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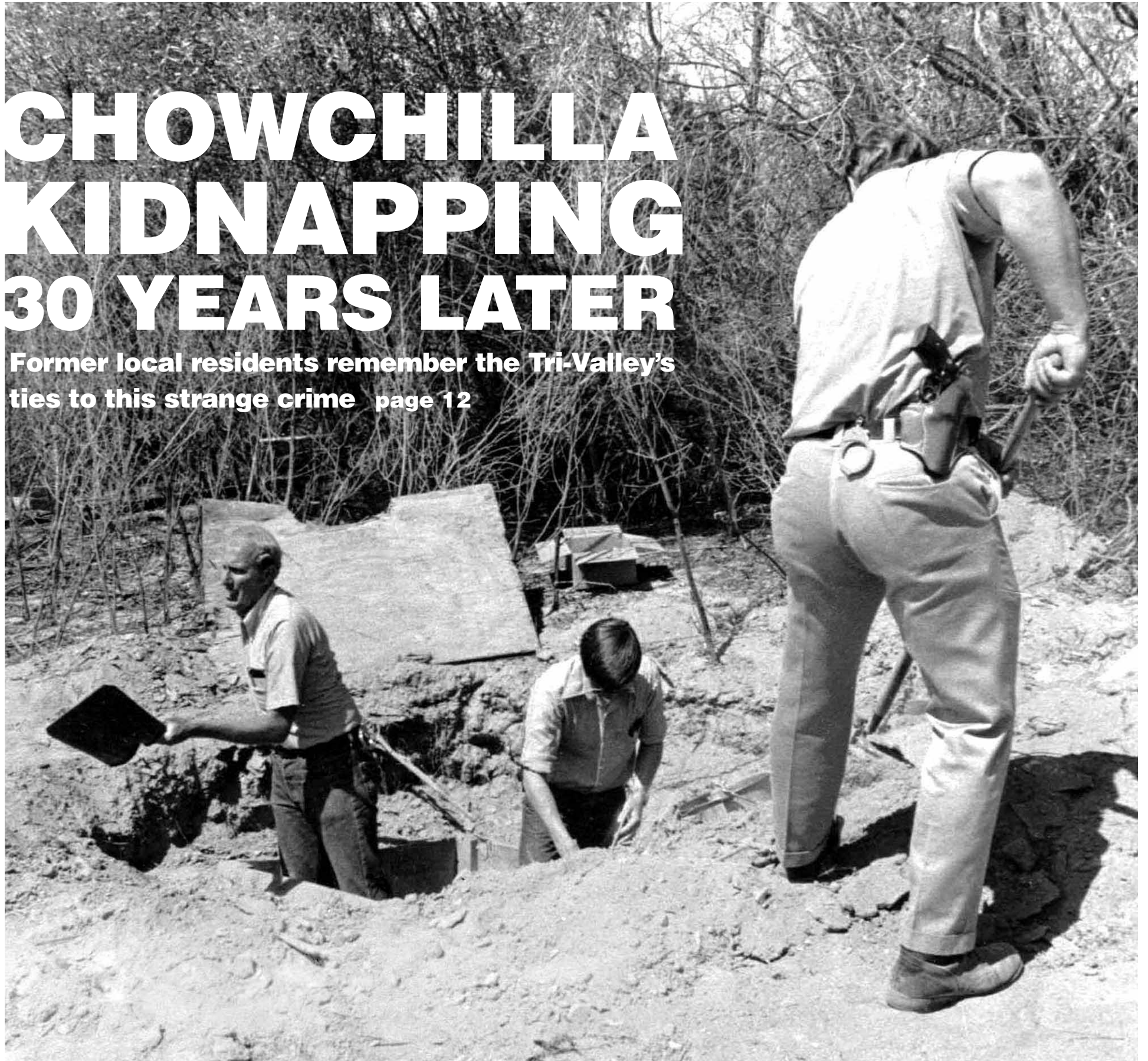
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Back from China —a report

I'm just back from China and a 12-day, 3,500-mile swing by plane, car and train to the major cities of Beijing and Shanghai, the resort area around Guilin and many of the small towns and waterways in between.

My wife Jan and I decided to make the trip this summer ahead of the major disruptions and building frenzy expected next year as Beijing prepares to host the 2008 Summer Olympics. Joining us in Beijing and traveling with us throughout our journey were our son Chris and his wife Mary. Both speak Chinese, with Chris in Beijing for a second summer of intense language study as part of his international relations graduate program at UC San Diego. Mary, a Taiwanese-born American who is starting her fourth year of medical school at UC San Diego, was part of a clinical research program in a small rural village 1,000 miles from Beijing, and leaves for home tomorrow. Their language skills made our trip easier, more fun and informative.

Although everyone we met was very friendly, few Chinese outside of the hotel staff and Western outlets, such as McDonald's and Starbucks, understand English. For the last 25 years, school children through sixth grade learn to read and write English, but not speak it, so there's a big communication gap. Cab drivers, especially, draw blank stares to directions in English, which make guide books and hotel address cards absolutely essential if you don't have the help of two well-versed translators as we did. Although city cabs abide by the meters, special fares can be negotiated for longer trips. Being able to speak Chinese keeps those fares in check when a cabbie, such as one we had, tried to double it.

As for sight-seeing, the top of the list was the Great Wall—a 60-mile drive followed by lots of hiking and climbing in what was a typical 90-degree, high-humidity day for August. In fact, if you

don't like climbing steps, stay out of China. Most busy streets require you to go up and down stairs for the underground tunnels to make the crossing. China, in general, is also not a place for the handicapped. There are no ramps or curb cuts for wheelchairs, only stairs.

The Chinese use Tiananmen Square like a big park for picnicking and kite flying, and it's filled with families on the weekend. I think of it as the site of the Tiananmen Square Massacre of 1989, when we watched as several hundred freedom demonstrators were shot and killed. No one we talked to saw that on their TVs or knew about it, or the lone man who stood in front of an Army tank. Whoever he was, he's been gone ever since. Surrounded by government buildings and the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square is one of the few places where there was evidence of the ruling Communist Party. We were among very few touring the Great Hall of the People, where the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of China is located. It's also one of the few places where we found the Chinese flag flying or for sale. It's a drab, bare building, so unlike our Capitol with its colorful artwork and historic figures.

The biggest crowds were in the hour-long line we joined for a 30-second walk past Chairman Mao's preserved sarcophagus, lying in state, if you will, in his own building at the far end of Tiananmen. For a Communist leader who ruled with an iron fist while alive, Chinese are somewhat amused to see the post-Mao pagentry which goes against his last edict: cremation immediately upon death and no pictures. The chairman probably would be even more aghast to see what China is today: a vibrant, bustling, profit-motivated society that seems to make, sell and promote almost any product imaginable, with a retail frenzy that compares every day to the most crowded Christmas shopping days at Stoneridge Mall. ■

Next week: China's people.

About the Cover

Members of the Alameda County Crime Lab and FBI are pictured on July 17, 1976 working around the opening to the van where 26 Chowchilla schoolchildren and their bus driver were held captive at a rock quarry between Livermore and Pleasanton. This summer marks the 30th anniversary of the crime, one that still shocks residents. Cover photo courtesy the Associated Press.

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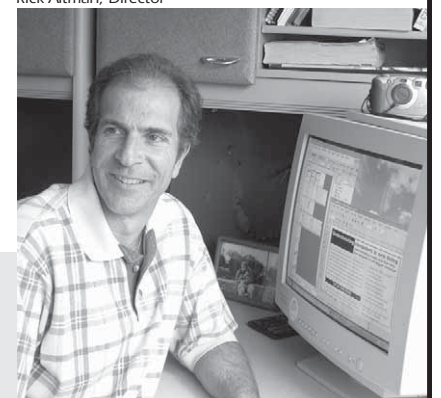


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Q: Has news of the recently thwarted terrorist attacks in England changed your feelings about traveling internationally?

Asked Downtown



Nancy Wilson

Loan Processor

I haven't flown in about seven years, so yes, it has affected how I feel about flying. The many changes in travel protocol have been necessary, but now there is fear connected to thinking about traveling. I don't know if I would say I definitely won't travel, but I would certainly think twice about it.

Randy Wilson

Loan Originator

I absolutely would travel abroad. In fact, I have plans to travel extensively in the future. I would stay out of the Middle East; that seems to be where most of the trouble is.



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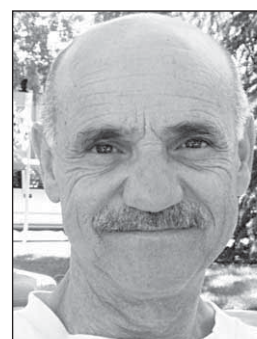
The terrorists seem to be coming up with new and better ways to blow things up, so yes, it's pretty scary. Not feeling safe to travel hurts my business. I need to go to Europe often, so all of this has far reaching consequences.



