

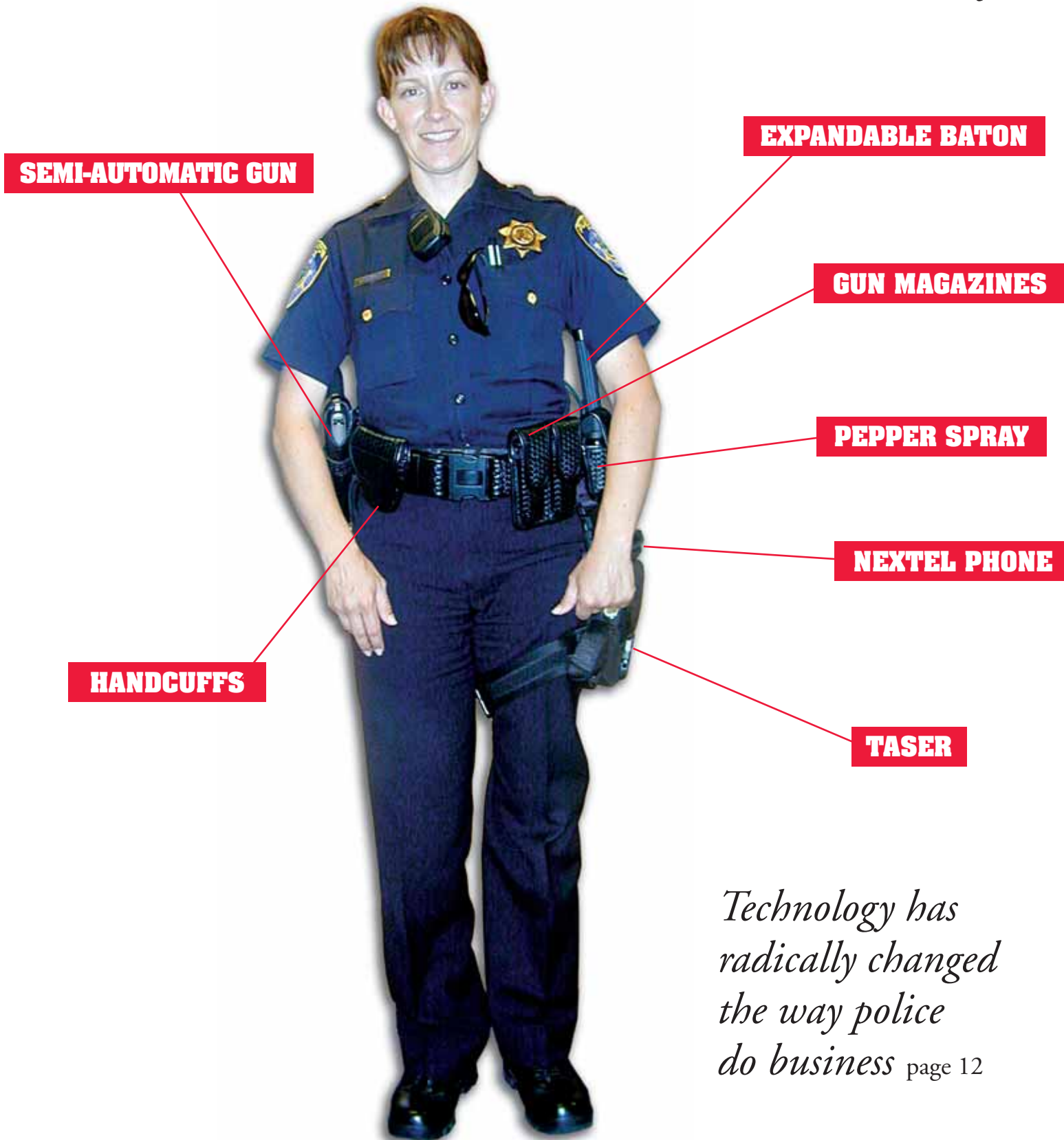
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Newsman Barry Schrader, his wife Kay, head back to old hometown

Long-time and distinguished newsman Barry Schrader and his wife Kay are packing up this weekend and will head out Tuesday on a 2,100-mile drive to their new home in DeKalb, Ill., a growing city in the heart of corn country 55 miles west of Chicago and also home to Northern Illinois University. Besides moving to a quieter, less congested city of about 43,000 population, they'll have the winters and the summer humidity to deal with for the first time since they moved here 37 years ago. Both Barry and Kay are natives of the DeKalb area, and for a while worked together after Barry, following a stint with a chain of weekly newspapers, bought a newspaper in their old high school town of Genoa, also near DeKalb, and shared the duties of editing and laying out the paper in the days when hot type and linotype machines turned to offset and cleaner publishing.

Barry and I go back a long way, both in terms of geography and profession. He grew up in the same small town as Clayton Kirkpatrick, who was later my City Editor when I moved from Palo Alto to the Chicago Tribune as a reporter and later Neighborhood News editor. I recruited beginning reporters at Northern Illinois University, where both Barry and Kirkpatrick graduated, and then moved to Pleasanton in 1987 long after Barry had ended his newspaper careers, which included the San Bernardino Sun and then as editor of, first, the newly-established Valley Times in 1972 and then, from 1973-79, as editor of the Tri-Valley Herald. In 1980, he jumped ship, as many of us do, to better-paying public relations positions with Sandia National Labs and in 2001 to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he recently retired. Although our paths probably crossed as we covered a few of the same news assignments in the Chicago area, I first met Barry at public functions shortly after moving here. We've

been friends ever since, reminiscing about news people we both knew and worked with, including some at the Tribune we both see now and then.

Like many couples who retire, and whose children have moved to distant locations, Barry and Kay are going back to their roots in DeKalb and also to Kay's large extended family, including a brother and a sister, and a 4,000-acre farm known for its corn and cattle. Having sold their home of 27 years in Livermore and moved into Heritage Estates 18 months ago, they'll move into Oak Crest, a Methodist retirement center on a picturesque 30-acre site at the edge of DeKalb. Although both plan to become active in university programs and DeKalb's upcoming sesquicentennial, their first priority will be to find medical specialists who can continue delivering the excellent treatment both have had here. Kay has non-Hodgkin's nempthoma, which was brought under control by doctors at UC San Francisco using an experimental drug called Zevalin. Barry had surgery for prostate cancer in 1994, and then radiation and now other treatments, including daily doses of special medication, to keep it under control. Three years ago, doctors found cancerous tumors on the lining of his bladder, which required more surgeries and now regular treatments. Unlike insurance agents or eye care retailers whose brands can be found across the country, medical specialists are tethered to their local practices and hospitals. They couldn't even identify similar specialists in DeKalb, although the city has a new hospital and Northern Illinois now has its own medical school. Finding the multitude of doctors they'll need for ongoing treatments and exams is at the top of their priority list once they get settled at Oak Crest. Barry plans to keep his email at historian2@sbcglobal.net, and hopes his many friends in Pleasanton will keep in touch.

About the Cover

From Nextel phones to TASERs to expandable batons, Pleasanton police are on the cutting edge to technology. Every aspect of police work, starting with the apprehending of suspects all the way to the investigation, has changed due to technology, and mostly for the better. Cover design by Ben Ho.

