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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by
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Actually, there are endless variations on this theme, but let's just look at one hypothetical situation. You've made an offer to buy a home which the sellers have accepted. You've had a professional property inspector examine the home. All systems seem to be GO... and then, just a couple of days before escrow is to close, the teenage son of the sellers holds a party that ends up on the roof of the house, and parts of the roof collapse beneath the bouncing weight of dancing teenagers.

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But sometimes such a situation creates a pressing problem. What if the buyer or seller faces potential financial damages if the close of the sale is delayed? An escrow account can be set up which will hold the money needed for the repair (and then some, generally). This is an awkward solution to a sticky problem, but it can be done, if both buyer and seller agree. Especially if local building permits are involved, however, and the buyer needs to receive them at closing – but truly, in all cases – the best solution by far is to bite the proverbial bullet and not to close the deal until the home is truly ready to belong to the buyer. For help with real estate matters call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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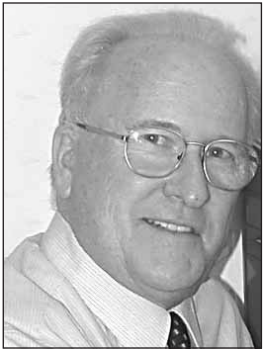
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

From Disney, Jacksonville and the NFL, their good work goes on

They're not exactly a song and dance team, but they come close, which is why Dale and Ted Kaye are so successful at what they do: Dale as President of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, where she is boosting business membership and participation, and Ted as Chief Executive Officer of the Las Positas College Foundation, where he has brought 25 years of business management success to the expanding campus. Just this month, it was announced that the foundation earned more than \$300,000 during his first year at the helm, well over the goal of \$125,000 for fiscal 2005-06. That will help as the foundation looks for ever more innovative ways of raising money for a fast-growing college with new buildings and an enrollment expected to surge from today's 8,000 to more than 15,000 shortly.

Both Ted and Dale have entertainment backgrounds, although in different dimensions. Ted took a part-time job after receiving his doctorate degree in Communications at UCLA in 1975 while awaiting a teaching assignment. Working with John Rich, who had produced and directed some of the popular sitcoms in the 1960s and 70s, including "All in the Family," he got the bug and stayed in the movie and television production business. Eventually, he signed on with Disney, where he was the business manager in charge of controlling and sometimes scaling back costs of major shows, retiring two years ago as Disney's senior vice president of television production.

On the other side of the country, Dale, who had been a newspaper reporter, joined the city of Jacksonville to promote the city and handle its promotions, working for several mayors and even the Florida governor in the process. One of her early assignments was to persuade executives of the National Football League to consider moving a team to Jacksonville, a success story she

recounts with the startup of the Jacksonville Jaguars. At the time she was using Disney's Orlando facilities for major promotions, she ran into Ted Kaye, who also spent considerable time in Orlando looking after and developing Disney's interests. Along with the Jaguars teaming up with Jacksonville, Dale and Ted teamed up in their entertainment and promotion efforts to benefit both Disney and Florida. Fourteen years ago, they married and she moved to Southern California to take similar work as Ted moved up in the Disney ranks.

Two years ago, when Ted took early retirement from Disney, they moved to Kottinger Creek in Pleasanton to be near Dale's son Erik, his wife Amy and the couple's new daughter Amelia, now 2. Too young to spend their time at the beach, both Ted and Dale quickly found new ventures for their skills. Already, as head of the Livermore Chamber, Dale has brought movie-making back to the Tri-Valley. Taking the job as chief executive of the Las Positas College Foundation, Ted is using his business skills to accelerate fundraising at the once all-volunteer group. Alarmed at how few in the Tri-Valley know anything about Las Positas College or have ever been there, he has worked with Dale in hosting black tie social events and professional meetings on campus, winning three \$5,000 scholarships from Sybase a few weeks ago and a \$100,000 contribution from the outgoing Livermore Foresters. For Ted, it's the thrill of the chase in helping Las Positas College fund its student activities, teacher grant programs and now the school's first men's and women's basketball teams that start playing this fall. Well known now in the Tri-Valley, and with Ted now on the TV30 community television board of directors representing Pleasanton, here's a couple often seen together that's bringing greater recognition to Las Positas College, Livermore, Pleasanton and beyond. ■

About the Cover

The Queen Anne Victorian and Italianate architectural influences, shown in this cover photo of the 108-year-old Kolln Hardware Building at Main and Division streets, set the style for much of the commercial development that followed in downtown Pleasanton. Copycat cupolas dot the Pleasanton building landscape. Now the Kolln building is undergoing at \$2-million-plus restoration to rebuild it to its original grandeur. Cover photo and design by Shannon Corey.

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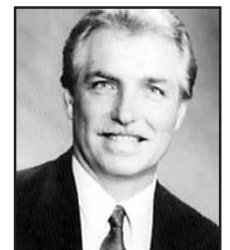
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Streetwise

Q: What do you think the U.S. should do about the most current crisis in the Middle East?

Asked Downtown



Roberto Ibarra

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I think we need to take care of the problems at home. We have been involved in issues all over the world. We have supported Israel at a huge cost, for a long time. If other countries get involved, we will need to, but I believe in diplomacy, not war.

Lee Busey

Retired

The U.S. should continue along diplomatic lines. We are already involved in a conflict in Iraq. Israel must defend itself but brute force never solves anything. Albert Einstein said, "The only way we will ever have peace is through understanding, not conflict." I was a Marine during the Vietnam era. We need to solve world issues without killing people.



Kelly Alterman

ESL teacher

I think the U.S. has an obligation to take a stand and defend against terrorism. We are also obligated to protect our Israeli allies. It is a very complex issue with injustices on both sides.

Lin Chapman

Safeway Florist

I think we should keep a close watch over the situation. I do not think we should send troops when we are already so committed in Iraq. I have empathy for all of the people in the region, but war is never the answer.



Charlie Lewis

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I think we shouldn't do anything right now, especially military action. We should just sit back and watch. If something unfolds, and other countries become involved, then we should step in and back up our allies.

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Newsfront

News Digest

Vineyard traffic faces detour

Motorists using Vineyard Avenue between Ruby Hill and Montevino Drive will be detoured onto Old Vineyard Avenue starting sometime on Monday as construction crews start tearing out two roundabouts on the new section of Vineyard. The \$600,000 project was ordered by the City Council after studies showed increased accident rates at the circles. Old Vineyard has been restored to accommodate through traffic, although the road is still used by residents along the route. The speed limit will be posted at 35 mph during the detour period, which is expected to end when the construction project is completed by Tuesday, Aug. 29, the first day of the 2006-07 school year.

National Night Out

Neighborhoods wanting to take part in the National Night Out can still sign up. This annual event takes place Tuesday, August 1 and is organized as part of the Pleasanton Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program. The National Night Out takes place in communities across the country where neighbors get together and hold a block party in a stance against crime. Police officers, including Chief Time Neal, and city officials visit every neighborhood. The purpose of the event is to help neighbors meet, develop relationships with law enforcement and heighten crime prevention awareness. To register your neighborhood, contact Officer Penelope Tamm at 931-5233 or ptamm@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Visit www.nationalnightout.org for more information.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society is hosting its annual Relay for Life fundraising event in Pleasanton July 29-30 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The Relay for Life is a 24-hour community event where people form teams and raise money for cancer research. The American Cancer Society hosts Relay for Life events across the nation. There are more than 50 Relay For Life events in the greater Bay Area region. To get involved with the Pleasanton Relay For Life call Kristen Hunter at 452-5229, ext. 313 or e-mail Kristen.hunter@caner.org. Donation information is also available at www.cancer.org.

Corrections

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No progress on bypass as golf course traffic increases

Happy Valley owners want road, not homes

by Jeb Bing

Some of the long-time property owners in unincorporated Happy Valley voiced skepticism last week that a new Blue Ribbon Committee can answer their concerns over finding a bypass for the hundreds of motorists now using Alisal Street to reach the city's Callippe Preserve golf course.

The committee, appointed by the City Council and headed by Lorie Tinfow, the city's administrative services director, is the latest citizens' group to wrestle with the dilemma of finding an alternative to Alisal for golf course traffic.

