

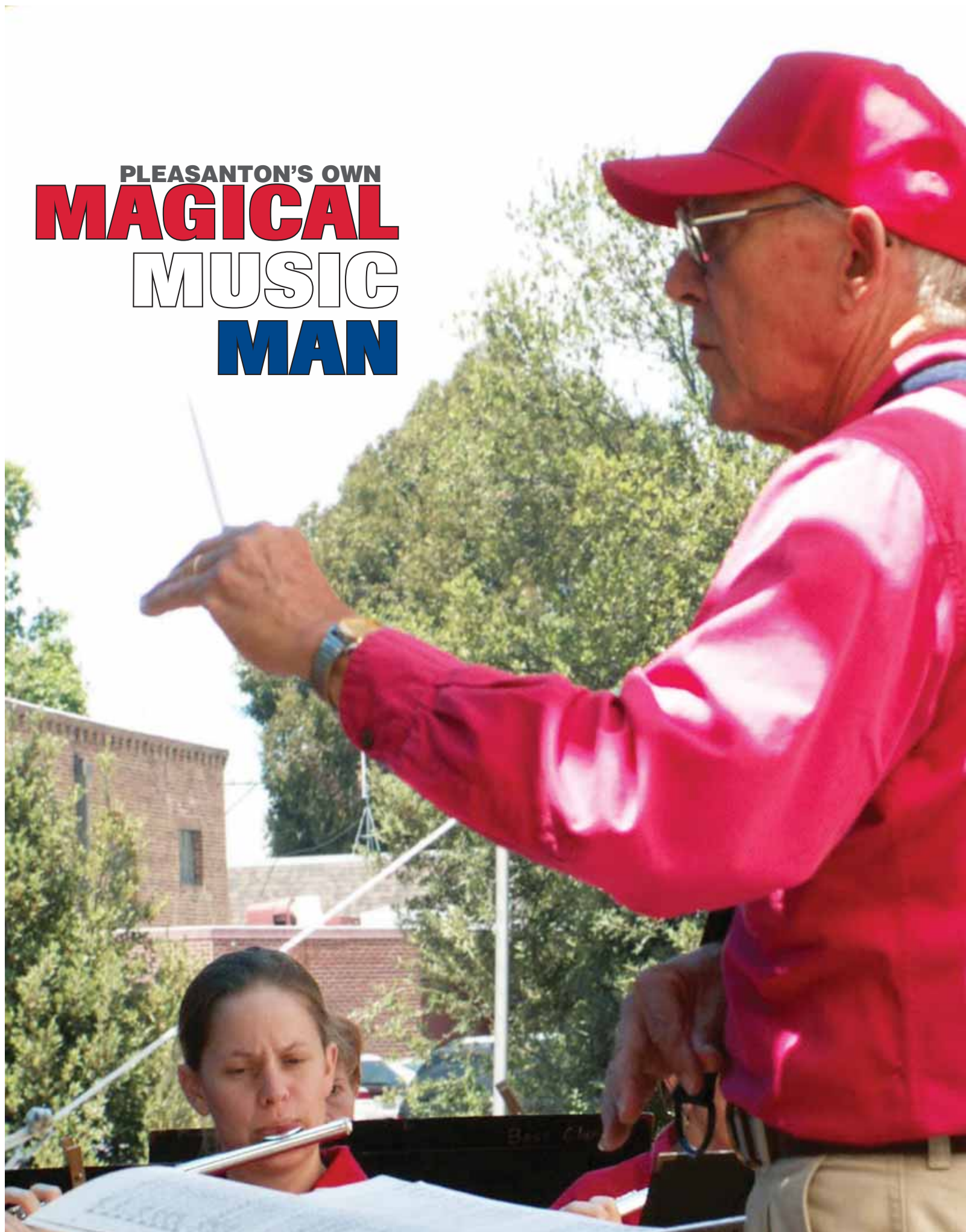
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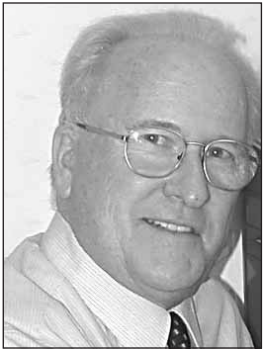
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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Reinke's legacy: PTA strength in city schools

