questions regarding my government's poor foreign policy, and continued funding to improve our stockpile of nuclear weaponry, which is currently sufficient to kill every man, woman, and child across the globe 10 times. Think about it—the National Ignitions Facility—if not engaged in nuclear weapons experimentation, could be far better utilized for so many wonderful uses—from space exploration to new technologies to fuel the globe, and the global economy.

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"While I don't have a beef with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, I am very concerned about my country's foreign policy and policy regarding the use and continued experimentation with nuclear weaponry. After all, no one in the world can possibly support nuclear proliferation. And, if, with leadership, we can achieve a place where we can finally and unequivocally say no to the continued stockpiling of nuclear weapons, technologically advanced facilities such as the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, with an employment pool consisting of the brightest, and most qualified engineers and scientists, could be focused on technologies to enhance our human existence in this world of ours."

Asked by real estate services businessman Brad Hirst at last month's Chamber of Commerce forum if she would support the resumption of nuclear plant construction in the U.S., Hosterman said that she would only do so when the problem of nuclear waste disposal is solved.

"I think we should also look at what Brazil is doing, at making our buildings more energy efficient, and insisting that automobile manufacturers produce vehicles that can deliver 50 miles per gallon," she added. "As for nuclear energy, I have serious reservations."

Hosterman also discounted critics who say she is neglecting local issues with her presentations and participation in national and global forums.

She said she serves on numerous local and regional committees in addition to serving as mayor and leading the regular meetings and workshops of the City Council. Her efforts have ranged from promoting green building practices in Pleasanton to addressing major transportation issues and work on the General Plan update and even working to add more bike paths and school busing options in the city. ■

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Mayor Jennifer Hosterman talks to Brian Gentry, manager of Fremont Bank, at her campaign launch for reelection to the mayor's post in November.

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**Planning Commission**

Wednesday, July 12, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- **General Plan Circulation Network**  
Consider refinements to the "working draft" General Plan circulation (roadway) network and provide comment prior to consideration of the draft General Plan circulation network by the City Council.
- **PUD 33, Jennifer Lin, Frederic Lin, and Kevin Lin**  
Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Oak Grove Planned Unit Development for a 98 lot custom home development and to consider a 51 developable lot environmentally preferred alternative on a 562 acre property located near the present terminus of Hearst Drive on the southerly sides of the Vintage Heights I and the Grey Eagle Estates developments.
- **PDR 458/PV 152, Norman Cornett/Peak Property Main Street, LLC**  
Application for: (1) design review approval to construct an approximately 3,896 square foot, two story addition to the existing Kolln Hardware building and to relocate and restore the two easterly one story structures; and (2) a variance from the Municipal Code to reduce the number of required parking spaces for this project by four spaces. The property is located at 600 Main Street. Also consider the Negative Declaration prepared for this project.
- **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.

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

Thursday, July 13, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Review and Approval of Proposed FT 2006-07 Park Renovation Fund Projects
- Discussion on Potential Sites for Dog Exercise Area in Northeast Pleasanton

**Civic Arts Commission**

Monday, July 10, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Review and Discussion of First Draft of Downtown Public Art Master Plan
- Consideration of Participation in "Art Takes Place" Regional Public Art Project
- Review and Approval of Artist Selection Process for Firehouse Arts Center Signage Project

**Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee**

Monday, July 10, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Operation Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- The agenda for this meeting is currently unavailable. Please visit the City's website at the address listed below to view the complete agenda.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 7, 2006

A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Pleasanton on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 for the following officers:  
For Mayor (Full term of two years)  
For Two Members of the City Council (Full term of four years)  
Monday, July 17, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. will be the first date and time that Nomination Papers will be available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, California. City offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.  
Friday, August 11, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. will be the final date and time for filing any Nomination Papers.  
If Nomination Papers for an incumbent officer of the City **are not** filed by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 11, 2006, the Nomination Period will be extended until Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., **for non-incumbents only**.  
While appointments to take out and/or file nomination papers are not required, they are strongly encouraged.  
For more information, questions, or to schedule an appointment, please contact the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, including any agenda amendments, please visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar)

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Bike stolen at the Stoneridge Mall

A female Pleasanton resident reported riding her bicycle to the Stoneridge Mall July 1 at about 9 p.m. After securing her bike to a bike rack located next to Baja Fresh, she took the bike seat off and carried it with her into the Mall, police said. When she returned an hour later, she found her bicycle, as well as the lock, had been stolen. The victim described her bike as a Xsensus brand mountain bike with a gray frame, silver rims and handle-bar brakes. The police contacted Mall Security to see if a video tape of the area where the bike was parked

was available with no success, police said. The estimated loss was valued at \$1,000, according to police.