Rosemarie LaFrancesca

Retired Teacher

No, I am not scared to travel, but I do feel the increased security, though necessary, is a hassle. Any kind of airline travel is so complicated these days. I choose to stay in the U.S. and travel by bus, train or car. I am not afraid. It is the inconvenience that bothers me.



Matthew LaFrancesca

Electro-Optical Technician

No, my feelings have not changed at all. The information they have uncovered in the past few days is not specific enough to scare me. In fact, there appears to be little physical evidence or information with any real substance surrounding the plot. I am not exactly sure what happened, but the current facts do not support being afraid.

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Newsfront

News Digest

Mandarin, business classes offered

Las Positas College is offering new, non-credit community classes this fall, which includes a course in Mandarin and one titled "Get Started Making Money in Business to Business Selling." Recognizing the growing need for Mandarin speakers, this course introduces students to the culture, history and traditions of China, and how to understand and speak basic Chinese polite speech, such as greetings. In "Get Started Making Money in Business to Business Selling," students will learn the five key things they need before accepting a sales job and the "10 Commandments" of good business-to-business selling. Las Positas offers a wide variety of classes for the community, ranging from art to health to parenting, and more. Visit www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed for more information or to register.

Honoring grandparents

In honor of National Grandparents Day, Sunday, Sept. 10, the Rose Hotel is hosting a celebration from 2-4 p.m. Grandparents are invited to visit the hotel, located at 807 Main St., for cake and coffee and take part in tours, which will highlight the hotel's vintage photos of downtown Pleasanton. At 4 p.m., there will be a drawing for a complimentary night stay at the hotel. National Grandparents Day is annually observed the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Citizens' Academy enrollment

Enrollment continues for the fall 2006 session of the Pleasanton Police Department Citizens' Police Academy. The course begins Thursday, Sept. 7 and concludes Dec. 14. This is the 14th academy since it started in 2000. The program, only open to adults, will cover different areas of police work including, patrol procedures, SWAT, narcotics investigations, traffic enforcement and more. Classes are held once a week on Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department. Contact Sgt. Brian Laurence at 931-5169 or blaurence@ci.pleasanton.ca.us to receive an application or for more information.

Corrections

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Council delays \$8.5-million Vineyard water tank decision

Bid deadline, higher costs loom if contractor balks at extending August deadline

by Jeb Bing

A three-member City Council failed to reach an agreement Tuesday on a plan to build an \$8.5-million, 1.4-million-gallon water reservoir off Vineyard Avenue that officials said will be needed next summer to meet growing demand in Ruby Hill and the Vineyard Corridor.

After the decision, City Manager Nelson Fialho and Public Works

Director Rob Wilson scheduled meetings with contractors who had submitted the winning bids to persuade them to extend the Aug. 31 deadline on their offers. Fialho, with the council's concurrence, will seek an extension until early September so that the lawmakers can reconsider their vote at the council's next regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 5.

Because Councilman Steve Brozosky lives on Vineyard

Avenue close to the proposed site of the reservoir project, he had to recuse himself from voting on the contract proposal. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was out of town and absent from the meeting, leaving Councilman and Vice Mayor Matt Sullivan and council members Jerry Thorne and Cindy McGovern making up the three-member quorum. In those situations, it takes all three, or a majority of the full five member council, to approve

measures.

Although Sullivan and Thorne reluctantly agreed to support the staff's recommendation to accept the \$8.5-million in planning design and construction costs—up from \$3.3-million in 2002 and more than \$2 million higher than a year ago—McGovern said no. She said the financing plan, shown to the council for the first time Tuesday by Fialho and Wilson, was

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Rebecca Guyon

Mr. Roboto

Amador ninth grade student Kyle Dietz shows-off his LEGO Mindstorm robot to nearly 100 children and their parents during "Robots at the Library," an event held in conjunction with the Pleasanton Public Library's summer reading program, "2006: A Space Odyssey." Members from the Harvest Park Middle School Robotics Club demonstrated robots from their latest team challenge, "Escape from the Crater of Death," all made from the LEGO Mindstorm kits. Student teams of two designed robots that could successfully navigate a steep ramp without falling, simulating the Mars Rovers escaping a Martian crater, as well as robots that could take photos and run on complicated codes.

An endless struggle

Katrina victim living in Pleasanton gets truck stolen

by Jackie Pugh

"He was planning on going back until the truck disappeared," said C.C. Cambell-Rock in a kind of exasperated laughter. Her husband Raymond Rock, a carpenter, had his '92 Ford Explorer stolen the morning of August 8 from the Safeway parking lot on Santa Rita Road. The truck contained most of his tools and moderately sized

pieces of equipment.

The couple, who found refuge in Pleasanton in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, was shocked to think that this could happen here. "I feel bad even talking about it," Raymond Rock said. "The people here have been so great it's almost like an epiphany ... you've gone through all of this and you've finally reached a place where you feel safe. For something like this to

happen, I really don't even want to put it out there."

Rock had left his carpentry tools in his truck when he went to get groceries and snacks for his trip to repair his residence in New Orleans. The truck contained mostly electronics, with some renovation and construction tools like a reciprocating saw and a table saw.

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No need for school board election

With no challengers, incumbents start new term

by Rebecca Guyon

Trustees Pat Kernan and Jim Ott have an easy campaign ahead of them, mostly because there will be no campaign at all. Last Friday was the deadline to file for this November's school board election, and the two incumbents were the only candidates to file. This means that Kernan and Ott will automatically assume the positions and continue through to the next term, without any election, said District Public Information Officer Myla Grasso.

"This doesn't happen very often in any races, so I just don't know what to make of it," said Ott. "I'm still gathering my thoughts together."

Kernan filed the day before the August 11 deadline and Ott filed early in July. Both had to file for candidacy with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office in Oakland.

Although Ott is the incumbent, he has only served on the board for about four months. He was appointed in May, replacing former Trustee Gloria Fredette who resigned April 1.

"Since I was appointed in May, the only surprises have been positive," Ott said. "I attended a portion of the strategic planning retreat on August 8 and was very impressed with the positive energy and spirit of the principals and administrators."

Kernan also originally assumed the trustee position as an appointee.

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Struggle

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The government has told Katrina victims that if homes are not gutted-out and boarded-up by August 29, they will be declared blighted and abandoned. Rock went back last October for three months in order to meet those demands, but wanted to do more on this trip so that his family might one day return.

Cambell-Rock's adult son Kelly Jones, of Pleasanton, had sent for her and his younger siblings after hearing about the catastrophe. The Rocks have a daughter, Amandi, 16, and a son, Jordan, 13. Yet, the road to California was not so easy when the family was split apart once disaster struck. Cambell-Rock and the children left before the hurricane hit and went to Kentwood, La. to stay with a close friend. "We stayed there for 10 days until I found where my husband was," Cambell-Rock said. Rock stayed behind to "hold down the fort," and was later sent to the Superdome and then to Tennessee.

The family finally ended up in Pleasanton, where they've lived for the past year, and has been very fortunate to receive so much support.

"My son went to the Pleasanton City Council just to see where the resources were for aid to the victims of Hurricane Katrina," Cambell-Rock said. Shortly thereafter, someone graciously donated an apartment for the family to live in for free, Rock



Courtesy: C.C. Campbell-Rock

Fleeing New Orleans after the Hurricane Katrina disaster, the Rock family—C.C. Campbell-Rock, Amandi, Jordan and Raymond—has been living in Pleasanton for almost a year.

mentioned, in hopes that they might get their lives back in order.

With the year anniversary approaching on August 29, 2006, it is the victims of Hurricane Katrina that we must remember for having made Pleasanton their safe haven. Officer Julie Fragomeli, of the Pleasanton Police Department, was the officer on call when the stolen truck was reported.

"It wasn't like there was a million dollars worth of things in the back of his car," Fragomeli said, "but he just kept saying that this is Pleasanton, it's beautiful, it's wonderful; it's not supposed to happen in Pleasanton."

However, Fragomeli was astonished at the Rocks' optimism, mentioning that while the Rocks might not have accepted the fact that their

truck got stolen in such a town, they were in awe at the compassion of the people within it.

"I've been doing this for nine years now," Fragomeli said. "This is the first time, while there have been other smaller occasions, you find that you've been kind of touched by somebody's situation," she added. "They didn't even ask for help."