The Pleasanton school board Tuesday night recognized long-time Parent Teacher Association leader Vicky Reinke for her many years of service to both city schools and the community, and with good reason. Reinke's passion for quality education has led her to volunteer in scores of organizations and efforts to help students, teachers and Pleasanton as a whole. I first met Reinke at the "Make a Difference Day" planning meetings, where she helped organize fundraisers and activities to benefit schools. At the same time, she joined the parent-faculty group at Fairlands Elementary School when her first-born Kyle, now 21 and a senior at Georgia Tech, enrolled in kindergarten. With Reinke's encouragement, the group soon reorganized as a full-fledged PTA, an organization Reinke has always supported because of its good work and influence not just in local schools, but also at the state and national levels. She started the PTA at Mohr Elementary when it opened and her second son, Ryan, now 19 and a Marine, transferred into the school's first fifth grade.

New PTAs seem to follow Reinke wherever she and her sons went—next to Harvest Park Middle School and then to Amador Valley High School, although Reinke credits Tanya Ludden, another school activist, with reorganizing the parent-faculty organizations into full-fledged, chartered PTAs. At the high school level, it's called as PSTA (Parent-Student-Teacher Association) which includes students in the organization's decision-making process. These were also the years of tremendous growth in the schools at all levels, so besides holding key offices in the PTA, Reinke also served on strategic planning and academic committees for the school district, and a search committee that persuaded the school board to hire Mary Frances Callan as superintendent in 1998. Callan resigned three years later to accept the top job for the Palo Alto school district, and in 2002 Pleasanton hired its current superintendent John Casey.

In the meantime, Reinke helped launch the PTA Council in Pleasanton and served as its parliamentarian, working with other PTA and education groups. That led to election to the board of the Peralta PTA, which serves PTAs throughout Alameda County, and later as president of the Peralta organization in 2002 and 2003. Her influence also led other Pleasanton schools to reorganize their parent-faculty organizations into PTAs, with only Foothill High, Pleasanton Middle School and Donlon Lydiksen and Valley View elementary schools still outside the fold. Reinke hopes all city schools will eventually become part of the PTA.

Some say Reinke has always been a bridesmaid but never a bride when it comes to politics, but she's happy with her supportive role. Although never seeking election to the school board or City Council, she has worked on the campaigns for those who have, including former council members Sharrell Michelotti, Becky Dennis and Matt Campbell. She is currently the campaign manager for Councilman Jerry Thorne, who is seeking re-election on Nov. 7 and whose campaign she successfully ran last June in a special election. Sadly for Pleasanton, this will be her last hurrah. Vicky Reinke and her husband Lance, who moved here 20 years ago, have sold their home on Dennis Drive and will move into their new home in the Greenhorn Creek community in Angels Camp. Although she plans to take up golf again, she is also a member of the statewide Golden State PTA and will stay active with the Calaveras County school system, whose education headquarters is right down the street. Vicky Reinke also notes that the local schools in Angels Camp are not part of the PTA, "at least not yet."

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# Streetwise

**Q:** What do you think about the ordinance, recently passed in Dublin, which can make smoking in your backyard punishable by law?

Asked Downtown



### Gevorg Nahapetian

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Even though I don't like people smoking, I do not agree with a law that allows government to tell people what they can and can't do in their own backyard. This law has good intentions but will create nuisances between neighbors. Neighbors need to work out their own issues.

### Charlotte Pezzi

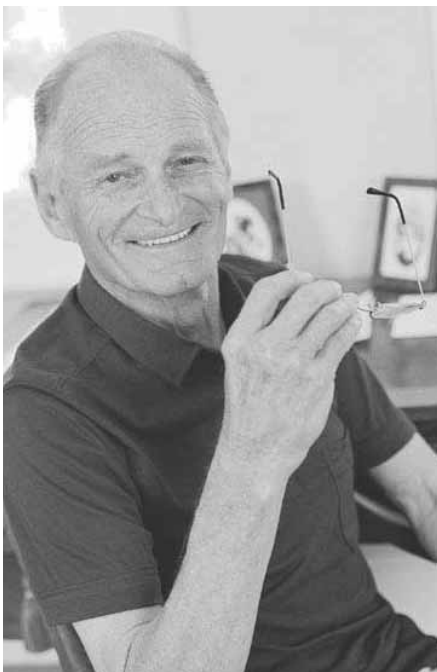
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### Janice Clark

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I think it is a crazy idea. As a non-smoker, I appreciate not having smoke in my vicinity, but our backyards are pretty expensive sanctuaries. Now someone may not have the right to do what they want in their own backyard. That's too much! What will be next, charcoal lighter fluid?