Meanwhile, complaints are increasing about heavy traffic and faster speeds on Alisal as more golfers head for Callippe, where the number of players now exceeds projections by nearly 2-1.

Alisal is the only thoroughfare

that serves Happy Valley. It extends from Sycamore Road to an L-shaped junction with Happy Valley Road. At that point, the city has built Westbridge Road to temporarily connect both streets to the golf course. A bypass road would keep golfers off both roads.

County Supervisor Scott Haggerty wants golfers to quit using Happy Valley, which, like Alisal, is a county road outside the city limits of Pleasanton. The county is proposing that a cul-de-sac be installed at

the junction, preventing anyone from traveling onto Happy Valley Road, where motorists can reach the I-680 freeway. That proposal is on hold as Art Carrera of Alameda County monitors the Blue Ribbon meetings.

Happy Valley property owners, on the other hand, want Pleasanton to abide by its Happy Valley Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report in June 1998 that calls for a bypass road to be built east of Alisal Street. At one time, a proposed

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'Kosher Day' cooks up treats for the body and soul

Chabad of the Tri-Valley helps shoppers keep kosher in Pleasanton

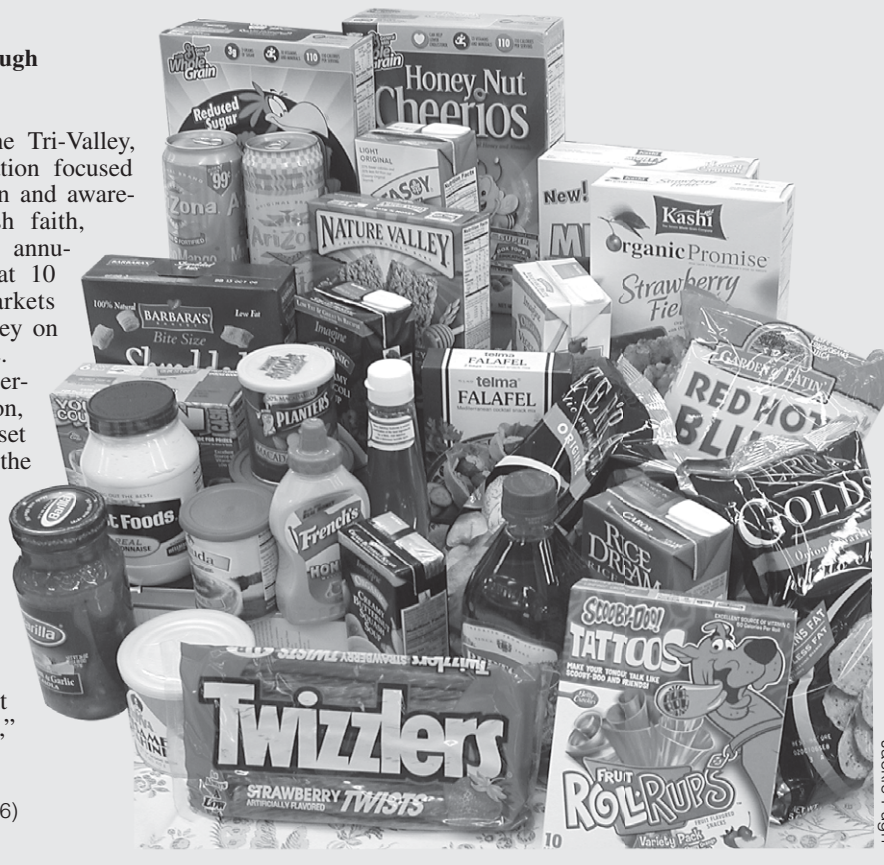
by Jackie Pugh

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, an organization focused on education and awareness of the Jewish faith, sponsored its first annual "Kosher Day" at 10 different supermarkets around the Tri-Valley on Wednesday, July 12.

At Raley's supermarket, in Pleasanton, a kosher table was set up directly behind the registers, complete with an assortment of everyday kosher foods, pamphlets on kosher fitness and a raffle for a kosher cookbook.

"There were a lot of curious people,"

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Jackie Pugh

Weekly wins top statewide award for editorial

Newspaper group also honors paper's features, other stories

by Jeb Bing

The Pleasanton Weekly won the prestigious first-place award for Editorial Commentary among all California weekly newspapers in its circulation category last Saturday at the annual California Newspaper Publishers Association conference in Universal City. The paper also took second place statewide for feature stories in its Living Section.

The awards were among those given by the CNPA in its 2005 Better Newspapers Contest, an annual statewide competition for daily and weekly newspapers in specific subject categories, such as sports, editorials, spot news and many more. Besides separating out daily and weekly newspapers, it also pits dailies and weeklies against each other in several circulation categories ranging from those with circulation from 4,300 and under to 200,000 and above. For the Pleasanton Weekly, which competed in the 11,001 to 25,000 circulation category, the first place Editorial Commentary award was for an editorial that was published May 6, 2005. Entitled "Just say no to campaign buttons in schools," it took the position that Pleasanton teachers should not wear political campaign buttons in the classroom.

The Lifestyle Features award went for stories and the layout of the Pleasanton Weekly Living sections published on Sept. 9 and Sept. 16, 2005. The sections were the product of Rebecca Guyon with layout and design by Shannon Corey and the design team of Trina Cannon, Steve Bruzenak, James

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District switches employee lineup

Gulek's departure triggers chain of staffing changes

by Rebecca Guyon

The school district is experiencing its own staff shakeup this year as employees move to fill opening positions and make sure every job is covered before the approaching school year. The most notable change is the move of Jim Rallis, formerly the coordinator of special projects, to interim director of assessment and evaluation. This change was made after the current director, James Gulek, took a position as assistant superintendent with the Long Beach Unified School District. Former Alisal Elementary School Principal Barbara Heisser will take over for Rallis as interim

coordinator of special projects.

"All of this happened right at the end of the school year where we all of a sudden had open opportunities," said Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Cindy Galbo.

Heisser and Rallis will both hold their new positions for one year with a chance to either extend their contracts or opt out at the end of that timeframe, Galbo said.

"We have both of them assigned as interim for next school year because we didn't do a regular search since the jobs opened right at end of year," Galbo explained. "We wanted to facilitate move-

ment as quickly as possible since we needed a principal before the beginning of the school year. Since it was a quick decision, we thought we'd have them try it on for size for a year."

Rallis had expressed an interest in Gulek's position and, given his past experience working as a director of curriculum and an assistant superintendent in other districts, he was a good fit, Galbo said. Heisser was chosen to step into the coordinator of special projects position because, as a school site principal, she had experience working with special projects and

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Kosher

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said Rivka Rosenfeld, one of a team of 50 teenage volunteers who manned the tables that afternoon. Rosenfeld is part of a group of young women, students from the East Coast, traveling on a six week program from San Diego to Seattle. The group visited tourist destinations during their stay in the Bay Area, but were here to primarily get acquainted with Jewish communities across the West Coast.

Director of Chabad of the Tri-Valley and coordinator of Kosher Day, Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, said, "The girls came back on a high." While the tables were up in the morning, the girls were only there for three hours and saw an average of about 10 people per hour. Resnick estimated that 300 visitors stopped at the 10 locations during those hours, but was more excited to see the outstanding results of how many people wanted to learn more.

The curious shoppers who managed to take a minute at the table found a plethora of information regarding kosher foods and its presence in the average grocery store. The purpose of Kosher Day was not only to get the community to realize the availability of kosher foods, but also to show the Tri-Valley's supermarkets how advantageous it would be to have more kosher food in its stores.

In the pamphlet "Your Guide to Kosher Foods," it read that more than 20,000 products, accounting for \$1.5 billion in annual food sales, have been certified kosher since 1977. Today, about 40 percent of the shelves at a local supermarket are filled with kosher goods, according to the pamphlet.

"None of the prepared food is kosher, like the items at the deli

or in the bakery, I'd assume it's less," Resnick said in regards to the percentage of kosher food sold at places like Raley's and other stores around town.

However, the concept of the kosher market being one of the fastest growing sectors in the food industry has prompted Resnick to schedule a meeting with Raley's manager. Resnick believes this meeting will be a stepping stone to bigger and better things for the Jewish community.