### Car theft in front of home

Sometime during the early morning hours of June 30, homeowners living in the 5500 block of Blackbird Avenue were victims of theft from their car parked in front of their house, police said. The thieves took a laptop computer and cell phone valued at \$1,500 from a 1998 black Toyota RAV4. The cost to repair the vehicle was reported at \$200, police said.

## Police Report

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

### June 26

- Theft: 5
- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Public drunkenness:
  - 2:13 a.m. in the 200 block of Rose Avenue
  - 5:32 p.m. in the Stoneridge Mall parking lot
  - 10:29 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

### June 27

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 2
- Found property: 2
- Battery:
  - 1:56 p.m. in the 1400 block of Kolln Street
- Animal nuisance:
  - 3 p.m. in the 4400 block of Arbutus Court
- Domestic animal bite:
  - 9:31 p.m. in the 3300 block of Busch Road

### June 28

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 1

- Threatening phone calls: 2
- Child abuse:
  - 9:38 a.m. in the 4500 block of Augustine Street
- Public drunkenness:
  - 2:19 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road
- Assault:
  - 7 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Animal bite - dog:
  - 11:11 p.m. in the 4800 block of Muirwood Drive

### June 29

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2
- Found property: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Assault:
  - 11:25 a.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

### June 30

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 2
- DUI: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Public drunkenness:
  - 1:56 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road
- Sexual perversion with a child:
  - 10:37 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

### July 1

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 2
- Possession of amphetamines:
  - 8:54 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita and Jensen roads
- Domestic violence:
  - 9:32 a.m. in the 6100 block of Inglewood Drive
- Animal nuisance:
  - 2:32 p.m. in the 2700 block of Solandra Court

### July 2

- Vandalism: 3
- Burglary: 1
- Verbal disturbance:
  - 12:40 a.m. in the 3500 block of Glacier Court
- Violation of a protective order:
  - 9:31 p.m. in the 1500 block of Poppybank Court

## ACCIDENTS

### June 26

- 6:23 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Reflection Drive
- 12:07 p.m. - Injury accident in the Stoneridge Mall parking lot

### June 29

- 8:58 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Johnson and Stoneridge drives

### June 30

- 4:21 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Moreno Avenue and Stoneridge Drive
- 3:30 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:03 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Del Valle Parkway and Main Street
- 8:21 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Koll Center Parkway.

### July 1

- 6:25 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Fairlands Drive and W. Las Positas Boulevard



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# Calendar

## Author Visits

**Sisters in Crime Mystery Writers**  
Join Cara Black, Louise Ure, and Rhys Bowen at 2 p.m., Sun., July 23 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Penny, 931-3405.

## 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, 846-1658.

**Summertime Stories**  
Enjoy special stories told by library staff and guest storytellers at 2 p.m., Wed., July 19, 26 and Aug. 2 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call the Children's Desk, 931-3400, ext. 8 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-and-events.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-and-events.html).

## 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.

**Civic Arts Commission**  
The Civic Arts Commission meets 7 p.m., Mon., July 10 at the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**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 next meeting is Aug. 2.

**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. on 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. on the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is July 12.

**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 Aug. 22.

**Youth Commission**  
The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. There are no meetings during the summer months.

## Classes

**Cooking Class**  
Cook and have dinner with Chef Neil Marquis 5 p.m., Mon., July 10 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Cost is \$85 and \$35 for their guests. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. Call Bill, 846-8106.

**Self-Defense for Teen Girls**  
Self-defense class for teen girls will be held from 1-5 p.m., Tues., July 18

at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon, Livermore. Cost is \$5. Call 424-1467 or visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed).

## Clubs

**Amador Valley Quilters**  
The Quilt Guild Club meets 1:30 p.m. on the second Saturday monthly at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Call Debra, 454-1971 or visit <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>

**B2B Power Exchange**  
B2B Power Exchange meets from 7:45-10 a.m., Thurs., July 20 at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Call 833-2521. Cost for non-members is \$40 with breakfast included. Call 201-3410 to RSVP.

**Crossroads Business Network**  
Crossroads Business Network meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Friday at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. Call Bill, 469-1111.

**Del Valle Folk Dancers**  
Join beginning and experienced Balkan, Israeli and other world dancers from 7:45-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Livermore Academy of Performing Arts, 315 Wright Brothers Ave., Livermore. Cost is \$4. Dress casual. Call George, 447-8020.

**Diablo Valley Soaring Society**  
This radio control glider club meets to fly their planes on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Call Wayne, 846-8617.

**East Bay I.T. Group**  
East Bay I.T. Group presents, "Win More Market Share: Seven Steps to Positioning" from 6:30-9 p.m., Mon., July 10 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. Cost is \$20 at the door, \$10 pre-registration and free for members. Call Nancy, (650) 704-7844 or visit [www.ebig.org](http://www.ebig.org) to register.