The couple remains positive, currently researching permit requirements in order to stay in the construction business when they return to New Orleans. They are, above all, thankful they have their lives, regardless of what has happened. Cambell-Rock said, "We lost everything, but we gained a new community, new friends, and a new beginning." ■

Cook-Kallio joins council race

Longtime educator Cheryl Cook-Kallio will vie for one of two City Council seats this November along with Planning Commission Chairman Brian Arkin, Pleasanton businessman Dan Faustina and current Councilmember Jerry Thorne.

"My vision for shaping Pleasanton's future includes workforce housing, community building and relieving traffic congestion. It is important that critical conversations about these issues occur," she said. "We need to ensure that all aspects of Pleasanton align with our excel-

lent educational system and a thriving business environment."

Cook-Kallio, a 29-year veteran teacher, teaches Advanced Placement U.S. History and U.S. Government at Irvington High School in Fremont. Her honors include Fremont Education Foundation for Excellence in Education in 2006, Irvington High School's Teacher of the Year in 2005 and Woman of the Year by State Senator Liz Figueroa in 2004.

Her leadership experience extends outside the classroom as a coach for Irvington's cham-

pion civics team "We the People," a leader for a Girl Scout troop and an Amador Friends of Music board member.

Cook-Kallio received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina and a master's degree in history from San Jose State University. She lives in Pleasanton with her husband John, a retired teacher. Her four children—Heather, Heidi, Nathan and Lauren—graduated from Pleasanton high schools.

—Emily Atwood

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Water tank

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confusing and not realistic.

"I am looking at all of these variables and have no idea what the costs might ultimately be," McGovern said.

Looking at the city management staff that was advancing the plan and waving her hands in frustration, she added: "I don't know how many businesses in this community would put forward a project like this and then not know how they are going to finish it because they

don't have a finance plan."

But Fialho and Wilson insisted that there are sufficient funds to pay the \$4.4 million cost of the proposed new water tank that would be built southwest of Vineyard atop a 636-foot site on land owned by the Reznick/Threehand Property Partnership. A rough-graded road, design fees and construction support would be handled and funded during the coming 12 months as the tank is being built.

"It's absolutely essential that this tank be up and operating by next summer," said Thorne. "If we have another dry summer and there's an emergency that requires huge

amounts of water, we'll be in trouble without this tank."

Thorne, like McGovern, objected to the late notice on the reservoir funding plans put forward by Wilson and Steve Cusenza, Pleasanton's utility planning manager. But Thorne said a previous council may have looked at this plan back in 2002 and given the green light.

"All three of us who comprised the council Tuesday night are fairly new to the board," said Thorne, who was elected last year and is also seeking re-election. Sullivan and McGovern won their council seats in 2004.

The reservoir was part of the Vineyard Corridor Specific Plan, which was approved in 1998. It authorizes the construction of 189 new homes, plus another six lots to be developed outside the planning area that would become part of the overall development. It also provided for a new alignment for Vineyard Avenue, which was completed two years ago, and for a school site for the proposed Neal Elementary School, which has not been built.

Cusenza said the water tank was planned to hold one million gallons

"If we have another dry summer and there's an emergency that requires huge amounts of water, we'll be in trouble without this tank."

—Jerry Thorne, councilmember

initially, but increased water usage in the area caused planners to add another 400,000 gallons in capacity.

He said water usage in the Vineyard Corridor is higher than average, with the typical Ruby Hill home using 3,000 gallons a day, compared to an average of 618 gallons a day in mainline Pleasanton. He added that the vineyards along Vineyard Avenue use untreated water from Zone 7 to keep the plants wet.

When the 1998 specific plan was approved, fees from the developers and school district were expected to pay the lion's share of the utility costs in the Vineyard Corridor.

Then a recession hit, forcing the postponement and cancellation of most of the housing projects. The school district, citing increased costs to build Neal, delayed that project, and is now in litigation with Signature Properties and another developer over an agreement to pay part of the school construction costs. As a result, where the city government thought it would pay only a small portion of the infrastructure costs in the corridor, including the water reservoir, it has become the key funding source, at least until reimbursements come in from future development.

The council was astounded by the mushrooming costs of the reservoir project, which were estimated at \$3.3 million in 2002, \$4.6 million in 2004, \$6.4 million last year and now at \$8.5 million.

"It's unbelievable how fast these costs are going up," Thorne said. "Someone said they want to protect the taxpayer by taking a longer look at this project. I want to protect the taxpayer by moving on quickly to get this job done before costs escalate again. We know we need the water tank; let's build it." ■

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tee in 1996 when Trustee Judith Markoff resigned. Since then, he was re-elected in 1997 and 2001.

"I'm still pretty passionate about education, and I love kids, so I think if you have a good thing going, why stop?" Kernan said regarding his reasons for staying on the board.

Kernan is a partner with the law firm Riegls, Campos and Kenyon based in Sacramento. Although this takes him out of the Bay Area two or three times a week, Kernan said it does not impede his ability to serve on the board.

"I'm in the area a lot and I'm serving on the Las Positas Foundation Board and the Livermore Performing Arts Board," he said. "Also, most of my clients are in the Bay and Sunnyvale areas."

As their new term officially starts Dec. 12, both Kernan and Ott hope to continue supporting district administrators, staff and teachers in providing Pleasanton students with a solid education. Kernan said his top issue is finding ways to attract and retain quality people at the administrative, staff and teaching levels.

"We're doing a great job, but it's getting harder and harder with the rising cost to live in this area," Kernan said. "It's tough with young teachers and staff who are trying to live in the area."

Ott said he is most concerned with identifying funding to fulfill the needs of the Excellence Committee, a 55-member committee that recently presented the trustees with a list of 22 suggestions to improving the district.

"As a board, given that competition is continuing to increase on a global level, we need to make sure Pleasanton offers the best education opportunities for preparation for college, or if not college, then the next step in education or entering the workforce," Ott said.

This is the first year school board elections have been held in an even-number year. Previously, they were in odd-number years, but were changed to coincide with the state and municipal elections. ■



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Staying safe poolside

Summer is almost over, but water safety is still key

by Rebecca Guyon

With summer coming to a close, parents and children are taking advantage of their last few days vacation, and many are spending those days poolside. But even though summer is almost over, parents still need to stay vigilant while watching their children in the pool.

In fact, most water-related accidents happen during the month of August, said Vicki Lofquist, head nurse for the Department of Pediatrics at San Ramon Valley Medical Center. By the end of summer, after swimming lessons have long since finished, parents are more confident in their children's swimming abilities and are sometimes less attentive, Lofquist said.

"A lot of times parents will say, 'I stepped away for just a minute,' but it's amazing how fast children move. And then what happens—they fall into pools," Lofquist said.

Delcea Wills, recreation supervisor at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, said the most common accidents at the pool are children diving into shallow water

and children overestimating their swimming ability.

"They think they're better swimmers than they are, and a lot of times parents think that, too," Wills said. "That's when they'll start to struggle and we have to go in and make the rescue."

Part of the problem is that students will take a week-long swim lesson and think they are water-safe, when they actually need to take longer, more intense swimming courses, Wills said. To be truly water-ready, students really should take the structured Red Cross lessons through the intermediate level, she added.

Lofquist said children ages 5 and younger are at the highest risk for drowning at home pools, mostly because they may put themselves in unsafe situations due to their own curiosity. At the Aquatic Center, Wills said most of the students they rescue are between 5-10 years old.

There are many precautions taken at the Aquatic Center to make sure everyone has fun and stays safe. Children cannot jump off the diving

board unless they first pass a swim test, and children 8 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Preschool-age children can go in the pool, but they must always be within arms-reach of an adult and older children not as confident in their swimming abilities can wear a lifejacket, but they are not allowed to jump off the diving board.

Of course, the Aquatic Center also has a staff of 75 lifeguards to help watch the pool. At any given time, there are eight lifeguards on duty. But, Wills said this doesn't mean that parents should stop watching their children.

"The parents need to keep an eye on their kids, and don't rely on the lifeguard," she said.

At home pools where the lifeguard safety net is completely gone, parents need to stay even more vigilant, Lofquist said. Aside from staying by the pool when children are around, adults need to make sure children know the pool safety rules, as well as babysitters. Adults with pools should also know CPR—just in case. ■

District names new VPs for Amador

Rhea Brandon and Ben Fobert were recently named the new vice principals for Amador Valley High School. The two replace outgoing vice principals Greg Giglio and Estella Santos who are taking positions at Village High School and Harvest Park Middle School, respectively.

Brandon has worked for the district for the past three years as a fulltime psychologist at Amador. Prior to coming to Pleasanton, she worked for the San Diego Unified School District.

Fobert comes to Pleasanton from the Hayward Unified School District where he was previously vice principal of Mt. Eden High School. Before entering school administration, he taught history and instrumental music at Mt. Pleasant High School in San Jose.