"Kosher Day has achieved its purpose and is really going to do a lot of good," he added.

More importantly are the physical and spiritual benefits of the kosher diet. "The Hebrew word 'Kosher' means 'fit,'" Resnick explained. "Aside from the health benefits, kosher food fine tunes one's mind and spirit."

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Simple suggestions like not mixing meat and milk and cutting out pork and shellfish were part of the success of Kosher Day's efforts to raise awareness. Next year's more ambitious agenda for Kosher Day is already in the works.

"We want to elevate it to a larger scale," Resnick concluded. "This year we had 50 girls and 10 stores, maybe next year we can disperse more people and we'll have 15."

To find out more about kosher food, visit Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 6101 Via De Los Cerros, Pleasanton or go to the Web site www.JewishTriValley.com. ■

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'Playing for Tip's' gives back to New Orleans musicians

Local resident, Tipitina's Foundation organize benefit concert at Wenté Vineyards

by Jackie Pugh

The Tipitina's Foundation is hosting "Playing for Tip's," a benefit concert supporting relief efforts to help New Orleans musicians who were devastated by Hurricane Katrina, at Wenté Vineyards 6 p.m., Thursday, July 27.

With the concert at Wenté, the Tipitina's Foundation can further help musicians continue their influence in the Big Easy by providing students and professionals with new instruments, free music lessons and help with housing information.

"It was an idea that was thrown on the table and it just snowballed," said Patsy Zollars, coordinator of the "Playing for Tip's" charity event.

After the hurricane hit, Zollars tried to get in contact with her long time friend, P.K. Scheerle, who lived in New Orleans. Two weeks after the hurricane hit, she finally got in touch with her, finding that she was alright and managing through the rubble. With her personal connection to New Orleans, Zollars decided she wanted to do something to help in the hurricane's aftermath. Having worked with musicians in San Francisco that wished to return to their native rhythmic roots in New Orleans, Zollars knew first hand how vital the music scene is to New Orleans. She also recalled the time Scheerle visited her two years ago when the two went to see a Bonnie Raitt concert at Wenté Vineyards and the great time they had at the show. Given all this, Zollars felt compelled to help her friend and other victims of the hurricane by giving to a different type of charity.

In fact, it was because of Bonnie Raitt that Zollars found the Tipitina's Foundation. As an avid music lover, Zollars had been checking Raitt's and Raitt's keyboardist, Jon Cleary's, Web site when she noticed a link to the Tipitina's Foundation.

Zollars thought the Tipitina's Foundation's efforts were the perfect opportunity to give back to

the many musicians who had lost their homes and their livelihoods in Louisiana. To help the aspiring artists get back on their feet, she decided to host a concert with her favorite keyboardist, Cleary.

It took 10 weeks to finalize the schedule with Cleary, and Zollars was shocked to find that Wenté had an opening for the July 27 date.

"It was meant to be," Zollars said, and mentioned the encouragement and widespread support she received from people like Adam Shipley, music director for the Tipitina's Foundation, and Joe O'Loughlin, drummer in the opening band and co-coordinator of the event.

O'Loughlin, a Pleasanton resident and key component to the opening band, Brothers Goldman, helped plan the event from a technical stand point by working with the company Wenté uses to produce shows and planning with Cleary's tour manager.

"It's a very important aspect of Katrina Relief. When you think of New Orleans you think of fun, you think of music; everybody is inspired in some way by New Orleans music," Zollars said. Her passion for the revival and upkeep of such a historically influential piece of American art will hopefully prompt others to follow in her footsteps.

While the concert's headliner will be Cleary and The Absolute Monster Gentlemen, many will come to support the local Bay Area band, Brothers Goldman, who will kick-off the show with some New Orleans' inspired blues.

Tickets cost \$250 for a wine reception, dinner and the two bands. A portion of the profit, approximately \$150 of each ticket, will go directly to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and will be tax deductible. Guest may also purchase a \$75 ticket and arrive at 7:30 p.m. to see the bands play.

The benefit also will have numerous items for auction including a Fender Stratocaster guitar signed by the band Green Day, two tickets to the "Ellen" show, a three-day spa package to Cal-A-Vie Spa in Vista, Calif., an Abbey Road Album cover signed by Ringo Starr, a guitar signed by Chris Issak, a guitar signed by Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, a "Break Up" movie poster signed by Vince Vaughn, A Big Lebowski package with items signed by John Goodman, an amazing trip to New Orleans and more.

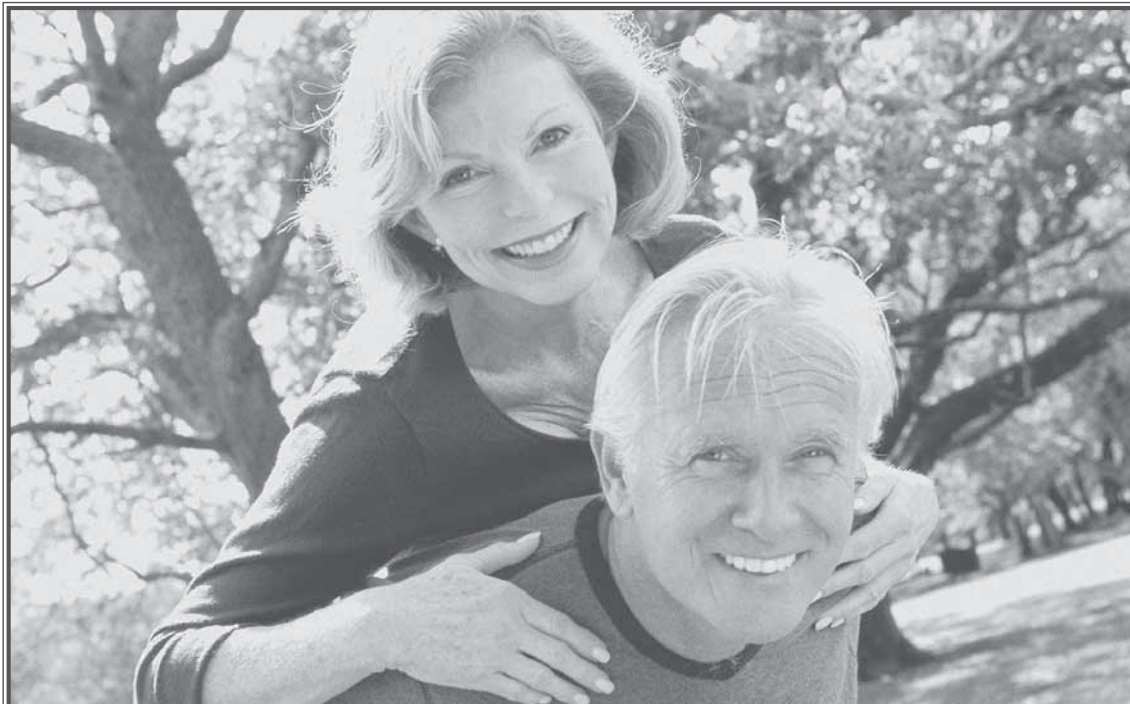
The Tipitina's Foundation has already given away more than \$500,000 of new musical instruments and the "Playing for Tip's" benefit concert is just one more way to help save the musical traditions of New Orleans. Zollars invites everyone to bring their friends and support the cause. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster or by calling 462-0254 for more information. ■



Courtesy Art of Living Foundation

Sending prayers to India

Participants use breathing techniques to elevate stress during a prayer and mediation service held at the Pleasanton Public Library last Saturday for the victims of the commuter train bombing in Mumbai, India. Members from the Art of Living Foundation, a nongovernmental organization with an office in San Ramon, organized the event after receiving many local requests for a service, said Rashmi Patel, a teacher for the Foundation. "We want to create awareness and to pray for the victims and their families," Patel said. More than 700 people were injured and 185 killed in Mumbai earlier this month when bombs exploded on seven commuter trains during rush hour in what appears to be an act of terrorism, although no group has claimed responsibility for the attack. The Foundation chose to hold the service at the Pleasanton library because the library already hosts the group's yoga and meditation sessions, Patel said. The next yoga and meditation session will be Sunday, July 31 from 7-9 p.m.