**Fly Fishers**  
Fly Fishers Club meets 7 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at Livermore Road and Gun Club, 40000 Dagnino Rd., Livermore. Call Bob, 989-2358 or visit [www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org](http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org).

**Genealogical Society**  
Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at Congregation Beth Emek, 13400 Nevada Ct. Call Jane, 447-3898 or visit [www.1-ags.org](http://www.1-ags.org).

**Hacienda Park Toastmasters**  
Hacienda Park Toastmasters meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Tyco, 4280 Hacienda Dr. Call Kevin 463-4120.

**Technology Ventures Corporation**  
Technology Ventures Corporation presents "Entering the Entrepreneurial World" from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wed., July 19 at CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Cost and registration is free. Call 960-1600 or visit [www.techventures.org](http://www.techventures.org).

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

## Concerts

**Concerts in the Park**  
Join the Pleasanton Downtown Association for its 2006 Concerts in the Park series from 7-8:30 p.m., every Friday from June 2 through Sept. 1 at Lion's Wayside Park, First and Neal St. Call Nickie, 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net). Night Fever Band - disco, R&B are slated to appear June 16.

**Love Duets and Arias**  
Enjoy "Love Duets and Arias" concert 8 p.m., Fri., July 28 at St. John's

Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake St., San Francisco. General Admission is \$18 and \$12 for seniors and students. Call Elena, 964-9994.

**Wente Vineyards Concerts**  
Wente Vineyards hosts concerts at 8 p.m. starting off with Kenny Loggins on Tues., July 11; Four Tops & Temptations on Thurs., July 13; Blues Traveler on Mon., July 17; and Gipsy Kings on Wed., July 19 and Sun., July 23 at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Call 456-2400.

## Events

**California State Fair**  
The California State Fair runs from Fri., Aug. 11 through Mon., Sept. 4 at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Call (916) 263-3000 or visit [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) for ticket information and hours of operation.

**Crooked Vine Winery**  
Crooked Vine Winery will be hosting a summer barbeque with live music at 6 p.m., Sat., July 15 at 4948 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$25. Wine pairing is \$10. Call 371-8156.

**Dr. Lynne Sullivan**  
Celebrate 20 years with chiropractor Dr. Lynne Sullivan 6 p.m., Wed., July 19 at the Sullivian Chiropractor Center, 268 Main St. Call 484-1070.

**Fisher-Price Play Space and Power Wheels**  
Fisher-Price Play Space and Power Wheels Weekend will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., Aug. 5 and Sun., Aug. 6 at the San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Rd., San Francisco. Call Alexander, (415) 753-7165 or visit [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org).

**History by Heather**  
History by Heather, a walking tour downtown, will be held at 11 a.m., Fri., July 21 beginning at Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Tickets are \$10. Reservations recommended. The group is limited to 25 people. Call Terry, 462-2766.

**Nation's Largest Wine-Tasting**  
The California State Fair is hosting the 10th annual California Grape & Gourmet from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thurs., July 13 at Cal Expo's Building A and B, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Tickets \$50 in advanced, \$60 at the door. Parking is \$7. Discounted group rates are available for parties of 10 or more. Call 263-FAIR.

**Navarro Vineyards Winemaker Dinner**  
Enjoy Chef Neil's cuisine and the insights of Jim Greaves of Navarro Winery 7 p.m., Wed., July 19 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Cost is \$65. Reservations required. Call 846-8106.

**Parking Lot Garage Sale**  
Resurrection Lutheran Church will be holding their 3rd Annual Community Wide Parking Lot Garage Sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., July 22 at 7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Spaces are available to rent for \$25. Call 828-1580.

**Pooch Parade**  
Pretty your pup for the Pooch Parade at the First Wednesday Street Party. Registration begins at 5 p.m., Aug. 2 at Wayside Park, First St. and Neal. Parade begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per category. All proceeds will benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Visit [www.trivalleyguidedogs.com](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.com).

**Star Party & the Astro Wizard**  
As part of the "2006: Summer Space Odyssey," Astro Wizard, also known as Dave Rodriguez, will provide a full day of science and astronomy activities from 2-10 p.m., Wed., July 12 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

## Weekend Preview



## Last chance to catch Free Shakespeare in the Park

The annual Free Shakespeare in the Park, put on by the San Francisco Shakespeare Company, will wrap up its run of "The Tempest" this weekend. Shows are 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. This free event is sponsored by the city of Pleasanton's Civic Arts.