### Joseph Proudfoot

Drug and Alcohol Counselor

I think it is an infringement on personal rights. It's a scary idea to have so many rules. Smoking is bad for you, we all know that, but it is the smoker's personal choice. Neighbors should work to resolve the issue on a human level, not by legal mandate.



### Frankie Brooks

Homemaker

I feel that one's home should be one's castle. Therefore, what you choose to do in your backyard is your business. If it interferes with your neighbors and you cannot resolve the issue, I still don't think the legal system is the answer.

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

Compiled by Cybele Ryan

# Newsfront

## News Digest

### St. Clare's goes to New Orleans

St. Clare's Episcopal Church is going to New Orleans October 23-27 to lead a group of Tri-Valley residents that will spend five days cleaning up flood-damaged homes, serving meals to residents and relief workers and helping distribute supplies to those in need. All the volunteer work will be coordinated and directed by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana's Office of Disaster Response. For more information about St. Clare's Episcopal Church or the October mission to New Orleans, contact Rev. Ronald Culmer at (925) 462-4810.

### Recycling Guide available for Alameda County residents

The 2006-07 Recycling Guide is available online for Alameda County residents at [www.stopwaste.org](http://www.stopwaste.org). The guide has a multitude of sections including feature articles like "Are You Making a Difference" and service information like "Batteries and Bulbs" and "Plastic Demystified." Other sections include Recycling A-Z, Recycling Collection for home or apartment and a survey. For a free printed copy, call the Alameda County Recycling Hotline toll-free at 1-877-STOPWASTE.

### Board Member positions open at the fairgrounds

The Board of Directors for the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association is looking to fill two positions on the board that are being vacated by retiring members. Board members are responsible for policy oversight and the general operation of the 268-acre Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The Fair Association is part of a nonprofit corporation for which no compensation is provided to its Board Members, who are requested to invest a minimum of 10 hours each month. All interested parties are required to complete and submit a formal application by Oct. 13. Applications are available by calling (925) 426-7500.

### Corrections

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## Kottinger Ranch OKs Oak Grove homes

Plan calls for only 51 homes, 495 acres of open space

by Jeb Bing

The Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Association has endorsed a proposal for a 51-home development in the rolling hills above Hearst Drive that would also include a 495-acre pub-

lic nature preserve.

Bing Hadley, president of the homeowners' group, said Kottinger Ranch residents felt the compromise plan worked out with the developers would "button up" the open space above Hearst Drive to

the satisfaction of everyone.

The project is being proposed by Jennifer Lin, Frederic Lin and Kevin Lin and James Tong of Charter Properties in Pleasanton.

"We held many meetings with the developer's key representative,

Marty Inderbitzen, to reach this agreement," Hadley said. "Some, of course, would like to see no homes built on the Lin family's property, but it's been zoned for housing for

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Republican 18th District Assembly candidate Jill Buck (right), speaks with Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, R-Lancaster, in front of the Santa Rita Jail about the need to get people to vote for the passage of Proposition 83, also known as Jessica's Law, which aims to toughen penalties and regulations for sex offenders. Runner co-wrote the bill, which will go before voters as an initiative on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

## Political candidate Buck stops here

18th District Assembly hopeful Jill Buck makes appearances in Pleasanton on campaign trail

by Janet Pelletier

Using the backdrops of the barbed-wired-covered prison grounds at the Santa Rita Jail and a dinner reception with views of the sprawling hillside at a private county estate in Sunol, 18th District Republican state Assembly candidate Jill Buck spent Sept. 6 staking her aspirations to claim the historically Democratic-held seat.

"This is an uphill battle all the way," Buck, a Pleasanton resident, told about 80 people who gathered at a fundraising event in her honor that evening at the Bella Rosa home in Sunol.

"I know that this district is not

a cakewalk," she said, noting that 54 percent of registered voters in the 18th Assembly District—which includes Pleasanton, Dublin, San Leandro, Hayward, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland and portions of San Lorenzo, Oakland and Sunol—are Democrats, while only 21 percent are registered as Republicans.

Running on the Democratic ticket for Assemblyman Johan Klehs' 18th District seat is Mary Hayashi, a Castro Valley resident who works in the public health sector.