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Employment

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understands the kind of support principals need. The coordinator of special projects manages and monitors state and federal government funds, as well as grants, for special programs in all schools in the district, such as the Gifted And Talented Education (GATE), English Language Learners and school improvement programs.

"I was first a classroom teacher, then an assistant principal, then a principal, but this new job is a K-12 position and I think it will be really interesting to find out more about different programs for all grade levels," Heisser said.

Amy Simione will take Heisser's place as the principal of Alisal. She previously worked in the district as the vice principal for Hearst and Alisal elementary schools.

Other school site changes include Amador Valley High School's Vice Principal Estella Santos' move to Hart Middle School where she will again serve as a vice principal. Galbo said the change was made because Santos had expressed an interest in working at a middle school and had prior experience working with middle school students. This means that Amador, which normally has three vice principals, is now down to one. Vice Principal Greg Giglio recently took over as principal for

Village High School.

The district is currently interviewing candidates for both vice principal positions, Galbo said. Both positions are expected to be filled in the beginning of August, and possibly sooner.

"We have been out looking for principals and assistant principals, and we've been very impressed with the quality of candidates," Galbo said. "It's a good opportunity and we're excited about the potential."

Other district changes include moves by Alisal first grade teacher Robin Seht to vice principal of Alisal and Mohr elementary schools and Valley View Elementary School dual immersion teacher Tony Preciado to a halftime vice principal position at Valley View. Esmeralda Sanchez will join the district as the a new vice principal for Alisal and Walnut Grove elementary schools, coming from the Berkley Maynard Academy, a K-5 public school in Oakland. Also joining the district is Gina Baumgarter, who comes from the Livermore Unified School District and will take over the role of vice principal at Hearst and Vintage Hills elementary schools. In the district office, Kathryn Benson is stepping in as director of classified personnel in the Human Resources Department, coming from the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, and Sandie Betts has been promoted from program specialist to assistant director of special education. ■

Happy Valley

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109-unit housing development to be built by Summerhill Homes was planned for acres in the hills above Alisal Street, owned by Rancher Al Spotorno. That project, which would have included a road linking Sunol Boulevard and Sycamore Creek Way directly to the golf course, and bypassing Alisal, was later rejected by the City Council after some objected that the homes would be visible from downtown Pleasanton.

Since then, efforts to build the bypass have faltered as the cost of the project escalated, with the old Summerhill/Spotorno route now estimated at \$15 million. Geological reports also indicated that the hillside route would cross through unstable, shifting soil that could add to the costs, if the road could be

built at all.

The newest plan being considered by the committee moved the bypass to a new road roughly parallel to Alisal that would be built in part by Greenbriar Homes, which wants to build up to 79 homes on flatland east of Alisal. Happy Valley owners don't like that plan either and suggested last week that the city allow only a few new homes on Spotorno's property and pay for the bypass road itself.

"Spotorno is not obligated to put in the bypass road, the city of Pleasanton as the golf course developer is," said Happy Valley homeowner Jerry Wagner. "The city of Pleasanton wants you to feel Spotorno is obligated so it won't cost the city any money."

After reviewing alternatives, Tinfow closed the meeting to work on new plans before the group meets again next month. ■

Take Us Along



'Pining' for the Weekly

Cameron and Kayla Ashtiani and Adam and Elena Grannis read the Weekly while their families vacationed at Pinecrest Lake in California.

Awards

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Greenfield and Jason Lind.

At the same time, the Pleasanton Weekly received Certificates of Achievement from the CNPA in its circulation category in three areas:

- Business or Financial Story: "After the dust has settled" (1/21/05), about the aftermath of the purchase of PeopleSoft by Oracle Corp.

- Investigative or Enterprise Reporting: "Pleasanton looks to ban marijuana clinics" (7/15/05), about a Police Department proposal to ban marijuana clinics in Pleasanton.
- Local Spot News: "The Amador Streaker" (9/30/05), about an Amador Valley High School senior who allegedly was a streaker at a school football game.

Other newspapers in the Embarcadero Publishing Company's weekly newspaper group also won CNPA awards, including the Palo Alto Weekly which won the first-place award for

general excellence among all large non-daily papers in California. It was the Palo Alto paper's fourth first place general excellence award in the past seven years. In competition with other weekly newspapers in its 25,000 and above circulation category, the Palo Alto Weekly also won nine first and second place awards, more than any other weekly newspaper.

In this same circulation category, Embarcadero's Pacific Sun weekly newspaper in Marin County won second place for a feature story.

Two other Embarcadero newspapers on the Peninsula—the Almanac in south San Mateo County and the Mountain View Voice, which competed in the 11,001 to 25,000 circulation category—also won top awards. The Voice received a first-place award in the Freedom of Information category, as well as second place awards for sports and environmental stories and a feature photo.

The Almanac placed first for Public Service Reporting, and second place awards for its editorial pages and Business/Financial reporting. ■

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Opinion

Editorial

Left off 'Best Places' list? Give us a break!

At the risk of being labeled sour grapes, we're nevertheless miffed by Money Magazine's findings that the best places to live are mostly far from Pleasanton, such as boiling Scottsdale, Ariz., where golfers know the clubs are sometimes too hot to touch, or Broken Arrow, Okla., where its leaders admit that the chance for tornadoes is 226 percent greater than the overall U.S. average. Even Fargo, N.D. and Eden Prairie, Minn. make the 100 finalists list, despite their below zero temperatures during many wintry days that also make them the best place to freeze to death if your car breaks down on a January night. Obviously, we're disappointed that Pleasanton, which we think is a pretty good place to work, live and raise our families, didn't make the Money cut. We know they were here, or at least nearby, because our neighboring city of Livermore came in 31st on this puzzling list of winners. We say puzzling because when we read through the criteria Money used in making its choices, it ranked very high those cities that had ample job opportunities, good schools and low crime. Taking into account the risk of violent crime and property crime, the quality of public schools, arts, leisure and park space, how could Pleasanton have fallen off Money's gauges of "ease of living." Sure, we like Fort Collins, Colo., Naperville, Ill. and Sugar Lane, Texas and the big cities they're near, but give us a break. We've been to all three of those cities and they don't compare, let alone top Pleasanton on any of the criteria Money says it used.

Pleasanton did score high in two categories. We came in ninth in both the "Biggest Earners" and "Pricey Homes" categories, where we were in good company with Palo Alto and Greenwich, Conn. Pleasanton's median in the earners' category was \$101,443 in 2005, just \$101 under Palo Alto's. Greenwich, which topped the list, had a median income of \$112,493 last year. As for pricey homes, ours tallied up to \$785,000 as the median sale price for 2005. Although that was ahead of San Francisco (\$755,000) and San Ramon (\$725,000), we were well behind Palo Alto's \$929,000 and top-of-the list Newport Beach, where the median price last year was a whopping \$1,362,500.

We're glad we weren't on the coldest or hottest cities' lists. For chilly air, Fargo won the title of coldest city with an average low temperature in January 2005 of -2.3 degrees. St. Cloud, Minn., was next with -1.2 degrees. Avondale, Ariz. headed off the hottest cities with an average high temperature last July of 107.6 degrees. A total of 21 of the 25 hottest towns had temperatures averaging above 100 degrees, all in the southwest. We also didn't make the lists of cities with the youngest population. Provo, Utah won that one with an average age of 23.2 years old. Nor were we listed as a city with the skinniest population (Roseville lead with a body mass index of 24.5) or the most singles (Bloomington, Ind., 58.2 percent.) To no one's surprise, we also don't have the shortest commutes, with Dubuque, Iowa winning that one with a median commute time of just 11.8 minutes. That's hardly enough time to walk to the Pleasanton Library to return this latest copy of Money Magazine. ■

Letters

Airport is a problem

Dear Editor,

The Livermore City Council ignored the 1,000s of letters, 1,500 protesters at the City Council Meeting and 1,000s of noise complaints and approved to expand the airport. They did this by giving the public three days to respond, and sliding it in on an airport report agenda item.