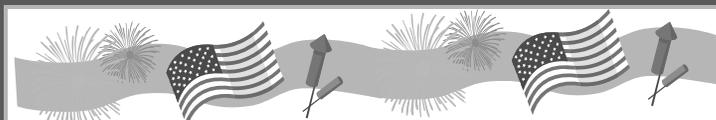
**Summer Wine Stroll**  
Shop, dine, discover business and services while enjoying a variety of wines at the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Sixth Annual Downtown Summer Wine Stroll from 6-9 p.m., Thurs., July 20. Only 1,000 tickets available for \$20 and will be sold from June 20-July 19. Call Nickie,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

**Take Your Daughter to the Course**  
The Bridges Golf Club will offer a free clinic and golf to girls during "Take

Your Daughter to the Course Week" from Mon., July 10 through Sun., July 16 at 9000 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Call 735-4253 or visit [www.thebridgesgolf.com](http://www.thebridgesgolf.com).

## Exhibits

**Art Collecting 101**  
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Main St. The July Group Art Show presents "Neighborhood Watch" from July 14 through Aug. 26. Artist reception is from 5-7 p.m., Fri., July 14. Call 485-1183.

**Art Under the Oaks**

The Livermore Art Association presents the 20th annual, "Art Under the Oaks," featuring display and sale of artworks by more than 40 artists from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., July 15 and Sun., July 16 at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln., Livermore. Call Gail, 846-8960.

**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.

**LEGO Model Town and Train**

LEGO Model Town and Train exhibit from the Bay Area LEGO Train Club will be on display from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed-Sat., and from 1-4 p.m., Sun through July 30 at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Admission is \$2. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumon-main.org.

**Film**

**American Jobs**

"American Jobs" explores the impact of global outsourcing on American white and blue collar workers and will be shown 7 p.m., Sat., July 29 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Fingerfood potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. \$2 donation is appreciated. Call 462-3459.

**Fundraisers**

**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.

**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.

**Health**

**Herbs and Cancer Support**

Herbs and foods can aid in helping your immune system become strong again. Learn how you can increase your energy by making a few changes to your lifestyle from 6-8 p.m., Tues., July 18 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission is free. Reservations required. Call 933-0107.

**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**

**Artic Edge Vacation Bible School**

Artic Edge Vacation Bible School for children grades 1-5 is held from 9 a.m.-noon, Mon., July 10 through Fri., July 14 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Learn about life in the Artic and stories of courage. Pick up a brochure and registration form at the church. Call 846-6622.

**California Spirit Elite**

CSE is looking for preschoolers to high school students for their newest cheerleading program, The All Star Team, and offering private skill assessments throughout the summer. No experience is necessary to be a California Spirit All Star cheerleader. Call 462-5877 or visit www.californiaspiritelite.com.

**Lacrosse Club Summer Program**

Lacrosse Club Summer League, running from July 11-Aug. 19, is now taking sign-ups for girls grades 3-8 and boys grades 1-12. Registration fee is \$60 for grades 1-8, and \$65 for grades 9-12. Call Byron, 998-5550, or visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

**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.

**Movies for Preschoolers**

Movies for Preschoolers starts at 11 a.m., Fri., June 30, July 7, 21, 28, and

Aug. 4 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call the children's desk, 931-3400, ext. 8.

**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.

**Vacation Bible School**

This year, the theme is "Fiesta," where kids are fired up about Jesus from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 10-14 at Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St. Registration is required. Call 846-8650.

**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.

**Young Actors' Theatre Camp**

The YATC is an overnight intensive theatre training program that is held several times throughout the year for students age 9-18. The first program is the Hollywood Experience Camp from July 18-21 in Hollywood and Camp Jones Gulch from August 14-19 in Santa Cruz. Call Shawn, 858-3548 or visit www.JohnAinsworth.net.

**Lectures/  
Workshops**

**Avoiding Costly Hiring Mistakes**

Roberts Management Group, Inc. presents a management training seminar, "Avoiding Costly Hiring Mistakes," from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., July 10 at Bishop Ranch 6, 2410 Camino Ramon, Ste. 164, San Ramon. Cost is \$499 with lunch included. Call 355-9300, e-mail melodie@robertsmanagementgroup.com or visit www.robertsmanagementgroup.com.

**Challenges in the Sales Organization**

Roberts Management Group, Inc. presents "An Executive View of Challenges in the Sales Organization" from 8-10:30 a.m., Thurs., July 13 at Bishop Ranch 6, 2410 Camino Ramon, Ste. 164, San Ramon. Admission is free. Breakfast will be provided. Call 355-9300, e-mail melodie@robertsmanagementgroup.com or visit www.robertsmanagementgroup.com to RSVP.

**Healing Power of Dreams and Nightmares**

This workshop offers ways to understand dreams and use them as a healing process and will be facilitated by Michio Ambrosius, PhD. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., July 8 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission is free. Reservations required. Call 933-0107.