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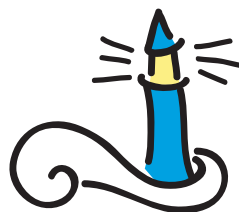
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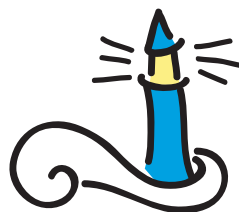
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MSW program gets accreditation

The Master's of Social Work Department at California State University, East Bay, was granted accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education earlier this month. The accreditation is retroactive to the 2003-2004 academic year when the first students enrolled in the program. It is valid until 2010. The University worked with Alameda and Contra Costa counties, as well as community-based agencies to develop the program as means to meet the social work training needs of the region.

Pleasanton employee joins LAFCO

Sblend A. Sblendorio was recently appointed to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for Alameda County. Sblendorio is a shareholder in Hoge, Fenton, Jones and Appel, Inc.'s Pleasanton office where he works in the Business Litigation and Real Estate Groups assisting clients with real estate and commercial negotiations and litigation, including development projects, contract disputes, licensing, acquisitions and corporate control contests. He is also a past president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and treasurer of the San Francisco Bay Wine Auction, as well as an active member in the Livermore Rotary and past chair of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors Agricultural Advisory Committee. LAFCO is a state-mandated, local agency that oversees boundary changes to cities and special districts and works to ensure the orderly formation of local government agencies to preserve agricultural and open space lands and discourage urban sprawl.

Corrections

There were two incorrect statements in the June 30, 2006 cover story "Celebrating Independence Day in Pleasanton." The article inaccurately said Karla Comfort's son died in a Hummer after it was hit by improvised explosive in Fallujah, Iraq. He actually died when another soldier stepped on a pressure plate after a promotion ceremony at a flour factory, triggering up to five artillery shells and killing 10 Marines. The article also inaccurately said that Pleasanton resident Ian Dollard was the only survivor. There were actually several survivors.

Cheesecake Factory starts construction as other projects languish

Broyhill, Stoneridge mall owner facing financial woes, executive changes

by Jeb Bing

Work is under way on the construction of two new restaurants at Stoneridge Shopping Center, even though financial problems with Mills Corporation, the owner of

Stoneridge, appears to have slowed the rebuilding of Nordstrom Department Store and an adjacent parking garage.

At the same time, Broyhill Home Collections, which was scheduled to move into a new structure on

the site of the old Galaxy movie theater that was torn down in the Rose Pavilion to accommodate the furniture retailer, also is faced with financial concerns and has been closing stores.

Meanwhile, the gleaming yellow

28,500-square-foot store built on top of Galaxy's foundation, stands empty, a setback for New York-based New Plan Excel Trust, Inc., which had long been trying to fill the closed-Galaxy site.

Recently, top executives at both Mills and Broyhill stepped down because of falling earnings.

Part of the Stoneridge mall's parking lot on the west side of Macy's Women's Store has now been blocked off as construction begins on a new Cheesecake Factory, a popular restaurant chain found in upscale shopping centers and business districts. This will be Cheesecake Factory's first Tri-Valley location.

Marion Pavan, Pleasanton's associate planner, said a second restaurant is planned for a site next to Cheesecake Factory by P.F. Chang's China Bistro. Founded in 1993, P.F. Chang's offers a unique combination of Chinese specialties and custom sauces for both for lunch and dinner.

On the other side of the mall, Nordstrom was scheduled to start building a new department store right after the holiday sales season ended in early January. Pavan said that although plans for the 144,000-square-foot store are still active, building permits have yet to be issued for the project.

Along with the new store, Mills Corporation, which owns a controlling interest in the Stoneridge center, was planning a multi-story, 900-car parking garage on Stoneridge Mall Road next to the new Nordstrom. Once the new Nordstrom is opened, Mills also planned to retrofit the old structure into two levels of new mall stores, with a 66,137-square-foot, multi-screen movie theater complex on what is now Nordstrom's third level, with 3,000 seats.

"As far as I know, those are still the plans for the shopping center," Pavan said.

However, Mills, based in Arlington, Va. just outside of Washington, D.C., is faced with financial difficulties. The developer, owner and manager of a diversified global portfolio of retail destinations, such as Stoneridge Shopping Center, has been searching for investors or even buyers as it seeks to satisfy investor demands for greater shareholder value by conserving cash and reducing debt.

Mills also has undergone major management changes and formed a Special Negotiating Committee



Jenny Bing

Goodbye funnel cakes as Fair closes 17-day run

Closing out the County Fair last Sunday with a whipped cream and strawberry-topped funnel cake are (from left) Mario Gonzales, Emalina Sanchez and Dolores Gonzales, all from Hayward, who consider the wide assortment of food booths a key part of the Fair's many other festivities. Fair attendance totaled 382,409 during its 17-day run, the second highest in the last nine years. With the skies clear and nights pleasant, the Fair drew crowds even during five steady days of temperatures over 100 degrees.

The closing weekend heat took its toll on the horses, however, with 6 percent fewer running than last year. Even so, the racetrack turned in the third highest "Meet Handle" in Fair history, with receipts estimated at more than \$35 million. Especially popular was Trackside Terrace, an open-air dining lounge in the grandstands that offered catered food and its own betting windows.

The 2006 free concert series also was a major draw for the Fair, including KC & The Sunshine Band, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Smash Mouth, with all age groups, but especially seniors filling the 3,200 capacity amphitheater for singer Pat Boone. This year's parade drew more than 85 entries, a record high.

Besides near-record gate receipts, special events also saw gains in sales. Fine Art sales totaled \$18,077, up 16.7 percent; small animal sales, \$24,148, up 13.4 percent, and the livestock auction, \$690,083, up 1.6 percent.

Staying safe in the sun

Children are the most vulnerable to skin damage

by Rebecca Guyon

As the summer months heat up, Pleasanton residents need to take extra precautions when out in the sun because, while no one likes a sunburn, the harm can be much greater.

"The damage of UV (ultra violet) light adds up over a lifetime, and the ability for the skin to repair goes down," said Dr. Dean Anthony, a dermatologist with ValleyCare Medical Center. "That's when people can develop pre-cancer and potential cancers of the skin."

Wrinkles, aging, loss of skin elasticity and freckles are all unwanted effects of too much sun, but it is the possibility of developing cancer, specifically melanoma, that is the most troubling.

"Melanoma can be deadly if not removed early," Anthony said.

People with light complexions and blue or hazel eyes or with a history of frequent or severe sunburns are at the highest risk to develop melanoma, said Dr. William Lide, the associate chief for the Diablo area and physician site leader at the Pleasanton Kaiser Permanente

office. It is especially important to keep children protected from the sun because sunburns at an early age are one of the leading causes of melanoma, he added.

"Damage before the age of five is more important than any other time because it coordinates most strongly with melanoma later in life," Lide said. "Parents need to protect their youngest from direct sunlight and put sunscreen on thoroughly and frequently to avoid sunburns entirely."