—Rebecca Guyon

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Opinion

Editorial

No election means no public debates

The good news just keeps getting better for Pleasanton schools, which probably explains why no one has filed to run against the two school board incumbents in this November's election. School board veteran Pat Kernan, who was first named to the board in 1996, and Jim Ott, who was appointed to fill a vacated seat last May, are unopposed in seeking election to their posts. As a result, there will be no election. This move may also be precedent-setting since no one can remember a time when a school board member, who was appointed by other members to the post, won "re-election" to a full four-year term without ever having been actually elected.

The lack of other candidates is both disappointing and somewhat surprising. While we are glad to see Kernan and Ott continuing on the board, it's also more interesting to have challengers who can force a more open discussion on issues facing Pleasanton. In May, five candidates vied for the appointment Ott won to fill the seat vacated by former trustee Gloria Fredette, who resigned April 1. None of the other four—Chris Grant, Gabe Kralik, Tanya Ludden or Richard Martoglio—chose to challenge Kernan or Ott in this November's election. Three years ago, there were eight candidates for three seats in a spirited election campaign that saw Juanita Haugen and Kris Weaver re-elected and Steve Pulido winning a school board seat for the first time.

Given the progress that's been made in the school district, including the very favorable STAR results announced this week showing continued improvement in academic achievement in Pleasanton schools, there are few burning issues to rally voters to seek a change. Under Superintendent John Casey's leadership, both scholastic scores and the school facilities, themselves, have improved remarkably. From new chemistry labs to new swimming pools, Pleasanton schools are a Realtor's dream in persuading families to move here. Casey wants more counselors, new programs and more class-size reduction. He should have at least \$50,000 to help him—the savings from canceling the November election.

Spare the Air day freebies

With the worst of the record-breaking hot days of July and August apparently behind us, we might take a look at the costly "Spare the Air" days that Bay Area politicians and the agencies they control provided us. There's no question that the idea is a good one: Get commuters who normally drive to work to take public transportation and thereby wean them out of their cars. This summer, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District set aside \$7.5 million in taxpayers' funds to reimburse 25 participating transit agencies for lost fares. The free rides were good throughout the day instead of just during the morning commute, as had been a policy before. Then, with the heat continuing, and the buses and trains filled with enthusiastic commuters, the two agencies came up with another \$6 million to fund free rides on three additional Spare the Air days.

We know of a number of Pleasanton families who live and work locally who took advantage of these free transit days, including taking time off work, to ride BART into San Francisco for a day of shopping, sight-seeing and dining, spending their dollars there instead of locally. On two of those days, even the Wal-Mart lot was filled with cars with BART riders carpooling or walking to the station where lots filled early in the morning. Also taking advantage of the free fares were the thousands of regular commuters, who save the \$18 or so in round-trip fares that they normally would have paid. Overall, BART's 8 percent rise in ridership translated into 78,000 additional riders.

Meanwhile, back here in Pleasanton, landscapers kept their mowers going with no incentive—or even awareness—to shut them off to spare the air. That's too bad because our County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a staunch supporter of Spare the Air programs, pointed out that using a gas lawn mower for one hour is like driving a car to Los Angeles. Instead of freebies, perhaps more creativity can go into encouraging everyone to do what it takes to truly spare the air.

Letters

Back off Hosterman

Dear Editor,

Okay, enough of the bashing of Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman (Letters to the Editor, July 21 and July 28, 2006). She has done an excellent job as mayor and is following the excellent work Tom Pico did as mayor (Open/transparent government, protecting our quality of life while encouraging our local economy, etc.). Why be so upset about someone working for world peace and trying to stop proliferation of nuclear weapons? (She is basically working on her own time since the job of Mayor pays \$600 per month.)

Why are they not instead outraged about 2,600 Americans killed in a war/occupation in Iraq, the Katrina/FEMA fiasco, illegal spying on Americans, cancellation of pension funds by big corporations, etc.

One complainer wrote "We have Nero in office, playing her fiddle as the town burns" (Letters to the Editor, "Mayor, not ambassador," July 28, 2006). What a ridiculous statement. What the writer fails to realize is that the mayor, while doing an excellent job with her duties as mayor, is also working on large global issues that affect him, his family, all of Pleasanton. The writer also said, "Never has there been a more controversial figure in this town." Hosterman is a popular mayor who won the election by a comfortable margin. Obviously, this guy did not vote for her and can't get over it.

The disgruntled writers could make a positive contribution to Pleasanton by working for Jerry McNerney to defeat Richard Pombo, who is one of the most corrupt members of Congress, an official with scandalous ties to Jack Abramoff and a Congressman addicted to big oil contributions.

George Reid, Gerard Court

Mayor out-of-bounds

Dear Editor,

In response to your July 14 Editorial entitled, "Is mayor out-of-bounds on global talks?" Yes, the mayor is way out-of-bounds.

If the Mayor wants to dabble in international politics, the Mayor should first resign, and seek a national office, perhaps as a Green Party or Socialist/Leftist (nee Democrat) candidate.

I have a topic that local, state and national political candidates might want to tackle: the escalating invasion of this state and nation by millions of Hispanics from and through Mexico, costing us billions annually in taxes, social welfare, lost jobs and crime/drugs. Assimilation?—Give me a break.

*Al Fischer
Division Street*

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by
Gerarda
Stocking

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A seller says he wants \$600,000 for his home and, by golly, "Don't bring me any offers with contingencies in them."

Two important points need discussion. First, if there is a written offer, we must hear it. Your real estate professional doesn't have any legal right to screen offers and make sure you only hear the ones he or she knows you will like. These are matters of law.

Second, contingencies are simply conditions that must be met for a transaction to make its way to a successful closing. Usually, contingencies protect one or both of the parties to a transaction. They are neither to be feared nor to be rejected without a fair hearing. For example, a seller may accept an offer contingent on the buyer being able to receive loan qualification within a certain number of days and loan approval within a longer number of days. This protects the seller from being hung out to dry while the buyer drags out the process of finding the necessary financing.

On the other hand, a buyer may purchase with the contingency that a professional property inspector examine the home and make sure it's sound and without obvious need of repairs. This, frankly, protects both parties, since property defects should be cured as soon as possible and not months or years later in court actions. Questions? Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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Community Pulse



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 23, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- **PCUP-170, Tutoring Club of Pleasanton**

Application for a conditional use permit to allow a tutoring center within a portion of the existing building located at 260 Main Street.

- **PCUP-175, Ara Chakrabarti/Mathnasium**

Application for a conditional use permit to operate a math tutorial facility in an existing building located at 4725 First Street, Suite 235.

- **PUD-33, James Tong/Charter Properties, 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 Hills II and the Grey Eagle Estates developments.

- **PTR-7815, Threehand, LP, Greg Reznick**

Application for tentative map approval to subdivide an approximately 20.19-acre site located at 5 Windy Oaks Drive (formerly 1680 Vineyard Avenue) into seven single-family residential lots ranging in size from 1.25 acres to 4.71 acres.

- **PUD-58 and GPA-11, Charles Austin and Scott Austin**

Request for an amendment to the Pleasanton General Plan to change the land use designation on a 30-acre hillside property from Rural Density Residential (1 du/5 ac) to Low Density Residential (<2 du/ac) land uses on eight acres with a maximum density of eight dwelling units and Open Space land uses on the remaining 22 acres; rezone the subject property from the A (Agriculture) District to the PUD - LDR/OS (Planned Unit Development - Low Density Residential/Open Space) District; and PUD development plan approval to subdivide the subject property into eight custom home sites and designate the remaining 22-acres for permanent open space. The subject property is located at 3459 Old Foothill Road.

Also consider the Negative Declaration prepared for the project.

General Plan Workshop

Tuesday, August 29, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- **Draft Circulation Network**

Review refinement to the "Working Draft" General Plan Circulation (Roadway) Network

- **Draft Conservation and Open Space Element**

Review of Draft Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan

- **Draft Public Safety Element**

Review and provide comments on the Draft Public Safety Element

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

Police Bulletin

Plasma TV taken from Wal-Mart

A Plasma TV was taken from Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Dr., on Sat., August 12, police said.

The suspect stole the TV by exiting through the emergency exit and left in a car. The TV was taken between 2 p.m. and 2:20 p.m., with the stolen property being reported four hours later, reports showed.

The investigation is still underway and the loss has been estimated at \$1,380.

Grand theft at Amador Dental and Orthodontic

Dental equipment was stolen from Amador Dental and Orthodontic, 5000 Pleasanton Ave., between August 6 at 6 p.m. and August 10 at 12:36 p.m., police said.

The suspect, a terminated employee, took business tools out of the clinic that amounted in a loss of \$1,661. The stolen equipment was reported missing at 12:36 p.m. on August 10 and police are looking further into the case.