**Mindful Chi Kung**

Be aware of your body, increase

your energy and help your body and mind stay healthy, strong, alert and relaxed by experiencing Mindful Chi Kung from 3:30-5 p.m., Thurs., July 20 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission is free. Reservations required. Call 933-0107.

**Ten Secrets of Business Communications**

Carmine Gallo will discuss the "10 Simple Secrets of Business Communications" from 2-3 p.m., Sun., July 16 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

**Together We Prepare**

Learn how to be prepared if a major crisis occurs from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Tues., July 11 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365.

**Treatment Options for Male Incontinence**

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and its Prostate Cancer Support Group is hosting a free seminar, "Life After Prostate Cancer" from 7-8:30 p.m., Tues., July 11 in the East Day Room in San Ramon Regional's South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd. Reservations required. Call (800) 284-2878 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

**Live Music**

**Dave Rocha Jazz Group**

Trumpeter Dave Rocha will be playing "straight ahead" jazz 2 p.m., Sun., July 9 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

**Festival Opera**

Festival Opera's opening season begins Sat., July 8 with Tosca and debut of soprano Othalie Graham, tenor Robert Breault and stage director Stephanie Leigh Smith. Shows begin 8 p.m., July 8, 11, 14 and 2 p.m., July 16 at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Cost ranges from \$35-\$100. Call 943-SHOW.

**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 Livermore Pet Extreme. Cats are available 1-4 p.m., Sundays at Dublin PetsMart and Dublin Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvrar.org.

**Diplomats Who Made a Difference**

John Paul Abranches, son of Dr. Aristides De Sousa Mednes, will talk about his father's experiences as a diplomat for the Portuguese government during WWII 1:30 p.m., Wed., July 19 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission is free.

**Famous Cooks**

The Famous Cooking Club is awarding more than \$3,000 in cash and prizes in the 2006 Old Family Recipe contest. The deadline for entry is Sun., July 30. Send one recipe handwritten or typed with the category type such as dessert, holiday or snack to Famous Cooks Cooking Club, P.O. Box 26, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Call (866) 576-5464 or visit www.famous-contest.com.

**Lemonade Special**

Amador Valley Quilt Guild is hosting a Lemonade Special at noon, Sat., July 8 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. Call Debra, 454-1971.

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**Pleasanton Playhouse and Hotel Promotion**

Bring your "King & I" ticket stub to enjoy a 3 course dinner special for \$19.95 from July 21 through Aug. 6 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Reservations required. Call Bill, 846-8106.

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**Whispering Tombstones**

Richard Finn and Mary Dillon will lead a discussion and present a slide show about some interesting people who lived in Pleasanton at 7 p.m., Thurs., July 20 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members. Call 462-2766 to RSVP.

**On Stage**

**All's Well That Ends Well**

Valley Shakespear Festival presents "All's Well That Ends Well" 7:30 p.m., Thurs., July 13 through Sat., August 5 at Retzlaff Estate Winery, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. General admission is \$30. Call (800) 838-3006 or visit www.valleyshakes.org.

**Shakespeare in the Park**

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the annual "Shakespeare in the Park" at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from June 24-July 9 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-5340.

**Political Notes**

**Happy Valley Blue Ribbon Committee**

The Pleasanton Happy Valley Blue Ribbon Committee will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., July 13 at the Tennis Center, 5801 Valley Ave. and Aug. 10 and Sept. 14 at Faith Chapel, 6656 Alisal St. The public is invited to attend. Call Lorie, 931-5006.

**Recreation**

**African Drumming Circle**

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Join Patricia Frame from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thurs., July 13 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission is free. Call 933-0107.

**Singles Mixer**

Meet new single friends from 7-9 p.m., Tues., July 18 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Cost is \$10 and includes a mixer game and appetizers for the first hour. Adults of all ages are welcome. Dress to impress. Call Rich, (415) 507-9962.

**Sports**

**Basketball Camp**

Local coaches Don Underwood and Randy Isaacs will be offering a basketball camp July 24-30. Players entering grades 4-6 in the fall will meet from 9 a.m.-noon. Grades 7-9 will meet 1-4 p.m. Camps will be held at Harvest Park and Pleasanton middles schools. Cost is \$125 for residents, \$138 for non-residents. For more information, call Ian at 931-3447.

**Support Groups**

**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, e-mail trivalleybipolar@hotmail.com., or visit www.namitrivalley.org.

**Breast Cancer**

This 12-week workshop is for women who have just been diagnosed and are either in treatment or starting treatment. This series will help address the emotional and physical issues that surface after diagnosis. Join medical experts from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays July 5-Oct. 25 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission is free but space is limited. Call 933-0107 to register.