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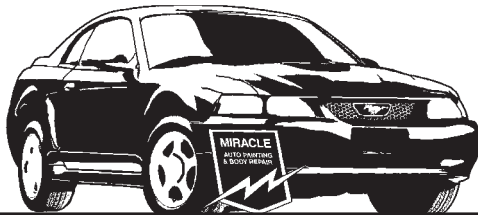
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Local scholarship makes college a reality for students in need

Amador Valley Scholarship, Inc., gives back to the community

by Rebecca Guyon

Last year, Bryce Beecher was given a choice: Live with his dad and drop out of school to work or become an independent adult and finish his high school education. Beecher chose the latter, spending his senior year at Village High School as an adult responsible for his own care, while also making grades and graduating. His ultimate goal was to get to college, but, due to finances, this seemed like a far off possibility. But not one to give up, Beecher applied for many scholarships and was recently awarded \$8,000 from Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc. With the funds, Beecher will be able to attend Las Positas Community College this fall, as well as afford the transportation necessary to get to class.

"I'm actually going to be able to go to school," Beecher said. "If I hadn't received it, there would have been no way to pay for books, tuition and a car."

After earning an associate's degree in business from Las Positas, Beecher plans on transferring to Los Angeles Harbor College, a community college in Southern California, then California State University, San Diego, where he

hopes to earn a PhD in education and art.

It's for students like Beecher that AVSI gives out its annual scholarships to Pleasanton students. This year, AVSI awarded nearly \$20,000 in scholarships to 12 students from Foothill, Amador Valley and Village high schools. While there are many scholarships high school seniors can apply for, few are as locally based as AVSI. Every year since 1965, AVSI has given out scholarships to a variety of students in the Tri-Valley, students who demonstrate a commitment to education, community service and their futures.

"The fact that it is community based means kids have such a good chance of getting money," said Mary Hart Reding, president of AVSI.

Up until last year, students in the Dublin Unified School District were also eligible, but this year the board of directors decided to limit it to Pleasanton students due to a lack of organizational contacts in Dublin. To qualify, students must submit an application with a two-page essay either explaining what their strengths and weaknesses are or discussing how they came up with their current career plan. From the applications, several are chosen for in-person interviews, and the awardees are chosen from that pool. While having a strong academic background is important, the scholarship committee is looking more for students who have clear, realistic college plans and a demonstrated need.

During the year, AVSI collects donations from community members and business for its general

scholarship fund, as well as eight memorial scholarships. How many, and how large, the scholarships are is determined entirely by how much is raised in any given year.

"Because AVSI has the non-profit status, when people donate, they get a tax deduction," Reding explained. "That way, if you want to start a memorial scholarship, you don't have to go out and get your own nonprofit."

Although AVSI has been giving out scholarships for more than 40 years, it was quite different when it first started. Originally, the organization gave scholarships to students in the Dublin and Amador Valley school districts, before unification in 1988. Teachers, administrators and members of the business community would present a variety show where teachers would perform skits to raise money. Reding said she even remembers watching the show when she was a young girl.

After unification, the scholarship changed to what it is now with funds raised through donations during the year rather than through one event. Reding got involved with the fund prior to that, after her father, the popular assistant superintendent Thomas Hart for whom Hart Middle School is named, passed away in 1975. Initially, community members wanted to set up a fund for Hart's seven children, but his wife, Mary Hart, did not want that. Then-Amador Valley High School Principal Neil Sweeny suggested establishing a memorial scholarship for all students in the community instead and it was done

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Searching for summer care

Child Care Links help parents find the right care for their children

by Rebecca Guyon

Although summer is a carefree time for children, it can bring new stress for parents as they try to find summer day care for their children. Fortunately, there is a wide variety of child care options for parents to choose from, and Child Care Links is there to help families find a good fit.

"We offer a 'choosing child care' packet that has information about what to look for and questions to ask," said Kim Marshall, inclusion services coordinator for Child Care Links. "All our services are free, so if parents have questions, they can call us up."

Child Care Links is a non-profit organization that serves Pleasanton, Fremont and Oakland, with an office located in town at 1020 Serpentine Ln., Ste. 102. It provides child care referrals for parents, as well as runs subsidized child care services, provider and family education and support services, child care and nutrition programs, toy and resource lending, and employer consultation for child care issues.

The three child care options available in town are family child care providers, day care centers and summer programs offered by the YMCA, Marshall said. Pleasanton family child care providers, who are licensed to run child care in their homes, cost an average of \$196 for infants, \$184 for children 2-5 and \$111 for school age children for a week's worth of fulltime care. On that same scale, centers

charge \$280 for infants, \$194 for children ages 2-4 and \$139 for children 5 and older.

While centers do tend to be a little more expensive, some parents prefer them over the family child care providers because they want their child in a larger environment, and the centers tend to have a more structured academic program, Marshall said. But other parents may choose a family care provider for the exact opposite reason, that they want their child in a smaller environment where there is more play-time and a feeling of being at home. That was why Robyn Albarran chose a family child care provider for her 26-month-old son.

"I wanted an environment that would be consistent and that the people watching him would have a large heart, so they can help develop him into the kind of person he will be," Albarran said. For Albarran, making sure her son developed good behavior and was being raised in home, even when he wasn't with her, was more important than rigorous academic lessons.

That is not to say family child care providers do not provide academic lessons, Marshall added, but many parents have the perception that home providers are less rigorous than centers.

In the end, parents tend to evenly choose both centers and family child care providers; it just depends on each family situation and what factors are priorities, Marshall said. ■

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Harmony Crossroads Chorus' new Director Barb Bander Putten (right) and Chorus President Marelene Gogue sign the director's new contract, displaying the group's high energy and love of singing that has summoned so many people to join its musical adventures. Women of all ages and abilities are invited to join the Harmony Crossroads Chorus for guest night, an evening of singing and friendship, where they will learn one new song, sing some old favorites, and welcome Putten to the chorus. This fun group of women, ranging in age from mid-twenties to "sixty-something," would love to see some new faces on Monday, July 17, from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Fountain Community Church, located at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road.



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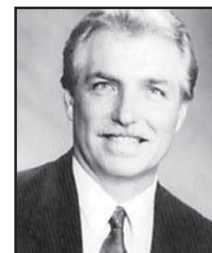
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Sun safety

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That means staying out of the sun, putting on plenty of sunscreen and wearing sunglasses—good advice for children and adults alike. But, while sunscreen is something we're all familiar with, few use it properly, Lide said. Most people use an inadequate amount of sunscreen and do not re-apply frequently enough. To truly be effective, the body needs to be covered with an ounce of sunscreen, Lide said. It's also important to remember spots that often times get overlooked, like the scalp of people with thinning hair, lips, back of the hands, ears and sides of the neck.

It's also important to find a sunscreen that not only protects against UVB rays—the rays that burn—but also UVA rays—the rays that are responsible for tanning. Sun Protection Factor (SPF) only measures a sunscreen's effectiveness in blocking UVB rays, Lide said. People need to take a closer look at the label to see if the sunscreen also contains UVA blockers, which are called avobenzone or parsol, he added.

Recognizing the importance of sun safety for children, the Pleasanton PTA Council made the issue a key advocacy point this year.

"Skin cancer is the most preventable type of cancer," said Jamie Hintzke, chair of the PTA Council's Wellness Committee. To help get the message across to children that putting on sunscreen now can help them later in life, the PTA Council applied for and received a grant from the city of Pleasanton's Human Services Commission to purchase sun safety videos from the California State Department of Health Services. Pleasanton was the first school district to use these

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videos, Hintzke said. Each elementary and middle school has copies of the videos, which teachers show during class, and the library also has copies that can be checked out.