Despite the competition that lies ahead in the coming weeks leading up to the Nov. 7 election, Buck said

she is hinging her bets that she'll be able to win crossover votes from Democrats and Independents who aren't focusing on the "R" after her name, but instead on what her views are on various issues.

Already garnering support from many of her women friends who are mostly Democrats has shown her that she can appeal to a broad range of people, regardless of their political affiliation, she said.

About a dozen Republican politicians were on hand at the reception to throw their support behind Buck, among them: Assemblyman

## Haggerty endorses Brozosky

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty has endorsed City Councilman Steve Brozosky in his bid for mayor, Brozosky announced.

"Time and time again, Steve Brozosky has shown his leadership on behalf of the citizens of Pleasanton," Haggerty said. "Be it his taking the lead on the Staples Ranch development, keeping Pleasanton businesses in Pleasanton, or his trip with me back to visit our Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. where he was instrumental in securing \$18 million to start addressing Pleasanton's traffic congestion problems, Steve has always had the interests and issues of Pleasanton first and foremost on his agenda."

Brozosky is running against Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is running for re-election.

—Janet Pelletier

## Gearing up for Nov. 7 election

In just a couple weeks, sample ballots for the Nov. 7 General Election will be arriving in residents' mailboxes, according to City Clerk Karen Diaz. The voter pamphlets which summarize the various ballot measures and candidates running for city and county seats as well as federal and state election material will be mailed out beginning Sept. 28 through Oct. 17, Diaz said. Absentee ballots, or what the county Registrar is now calling "EasyVote" ballots will be sent out beginning Oct. 9. Any registered voter can vote by mail. Mail ballot requests must be received by the Registrar of Voters office seven days before the election. Within seven days of the election, registered voters can apply for a mail ballot in person or by authorized representation at the Registrar of Voters office. EasyVote applications are available on the county Registrar's Web site at [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov) or voters can mail a letter of application to Registrar of

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## Buck decides against attending Democratic event

Amid growing criticism from some Democrats that she was sticking her nose where it didn't belong, 18th District Republican Assembly candidate Jill Buck decided not to attend a Democratic festival in Hayward Sept. 10. Buck, a Pleasanton resident, said she was invited to the Hayward Demos Democratic Club's 33rd Annual Fall Festival by event host and Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steele. Buck said her Democratic opponent, public health advocate Mary Hayashi of Castro Valley, would have backed out of the event as an auctioneer if Buck attended. For information about the two competing candidates, visit [www.jill-buck.com](http://www.jill-buck.com) and [www.hayashi2006.com](http://www.hayashi2006.com).

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## Jill Buck

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Guy Houston, whose 15th District wraps around the 18th District and also includes the Sacramento area and parts of the San Joaquin Valley; Tom DelBaccaro, chairman of the California Republican Party County Chairman's Association; the party's Chairman Duf Sundheim and vice Chairman Ron Nehring and the party's Bay Area division vice President Luis Buhler.

"She has really made a name for herself up in Sacramento," Houston said. "That's what we need in this party: some good energy."

DelBaccaro added that new blood in government such as Buck is needed for the Republicans to gain a stronghold in November.

"We're working to promote Republican women into Congress," he said.

"She just fits in this district better than anybody could," said 36th District Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, who also attended the fundraising dinner.

Runner, whose district covers Lancaster, Palmdale, Victorville and Adelanto, was present with Buck at a small press conference in front of the Santa Rita Jail earlier in the day to talk about Proposition 83, the Jessica's Law ballot initiative targeting sex offenders, which Runner co-wrote.

"It's very important for us and for the safety of our community to know where our sex offenders are," Runner said. "Of the 100,000 registered sex offenders, there is one in every four that we don't know where they are."

The effort for Jessica's Law began in August 2005, a few months after the legislation's namesake, 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, was

kidnapped from her Florida home, molested and killed by a convicted sex offender. Jessica's Law aims to tighten restrictions and penalties for sex offenders. Child pornography and Internet luring have become the most prevalent sex crimes over the past few years, Runner said, and current laws need to be updated to penalize perpetrators.

The legislation was struck down by the Senate which led Runner and her co-authors to bring it to voters as a measure on the Nov. 7 ballot.

"I appreciate Jill (Buck's) support of the bill," Runner said. "We know she would be a great asset up (in Sacramento)."