Police Report

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

August 7

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 2
- Found property: 2
- Child abuse:
 - 4:15 p.m. in the 5000 block of Glenwood Court
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 5:28 p.m. at the intersection of Rosewood Drive and Santa Rita Road

August 8

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 1
- Graffiti:
 - 7:58 a.m. in the 6100 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

August 9

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 5
- Burglary: 3
- Embezzlement:
 - 7:48 p.m. in the 3900 block of Valley Avenue
- Assault:
 - 11:29 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard

August 10

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 1

- Burglary: 1
- Assault:
 - 12:17 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
 - 1:45 p.m. in the 8000 block of Ensenada Drive
- Possession of drugs:
 - 12:45 p.m. in the 2700 block of Oak Road
 - 10:44 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

August 11

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 3
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 3
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Assault:
 - 12:05 a.m. in the 7700 block of Forsythia Court
 - 11:13 a.m. at the intersection of Hansen Drive and Valley Avenue

August 12

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 3
- DUI: 2
- Found property: 4
- Public drunkenness:
 - 4:25 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
 - 10:27 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

August 13

- Theft: 1

- Vandalism: 1
- Public drunkenness:
 - 2:15 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
 - 3:15 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue
- Contempt of court:
 - 3:43 a.m. at the I-680 and Stoneridge Drive
 - 5:08 a.m. in the intersection of McWilliams Lane and Stoneridge Mall Road
- Assault:
 - 11:29 a.m. in the 1500 block of Calle Santiago
 - 5:22 p.m. in the 1000 block of Division Street
- Child neglect:
 - 1:35 p.m. in the 1500 block of Harvest Road

ACCIDENTS

August 7

- 5:39 p.m. - Non-injury accident in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

August 8

- 8:20 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of First and Neal streets

August 10

- 9:08 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of W. Angela Street and Peters Avenue
- 5:37 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Owens and Hacienda drives

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Today, the long stretch of barren land along the west side of Isabel Avenue sits largely unnoticed by passing motorists and local residents.

But 30 years ago this summer, that now-quiet rock quarry, which lies between Livermore and Pleasanton, was cast into the national spotlight when 26 school children and their bus driver miraculously dug their way to safety after being buried alive for more than 16 hours. The children, who ranged in age from 5 to 14, mysteriously vanished on July 15, 1976 from their small farming community in the central California town of Chowchilla.

Their astonishing re-appearance in Livermore was a triumphant end to a shocking crime that had gripped the nation for more than 30 hours. Three decades later, local residents can still vividly recall the events of that fateful day.

"It was so bizarre that anyone who heard about it said, 'What? Buried children? In Livermore?'" said Helen Tirsell, who was mayor of Livermore at the time. "Everyone was alarmed at such bizarre actions of people amongst us."

"We couldn't believe such a crime could occur here. It was the talk of the town," recalled Barry Schrader, who was editor of the Tri-Valley Herald. "I was taking a friend from Illinois through the Livermore Police Department that night when all hell broke loose. They were shouting, 'We found them. We found them.'"

Schrader quickly followed police to the site, located on Isabel Avenue between Stanley Boulevard and Vineyard Avenue, before the area was cordoned off. A resident at a neighboring farm let him use her phone to call his news desk with the story.

"I had been following the story, but I didn't think it was anything that would affect our area. I had to come up to speed pretty quickly," Schrader recalled.

Jack Baugh, now retired from the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, was chief of the criminal division at that time, and while he had been informed about the children's disappearance 100 miles away, he never imagined they would end up in his area.

"I certainly wasn't looking for them," said Baugh, who led the investigation after the victims were found at the quarry. He later wrote a book about the case, "Why Have They Taken Our Children?" which was made into a television movie.

According to news accounts from the time, on July 15, 1976, the school children and their bus driver were headed home after a summer school outing in the town of Chowchilla, located in Madera County.

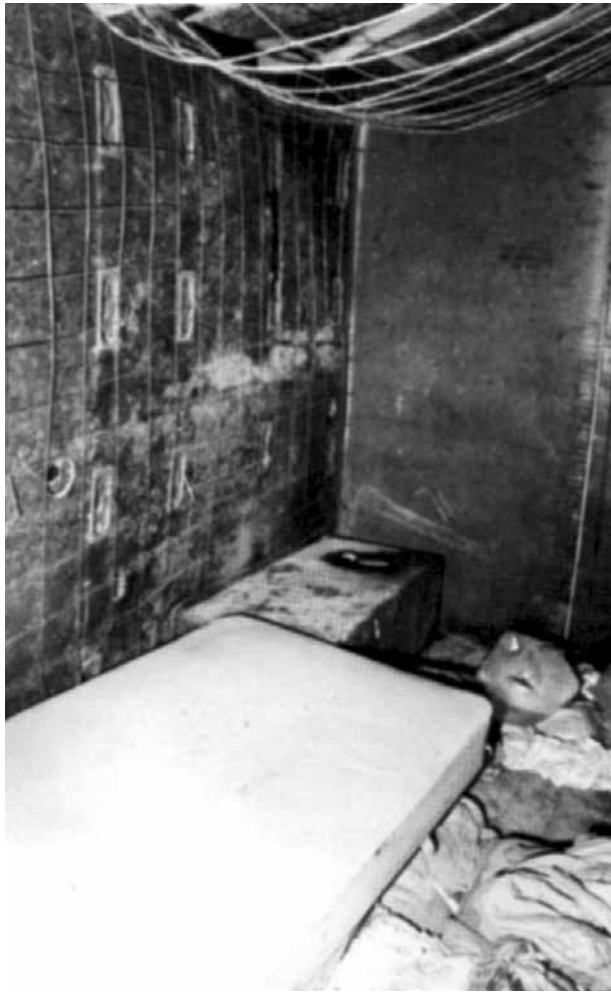
As they were driving along a country road, they came upon what appeared to be a broken down van on the side of the road. When the bus driver, 55-year-old Ed Ray, slowed to pass, a masked man appeared with a shotgun. He was soon joined by two others and they commandeered the bus. They drove it off the road, concealing it in the brush after loading the children and Ray into two vans.

After driving around for 11 hours, the vans stopped at the rock quarry in Livermore and Ray and the children were ordered to descend a ladder into a buried moving van. Equipped with mattresses, limited food and water and a few crude air vents, the kidnapping victims were buried alive.

The three kidnapers intended to demand a \$5 million ransom, but were unable to get through on the two phone lines into the Chowchilla police department before Ray and the children escaped after 16 hours underground.

Soon after they emerged above ground, they were discovered by quarry workers who recognized them and quickly notified police.

Michael Maloney, a staff photographer at the time for the Tri-Valley Herald, was the only photographer to make it to



The kidnapers equipped their captives with mattresses and limited food and water supply, as well as crude air vents into the van.

the site before the children were moved.

"It was pretty surreal," he said. "I rushed out there with my camera, but I was only able to get to the gate. Police were already blocking the entrance."

Although Schrader told Maloney the Chowchilla children had been found, he didn't say whether they were dead or alive, recalled Maloney, now a photographer for the San Francisco Chronicle. "All I could do was sit there at the gate and wait."

A sheriff's bus soon emerged from the quarry, but in the darkness, he couldn't tell if there was anyone on it. As it pulled through the gate, the driver opened the door to check for oncoming traffic.

"There wasn't a single sound from inside. I raised my camera up high and did what's called a 'Hail Mary' shot. With the flash, I was only able to fire off three frames," he said.

He rushed back to his office and in the dark room was elated to see four little heads in his picture. "It was quite exciting."

Lieutenant Jim Knudsen of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department was a young deputy at the Old Santa Rita Jail that night. He vividly remembers getting the call that the children were being transported to the jail facility before their journey home and he was needed to help receive them.

"I will never forget that night," Knudsen said. "We had to change their clothes and help them get cleaned up. They were relieved to see the uniform, but they were in shock."

The children were given clean clothes brought over from the probation department and provided with something to eat and drink. In addition to their shock, the children were very embarrassed that they had soiled themselves, he recalled.

"But thank God they were all right," Knudsen said.

Someone had wisely thought to charter a new Greyhound bus for their long drive home and a couple of deputies rode on board with them, Knudsen said.

George Vien, a retired lieutenant in the Sheriff's Department, was the evening watch commander. "When I went to work that night, all the lights were lit up at Santa Rita and I thought there might have been an escape," Vien recalled.

He was shocked to discover the reason for the extra illumination that night. As watch commander, he fielded all incoming media calls and

CHOWCHILLA KIDNAPING 30 YEARS

was on the phone from midnight to 6 a.m. talking to reporters from across the country. "I even took a call from the London Times," Vien added.