**Cancer Support Group**

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

**ClutterLess Self Help Group**

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

**Military Group**

Pleasanton Military Families, a support group for families of service members, meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly, held at different group member's home. Call Chris, 730-1604.

**Parents of Children with Autism**

For parents of children with autism in the East Bay, this group uses e-mail-based discussions for parent-to-parent support. Visit http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/eastbayautism to join. E-mail autismtrivalley@yahoo.com for questions.

**Parents of Special Needs Children**

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**Temporary Restraining Order Clinic**

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

**TV30**

**Conversations**

Join Pleasanton City Council Member Steve Brozosky as he discusses Wheels 20th Anniversary, and then join Damon Yeargain, owner of PC Care, discussing how to purchase and maintain your computer at 6:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., Sat., July 8, and Sun., July 9 on channel 30.

**COPPS in Pleasanton**

Join Mike and Mike for another edition of COPPS in Pleasanton at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Sat., July 8, and Sun., July 9 on channel 30. The topic will be on the First Wednesday Street Fair.

**Let's Talk Sports**

Take a look at the 49ers team and 2006 draft, with Steve Young, Tony

Parrish, Coach Nolan, Former Niners and Fans at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Sat., July 8, and Sun., July 9 on channel 30.

**ValleyCare**

Dr. Christy Boyd, Joe Carluccia and Kim Conners talk about high school and middle school athletes in terms of pre-season and mid-season injury prevention, preparedness, general health and performance. The partnership between ValleyCare and local high school sports programs will be explained and outlined at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sat., July 8, and Sun., July 9 on channel 30.

**Volunteering**

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue**

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue volunteer orientation will be held from 1-2:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, July 8, 23, Aug. 12, 27, and Sept. 9 and 24 at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Call 426-2472.

**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.

**Volunteers Needed at RCJL**

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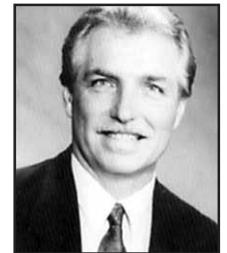
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## John "Jack" J. Hagerty Sr.

Jack Hagerty died June 19 after a long battle with chronic pulmonary disease.

He was born in Dorchester, Mass., in 1921. He attended the U.S. Maritime Commission Cadet Corps (later known as Kings Point U.S. Merchant Marine Academy), graduating as a Marine Engineer in 1942. Prior to graduation, he reported for

active duty with U.S. Navy as the first U.S. landings of World War II in Solomon Islands at Guadalcanal. After completing his licensing exams, he spent the remainder of the war as an engineering officer of the USS Wilson DD408. While on board this destroyer, he was in 10 battles and landing operations. In 1950, he was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict and was assigned to amphibious vessels of the Mediterranean

Fleet. In civilian life, he worked as a nuclear propulsion engineer at Westinghouse Electric Company in Idaho Falls, and retired as a Nuclear Engineering Specialist after 22 years with General Electric. He served on the Alameda County Board of Education from 1965 to 1976, and then as the Board's representative on the Personnel Commission until 1986.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary; sons Mark of

Pleasanton, John of Livermore, David of Annapolis, Md., Patrick of Boise, Id. and Michael of Pacific Grove; daughter Ann Marie O'Neal of Pleasanton; sister Gloria Partridge of Braintree, Mass.; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. The interment was private.

## Lorena Marjoray Mills

Lorena Mills, a Pleasanton resident for more than 40 years, died June 21 in Livermore.

She was born November 6, 1915, in Oklahoma. She was a homemaker who enjoyed playing Bingo, square dancing and fishing. She was a member of Rebecca Lodge in Pleasanton.

She is survived by her daughter Glenda Beratlis of Pleasanton; sons Randall Mills of Sunol and Donald Mills of Arizona; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband Leonard preceded her in death in 1989.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. Burial took place at Pleasanton Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to the David Beratlis Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Valley Community Bank, 465 Main Street, Pleasanton 94566.

## Theresa Wright

Theresa Wright, a life-long resident of Pleasanton, died on June 24.

She was born December 12, 1923. She was a graduate of Amador Valley High School, Class of 1941, a parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church, member and past president of the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary and a former Queen of the Alameda County Fair. She met her husband of 62 years, Bill, while he was stationed at Treasure Island during WWII and married March 11, 1941. Following the war, they settled in Pleasanton to raise three children. She also enjoyed playing Bingo.

She is survived by her husband Bill of Pleasanton; sons James and his wife Priscilla of Pleasanton and Stan and his wife Bebe of Cupertino; daughter Lynda of Pleasanton; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary and burial took place at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery, both in Pleasanton. Memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 100, Dublin 94568.