The videos teach children the importance of putting on sunscreen and reapplying and staying out of the sun when it is intense, as well as the science behind how UV rays damage the skin and how to read the UV index.

"Skin cancer is the most preventable type of cancer"

—Jamie Hintzke,
Wellness Committee chair

"I absolutely think the video impacts kids because kids feel more like sunscreen is a regular part of their daily routine and parents are nagging less because the kids understand the dangers of UV," Hintzke said. "At the fifth grade end-of-the-year swim party, the teachers had the kids get out of the pool for a 're-apply sun-

screen break,' which is something I'd never seen before, so there is definitely a new awareness."

Although there has been a district wide push this year, Pleasanton resident Lee Techel has been working on sun safety at Alisal Elementary School since 2001. That was the year her husband passes away eight weeks after being diagnosed with melanoma.

"As I was going through all this, I learned that a lot of your sun exposure happens when you're a child," Techel said. "To me, promoting sun safety was something I could do to prevent other people from getting (melanoma)."

Techel, along with Hintzke, began selling hats at Alisal and put the money toward planting trees on the recess field and putting up umbrellas around the lunch area. The two then approached the district to appropriate funds to build a shade structure on the field, giving plenty of shade until the trees grow. Techel also keeps parents informed by sending out a letter to parents at the beginning of the year on the importance of sun safety.

Furthering the campaign, the PTA Council is collaborating with the city to put up signs in city parks to promote "slip, slop, slap, slide." That is: Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat and slide on sunglasses. Lide and Anthony agreed that is good approach to dealing with the sun, emphasizing that you can never do too much to stay safe. ■

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Jeb Bing

This new 28,550-square-foot furniture store, built to house Broyhill Furniture on the site of the old Galaxy Theater in the Rose Pavilion at Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive stands empty. Broyhill faces financial woes with a new management team closing plants and stores and blocking and expansion as its parent Furniture Brands of St. Louis restructures the company.

Cheesecake

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to manage its board of director's strategic alternatives process.

Mills decline has been fast and furious, with the real estate investment trust planning and opening new retail centers around the country. Mills took on projects in Singapore, Madrid and Scotland in an effort to become a global real estate investment firm, but soon couldn't meet its soaring debt obligations. Most recently,

it delayed its multi-million-dollar massive Meadowlands Xanadu project in New Jersey, although it recently received \$1.91 billion of a \$2.23 billion financing packages from Goldman, Sachs Mortgage Company that may help jump-start that development.

Although the company has rejected press inquiries, a spokesman who asked not to be identified said that Pleasanton's Stoneridge Shopping Center was not among a number of "poor-performing malls" that Mills may be jettisoning.

Last May, Chairman Frank Lowry of Australian-owned Westfield, a global developer of retail centers,

confirmed that his company "is running the ruler" over the Mills Corporation, which is valued at \$1.8 billion in U.S. dollars.

As for Broyhill, the company's Furniture Brands parent has been closing plants and merging back-office function at its St. Louis headquarters. Last month, the company announced that a Broyhill wood furniture plant in Lenoir, N.C. would shut down.

Furniture Brands also makes Drexel Heritage, Henredon, Maitland-Smith and Thomasville brands, which, like Broyhill, generally have their own stand-alone stores. ■

Scholarship

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through AVSI. Mary Hart later sat on AVSI's board of directors up until she passed away earlier this year. To honor her work in education, AVSI is now offering the Tom and Mary Hart Memorial Scholarship.

Like many scholarships, Reding said AVSI has seen a drop in the number of students applying. During this past year, 28 students applied, and the year before that 45 did. Part of the drop is due to

elimination of Dublin students, but Reding said directors would like to see more students take advantage of the opportunity. And of course, more donations are always appreciated so more scholarships can be

awarded.

"We would love to be able to give more," Reding said. "We're such a small organization that we're always looking to get more people involved." ■

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What a Lincolnish bunch

Although it may look like it in the photo, Katie and Jack Reed of Pleasanton are not members of the Lincoln family. Katie, 8, and Jack, 11, visited the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library in Springfield, Ill., with their parents John and Kim, and the family was sure to bring their Weekly with them.



Slow down in Slovakia

Joe and Sharon Dirky help Napoleon catch up on Pleasanton news during their trip to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia



We the people...read the Weekly

After taking second place in the National "We the People..." competition, the team from Amador Valley High School took time to visit the White House and read the Weekly.

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Opinion

Editorial

Is mayor out-of-bounds on global talks?

For more than a year, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman has been speaking out on global issues and the national political agenda with growing passion and notoriety. Clearly, Hosterman is enjoying the limelight in addressing issues beyond Pleasanton, and the applause and praise she has received at these conferences are likely to generate more invitations and speaking opportunities. First, though, she may have to deal with her own City Council, where at least three of the five members are concerned that she is over-stepping her bounds as mayor. There's no detailed job description for mayor or any ruling that says elected or appointed officials in Pleasanton can't speak their mind at non-Pleasanton-sanctioned forums, such as the World Peace Conference. But after her return from that conference last month, where she was a Plenary Session speaker, the three—Council members Steve Brozosky, Cindy McGovern and Jerry Thorne—asked City Attorney Michael Roush to review a long-established policy that calls on leaders not to take positions on major public issues while they are representing Pleasanton and where there has been no clear-cut approval from a majority on the council.

Nothing in city policy, of course, prohibits the mayor, council members, commissioners or anyone else from speaking out on global and national issues. The concern being raised is that when they also identify themselves as city officials, there's a perception, at least, that they are speaking for the city. Hosterman, for instance, was not only introduced as Pleasanton's mayor, she reiterated it during her World Peace Forum speech, including stating that among her duties as mayor is maintaining "the safety and integrity" of every neighborhood, including guarding against "the threat of the use of a nuclear weapon."

The real question here is not about what the mayor is doing, since these expressed concerns lose some credibility because they are being raised by challengers during an election year. The underlying question, however, is a good one. How much independence do elected and appointed officials of the city have when they are at meetings and events where they have been invited or are attending because of their elected or appointed city positions? Whenever an elected or appointed city official speaks, the audience ascribes to them their status of position and assumes they are speaking on behalf of the city of Pleasanton. Speaking as an individual is no longer really possible. The Council would be wise to address this, and we believe that our city as a whole is better served if individual members of the council and other city officials represent the city first and themselves second. If they are truly speaking as individuals, it would be clearer that they do not use their elected or appointed title. That applies to everyone: the mayor, City Council and appointed members of boards and commissions. These positions are to make Pleasanton a better place and not to serve personal interests.

We also believe that it is difficult for the Council to regulate what people say. The Council's stronger and more real power, however, is the power of the budget. Careful review and approval of the Council's travel budget by the entire Council would ensure that a majority of the Council approves of all out-of-area meetings. If the meeting attendance is not supported by a majority of the Council, then no city funds will be spent on the event, and it is less likely that those officials will attend, using only personal funds to do so. It would also limit the times when positions will be taken that a majority of the Council does not support. We look forward to the discussion of this matter when it comes before the Council in August.

Letters

Way to go Hosterman

Dear Editor,

Jennifer Hosterman is an asset to Pleasanton! Our mayor cares deeply about our city. Recently, Ms. Hosterman has been criticized for attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors. I am embarrassed for the letter writer who sarcastically bashed our mayor for aspiring to such ideals as world peace and an end to nuclear proliferation.