The 10-acre (yes, 10 acres!) aviation business park was a key part of the LAMP which was supposed to be deferred, but now it has been approved. A full-service Fixed Base Operator (FBO) is needed to expand the "needs of the transient corporate aircraft market" (quoted from the consultant in a letter to Leander Hauri, Airport Manager). This is an expansion, and Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin have been sold out. The promises of no expansion before noise monitoring have been broken. Due to the low number of complaints on the airport complaint line (which we all know yields almost zero results, and people have given up), Livermore City Council is now breaking its promise and considering not to put in place noise monitoring at all. On July 24, come to Livermore City Hall to voice your concerns with the Council at 7 p.m. Citizens of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin—your quality of life and value of your property is at stake here. Visit www.lacg.org for more information.

*Purnam Sheth
Pleasanton*

Fourth should be fun

Dear Editor,

Shouldn't a birthday party be a fun celebration? Pleasanton's Fourth of July event last week in Lions Wayside Park was more a dirge for everyone's causes than a celebration of anything.

How about we focus on the celebration part of our nation's birthday party and leave the the "lessons" for another venue?

P.S. The bands, the planes, the food and the Boy Scouts and volunteers were wonderful—let's keep that up!

*Maureen Klaren
Bristolwood Road*

Roundabouts aren't the problem

Dear Editor,

The City Council just spent \$544,660 to add to the speeding problem in Pleasanton (News, "Roundabouts coming off Vineyard," June 30, 2006), and imagine another \$200K (or \$400K) when the next Council "who weren't in office when the decision was made about Vineyard and the roundabouts" decides that traffic lights are now needed to slow people down and prevent accidents. Good rationalization. Current Council, why don't you give the prior Council some credit that maybe they actually thought this issue through? Roundabouts aren't the problem—distracted, speeding drivers and not enough enforcement is. As Matt Sullivan com-

mented, he and his daughter (the one with the learner's permit) had no trouble negotiating these "hazards" at 15 mph. Funny, neither did I.

We live across the street from an elementary school and can see the solar powered speed sign. Guess what City Council? Speeds of 40-45 mph, even 50 plus, is the new 25 around some of our schools. Our neighborhood petition to have speed bumps installed (similar to Crellin) appears to have been ignored. Surely, the safety of 700 plus kids should rank a just little higher than those who have trouble reading (and obeying) traffic signs.

From my vantage point, this isn't a solution: It's a reaction to foot-stomping and some pre-election resume building that demonstrates a complete lack of reality and pork barrel spending at a local level. Steve, since you're running again, maybe you could champion a traffic issue from our neighborhood and get those speed bumps funded/installed on Black Avenue (and maybe do something about re-directing the large, speeding postal trucks back over to Valley Avenue where they belong.) \$544,600...

*Ennis Pipe
Black Avenue*

Mayor is too left

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Weekly deserves credit for bringing some coherence to Mayor Hosterman's speech to the World Peace Forum last month in Vancouver (Cover, "The Big Picture," July 7, 2006). Should anyone doubt this, they should attempt to read through her entire speech, which is posted on the Mayor's re-election Web site.

The article mentioned that our Mayor's remarks were reported in Political Affairs Magazine (<http://politicalaffairs.net>). The Web site's by-line is "Marxist Thought Online." Thus, our Mayor shares the limelight with a current article defending North Korea's missile and nuclear programs, two articles in defense of Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and an article describing the visit of a minor Cuban official to Vietnam, Laos and China. This is yet another example of our Mayor's tendency to associate with the extreme left. Last fall, Mayor Hosterman sponsored an anti-war ad in the local newspapers along with people like David Hilliard and Bobby Seale, both former leaders of the infamous Black Panther Party, a group known to have killed at least 11 police officers.

Two years ago when the Mayor ran for office, The Pleasanton Weekly pictured her in front of the famous Pleasanton sign on Main Street. We didn't think we were voting for someone who would try to do the job of every other elected official in the country. In this 32-paragraph article, only the last paragraph deals with local issues. It is time for the Mayor to step down and to run for the United States Congress so she can devote all of her energy to her favorite causes.

*Doug Miller
Paseo Santa Cruz*

Restoration Kolln Hardware

PLEASANTON'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
GETS NEW LIFE WITH A PROJECT

STORY BY JEB BING • PHOTOGRAPHY BY [unreadable]



Within the next few weeks, don't be surprised to see daylight streaming through the walls of the old Kolln Hardware store at Main and Division streets.

No, the historic downtown landmark is not being torn down, just torn apart for a \$2-million-plus renovation that will restore the 19th century edifice to its original Old West elegance.

And none too soon.

Pleasanton real estate investor and developer Bud Cornett, who bought the aging structure two years ago, said cracks in roof supports and several split trusses that were apparently damaged in earthquakes over the years "probably could not have held the place together if another trembler struck Pleasanton."

"When we got inside and took off some of the temporary plywood and ceilings, we saw enough wear, tear and earthquake damage to realize just how delicate the whole structure is," Cornett said. "Our first job, which we've already started, is to shore up the walls and add floor and roof supports so that we can actually move on with the restoration work."

Last week, the Planning Commission approved the restoration and rebuilding application from Cornett's Peak Property Main Street investment group. In their approval, however, planners also



Floor joists, many of them redwood, show up in this photo after the plywood floor was removed. Like the symmetrically-milled white wood support posts, they sit on dirt, seen since Kolln Hardware was built in 1898.



Original hardware store facing Main Street on the Kolln Building site shows up on documents dating back to the 1870s, although no actual construction date has been established. This same building, which was moved to make way for the "new" store in 1898, now faces Division Street, with its door and display windows boarded up.

insisted that Cornett pay \$140,000 to the city in so-called in-lieu parking fees, or \$14,000 for each of 10 off-street parking spaces the city will require for his new structure. The fees will be placed in a special city-controlled account for use someday in acquiring downtown parking sites or building a parking garage.

The old Kolln Building, as seen from the corner of Main and Division streets, actually consists of three structures, all with historical significance. What is the familiar landmark building is the "new" structure built in 1898. Just east of that building on Division Street, and separated by small gaps, are buildings 2 and 3. Building 2, sandwiched in between but with a distinctive boarded-up front door and two (also boarded up) display windows on either side, was the first building on the Main-Division corner.

The smaller building next to it, Building 3, also fronted on Main and was just north of Building 2. Typical of small, wood-framed commercial buildings in the late 19th century,



the two structures, built sometime in the 1870s, housed at different times up to 1898 when they were relocated a retail tin store, drug store, bicycle shop and dressmaker's studio.

The new building, constructed 108 years ago with its distinctive cupola and Queen Anne Victorian and Italianate architectural influences, was part of a commercial building boom that established Main Street as the commercial downtown center of Pleasanton. This new 6,172-square-foot building housed a "Hard'w Store" and paint business, according to the Sanborn maps of that era, a retail business that continued until 2004 when Cornett bought the site and began planning its restoration. In June of that year, Gary Ferris, who had owned and operated the Kolln Ace Hardware Store & Lighting Center, chose not to renew his lease on a temporary basis and shut down. The building

Restoration Hardware

DOWNTOWN LANDMARK KOLLN BUILDING RENOVATION

PHOTOS BY SHANNON COREY



has been empty ever since and a concern of the Pleasanton Downtown Association which has urged the city to expedite its approval process to get the restoration work under way and reopen the landmark store.

Cornett said that although the work now under way is not visible outside the structure, construction crews will start ripping off the siding and roof shingles in early to mid-August.

"That might come as a shock to anyone coming downtown and isn't aware of this project," Cornett said. "But it's the only way we can get workers inside to pour a foundation and install steel beams that will add seismic upgrades and other structural changes to meet the building and code of the 21st Century."

A walk through the vacant structure shows rotting supports resting on dirt that hasn't been replaced since 1898. In some areas, chains hold together buckling walls and plywood has been nailed over windows, doors and even outside walls that have deteriorated. Since the building never had insulation or inside drywall, the siding was nailed directly onto wall studs, with seeping rain leaving stain marks where rusting nails leaked down the redwood support posts. Carefully milled wood posts hold up the second floor, but rest only on pieces of wood used to level the upstairs floors with no other footings above the ground level.

Cornett's bid to restore the building has been a painful process for the well-known local developer, whose offices are at 1811 Santa Rita Road. After meeting with city officials and local business leaders and organizations, he filed his construction plans in May 2005. At the time, he wanted to move Buildings 2 and 3—the old Main Street retail stores—off the site and was then willing to give them away to someone who could save them as historic buildings.