Buck said she's no stranger to efforts against child sex crimes. When she was president of the Pleasanton PTA Council, she brought an idea to the council on how to collaborate with the Pleasanton Police Department to monitor registered sex offenders, receiving overwhelming support.

"In Pleasanton in particular, I think there will be a lot of support (for Jessica's Law)," the former Naval Officer said.

Another stance Buck has taken going towards the November election is her continued drive for environmental protection. The mother of three is best known for the development of the Go Green Initiative, an environmental education program that was first employed in Pleasanton schools and has since spread to schools across the country.

The former PTA Council president created the program in 2002, which set out to teach children the culture of conservation and encourage teachers to cut down on paper usage or use recycled products.

For more information about Jill Buck, visit [www.jillbuck.com](http://www.jillbuck.com). ■

## Fall book sale 2006

The Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library will host the Fall Book Sale 2006 on Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 1 in the Library's Large Meeting Room. The Friday night sale will run from 7 to 9 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Library only (you can join and pay membership at the door). Then the sale is open to everyone on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 3 p.m. More than 40,000 donated books of all types from bestsellers to biographies to children's picture books will be for sale with paperbacks costing 50 cents and hardbacks and trade-backs for \$1. There will also be videos and other media for sale. For book sale or volunteer information, call Nancy Bering at (925) 462-4368.

# School district enrollment sees marginal increase

*Fluctuations prove challenging for preparing a budget, staffing*

by Emily Atwood

Student enrollment is up in the district, but not by much, according to Senior Director of Pupil Services Rich Puppione. As of the Sept. 12 school board meeting, total enrollment for all 17 schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District was 14,574—73 more students than the same time last year.

Most of the growth can be seen at the high school level. Amador Valley High, however, has 100 more students than last year, compared to Foothill High's "3 or 4." Another area of imbalance at the high school is the number of freshman students. Amador's incoming class is the largest class in the district with 703 students, 157 more than Foothill's freshman class.

The discrepancies were attributed to the board's unanimous decision in January to allow an open enrollment option for students in the Fairlands Elementary attendance area. Typically, the area is assigned to Amador, but many students choose Foothill. At that time, the board expected open enrollment to balance the difference, since an imbalance as a result of open enrollment had not previously occurred.

Now that there is a considerable discrepancy, Trustee Kris Weaver

said she was concerned about the possibility of it becoming a trend.

"I don't like that the freshman class is larger at Amador," she said. "This could continue to happen. At the time [of the open enrollment approval], we agreed to put it back on the agenda to talk about changing the attendance areas of our high schools and we need to do that."

Superintendent John Casey said the issue should be revisited and rethought because "the action we took was creating some areas of choice and it didn't give us the numbers we wanted."

As for the rest of the district, elementary and middle school numbers are down. Village High School—the alternative high school program made up of mostly juniors and seniors—is well under capacity, though Puppione said the enrollment will increase as the year progresses as some students from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools will move over to the alternative school for various reasons which will in turn reduce the class sizes of Amador and Foothill.

When projecting enrollment numbers, Puppione compared the senior and kindergarten class sizes. Any difference, he said, would have to be made up with students enroll-

ing from outside of the district. These numbers vary by year, and some students wait until the start of school to register. This year, summer enrollment was 256, down by about 22 from last year. Elementary school students account for the majority of that total, whereas the high schools only had 20.

State funding and staffing depend on the number of enrolled students, and the unpredictability of these numbers presented quite a challenge for school officials. Both Puppione and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sandra Lepley watched the enrollment numbers all summer to prepare for this school year.

"We weren't as confident that we'd meet that growth as in previous years," Lepley said. In preparing the budget, they made considerations for a potential decrease in enrollment. "We worked extremely well together this year because it was a new challenge for us. Moving from a potential decline into at least a manageable growth has been an interesting ride."

Clerk Pat Kernan was impressed with the money saved and accuracy in the budget preparations. "Historically, I think we've done a very good job [preparing for the budgets]," he said. "To me, that is what this report is about." ■

## Kottinger

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many years. This plan will give us the fewest number of homes, most of them on lower lots and screened so that they'll be out of sight and open space forever right at the end of Kottinger Ranch."

Hadley and others from Kottinger Ranch are expected to support the Lin family's petition to the Planning Commission at a public hearing scheduled for Oct. 11.