Like it or not, Pleasanton is a part of a bigger world than the 21.8 square miles we take up in the Tri-Valley. We should be thankful that we have a Mayor who wants to step outside the "provincial" box and be part of a larger community.

For anyone who doesn't think that issues of world peace and nuclear proliferation don't now or can't in the future affect our own community, I only remind you of the small Pennsylvania town, the site of the tragic end to Flight 93 on September 11. There were many residents in little known Shanksville who didn't think they'd ever be a part of larger than life politics, and yet by sheer bad luck they were so tragically thrust into the global world issues of terrorism and hatred.

I hope and pray that our community always remains safe, but we MUST do our part to make a positive impact in the world and be supportive of our mayor who is trying so hard to do so! Ms. Hosterman's attendance at the U.S. Conference of Mayors has not distracted her from addressing the immediate issues our town faces.

*Theresa Regan
Pleasanton*

Local not global

Dear Editor,

"Global concerns affect everyone in Pleasanton more than traffic and affordable housing," said Mayor Jennifer Hosterman (Cover story, "The Big Picture, July 7, 2006). Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory missile defense gives us security, not U.S. Mayors' resolutions or World Peace Forum trust in North Korea promises.

"As for nuclear energy, I have serious reservations," she says, betraying unwarranted radiophobia, the major obstacle to energy independence and prosperity. Pleasanton residents will live longer and have less cancer with more ionizing radiation (JAMPhysicians&Surgeons 9/1/6-10).

The mayor's job is "How to Ease Traffic," (Letters, July 7, 2006). Robert S. Allen, traffic engineer and BART Director from 74-78 gives seven actions. He brought BART to Pleasanton, shows how to get it to the San Joaquin Valley and describes freeway actions needing a mayor's leadership.

A mayor's "leadership" is also needed for housing our kids can afford. Pleasanton Housing Authority opposed what I led 40 years ago, com-

plaining that the faith-based Pleasanton Gardens Inc. and Pleasanton Greens Inc. "competed" with its salaried staff, later disbanded.

We need a mayor, not a global politics promoter.

*Howard Long
Pleasanton*

Helping the orphanage

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the nice article about the "Sunflower Orphanage" in Peru (News, "Local family lends a hand to Peruvian orphanage," July 7, 2006). Our involvement was made possible by the generous nature and good hearts of the people of Pleasanton, our Amador Valley Boosters and Pleasanton Weekly readers. Many thanks to so many who just dropped off clothing at our doorstep, we don't even know who most of them were; we'd just come home and find more bags of clothing. The Web site for Southern Cross Humanitarian is www.sxhu.org for anyone interested in helping or would also like to get involved in their humanitarian expeditions.

*Ken Mano
Amador Valley Athletic Boosters*

Thanks for the fine Fourth

Dear Editor,

Our planning committee was greatly honored that Jeb Bing selected as the subject of his June 30 column "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution," the eighth annual all-volunteer Fourth of July community event at Lions' Wayside Park. That column, plus your earlier coverage of the event, undoubtedly helped boost participation to a record high.

This year more than 600 adults (and countless children and dogs) made time in their lives for patriotic observances on the anniversary of the founding of our nation. Special thanks to Conductor Bob Williams and the Pleasanton Community Concert Band for providing the stirring music, along with soloists Ward Belding (as Uncle Sam) and Chris and Dana Lindstrom. Pleasanton Family Bells chimed in for our theme, "Let Freedom Ring!" We appreciate being included in the Concerts in the Park series sponsored by Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Other partners in this endeavor included event sponsor, Bank of Walnut Creek; music sponsor, ACCUSPLIT; awards sponsor, Hometown GMAC Real Estate; and food co-sponsors Raley's Market and Lions Clubs of Pleasanton. Besides serving "A Dog & a Drink for a Dollar," the Lions donated hundreds of hand-held American flags to the audience.

Memorial Day, Veterans' Day and Fourth of July are the main times in our busy lives that we pause and reflect on the principles our nation stands for. We invite your readers to join us next Fourth of July.

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Technology has radically changed the way police do business ST

It's no secret that over the past few years technology has changed the everyday lives of average citizens. The same can be said for the police force as technology continues to improve its ability to solve crimes, arrest suspects, and do it all under safer conditions for everyone involved. In fact, the amount of technology used on any regular day by an average patrol officer is astounding—far more than you can tell just by looking at the outside of a police car.

"Law enforcement has definitely become a profession where the officers have to be a lot more tech proficient than your standard citizen," said Sergeant Craig Eicher of the Pleasanton Police Department.

From responding to calls to searching for suspects to solving cases, officers have a new, high-tech tool for everything. The Pleasanton Police Department especially tries to stay on the cutting edge of technology, said Officer Julie Fragomeli, who has been with the department for the past year after working in Mountain View for nine.

"I love being in Pleasanton because here we have so much more as far as tech goes," Fragomeli said.

One of the biggest changes for the officers is the touch screen computers outfitted in every patrol car. With the touch of the screen, an officer can check all pending calls around town and see what has already received a response.

"With the list of pending calls, an officer can pull up to a street, see there is a call at that area and head up to the call before it's even been dispatched," said Detective Daly Harnish. "That way the call time is decreased."

The computers are also connected to the Internet, which give officers access to several state and federal databases that help them identify and apprehend suspects.

"If we want to check somebody to see if they have warrants, we can do a name inquiry," Fragomeli said. By pulling up a state Web site and inputting a name, any officer can find out a person's personal information, such as driver's license number, weight, height, address, previous address and driving record, as well as—and perhaps most importantly—any warrants. Officers can do a similar search on license plate numbers, finding out who a vehicle is registered to, then take that name and do the previous search. Cal Photo, a Driver of Motor Vehicles Web site, provides further help by giving them access to a person's driver's license information, photo, fingerprint and signature. The system also provides mug shots of suspects.

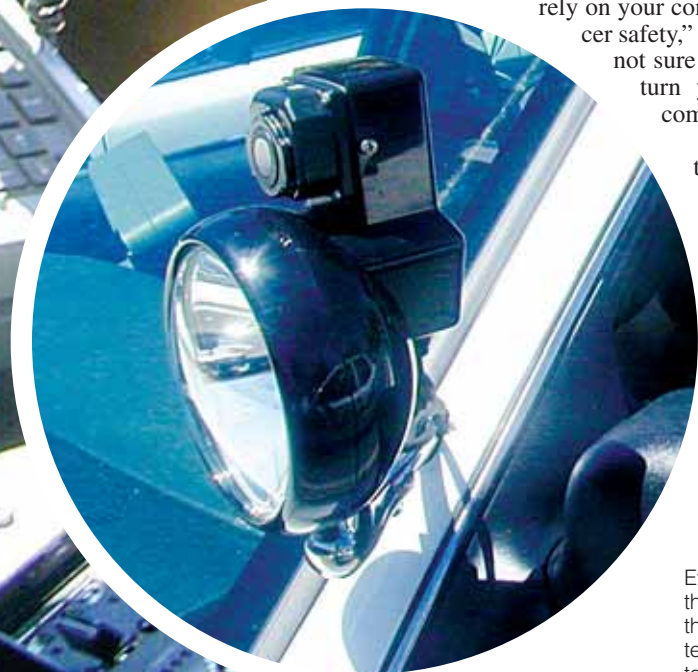
"We can do all this with the touch of a finger while we're sitting at a red light," Fragomeli said. "When we're not actively on a call or out with the public, we're really doing a lot of things inside our car."