But Architectural Resources Group (ARG), which was retained by city planners to evaluate the historical significance of the site and the three buildings, said no. The compromise,



Pleasanton real estate investor and developer Bud Cornett bought the Kolln Building and its 7,500-square-foot lot at Main and Division streets in 2004. When work is completed next August, Cornett's restored building will look like these two sketches

finally accepted by all, will allow Cornett to relocate the older buildings to the far east end of the property where a four-vehicle parking lot is now located. Planners also agreed to waive the requirement to replace those four spaces provided that Cornett agreed to pay the \$140,000 in-lieu fee for the 10 spaces his restored facility will require.

Planners also gave Cornett approval to build a two-story, 3,896 addition between the main Kolln Hardware Store building and the two smaller structures, which Ferris used as back-room retail areas for garden tools and plumbing fixtures. Once rebuilt and connected to the new addition, they can be used again as auxiliary space.

Wayne Rasmussen, a planning consultant who has spearheaded other restoration projects,

has been hired by Cornett to handle the Kolln development. Rasmussen has lined up custom mill shops and other restorers to replace windows, frames, exterior siding and other visible parts of the old hardware store and auxiliary buildings with nearly-identical materials where the original ones cannot be re-used.

"Actually, this restoration project comes at a time when there are a number of similar efforts under way, which gives us more options and reduces the costs of custom-making these replacement materials," Rasmussen said.

"Of course, we plan to use whatever we can, including much of the redwood that is still in perfect condition after more than 100 years in the building," he added. "But some of the siding and framing is rotted and will have to be replaced."

Why is he spending the time and money to rebuild an old deteriorating structure?

"I had the opportunity to buy this historic building and to give something back to this wonderful city I live in," Cornett answered. "I've done a lot of improvement work over my lifetime and here's something truly special, both to me and the community. The chance to restore this icon of Pleasanton to its original grandeur is something I couldn't pass up." ■



Long used for storage but never strong enough to support offices, the Kolln Hardware Building's second floor is now filled with old shovels, chairs, plumbing fixtures and other artifacts, including this old sewing machine (left), that are being offered to collectors at the County Fairgrounds and Museum On Main.



Exposed and damaged flooring, overhead rafters and window frames under the Kolln Building cupola await replacement with custom-milled materials that will exactly replicate the original materials.

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- General Plan Circulation Network
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- PUD-33, Jennifer Lin, Frederic Lin, and Kevin Lin
Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Oak Grove Planned Unit Development for a 98 lot custom home development and to consider a 51-developable-lot environmentally preferred alternative on a 562-acre property located near the present terminus of Hearst Drive on the southerly sides of the Vintage Heights I and the Grey Eagle Estates developments.
- PAP-96, Allen Aldrich, Appellant (PADR-1552, Victor Easley)
Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an application for administrative design review approval to construct an approximately 1,020-square-foot detached single-story second dwelling unit in the rear of the existing residence located at 4767 Harrison Street.
- PAP-97, Steve and Carol Stanton, Appellants (PADR-1542, Robert Sweeney Construction, for Jim Rhoades)
Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an application for administrative design review approval to construct an approximately 1,224-square-foot second-floor addition and an approximately 120-square-foot first-floor addition to the front of the existing residence located at 3227 Anastacia Court.

Library Commission (Special Meeting)

Thursday, July 27, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Library Community Room, 400 Old Bernal

- Commissioners to Hold Interviews of the Finalists of the RFQ responses

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

- The July 24 Trails Ad Hoc Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on August 28.

All meetings are open to the public and public comment is welcome.

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

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

Indecent exposure near Mohr Elementary

A 23-year-old Pleasanton resident, Jeffrey Green, was arrested July 13 for exposing himself to a woman near Mohr Elementary School, police said.

The 32-year-old victim, a Huntington Beach resident, was not injured by the encounter. She had been visiting friends in the neighborhood and was taking a walk when the suspect exposed himself to her and said "Hi." The victim ran away from him and yelled for help. Another woman walking in the area heard the victim scream and called 911.

An officer spotted a man matching the suspect description on Stoneridge Drive near the area of the crime a few minutes after the call. That man ran from the officer who chased him as he jumped fences into a nearby neighborhood. Another officer responding to the scene spotted that suspect on Moreno Avenue moments later and took him into custody.

Detectives following up on the arrest obtained a confession from Green for the crime, as well as

four more exposure cases. In the confession, Green wrote an apology to his victims. He was booked into Santa Rita jail.

If anyone is aware of any such crimes that may be associated with the suspect, they are encouraged to call Pleasanton Police detectives and speak with Sgt. Brian Laurence.

Grand theft suspect arrested

The suspect in a grand theft case where a laptop computer, some electronic equipment, silverware and a large safe containing mostly jewelry were reportedly missing, was arrested for an outstanding parole violation on July 11, police said.

Upon being arrested and booked into Santa Clara County jail, the suspect's house and vehicle were searched. Detectives found hundreds of items, including jewelry that was later shown to the victim who confirmed it as being stolen from the safe.

The suspect, Gilbert Garcia, 40, of San Jose, had been invited to a party at the victim's residence and once the resident fell asleep, the suspect removed the safe from the house, according to police reports.

The value of the recovered stolen property was estimated to be \$67,000. Upon completion of the investigation, the case will be referred to the District Attorney.

Police Report

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

July 10

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 4
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 1

July 11

- Theft: 3
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 2

July 12

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 3
- Burglary: 3
- Exhibiting a firearm:
 - 1:20 a.m. in the 4000 block of Kirk Road
- Public drunkenness:
 - 4:27 p.m. at the intersection of Heatherlark Circle and Hopyard Road
 - 10:34 in the 5500 block on Spring House Road

- Possession of alcohol:
 - 4:45 p.m. in the 5700 block of Northway Road
- Attempted rape:
 - 6:37 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Battery:
 - 11:46 a.m. in the 4100 block of Alvarado Street

July 13

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 1
- Threatening phone call: 1
- Indecent exposure:
 - 9:17 a.m. at the intersection of Martin and Cameron avenues
- Loose animal:
 - 11:36 a.m. in the 1500 block of Rose Avenue
- Lewd act on a child:
 - 11:41 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Assault:
 - 1:06 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- Possession of marijuana:

- 10:53 p.m. at the intersection of I-680 and Sunol Boulevard

July 14

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 2
- Found property: 2
- Public drunkenness:
 - 1:39 a.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Del Valle Parkway
 - 2:13 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- Contempt of court:
 - 5:46 p.m. in the 3300 block of Dennis Drive
- Assault:
 - 8:06 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

July 15

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 2
- Found property: 2
- Assault:
 - 1:44 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
 - 1:41 p.m. in the 5900 block of Black Avenue
- Reckless driving:
 - 6:50 p.m. on Stanley Boulevard

July 16

- Battery:
 - 3:32 a.m. in the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard

ACCIDENTS

July 11

10:56 a.m. - Injury accident in the 3000 block of Mall Court

July 12

11:40 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersections of Owens and Hacienda drives

July 14

4:54 - Non-injury accident in the 4900 block of Hopyard Road

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Transitions

Obituaries

Kenneth Vincent Self

Kenneth Vincent Self died in Pleasanton on July 10 at the age of 87.

He was born on September 20, 1918 on a ranch near Selma, Calif. His family moved to Turlock when he was five and then to Long Beach in 1931. There he began his life-long interest in radio.

He graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School in 1936 and was on the varsity swim team. He later graduated from National Radio and Television School in Los Angeles in 1938. He served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II and again during the Korean Conflict reaching the rank of 1st Lt.

He was employed by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph until he retired in 1982 after serving 42 years of services and traveling throughout the Bay Area.

He moved to Pleasanton in 1968 to perfect his fruit tree grafting techniques and remained active in amateur radio clubs including the Society of Amateur Radio Operators. He loved working on radio projects and computers, doing community service and water skiing and fishing with friends.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Maurine Lindgren Self; sister Neloise Curtis of Long Beach; sister Corinne Jones of Sparks, Nev.; son Kenneth Self of Albany, Ore.; daughter Carole Young of Santa Cruz; son Robert Self of Andover, N.J.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Dublin. Burial will be held separately at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, Calif.