Working around the clock, investigators quickly identified the kidnapers as the son of the quarry owner, Fred Woods, and his friends, brothers James and Richard Schoenfeld. All three were caught within two weeks and in 1977, they were each convicted of kidnapping, robbery and ransom.

Baugh said the case was the highlight of his law enforcement career. All of the victims were safe and the case was resolved in two weeks. All of the resources of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department were at his disposal, as well as those of the San Mateo and Madera county departments.

"Anything I wanted, I got. Gov. Jerry Brown gave me a National Guard helicopter to fly the prints back and forth to the lab," said Baugh.

Livermore resident Dave Rezendes, president of Security Eye Patrol, provided an important piece of evidence that helped investigators link Woods and the Schoenfelds to the crime. His company provided weekend security to the quarry and eight months before the kidnapping, one of his guards called to tell him three young men were driving tractors on the property.

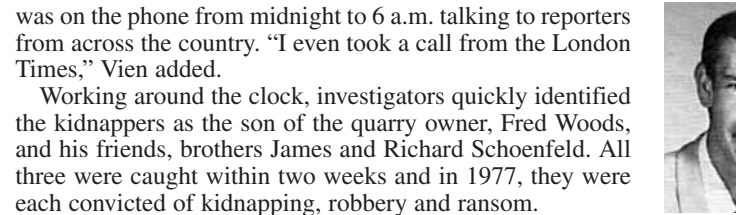
Rezendes contacted the plant manager who identified the men as the owner's son and his two friends. "He said the son had full run of the property," Rezendes recalled, adding that he advised his guards to nevertheless record the information in their log book. The guards also recorded license plate numbers, the arrival of a moving van onto the property and the fact that the young men used their own key.

After the kidnapping and subsequent discovery of the kids at the quarry, Rezendes said his business partner at the time, Gerald Bell, remembered the activity from months earlier.

"He started looking through the log book and called me and said, 'I think the police are going to want to see this,'" Rezendes said. The log book was quickly taken in



The children and their bus driver were ordered to stay in this moving van, which was buried in the quarry located on Isabel Avenue. After 16 hours, they escaped and were quickly discovered by quarry workers.



Fred Woods was one of the kidnapers in 1976, and

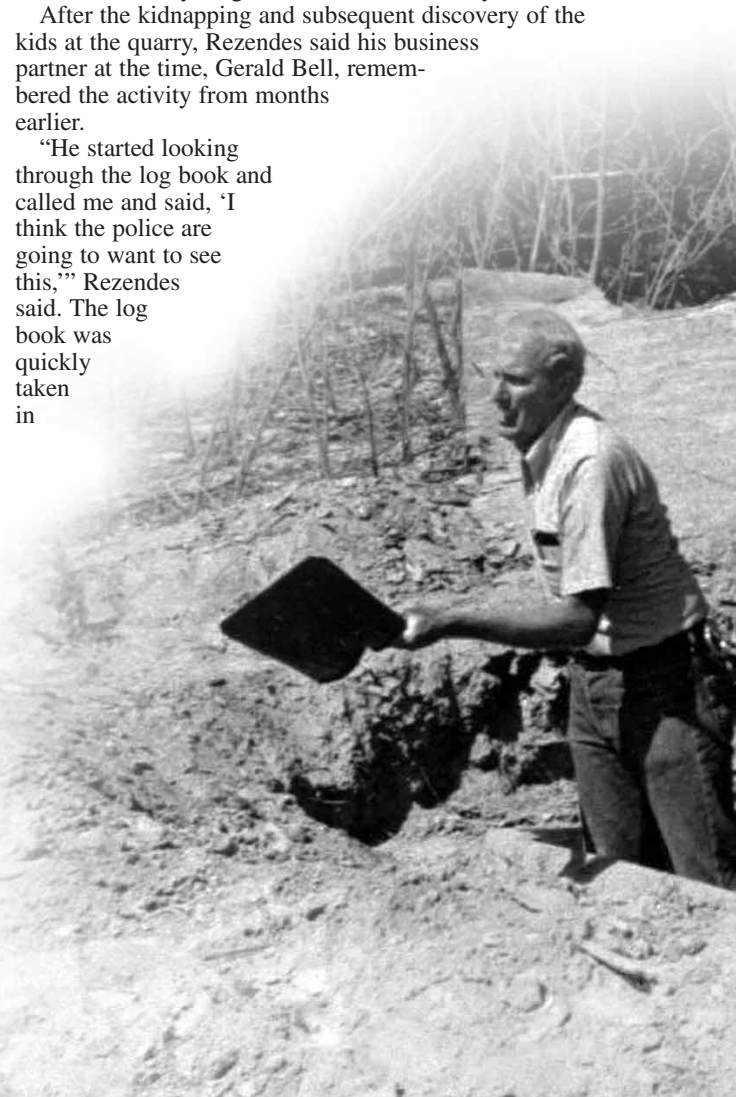
as evidence of the Woods family.

All the children are currently in the custody of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department.

"The children were not escaped," Baugh said.

Baugh said the kidnapping was a mass kidnapping.

"I do consider all the



HILLA PPING LATER

Former local residents remember the Tri-Valley's ties to this strange crime

BY ELIZABETH CAMPOS RAJS



...ods (l-r), James Schoenfeld and Richard Schoenfeld
...rested for kidnaping 26 children and their bus driver in
...nd later convicted in 1977.

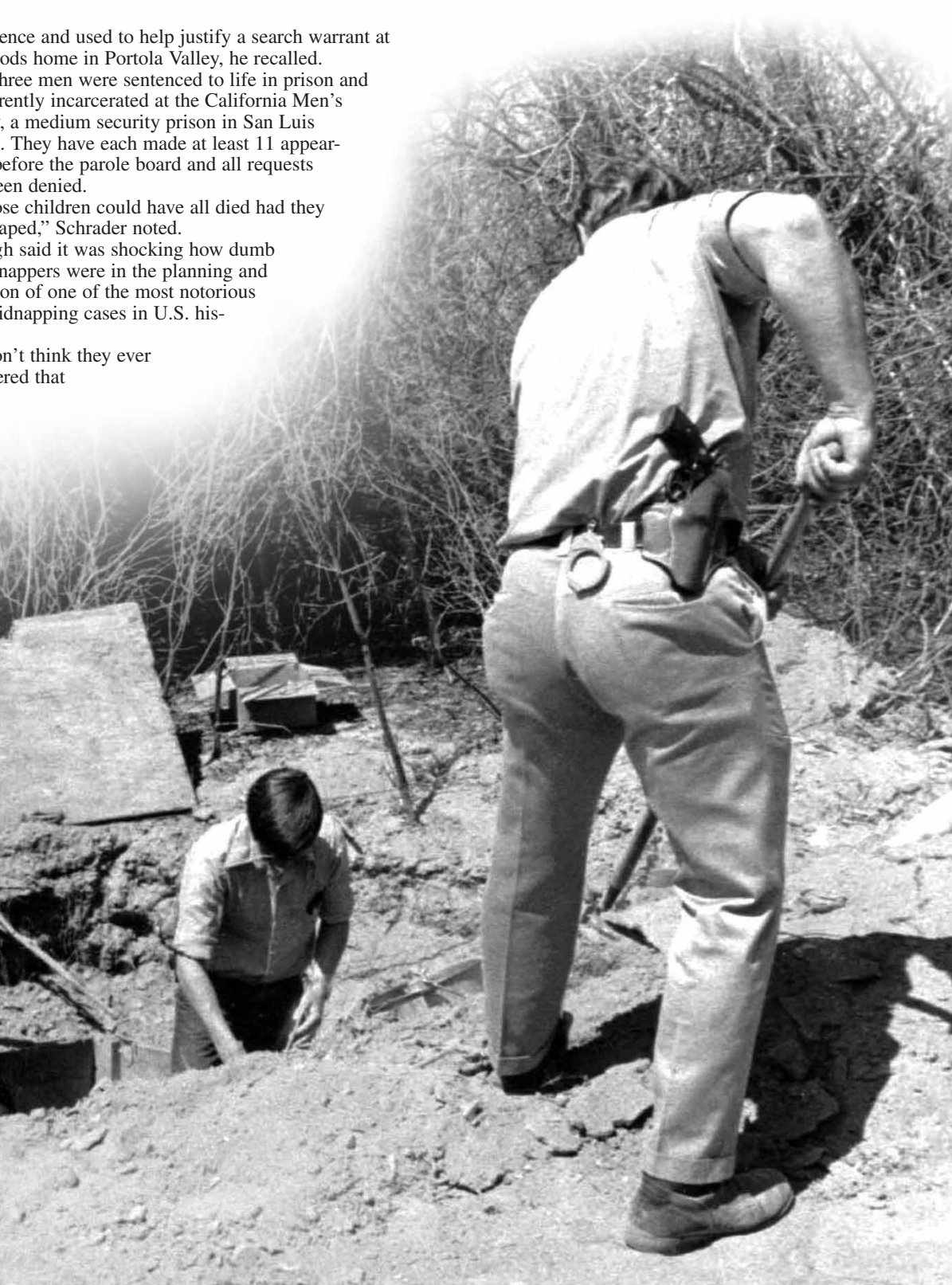
...ence and used to help justify a search warrant at
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...ose children could have all died had they
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kids and the bus driver could have died of suffocation in that trailer," Baugh said, adding that he does not recall one of the men saying he was sorry for the crime.