However, that doesn't mean the computer can be used on every call.

"One thing we really emphasize is don't rely on your computer to sacrifice officer safety," Harnish said. "If you're not sure about somebody, don't turn your back to use the computer, radio it in."

One of the newest technologies that the department added to the police vehicles a few months ago is the thermal imaging lights. These lights can detect a heat source, something that is helpful for night patrols.

"Say someone saw a car speed into a parking lot and the lot is full of parked



Every patrol car is equipped with that can tell officers what calls near their fellow officers are in the city. technology is thermal lights (above) to find suspects and gather clues

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s, so you don't know where this person could be. You can
ve through the lot and find all the cars that are still warm. It
uld be a good indication that that's the suspect," Fragomeli
ained. It can also help officers find people hiding under
hes or lurking outside of homes, she added.

Only the supervisor cars and two patrol vehicles are cur-
tly outfitted with these lights, but the department has plans
dd more and train officers how to use them. As Fragomeli
ained, having the technology isn't enough—the officers
d to know how to use it in order to be effective.

Changes in technology are not limited to the officers' patrol
icles, but also extend to the officers themselves. Looking
ny officer's belt, there are many items that weren't there
n five years ago.

If they come up with any more gizmos, I'm not sure
ere I'll be able to put them all on my belt," Fragomeli
ed.

One of the most notable additions is the TASER, an elec-
tric device that officers can shoot at a suspect from up to
feet away delivering a shock that overrides the central
vous system and incapacitates the suspect. In order to
k to the suspect, there are tiny darts stuck at the end of an
ulated metal wire that are shot out of the device.

The way people react to the TASER can vary, with some
ng stiff as a board and others wriggling around, but the
ect is to stop the suspect, without causing serious injuries.
e shock releases high voltage, but low amperage, mean-
it causes little pain and after a few seconds the suspect
overs. The only injury is the marks left by the darts, which
her said are equivalent to the marks left by mosquito
es.

**"If they come up with
any more gizmos,
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them all on my belt."**

—Officer Julie Fragomeli

Our intention is not to harm the suspect, but to gain
pliance," said Detective Dana Stout, who was the first
advocate for the department to start using the TASER.
ut transferred to Pleasanton in 2003 from a department in
thorn California where she saw the TASERS in use and
nd them very effective, meaning suspects were appreh-
ended without harm.

prior to the TASER, officers would use batons or pepper
ay in the same situation, Stout said. The drawbacks to
se methods are that both cause more harm to the suspect.
on use can result in serious injuries, such as broken bones,
pepper spray can take 45 minutes to an hour to recover
n. They also could be ineffective tools, with the baton
dered useless in tight spaces and pepper spray floating in
air, potentially incapacitating nearby officers.

That is not to say pepper spray and batons are no longer
officer belts. Both items are still used, but even they have
nged a little. Instead of the wooden batons of the past,
cers now have a lighter, titanium baton that extends when
ng and retracts with the push of a button.

this computer system (left)
ed responses and where
The department's newest
ve) that can be used at night
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Detective Dana Stout (above) shows how to work a dry stun, an electric device that uses high electric voltage to incapacitate suspects. It works the same as a TASER, except a TASER can be shot from 21 feet away, whereas the dry stun has to be held to the body of a suspect.

Of course, a registered gun and handcuffs are still staples of the police officers' belt, but one thing that is new is the Nextel phones issued to every officer. Nextel is the only company that provides both radio and phone capability, which is why the department chose it, Eicher said.

Beyond work in the field, technology has had a huge effect on the way police investigate crimes and search for suspects. Those in the public may already be familiar with the computerized suspect composites the department puts out to the media when a suspect is on the loose. Using a program called e-Fit, officers can craft the face of a suspect based on a victim's description where before they relied on a box filled with different facial components that they would overlay on each other. The process was inexact compared to the computerized composites where officers have many different variations of facial features to choose from, and even if none of those fit, they can make modifications. The major benefit is that from interview to composite, the whole process takes about two hours and the police can get a more exact description out to the public in a timely manner.

The investigations department makes great use of the Internet, as well, using NIBIN and CODIS, two databases housed by the U.S. Department of Justice. NIBIN contains information on the ballistic history of any weapon collected at a crime scene in the country. Because every gun is unique, if the police collect a gun and bullet shells at a crime scene, they can run its characteristics through the Web site and see if it is linked to any past crimes. Although Pleasanton police have not had any hits, Hayward police were able to solve several homicide cases from information they found on the site, Eicher said.

CODIS houses DNA information from all suspects arrested for felonies. Before a person is released from jail or prison, they now have to submit a DNA sample that is catalogued by the Department of Justice. When police gather DNA evidence from a crime scene, they can run the information through CODIS and try to find a match. The use of DNA in crime investigation has been one of the greatest leaps in technology, providing police with the ability to find suspects they may not have caught before, but that does not mean the system is not without drawbacks. Many people do not realize that DNA evidence is analyzed off site and that it can take at least a month to get it back from the lab, Eicher said. With popular TV shows like "CSI," the public expects cases involving forensic analysis to be closed in under an hour, and that's just not realistic, Harnish added.

And while technology can help solve many cases, without witnesses or physical evidence some cases, such as the 2004 arson at Foothill High School and the more recent vandalism at Callippe Golf Course, cannot be solved. In some respects, technology has even made police work more difficult as it has created a new kind of crime: Identity theft.

"It's a double edge sword," Harnish said. "The increase of technology has brought the increase of a different kind of crime that makes it harder to investigate. Probably 80 percent of identity theft and fraud is done using computers. So technology has helped us in some ways, but in other ways we're trying to constantly keep up with it." ■

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, July 18, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Weed Abatement Assessments for 2006
- 2006-07 Annual Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Districts 1984-1 (Ponderosa - Del Prado) 1993-1 (Windsor), 1993-2 (Bonde Ranch), 1994-1 (Oak Tree Farm) and 1995-1 (Moller Ranch)
- Approval of Proposed Naming Rights and Donor Recognition Plan for the Firehouse Arts Center
- Consideration of Approaches to Regulate, Prohibit, or Continue Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
- Affordable Housing Agreement with Stoneridge Associates Concerning the Stoneridge Condominiums

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, July 20, 2006 @ 7:30 a.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road

- Discussion about how the City might assist businesses during an Emergency
- Discussion on using the EVC as a resource for the Community

Housing Commission

- The July 20 meeting of the Housing Commission has been cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on August 17.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 for the following officers:

Mayor

Two Members Of the City Council

The nomination period opens Monday, July 17, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. Nomination Papers are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, through Friday, August 11, 2006. Please call 931-5027 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, for more information or to schedule and appointment.

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

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Burglary at College of Automotive Management

A laptop computer was taken from the College of Automotive Management, 4234 Hacienda Dr., Ste. 165 on the night of June 30, police said.

The burglary occurred between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. when the suspect reportedly broke a glass door and entered the building. Damages amounted to approximately \$200, with a loss of \$1,500 for the stolen laptop.