Patrick Fred Parker

Patrick Parker died July 10 in Pleasanton. He was 66 years old.

He was born in Baudette, Minn.

and was a resident of Pleasanton for 13 years. He graduated in 1958 from Alameda High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1965.

In his spare time as a retired carpenter, he loved fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Debra Parker of Pleasanton; son Daniel Parker of Whisbey Island, Wash.; daughters Christie Parker of Sacramento, Patricia Parker-Palmer of Roseville and Elizabeth Parker of Chicago, Ill.; sisters Edyth Harlan of Alameda, Jean Rubier of Rio Vista and Laurence Teter of Fort Worth, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary. Donations can be made to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin.

Mary Margaret Sturdevant

Mary Sturdevant died July 9 at the age of 81.

She was born March 28, 1925 in Denver, Colo. She loved country music, current events and enjoyed cooking, sewing, genealogy, gardening and spending time with her family.

She is survived by daughters Lisa Sharp of Fremont and Madeline Sturdevant of Pleasanton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Ralph Sturdevant; parents John and Bertha Poole; brother Martin Poole; sister Jewell England; and nephew John England preceded her in death.

Services were held at Fremont Chapel of Roses with interment at the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Buffalo, Mo.

Donations may be made to the Washington Hospital Foundation, 2000 Mowry Ave., Fremont.

Anniversary



Lee and Phyllis Borden

Lee and Phyllis (Williams) Borden recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary with their son Gary Borden of Ripon, Calif. and daughter Linda Hanson of Happy Valley, Ore.

The anniversary ceremony was a family gathering at home that celebrated the July 2, 1937 date in which the couple wed in Berkeley and spent their honeymoon along the Russian River.

The two previously lived in San Leandro, but have settled in Pleasanton for the past 39 years. Phyllis, a homemaker, and Lee, a retired Lawrence Livermore Lab employee of 20 years, enjoy gardening and spending time with family, which includes seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Engagements

Lisa "Jeanne" Buckthal and Todd Jeremy Greene

Lisa "Jeanne" Buckthal and Todd Jeremy Greene are engaged to be married Feb. 2 at the Casa Blanca restaurant in Santa Cruz.

Lisa is the daughter of Bob and Sally Buckthal of Pleasanton and is a 1985 graduate of Amador Valley High School. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz in 1990 and currently works as a geologist and math consultant in Houston.

Todd is the son of Robert and Wendy Greene of Woodland Hills, Calif., and is a 1989 graduate of Taft High School in Woodland Hills. He graduated from UC Santa Cruz in 1994 and earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2000. Currently he works as an exploration geologist for Anadarko Petroleum in Houston.

The couple will have a beach barbecue in Santa Cruz in May to celebrate their marriage and

will honeymoon in September in Italy to attend the wedding of her brother, Jeffery Paul Buckthal. They will make their residence in Houston.

Lucy DiProfio and Jeffrey Paul Buckthal

Lucy DiProfio and Jeffrey Paul Buckthal are engaged to be married Sept. 5 at the Villa Gamberaia in Settignano, Italy, which is located just outside Florence.

Lucy is the daughter of Vincent and Colette DiProfio of Laguna Hills, Calif., and is a 1989 graduate of Woodbridge High School in Irvine. She also graduated from UC Irvine in 1993. Currently she is a realtor with RE/MAX in Irvine.

Jeffery is the son of Bob and Sally Buckthal of Pleasanton and is a 1987 graduate of Amador Valley High School. He graduated in 1995 from UC Davis. He is currently a product manager for Ansys Technologies in Lake Forest, Calif.

The couple will honeymoon in Italy and will live in Irvine.

Births

The following birth information was provided by ValleyCare Health System.

June 20

Frances and Tony Robustelli, a boy

June 22

Susan and Gary Staines, a girl

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Book Clubs

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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 fourth 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 next meeting is Aug. 1.

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 Aug. 17.

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.

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilters

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

American Legion Post 237

American Legion Post 237 meets 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call Rene, 846-7532 or Dan, 846-7320.

Crossroads Business Network

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

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.

Italian Holiday

Lifemark Group is hosting "Italian Holiday," a night of Italian opera and popular songs from Italy and Sicily from 2-4 p.m., Sun., July 30 at Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Call Kelly, (650) 548-6700.

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.

Events

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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.

CVB 11th Annual Meeting & Membership Luncheon

The Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau will be hosting its 11th annual Meeting & Membership Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thurs., Aug. 17 at The Bridges Golf Club, 9000 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Call Alison, 846-8910 or e-mail alison@trivalley-cvb.com.

Design4Living Women's Conference

Design4Living Women's Conference, featuring Point of Grace in concert, will be held from 6:30-10 p.m., Fri., Aug. 11 and from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., Aug. 12 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore. Cost is \$78. Call 447-3465 or register at www.cornerstoneweb.org.

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.

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.

Los Californianos

Los Californianos, dedicated to preservation of Alta Californianos heritage, is holding its quarterly meeting from Fri., July 21 through Sun., July 23 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Call (775) 747-1212.

Matt Miller to Read at Century House

Century House Poetry Reading, sponsored by city of Pleasanton Civic Arts, will feature award-winning poet and teacher Matt Miller from 1-3 p.m., Sun., Aug. 6 at the Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Rd. Admission is \$5. Call Michelle, 931-5350.

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 Series Under the Stars

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center presents "Summer Series Under the Stars," 7:30 p.m., Sundays July 23 and 30 and Aug. 6 and 13 at the Alameda Fairgrounds Amphitheater, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and chil-

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Weekend Preview



Valley Shakespeare Festival

Hannah Knapps (l-r), Patrick Alparone and Michael Barr star in the Valley Shakespeare Festival's presentation of "All's Well that Ends Well," currently playing at the Retzlaff Estate Winery, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. The show opened last week and runs until Sat., August 5. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays with one Sunday performance July 23 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 general admission and \$25 for seniors, students and members of the military. Visit www.valleyshakes.org or call (800) 838-3006 to purchase tickets.

dren 8-12, and free for children 7 and younger. Call Jamie, 373-6100

Taste of Terror

Livermore Valley's Wine & Food Experience: Taste of Terror, will be held from 6-9 p.m., Thurs., July 27 at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Call 447-9463 or visit www.livermorewine.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. Call 485-1183.

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.

Diverse Directions

"Diverse Directions," a show of new artwork by a group of award-winning women artists in the East Bay, will be on a display from Sat., Aug. 5 through Sun., Aug. 20 at Alexander's Main Street Gallery, 610 Main St. Artist Reception will be held from 4-7 p.m., Sat., Aug. 5. Admission is free. Call Rosalinda, 846-6015.

Film

Independent Film Festival

This festival features Jennifer Meredith

and Katie Mendelson, followed by a sneak peak program of short movies at 7:30 p.m., Sun., July 30 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children, and free for children 7 and under. Call 552-7335 or visit www.caindiefest.com.

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.

Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Pleasanton DeMolay is hosting a Mexican Fiesta Dinner from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fri., July 28. Proceeds will benefit the Chapter's Sweetheart Program and \$1 of each ticket will be donated to Shriners Hospital. Tickets are \$7, and free for children 4 and younger. Reservations required. Call Ken, 455-8586 or e-mail raptors2@comcast.net.

Relay for Life

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

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

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.

Galaxy Game Day

Step into another universe and play space-themed games from 10 a.m.-noon, and 2-4 p.m., Thurs., July 27 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-3400.

Movies for Preschoolers

Movies for Preschoolers starts at 11 a.m., Fri., July 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.

Pirates

Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., is offering two workshops for kids to improve their writing skills from 9:30-10:30 a.m., July 25-27 for grades 3-5 and from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Aug. 1-3 for grades K-2. Call 846-8826.

Space Camp Veterans

Alexis Haire and Will Tanner, space camp veterans, will present an AV presentation about their experiences at 2 p.m., Sat., July 22 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This program is recommended for students age 8 and older. Call Sandy, 931-3412.

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.

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Lectures

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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.

Miscellaneous

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Donate blood 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.