The compromise agreement, worked out over meetings and continually changing architectural and

landscape development drawings over more than a year, is far different than the 98-home development originally requested by the Lins. Years earlier, there were plans for an even larger housing development alongside a proposed 18-hole semi-public golf course. That proposal was approved by the City Council but the decision was overturned in a referendum called by Vintage Hills and Kottinger Ranch neighbors.

For the last three years, the city has studied the environmental impacts of the proposal. An Environmental Impact Report showed that the new plan with only 51 homes eliminated several aspects of the plan that posed possible environmental

problems with regard to geology, trees and grading.

Most significant is the developer's plan to turn the 495 acres of remaining open space over to the city, which would make it the largest donation of open space ever to the city of Pleasanton. Planners expect most of that land to remain in its current natural state, although trails are planned that would allow hikers to walk from the Callippe Preserve Golf Course across Oak Grove and down onto the Vineyard Corridor and Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. All told, the open space acreage that would become available to Pleasanton hikers could total more than 2,000 acres. ■

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## Keeping seniors safe

*'YOYO' program advocates emergency plans*

Realizing the importance of making sure seniors in the community are ready in case of a disaster, local resident Jack Dove has created a disaster plan for his residence, Ridge View Commons, and hopes it will catch on with other Pleasanton agencies outside of the senior community. Called "YOYO," an acronym for "You're On Your Own," he is encouraging seniors to learn how they can take care of themselves in emergencies.

"I'm the yo-yo man," said Dove, as he tossed a yo-yo designed with the program's logo. "I joke, but it's actually a lot more serious than that."

Dove introduced the program to residents at Ridge View Commons and hopes it will continue to grow from there. The police and fire departments have both gotten involved and are supporting the program.

The program encourages seniors to keep an emergency list with the names of their family contacts, as well as a list of their medications, doctors and allergies. They should then give that list to their children and other family contacts, so everyone can get involved and is aware of the senior's needs. Seniors are also encouraged to keep supplies they may

need during an emergency, such as battery operated flashlights, water and canned goods. Recognizing that money can be tight for some seniors, Dove provides them with a list showing what the most expensive options are, as well as the cost-effective options.

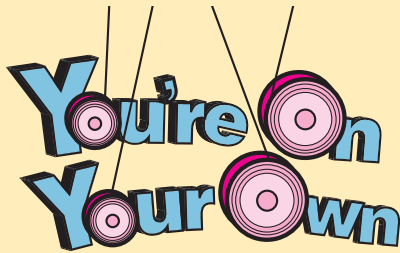
Dove is currently discussing with Target and Wal-Mart the possibility of setting up displays at both stores highlighting what emergency supplies can be purchased at a reasonable cost. There

is the possibility Wal-Mart may help to fund some of the seniors' kits, but it is not official yet, Dove said.

The program also advocates for seniors to keep two weeks worth of medications on hand at all times, however, that is something not all seniors can do due to stipulations in their insurance plans, Dove said.

Beyond the senior community, Dove is meeting with churches, schools and the Hacienda Business Park to encourage the organizations to start a similar program with their members. He hopes to get the program entirely operational in about six months to a year.

—Rebecca Guyon



## Businesses look out for each other

*Downtown uses successful Neighborhood Watch model to cut down shoplifting*

by Rebecca Guyon

Many Pleasanton residents have probably heard of Neighborhood Watch, a national program where neighbors team up to keep an eye out for each other and prevent crime from happening in their neighborhood. The program has been such a success that local businesses are now getting into the act by forming a new Business Watch program.

"It's just like Neighborhood Watch in that it's an opportunity to share information, either the police department sharing information with businesses or businesses talking to each other," said Officer Penelope Tamm, who works in the police department's Youth and Community Services Bureau and leads both the Neighborhood and Business Watch programs.

The program started about four months ago and so far includes the businesses in the downtown area, as organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), and the Pepsi Corporation office on Stoneridge Mall Road, Tamm said.

"We contacted Penelope wanting to find ways to give tips to our members and to work more closely with the police department," said Christine Saldivar, executive director of the PDA. Although the downtown is a safe area, businesses do have problems with crime, Saldivar said. Knowing that other cities had tried a Business Watch program, including Dublin, and had seen success, Tamm suggested they try to organize one in Pleasanton.

The program mainly focuses on giving businesses safety tips and helping owners get to know each others' schedules so they can look out for each other.