Electric Scooter Stolen

An electric scooter was stolen from an open garage in the 3800 block of Fairlands Drive on Thursday, July 6 amounting in a loss of \$120, police said.

The victim said she noticed her son's electric scooter was missing at 11 a.m. The charger and an expensive bicycle were left behind, the victim said. The scooter was in the southeast corner of the garage when the door was opened at 7 a.m. the next morning. The last time the victims saw the scooter was on Wednesday, July 5, when her husband returned home from work.

The victim did not see or hear anything suspicious while she remained inside the house cleaning

that morning, and had already checked with her neighbors, who also did not hear or see anything unusual, according to police.

The officer on-call checked nearby streets and shopping centers with negative results. Anyone with information about this burglary should contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

eBay purchase gone bad?

Nearly \$300,000 is reportedly missing from a Pleasanton resident who was trying to purchase a car over the auction Web site eBay. The victim reported on June 29 that she had not received the car she purchased for \$279,000 from a seller overseas, yet the transaction took place between November 8 and December 19.

"It's still up in the air whether this is a legitimate crime," said Detective Cox of the Pleasanton Police Department. "It could just be a problem with the shipping because it is an overseas transaction".

The loss of \$279,000 was not reported until late June because the Pleasanton resident wanted to take precautions in case this situation should turn into a crime. Currently, this case is under investigation and waiting for further information.

Police Report

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

July 3

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 3
- Assault:
 - 11:16 p.m. in the 7300 block of Tulipwood Circle

July 4

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 12:30 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- Possession of cocaine:
 - 12:54 p.m. at the intersection of I580 and Tassajara Road
- Assault:
 - 2:33 p.m. in the 3000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 11:15 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Animal bite:
 - 4:23 p.m. in the 2500 block of Raven Road
- Resisting arrest:
 - 5:56 p.m. in the 4100 block of Tessa Place

July 5

- Theft: 9
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 2
- Threatening phone calls: 3
- Assault:
 - 6:21 p.m. at the intersection of I-580 and Hopyard Road
 - 7:56 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

July 6

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 1

- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 4
- Assault:
 - 1:15 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- Reckless driving:
 - 11:42 p.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and W. Las Positas Boulevard

July 7

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Assault:
 - 3:13 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
 - 6:53 p.m. in the 400 block of Junipero Street
- Arson:
 - 1:46 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vine Street
- Possession of assault weapon:
 - 4:27 p.m. at the entrance to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Gate 12
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 8:17 p.m. in the 900 block of Main Street

July 8

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 2
- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Assault:
 - 1:34 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road
- Child neglect:
 - 6:14 in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Public drunkenness:
 - 6:31 p.m. at the intersection of Valley and Bernal avenues

July 9

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 4
- Obscene phone calls: 1
- Assault:
 - 4:11 a.m. in the 400 block of Tioga Court
- Threaten bodily harm with knife:
 - 6:41 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 8:41 p.m. at the intersection of Gibraltar and Stoneridge drives

ACCIDENTS**July 3**

- 7:57 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of I-580 and Hopyard Road

July 4

- 1:57 p.m. - Injury accident in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

July 5

- 6:10 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive
- 7:59 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Gibraltar and Stoneridge drives

July 7

- 3:54 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue
- 5:30 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Mohr and Santa Rita roads

July 9

- 7:46 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road
- 12:24 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Dublin Canyon and Foothill roads
- 2:27 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Hacienda and Stoneridge drives

Calendar

Author Visits

Sisters in Crime Mystery Writers
Join Cara Black, Louise Ure and Rhys Bowen 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.

Political Book Club
Political Book Club meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. For the month of August, read "Armed Madhouse," by Greg Palast. Call 462-7495.

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.

Civic Meetings

City Council
The council meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The meeting scheduled for July 4 is cancelled. The next meeting is July 18.

Housing Commission
The commission meets 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is July 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 Aug. 10.

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 Aug. 10.

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 26.

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

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.

Weekend Preview



Women's Will performs Twelfth Night

The city of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the all-female Shakespearean troupe, Woman's Will, in a production of "Twelfth Night," directed by Wilma Bonet at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 29. The performance will be staged at Centennial Park, adjacent to the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission is free.

Clubs

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club
The Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Call Beverly, 485-7812.

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

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

Phi Delta Kappa
This international organization includes professional educators and those

interested in education and meets at various locations four to six times during the school year. Call Pat, 443-5526.

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

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

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

Pleasanton Lions Club
Lions Club meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday monthly for dinner at the Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Rick 462-1062.

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

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

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

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.

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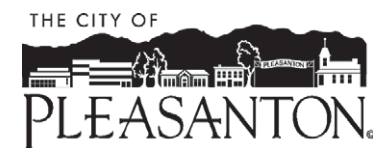


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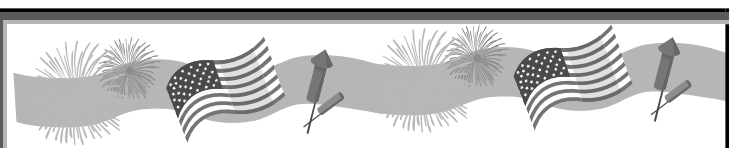
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Tri-Valley Leads

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

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group

TMUG meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday monthly and at 9 a.m. the Sat. following the third Thursday, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Call Izak, 830-8838 or visit www.clubtmug.com.

Tri-Valley Rotary

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

V.F.W. Auxilliary

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

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. Night Fever Band will perform disco and R&B music June 16.

Love Duets and Arias

Enjoy "Love Duets and Arias" 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 for ticket information and hours of operation.

Cars, Cars, Cars

Explore the concepts behind the Pixar movie, design and paint cars similar to the ones in the movie and make rocky road candy from 1-4 p.m., Sun., July 23 at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., Danville. Call 736-2277.

Crooked Vine Winery

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

Dog Days of Summer

The Pleasanton Downtown Association First Wednesday Street Party presents "Dog Days of Summer" from 6-9 p.m., Aug. 2. Admission is free. Call Nickie, 484-2199.

Dr. Lynne Sullivan

Celebrate 20 years with chiropractor Dr. Lynne Sullivan 6 p.m., Wed., July 19 at the Sulliavn 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.szfzoo.org.

Ghostwalk

"Ghostwalk" tours will be from 5-8 p.m., Fri., Oct. 13 and Sat., Oct. 14, starting every half hour. Each tour lasts about one hour. Tickets will go on sale Wed., Aug. 2 at Museum On Main's outdoor booth at the First Wednesday Street Party and in the museum, 603 Main St., during business hours. Tickets are \$10. Call 462-2766.

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.

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.

No Nukes! No Wars!

Tri-Valley CAREs will have a morning of music and speakers featuring a Japanese Hibakusha, an atomic bomb survivor, 8 a.m., Sun., Aug. 6 at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab on the corner of Vasco Rd. and Patterson Pass Rd. Call 443-7148 or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

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.

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.

Exhibits

Art Collecting 101

Worthington Gallery continues its Art Collecting 101 Series from 3-4 p.m., Sat., July 8 at the art gallery, 739 J 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.museumonmain.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.

Zathura!