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.

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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.

On Stage

The Imaginary Wild
Las Positas College presents "The

Imaginary Wild," a 17th century farce about the medical world, 6:30 p.m., July 29 and 30 and Aug. 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore in the Performing Arts Patio, building 800. General admission is \$10, \$7 for students and seniors. Call 424-1200, ext. 2480.

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.

Spiritual

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

Sports

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 middle 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

Peripheral Neuropathy
This neurological disease causes feet and/or fingers to be painful. Learn more or get help at 10 a.m., Tues., July 25 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., Livermore. Call E. Lorene Stack, 447-6158.

Domestic Violence
A Domestic Violence Support Group is meeting from 5-6:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore. There will be

a fee of \$40 for every eight weeks or based on a sliding scale. For information and registration, contact Elizabeth, 449-5845 ext. 109.

DRC
Meet other men and women in their early stages of alzheimer's disease or any other memory loss related diseases from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tues., Wed., and Thurs. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For women, call Angie and for men, call Norman at 210-6196.

TV30

City Council Meeting
The Pleasanton City Council meeting from Tues., July 18 will air at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sat., July 22 and Sun., July 23 on channel 29.

COPPS
Join Mike and Mike for another edition of COPPS in Pleasanton at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Sat., July 22, and Sun., July 23 on channel 30. The topic will be on the First Wednesday Street Fair.

In A Word
Join Jim Ott & Kathy Cordova for interviews with authors and the TV30 Bookclub at 9:30 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sat., July 22 and Sun., July 23 on channel 30.

ValleyCare
Dr. Christy Boyd, Joe Carluccio and Kim Conners talk about high school and middle school athletes in terms of pre-season and mid-season injury prevention, preparedness, general health and performance. The partnership between ValleyCare and local high school sports programs will be explained and outlined at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sat., July 22, and Sun., July 23 on channel 30.

Volunteering

Alameda County Community Food Bank
Volunteers are needed to staff the Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., Mon-Fri. Call (510) 834-3663 or visit www.accfb.org.

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

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Valley Humane Society, 273 Spring St., is urgently seeking temporary homes for rescued kittens, puppies, cats and dogs. Food and medical expenses are provided. Also needed are Adoption Volunteer Coordinators and counselors. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

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Sports

PALL 10-year olds capture District 57 championship

Defeat Pleasanton National (PNLL) All Stars 7-3 to gain the title

by Michael Miller

Just as the PALL Seniors did, the PALL 10-year-old All Stars captured the District 57 championship.

The team beat the Pleasanton National (PNLL) All Stars 7-3 to gain the title. To reach the championship game, PALL had defeated Livermore National 9-4, Danville 8-6 and PNLL 4-3. Due to its performance in the earlier rounds, the PALL team needed only one win for the title. The PNLL team would not go without a fight. PNLL won the first game 6-4 on Tuesday before PALL was able to come back and win the final the next night.

In the final game, the PNLL team scored first with a run in the bottom of the first. PALL answered back immediately with a 6-run second inning. Singles by Ryan Meisenheimer, Jacob Wipfli and a walk to Kyle Greenan loaded the bases. TJ Friedl singled to score Wipfli and Greenan. Austin Piscotty was hit by a pitch to load the bases again and then Ryan Anderson and Jake Dronkers drove in two more runs each to bring the score to 6-1. PALL scored its last run in the fifth inning when Willie Theofanopoulos drew a bases loaded walk to score Anderson from third base.

The six runs in the second were enough to allow PALL to rely on its pitching. Dronkers pitched three innings, Friedl pitched two and Anderson one inning, combining to allow the PNLL team three runs on only six hits. The PALL defensive also was strong with key contributions from Zach Schmidt, Austin Piscotty, Chase Hennings, Kyle Greenan, Ryan Meisenheimer, Travis Kim and Ryan Alley.

The PALL All-Stars were scheduled to compete for the Section 3 Championship yesterday.

Phantom under 14 softball team takes second place

The Phantom under 14 team advanced through a field of 16 teams to take second place in the Pleasanton Fastpitch Tournament last weekend.

The team was stopped on its championship run when it lost 3-2 to the Livermore Smoke's Black Team in the bottom of the final inning of the championship game. Haley Douglas pitched 31 of 35 innings over the tournament's seven games, leading the team to five wins.

The offensive stars for the tournament were Jessica Johns, with two triples, and Maggi Horn, Heidi Johns, Macy Masaljo and Syd Shaffer, each with doubles among their multiple hits. Clutch hits from Chelsea King and Emma



PALL 10-year-old All Stars celebrate their District 57 championship win.

McGuinness assured the Phantom some needed base runners at key moments in the tournament. Team speed and aggressive base running was evidenced by the fact that 12 of the 51 runs scored by the team came from runners stealing home.

Jenica Holt and Taylor Schoonover flashed the leather with highlight reel plays, snagging difficult balls with impressive diving catches.

Pleasanton Phantom under 16 take second place

The Phantom posted a 5-0 record en route to the championship game of the combined under 16 and 18 bracket.

The final against the Peninsula Blaze was a 4-3, 10-inning battle. Georgia Bloom and Lindsey Bly combined on the mound for the Phantom. Alia Ismail was the defensive star for her outstanding efforts at second base. Britannia Bloom, Kellie McKeehan and Brittany Hillman scored for the Phantom.

In pool play, the Phantom team was led offensively by Ismail who hit two homeruns, and posted seven RBIs and four runs scored. The Diablo Falcons of Pleasant Hill fell to the Phantom 7-0 in the tournament opener.

Ismail posted three of her seven RBIs in this Friday night win. She hit a two-run homer in the first and Bloom knocked in three runs to lead the Phantom to a 7-3 victory over the San Leandro Lady Patriots.

With a chance to take the top seed on Sunday, the Phantom fell behind 4-0 early against the Concord Glory. The Phantom battled back in the bottom of the fourth when Ismail sparked the offense with her second homerun of the tournament. Allie Straub made a great defensive play to start a double play that allowed the Phantom to finish off the Glory with a two-run liner from Allie Price.

The first single elimination round game, against the East Bay Blaze, started with the Phantom falling behind 3-1 in the first inning. The Phantom held the Blaze for the rest of the game while the offense chipped away at the lead before finishing off the game with a 4-3 win. Kellie McKeehan who had two RBIs led the Phantom offense.

The semi-final game was a rematch against Concord Glory. Unlike the first meeting, the Phantom made quick work of the Glory with an 8-1 win. Robertson and McKeehan led the offense with two runs each while Allie Price had a run and two RBIs.

Rage Soccer Club honors DeRenzi

The board of the Pleasanton RAGE Soccer Club announced that Melissa DeRenzi, a graduate of Amador Valley High School, has won the club's 2006 scholarship for academic achievement.

In thanking the organization for the award, DeRenzi described the role soccer has played in her life and how she had participated in league soccer since age 6.

"Soccer was a huge part of my life for many years," she said. "Beginning at 6 years old, I played soccer all the way through my senior year of high school. I was lucky enough to play at the Division I level for seven years, from U-10 to U-16. It taught me not only the typical traits of dedication, hard work and perseverance, but also how to deal with success and failure with dignity and grace."

"Although soccer was a huge commitment, school always came first with no exceptions," she added. "It is possible, if given the required time and effort, to succeed at both."

In the Fall DeRenzi will attend UC Los Angeles and plans to major in microbiology. She said she hopes to continue playing soccer in UCLA's intramural soccer program. ■



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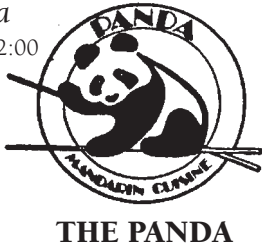
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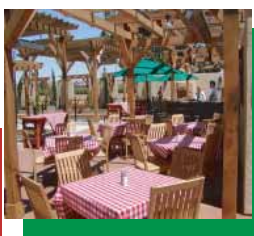
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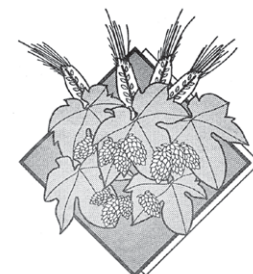
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