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# Sports

## Pleasanton softball team qualifies for State Championships

Michael Miller

The Phantom Rose under-10 'C' team took the championship in the Nor-Cal Regional qualifier tournament in Sunnyvale, qualifying the team for the State Championships in San Diego later this summer. In a thrilling championship game, the Phantom Rose defeated the King City Hurricanes 7-6 in a game that featured a solo home run by Nicole Heller. The Phantom Rose led until the top of the seventh when the Hurricanes rallied for four runs to take their first lead of the game. Showing the heart of a champion, the Phantom came back in the bottom of the seventh. Keli Wheatley led off the bottom of the seventh by hitting an infield single. She promptly stole second and third bases on two consecutive pitches. Andie Becker then singled in Wheatley with the tying run. A single by Brooke Campbell moved Becker to third with one out. Kelli Finn followed with a solid single to center field, scoring Becker with the winning run. Pitcher Dharini Clare recorded 14 strikeouts in the complete game win.

The Phantom Rose went 4-0 for the weekend with a 12-2 win over the Mt. View Nova and a 12-1 win over the Belmont Blaze. Finn recorded a home run against the Blaze with Becker striking out 12 in the four-inning game. The game against the Nova was highlighted by a lead-off homer by Tori Larsen. In the semi-final game, the Phantom Rose defeated the Cabrillo Crushers 4-2. The semi-final featured an RBI triple by Wheatley and 12 strikeouts by pitcher Clare. The championship qualifies Phantom Rose to go to the State Championship tournament in San Diego.

The Pleasanton Phantom 16's finished the Hayward Metro Qualifier Tournament with a 3-1 record to take second place in the tournament. In the double elimination tournament format, the Phantom won their first game against the Santa Clara Pal with a come-from-behind win in extra innings, ending with a score of 6-5. Trailing 4-0 through four innings, Britannia Bloom made the Pal pay for a lead-off walk to Allie Price to start the fifth inning. Bloom belted a 3-2 pitch for a home run to bring the Phantom within two runs. Kelly McKeegan added a third run when Alia Ismail doubled. The Phantom defense held the Pal for the next two innings and again capitalized off a walk to Ismail. Amanda Sisneros tied the game, knocking in the fourth run for the Phantom 16's, sending the game to extra innings. Using international tiebreaker rules which have the offensive team start

each at-bat with a runner at second base, the Pal scored a run in the eighth inning. The Phantom started their half of the eighth with Alex Herman at second base. Price then reached base on an error and Bloom made the Pal pay again with a game-winning double to score both runners. Georgia Bloom and Lindsey Bly combined to pitch the Phantom to the win.

Game two of the tournament against the King City Hurricanes was a less stressful 7-0 win with Bloom and Bly throwing a no-hitter in the 7-0 win. The two pitchers combined to strikeout 15 Hurricanes.

Game three resulted in a hard-fought 2-1 loss to the San Carlos Blaze. The Phantom held a slim 1-0 lead through five innings behind the pitching of Bly before succumbing in the late innings. Claire Robertson knocked in Brit Bloom to bring in the lone run for the Phantom.

In their final game the Phantom again met the King City Hurricanes. The Hurricanes were not going to go down as easy this time, but the Phantom still came away with a 7-2 win. Georgia Bloom pitched a complete game and finished with six strikeouts for the win. Brit Bloom again led the Phantom with three singles and two runs. Kelly McKeegan went two for four with two RBI's. Carli Kachel also went two for four with an RBI and provided great defense behind the plate. Robertson saved a late inning rally by the Hurricanes with two aggressive defensive plays in right field.

The Pleasanton Phantom will host their Sixth Annual Summer Classic softball tournament July 14-16. Fifty-six teams from across the U.S will be traveling to Pleasanton to compete in tournaments across five age divisions (10, 12, 14, 16 and 18).

### Taekwon-Do World Championship Qualifying Tournament

A team of nine young men and women from Pleasanton traveled to Rio Rancho, N.M., to compete in the Junior National World Championship Qualifiers. Competitors came from around the country, vying for one of the spots on the Team USA squad that will represent the United States at the International Taekwon-Do Federation World Championship in Victoria, Australia, in September 2006. The Pleasanton team, which is trained at Jue's Taekwon-Do, was comprised of four men and five women: Stephen Fares, 17; Tim Fares, 15; Catherine Jue, 13;

Amanda Lee, 15; Nimi Mastey, 17; Nidhi Mastey, 15; Andrew Phan, 16; Danielle Scott, 16; and Jason Scott, 13. The team performed well with second degree black belts Catherine Jue placing second in patterns; Andrew Phan placing second in sparring; and Nimi Mastey placing third in sparring.

### Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Summer Program

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Summer League is now open for registration. Programs are available for girls entering grades 3-8, boys entering grades 1-8, and high school boys entering grades 9-12. The season runs from the week of July 11-August 19. Players in grades 1-8 will practice once a week with pick-up style games on weekends. High school players will have pick-up style games on Thursday evenings. All games have referees. Full equipment required for all players. Registration fee is \$60 for grades 1-8 and \$65 for high school players. To register and or get more information, visit [www.Pleasantonlacrosse.com](http://www.Pleasantonlacrosse.com) or call Byron Hay, 998-5550.

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**Jim's Country Style Restaurant**  
 5400 Sunol Blvd., next to Raley's, Pleasanton, (925) 426-7019. Loved by locals and famous for its ranch-style omelets and large portions, Jim's serves up the country-style fixings from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. So if you're in the mood for chicken-fried steak, an omelet, a stack of pancakes, a deluxe sandwich or just a good old-fashioned burger, you won't be disappointed. Jim's friendly staff invites you to drop in and say, "Howdy!"

**Pleasanton Hotel**  
 855 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 846-8106. This restored Victorian "hotel" combines the ambiance of the past with the exciting contemporary cooking of Chef Neil Marquis. Also offering Mystery Dinner Theater and Winemaker Dinners, live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, some Sundays. Open for lunch, dinner and Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch, patio dining, banquets and weddings to 200.

**Red Smoke Grill**  
 4501 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, (925) 734-0307. The place to go for great tri-tip, rotisserie chicken and baby back ribs. The wonderful staff serves up sandwiches, salads and family dinner meals. So come by for a glass of wine and a great meal. Crossroads Shopping Center

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**Swensen's**  
 1991-A Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, (925) 426-1266. Swensen's Ice Cream has called the Bay Area its home since 1948. Known for its delicious ice cream, smoothies, burgers, sandwiches, pho beef noodle soup and BBQ chicken, beef and pork over rice. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.

**Vic's All Star Kitchen**  
 201 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 484-0789. Located in the heart of downtown Pleasanton on Main Street, Vic's delivers a starry mix of American food, fast service and a bustling, cheery atmosphere. Owner Vic Malatesta has teamed his love of sports with his passion for good food to create a solid dining experience with a local sports theme. Open daily 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Evening banquets/daytime catering.

## Brewpub/Alehouse

**The Hop Yard American Alehouse and Grill**  
 3015H Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, (925) 426-9600. Voted Best Watering Hole in Pleasanton, the Hop Yard offers 30 beers on tap and a variety of great food, everything from finger food to full blown meals. Ask about new banquet menu.

## California Cuisine

**Silver Palate Restaurant**  
 680 Main St., Downtown Pleasanton, (925) 417-5900. Silver Palate's menu is based on a concept of whole-some cooking, using the most natural ingredients available. The ambiance of this restaurant evokes the light-filled

expanse of a European marketplace, while the outdoor patio captures the best in al fresco dining. Choose from a wide selection of flavorful entrees and side accompaniments ... among them risottos, specialty soups, Kobe beef burgers, wild salmon, Organic Sonoma Mix salads and handcrafted desserts. Country Brunch Buffet every Sunday. Open seven days a week.

## Catering

**Fontina's Catering**  
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## Chinese

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## Continental

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**Chef India Cuisine**  
5100 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, (925) 463-8773. Newly arrived in Pleasanton, its lunch buffet features

over 25 items on every week day. They have a special Brunch buffet on every Sat. and Sun. which features more than 30 items. The dinner menu is extensive with many authentic Indian dishes to choose from, along with a full bar and large dining facility. Chef India invites you to hold your banquet with them. Conveniently located near the corner of Hopyard and Owens (next to Chevron) with plenty of park-

ing. Check their website [www.chefindia.com](http://www.chefindia.com) for details.

**Gold Indian Cuisine**  
824 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 600-0202. Popular Livermore restaurant has opened a second location in downtown Pleasanton, presenting delicious North Indian food, seasoned to your taste: mild, medium or hot. Fresh menu daily. Parking in rear. Patio

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## Italian

**Fontina Ristorante**  
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.

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## Mediterranean

**Athens West Restaurant**  
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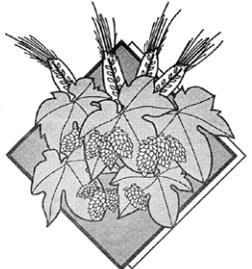
**Vinny's 2 Go!**  
4001-5 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, (925) 463-0280. Vinny's 2 Go! is the Rose Pavilion's newest authentic Italian pizzeria. Lunchtime favorites include New York pizza slices, meatball sandwiches and the popular Mona Lisa panini. Savory Meals 2 Go and fresh cannoli are available for fast pickup. Catering is offered for special occasions and office luncheons. Visit Vinny's 2 go! for quality, freshness and great taste!

## Sandwiches/Deli

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