"Zathura!" will be shown at 2 p.m., Thurs., July 20 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free but requires a ticket. Tickets will be issued at the children's desk 30 minutes prior to the show. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

Fundraisers

16th Annual Day in the Park

The Taylor Family Foundation, a camp for children with chronic and critical illnesses, is hosting its 16th annual Day in the Park on Sun., Aug. 27 at Camp Arroyo, 5555 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Ninety percent of the proceeds will directly fund and facilitate the operation of Camp Arroyo. Call June, 455-5118 or visit www.tfff.org.

Bingo

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

Blankets for Babies

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

Dictionary Project

Bay East Association of Realtors partners with a national non-profit, The Dictionary Project, to provide dictionaries for third graders in local schools. There are more than 200 classes waiting to be adopted. One call per Realtor member. Call Marla, 730-3269 or e-mail marlak@bayeast.org.

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.

Recycle for Breast Cancer

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

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.

Sister City BBQ Fundraiser

The Sister City BBQ Fundraiser will be held from 5:30-11 p.m., Sat., Aug. 12 at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds "Ivy Glen" area, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and \$240 for a reserved table for eight. Tickets are available at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters St. and the Pleasanton Downtown Association, 830 Main St., Ste. A. Call Alice, 462-5786 or Jorge, 462-6723.

Health

Buddhist Meditation

Learn how to keep calm in the workplace by attending an Introduction to Buddhist Meditation from 6:15-7:45 p.m., Fri., July 14 at Downtown Yoga, 220-B Division St. Suggested donation is \$10. Call (510) 559-8183 or visit www.meditationberkeley.org.

Exercise Class

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

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

AAU Track & Field Sign Ups

Youths between 6-18 years of age are welcome to join the Tri-Valley Track Club. Practices are held 4 p.m. every Wednesday and 3 p.m. every Sunday at Sunset Park, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Call 862-085 or 518-9356.

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.

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.

Shakespeare Youth Class

A "Kid's Camp" of five classes in Shakespeare is being held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon., July 17 through Fri., July 21 at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. Call Lisa, 606-6468 or e-mail lisa@valleyshakes.org.

Summer Space Odyssey

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

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

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

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

An Introduction to Microsoft CRM 3.0 Customization

East Bay I.T. Group presents "An Introduction to Microsoft CRM 3.0 Customization" from 6:30-9 p.m., Thurs., July 20 at Hewlett Packard, 4430 Willow Rd., Ste. 100. Cost is \$11 for non-members and free for members. Call Nancy, (650) 704-7844 or visit www.ebig.org.

Boutique Textile Art

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

Child Care Initiative Project

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

Discover the Healing Power of Your Voice

Have a direct experience of the tones in your voice and learn how it can bring harmony and balance to your body, mind and spirit from 10 a.m.-noon, Sat., July 22 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission is free. Reservations required. Call 933-0107.

Human Health and Radiation

Learn the truth about radiation dangers, and meet the researchers from 7-9 p.m., Wed., July 19 at the Civic Center Library's Community room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 443-7148.

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.

Papier-Mache Wimps

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

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.

Live Music

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

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wed., July 12 at Activant Solutions, 7683 Southfront Rd., Livermore, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Thurs., July 20 at Kraft Foods, 477 North Canyon Pkwy., Livermore, and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat., July 22 at St. Raymond's Church, 11557 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Call (510) 594-5204 or visit www.beadonor.com.

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 exclud-

ing 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.tvvar.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.

Donate to Help Fight Cancer

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

Family Read Night

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

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.famouscooks.com.

Farmers Market

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

Mystery Dinner Theatre Shows

Enjoy a 3-course dinner and a show at 7 p.m., Fri., July 21 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Cost is \$60. Call 846-8106 or visit www.pleasantonhotel.com.

Open Heart Kitchen

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

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.

Poetry Open Mic

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

TVAR Cat and Dog Adoptions

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts dog and cat adoptions from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays at Pleasanton's Farmers Market at First St, from noon-4 p.m. at Dublin PetsMart. Cats are available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Livermore Pet Extreme. Cats are also available from 1-4 p.m., Sundays at Dublin PetsMart and Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvvar.org.

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.

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On Stage

All's Well That Ends Well

Valley Shakespeare 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.

Comedy Wednesday

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

Twelfth Night

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts is hosting an all-female Shakespearean troupe, Woman's Will, in a production of Twelfth Night, at 6 p.m., Sat., July 29 at Centennial Park, adjacent to the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission is free. Call 600-1606.

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

Enrichment Classes

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

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.

Seniors

Bingo

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

Emotional Wellness Group

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

Friday Night Dance

Join the crowd for ballroom dancing once a month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Advanced tickets are \$7 for residents, \$8 non-residents and \$8 for residents, \$9 non-residents at the door. Singles welcome. Reservations required. Call 931-5365.

Internet Access Workstation

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

Luncheons

The Dublin Senior Center hosts special luncheons on the second Thursday monthly at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Call 556-4511 or visit www.ci.dublin.ca.us. Reservations needed by the Friday prior to the luncheon.

Movie Madness

Seniors are invited to watch free movies on the big screen 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday monthly at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Popcorn and refreshments available. call 931-5365.

Paratransit Service

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

Personal Computers Group

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

Spiritual

Community Bible Study

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., and Children's Church Program (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m. Every Wednesday the Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m., Choir Practice and Boys & Girls Mission Crusade Club (grades K-5) all begin at 7 p.m. Singles and Young Married home bible study meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. Seniors 55+ meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Call Sophia, 846-8650.

Tri-Valley Unity Church

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

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.

Sea Devils

The Tri-Valley Sea Devils team is looking for year-round swimmers. Call Hope, 469-8495.

Support Groups

Al-anon and Al-a-teen

Al-Anon is a Tri-Valley support group

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

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.

Breast Cancer Prayer & Support

The Breast Cancer and Support Group of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., room B. Call 461-8411. All are welcome

Breast Cancer Support

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

Cancer Support

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

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.

Caregiver Support Group

Meetings are held from 1-2:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month for people caring for persons with Alzheimer's and dementia-related illnesses, at the Pleasanton Senior

Center Support Program Sunroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5389 or Jode, 931-5382, ext. 1.

CHADD

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

Diabetes Support Group

Groups meet from noon-1 p.m., on the first Wednesday monthly. Also from 6-7 p.m. every third Thursday monthly and for diabetics using insulin pumps, from 6-7 p.m. the second Thursday of every other month, Diabetes and Nutrition Education Center, Valley Care Medical Plaza, 5725 West Las Positas, Suite 220. Call 416-6710.

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 15 and Sun., July 16 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 15 and Sun., July 16 on channel 30. The topic will be on the First Wednesday Street Fair.

ValleyCare

Dr. Christy Boyd, Joe Carluccio and Kim Connors 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 15 and Sun., July 16 on channel 30.

Volunteering

Open Heart Kitchen

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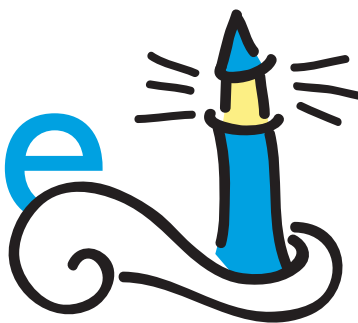
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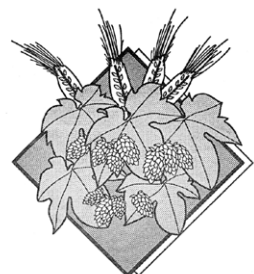
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