Tirsell, the former Livermore mayor, doesn't think the kidnappers should ever be freed from jail.

"To do something like that to adults, is one thing. To do it to defenseless children is unforgivable. I think they forfeited their right to be free," she said. "I don't know that you can think of anything more gruesome than burying children alive." ■



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Obituaries

Violet Conley

Violet Conley died August 2 at the age of 83.

A native of Honolulu, Hawaii and a 30 year resident of Fremont, she spent her last two years in Pleasanton as a homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and painting.

She is survived by sons Arthur L. Moss of Bandon, Ore. and Douglas Neves of Myrtle Point, Ore.; daughters LeVerne Nourse of Pleasanton, Linda Kripal of Coos Bay, Ore. and Billie J. Conley of Manteca; sister Lydia Medeiros of Manteca; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Billy R. Conley, and her son Richard Medeiros of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary followed by a



burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 100, Dublin.

Mary Y. Cherre-Cerra

Mary Y. Cherre-Cerra died August 5 in Pleasanton. She was 87 years old.

She is survived by numerous sons and daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son James Louis.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 100, Dublin.

Estela Fontanilla David

Estela Fontanilla David died August 10 in Walnut Creek at the age of 53.

She was born in the Philippines in 1953, but was raised in the Bay Area. For the past four years, she has been a resident of Pleasanton and has volunteered her time with the Pleasanton Heritage Guild. She had a love for helping others, arts and crafts, and cooking for her family.

She is survived by her husband

Anniversary

David and Beverly Morrow

David and Beverly recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the families of their daughter Fran Oliver and their two sons Tim and Brian Morrow. David's brother Don Morrow, of Pleasanton, also attended.

The two have lived in Hayward for over 40 years and have purchased a home in Pleasanton to be closer to two of their children and three grandchildren. Both are retired teachers. They enjoy musical programs and plays and look forward to the many community activities Pleasanton offers.

The celebration was held at the Pleasanton Hotel for dinner. The Morrows were married on July 6, 1956 in Fresno and they spent their honeymoon in Carmel.



Emette Baker of San Ramon and Raelene Marler of Gun Barrel City, Texas; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Duarte, who died in 1999.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

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Virginia Maria Duarte

Virginia Duarte died August 11 after a short illness. She was 89.

She was born in Oakland and was a resident of Alameda County and Pleasanton. She was an administrative assistant for 25 years and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by daughters

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Author Visits

Cynthia Bryant
Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant will read from "No Time to Shoot the Poets," at 7:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 30 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

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 Sept 5.

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 Sept. 21.

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 Sept. 6.

Library Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Sept. 14.

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 Sept. 14.

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 Aug. 23.

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.

Trails Ad Hoc Committee
The City of Pleasanton's Trails Ad Hoc Committee, an advisory body to the Parks and Recreation Commission, will meet at 6:30 p.m., Mon., Aug. 28 in the Council Conference room, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Call Fran, 931-5348.

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. The next meeting is Sept. 13.

Classes

Professional Acting Training
The Playhouse West Academy, 1345 Locust St., Walnut Creek, is holding interviews for the fall quarter acting classes beginning Mon., Sept. 18. The Academy will be offering professional in-depth training for students age 15 and older interested in stage and film. Playhouse West Kids, ages 7-13, will also be holding its Fall session. Tuition for an 8-week session is \$235 for adults, \$295 for children. Call 943-6464 or visit www.playhousewest.org.

The Gospel of Judas
Explore the background and content of "The Gospel of Judas," with Rev. Mary Anne Harris from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sun., Aug. 27 at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Concerts

Zendeavor
Zendeavor, a local acoustic rock band will be returning to Main Street Brewery, 830 Main St., from 9-midnight, Sat. Aug. 26. Call 640-1035.

Weekend Preview



Only a few Friday concerts left

Latin-rock band La Ventana will return to Pleasanton, once again, to play a show for Friday Concert Series, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The show, held at Lions Wayside Park, starts at 7 p.m., but be sure to get there early. There are only a few more concerts left in the summer series. Top 40/dance band Public Eye will perform at the last concert on Sept. 6. For a complete schedule, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Rock & Roll in the Vineyard

The Livermore Valley Opera Guild will present "Rock & Roll in the Vineyard" from 5-8 p.m., Sun., Aug. 20 at Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. General admission is \$20, and free for children 12 years and younger. Call 960-9210 or visit www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

Rock/Jazz Fusion

Aja Vu, Faldo's Toy and the Jerry Jennings Band will perform at 7 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin in the auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$20. Call Phyl, 443-2224 or Tawnya, 454-2927, or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Events

Day in the Park

The Taylor Family Foundation presents the 16th annual "Day in the Park" from noon-6:30 p.m., Sun., Aug. 27 at Camp Arroyo, 5555 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. To purchase tickets, tables, or learn more about sponsorship and donation opportunities, call 455-5118 or visit www.tfff.org, or e-mail amy@tfff.org.

History By Heather

History by Heather downtown walking tour will be held at 9 a.m., Fri., Sept. 15 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Tickets are \$10. Reservations recommended. Call Terry, 462-2766.

Literary Salon on a Summer's Eve
Write and tell stories at 7:30 p.m.,

Sat., Aug. 19 at 4th Street Studio - Livermore's Literary Arts Center, 2235 Fourth St., Livermore. Featured writer for this month is Diana Carey. Call 456-3100.

Ride for a Better Chance Motorcycle Race

Support the California Autism Foundation at the 2nd annual Ride for a Better Chance Motorcycle Race from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., Aug. 20 at Cruiser Customizing, 4671 Los Positas Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$25 for individual riders. Call (510) 758-0433 or visit www.rideforabetterchance.org.

Summer Open House

Thomas Coyne Winery is hosting a Summer Open House from noon-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 and Sun., Aug. 20 at 51 E. Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. Call 373-6541 or visit www.thomascoynewinery.com.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Adoption Fair

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Adoption Fair will be held from 1:30-5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Get free hot dogs and drinks from 1:30-2 p.m. Call Susan, (408) 202-6708.

Exhibits

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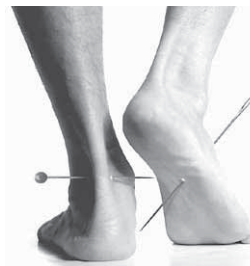
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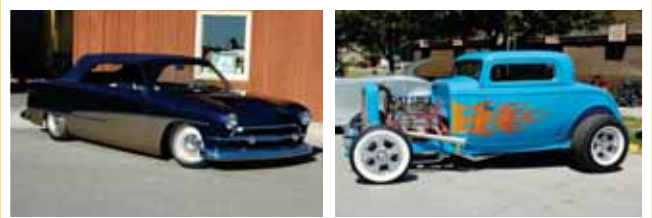


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Hindu Culture & Dharmic Traditions of India

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh presents "Exhibition on Hindu Culture & Dharmic Traditions of India" from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 24 at the

Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Wine Country Wildlife Art Show

Kathleen Hill's work will be on display through Wed., Aug. 30 at Wente Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Artist's Reception will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sun., Aug. 6. Call Kathleen, 373-0860.

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.

Parent-Free Summer

Parent-Free Summer Wednesday Nights is open to all girls over age six who feel they are too old to be babysat and too bored to be left alone. The party is held from 6-9 p.m., Aug. 23 at Pure Girls, 660 Main St. Cost is \$35, with a \$5 discount for bringing a friend. Dinner, drinks and dessert is included. Call 485-4380.

Roller Hockey

The Golden Skate Roller Hockey League begins its Fall season Mon., Sept. 18 for children age 9 through 19. Register before Tues., Aug. 29. Call Kristie, 314-0457 or visit www.thegoldenskate.com/hockey.html.

YMCA Day Camps

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

Lectures/ Workshops

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.

Mandala Art Lecture and Workshop

Judy Gardner will lecture on the Mandala and its transformational aspects, and guide participants as they create their own mandala paintings from 7-10 p.m., Wed., Aug. 30 at The Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Rd. Cost is \$30 for materials, \$25 for the class. Call 426-8255.