"Right now we pass information through e-news and e-letters that include tips, like locking cash registers if you're helping a customer in the back of the store. Simple things like that, but things that take a reminder," Saldivar said.

The tips usually come from real situations that have occurred at the downtown businesses, but could have been prevented. They range from putting in a special chime so workers in the back of a store will know when someone has entered to making sure employees lock up their valuables in areas away from customers. Most of the tips relate to ways of preventing shoplifting, since that is the most common crime in the downtown area, Saldivar said.

"Every business is affected by shoplifting and, because we want them to thrive and do well, these tips help them stop problems that undercut their business," Saldivar said.

Tamm said opening the lines of communication and making sure everyone is on the same page is the most important aspect of the Business Watch.

"We always need to communicate," Tamm said. "Even if the Business Watch just provides an avenue for communication, I think that's important. It gives businesses a quick way to get a hold of us and share relevant information." ■



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## Vintage Hills' principal honored by state

*Parker recognized for commitment to physical fitness*

With growing concern about childhood health, Vintage Hills Elementary School Principal Carolyn Parker has made great strides to keep her students in shape. Her efforts were recently recognized by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports when she was chosen as a finalist in the annual "In the Spotlight" awards.

The awards highlight principals across the state who have made a positive impact on physical education and also include other categories such as teachers, schools, organizations and events that promote physical wellbeing. Parker was one of three principals honored during a ceremony televised on cable sports channel ESPN.

Parker has made physical fitness a top priority at Vintages Hills, making sure the school has all the equipment, training and facilities necessary for the physical education program and ensuring that students received the state-mandated 200 minutes of physical education every 10 days with classroom teachers responsible for 10 percent of the P.E. instruction. In response, the classroom teachers have created some innovative programs to inte-

grate academic studies with physical activity.

She also brings motivating performers to visit the schools, such as world hackey sack champion and circus performer Scott Cleere, who visited the school last year and spent the day working with students. Beyond the actual P.E. instruction, Parker promotes a healthy attitude toward physical fitness on campus, serving as a positive role model by jumping rope or playing catch with students at recess. She will dance with P.E. classes and shows students she isn't afraid to try new things, even riding a unicycle.

At a time when many schools are cutting back on P.E. and recess to create additional academic time, Parker remains committed to providing students with opportunities to be physically active. She believes students who are healthy learn better, and Vintage Hills' Academic Performance Index score of 918 or the 1,000 point scale seems to support her conviction. Vintage Hills students also performed well in physical tests, with 46 percent earning a perfect score on the state fitness test. Statewide, only 26 percent of students achieved perfect scores.

—Rebecca Guyon

## Vote

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Voters, P.O. Box 24224, Oakland, CA 94623. Requests can also be faxed to 510-272-6982.

Residents will have to prepare to vote in a new way for this coming election. The county will have voters using paper ballots where voters will mark their selections on the ballot with an ink pen. The ballot will then be fed into optical scan machines purchased from Sequoia Voting Systems, according to spokesman Guy Ashley of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.

"We had to upgrade our equipment because there's a new state law that passed last year that required that all touchscreen (voting machines) had to have a paper audit trail that would print out the voters' choice due to concerns of recording votes," Ashley said.

The Registrar began prepping

for election season extra early this time due to the new voting system by recruiting and educating poll workers much sooner.

"We have to recruit 4,000 people to staff the 825 polling locations across Alameda County and now it's particularly tough since we're using the new machines," Ashley said.

He said 10 poll worker supervisors are still needed to staff some of the 41 polling places in Pleasanton. Volunteers will be paid between \$100 and \$150 for their day-long service on Nov. 7. If interested, an application is available on the Registrar's Web site, [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov) or by calling (510) 272-6971.

Diaz said early voting will be offered again by the city, although the location and dates and times are still being worked out. Voter registration forms are available at Pleasanton City Hall, 123 Main St. For more information about Sequoia, visit [www.sequoiavote.com](http://www.sequoiavote.com).

—Janet Pelletier

## Goldstein named Executive Director of LVCS

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) announced Lon Goldstein as the new Executive Director by the LVCS Board of Directors. In this position, Goldstein will have overall responsibility for managing LVCS operations and strategic planning, and will work to ensure that the school operates in fulfillment of its mission. For nearly three years, Goldstein has worked as a parent volunteer and visionary. He is also responsible for securing the Sonoma Avenue School site and orchestrating major construction efforts. For more information, visit [www.lvcs.org](http://www.lvcs.org).