Live Music

Hummingbirdz

The Hummingbirdz will be playing from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sun., Aug. 20 at John Christopher Cellars, 25 South Livermore Ave., Ste. 103, Livermore. Admission is free. Call 456-WINE.

Miscellaneous

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate Blood between 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tues., Aug. 29 at Hewitt Associates, 7901 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 100 and between 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 31 at Washington Mutual, 4520 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Call Kathryn, (510) 594-5204 or (510) 773-2416.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood from noon-6 p.m., Wed., Aug. 30 at Toyota Motor Sales, 2451 Bishop Dr., San Ramon. Call Beth, 275-3428 or visit www.beadonor.com and type in the code TOYOTA84.

Family Read Night

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

Farmers' Market

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

Foothill Class of 2007

Foothill students and parents can purchase Grad Night tickets during walk-through registration, Aug. 21 and 22. Tickets are \$135.

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Work on swim stroke, endurance and confidence year-round starting Mon., Aug. 14. Call Hope, 454-6342, ext. 5174.

On Stage

Don Giovanni

Festival Opera presents Don Giovanni at 2 p.m., Aug. 20 at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$35-\$100. Call 943-SHOW.

Laugh-A-Lot Comedy Showcase

Laugh-A-Lot Comedy Showcase will be held at 8 p.m., every Tuesday at Tommy T's Comedy & Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Cover charge is \$7 with a 2 drink minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.laughalotproductions.com.

Seniors

Coffee and Conversation With the Experts
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Space," from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Tues., Aug. 22 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, and \$1.75 for non-residents. Call 931-5369.

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.

Practices of Meditation

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., presents, "Touching the Sacred: Christian Practice of Meditation," at 7 p.m., every Monday from Sept. 18 through Oct. 16. All are welcome. Register before Fri., Sept. 8. Call 462-4802.

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

Sea Devils

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

TV30

City Council Meeting

The Pleasanton City Council meeting from Tues., Aug. 15 will air at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 and Sun., Aug. 20 on channel 29.

COPPS in Pleasanton

Take a look into the Pleasanton Police Department at 9 a.m., 2:30 and 8 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 and Sun., Aug. 20 on channel 30.

Mayors Report

Review issues affecting the Tri-Valley at 10, 10:30 a.m., 5 and 5:30 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 and Sun., Aug. 20 on channel 30.

ValleyCare

Marcy Felt, ValleyCare Health System CEO, and Tom Vargas, Chairman of the Board, will do a year-end wrap up at 7 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sat., Aug. 19 and Sun., Aug. 20 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 pm., 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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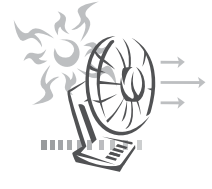
The 19th Amendment's 86th Birthday

"Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks" and "Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed" will be shown to commemorate the 19th Amendment's 86th Birthday at 8 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. The birthday cake potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 462-3459.

Fundraisers

16th Annual Day in the Park

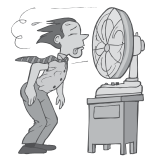
The Taylor Family Foundation, a camp for children with chronic and critical illnesses, is hosting its 16th annual Day in the Park on Sun., Aug. 27 at Camp Arroyo, 5555 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Ninety percent of the proceeds will directly fund and facilitate the operation of Camp Arroyo. Call June, 455-5118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





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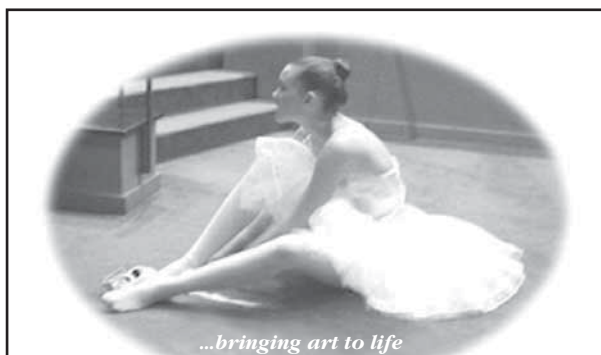
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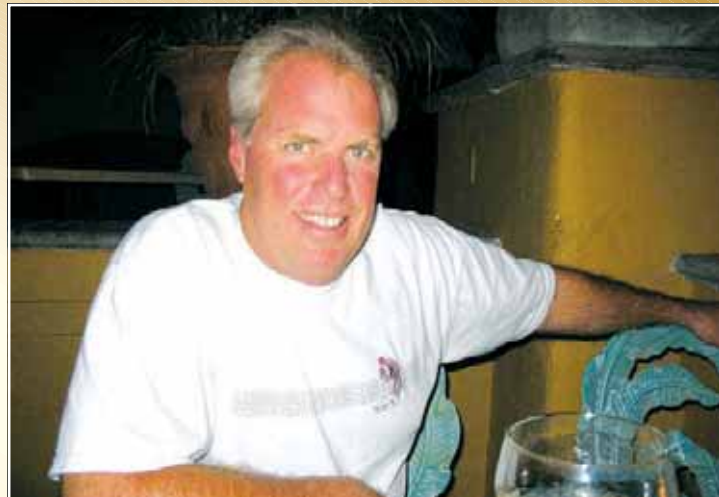
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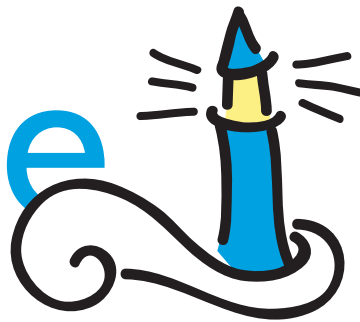
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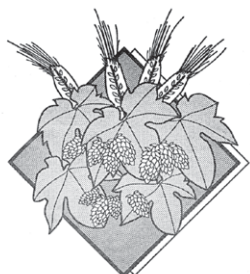


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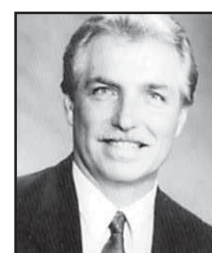
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Chef India Cuisine
 5100 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, (925) 463-8773. Newly arrived in Pleasanton, its lunch buffet features over 25 items on every week day. They have a special Brunch buffet on every Sat. and Sun. which features more than 30 items. The dinner menu is extensive with many authentic Indian dishes to choose from, along with a full bar and large dining facility. Chef India invites you to hold your banquet with them. Conveniently located near the corner of Hopyard and Owens (next to Chevron) with plenty of parking. Check their website www.chefindia.com for details.

Italian

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

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

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 3037-G Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, (925) 485-4500. Rated "A" by the Contra Costa Times restaurant critic. Voted the best Italian restaurant in the year 2000 by the readers of the Tri-Valley Herald. Located off the beaten path of downtown Pleasanton in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center.

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Mediterranean

Athens West Restaurant

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

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications to fill vacancies on the following commissions or committees for the terms indicated:

CITY OF PLEASANTON COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEE (FOUR-YEAR TERMS)

- Housing Commission
- Housing Commission, Alternate Member
- Economic Vitality Committee, At-large Member
- Library Commission, Alternate Member
- Civic Arts Commission, Alternate Member
- Economic Vitality Committee, Residential Builder Representative

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

- Alameda County Housing Commission, Pleasanton Representative, Term: September 2006-December 2007
- Tri-Valley Conservancy, Pleasanton Representative, Four-year term

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than **5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**. Postmarks are not accepted.

Interviews will be held the week of September 11. Applicants will be notified regarding interviews and the selection process once the filing period is closed.

YOUTH MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF VACANCIES

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for 8 members to serve the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee. The 8 members will be appointed by the City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board. This is a non-paid position.

The purpose of the Committee is to implement the goals and objectives of the Youth Master Plan of Pleasanton such as: the Youth Center, Ptown411 web page and Youth-related workshops and events. The Plan focuses on providing services to youth throughout the community. Specifically it addresses issues of programs and activities, health and wellness, childcare, jobs, leadership, and communication amongst children, youth and families. The Committee is comprised of representatives from various community organizations, schools, and businesses.

The Task Force is comprised of 30 members. There are currently vacancies for the following representatives:

- 2 At-Large Parent Representatives - one representative from a pre-school and one representative from a middle school
- 1 Health and Crisis Representative
- 1 Non-Profit Agency Representative
- 1 Senior Citizen Representative
- 1 Alternate Representative from Amador High School
- 1 Youth Representative and 1 Alternate from Village High School
- 1 Youth Representative from Hart Middle School
- 1 Youth Representative from Pleasanton Middle School

It is anticipated that the YMPIC Committee will meet at least monthly for the purpose of implementing these projects. Committee members will be appointed for a one-year term initially.

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