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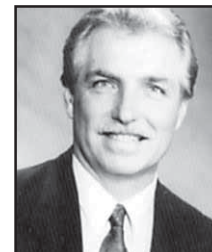
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**Danube cruise**

While traveling down the Danube River from Budapest, Hungary to Constanta, Romania, this group of Pleasanton residents made sure to read the Weekly. Guide Simona Moldoven showed (l-r) Margaritte and Frank Hamilton, Jeri Lanudra, Windell and Rose Moen, Mel and Ber Nelson, Jack and Pat Hilcrest, Brent and Josie Bradley, Bill and Grace Tiemeyer, and Bob Landra all the sites.



**Grin and 'bear' it**

During their trip to Jasper, Alberta in Canada, Michelle and Keith (not pictured) Lam saw many bears, including this one, affectionately named "Jasper the Bear." Turns out, Jasper is the town's mascot and, being the friendly traveler that she is, Michelle offered to share her copy of the Weekly.



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## Obituaries

### Cleone Ann Noble

Cleone Ann Noble died Aug. 24 at the age of 72.

Noble was born and raised in Iowa, and lived in Livermore for 40 years. She was a well-known waitress in Livermore for many years at the Rancher and El Vaquero. She enjoyed her many trips to Boomtown and was very active with the Livermore Junior Rodeo. Many years were spent with Virginia Fellingham on the Wells Fargo State Coach. She was one of the first women in the Bay Area to buy her own Harley Davidson, possibly even the first.

She is survived by her daughter Roann Verdie of Escalante, Calif.; Sons Bill Whitney of Charlottesville, Va., Don Whitney of Brentwood, and Ron Whitney of Livermore; and brother John Newman of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband Sam Noble.

Funeral services are today at 1 p.m. at 6030 Dagnino Road in Livermore. Donations can be made to the American Heart Association.

### Katharine May Robinson

Katharine May Robinson died Aug. 26 at the age of 66.

She was born in Douglas, Wyo. and lived in Livermore for 43 years. Family was everything to her, and she was passionate for her children and her husband. Katharine was a very positive person who enjoyed talking with people. In the early part of her marriage, her husband Howard Robinson remembers how much they loved spending all their time together.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years; sons Ronald Robinson of Port Orchard, Wash. and Randall Robinson of Sugarland, Texas; sisters Patricia of Glenda, Wyo. and

Virginia Johnson of Cheyenne, Wyo.; brother Robert Morton of West Covina, Calif.

A funeral service was held Sept. 6 at St. Bartholomew in Livermore. Donations can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

### John "Rog" Roger Hoffman

John Roger Hoffman died on Aug. 28 at the age of 66.

He lived in Mesa, Ariz. for four years prior to moving to Pleasanton five years ago. He was educated at Culver Military and Indiana University for two years, and owned Cepsco Incorporated.

He enjoyed playing golf, playing the drums, reading and playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by wife of 45 years Sherry Lynn Hoffman of Pleasanton; sons Eric Hoffman of Las Vegas and Tom Hoffman of Apache Junctions, Ariz.; daughters Deanna Manhardt of Milwaukee, Wisc., Rebecca Frame of El Paso, Texas, and Jessica Hoffman of Phoenix, and 13 grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held at Roselawn Cemetery. A public memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Donations can be sent to Kaiser Hospice, In Loving Memory of John Roger Hoffman, 1425 South Main St., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

### Ernest J. Russell

Ernest J. Russell died Aug. 31 in Jackson, Calif. at the age of 86.

He was born in Oakland, residing there, and belonged to St. Elizabeth's and St. Jarlath's Catholic churches in Oakland. In 1978, he retired to his Calabares, Colo. home. Ernie was a small business owner in Oakland in the '40s and '50s. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and horseback riding as a young man, and later built his country property.

He is survived by his daughter Carolyn Gallagher (Tom) of

Pleasanton; son Jack Russell (Marci) of Pioneer; his companion Jean Clarke of Pine Grove and his brother Stan Russell of Daly City; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Violet of 50 years, who died in 1990.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sept. 5 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Chapel in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association or another charity of your choice.

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### Robyn Anne Tucknott & Brian Smith

Robert Tucknott of Pleasanton and Debra Aizikovitz of Carlsbad announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Anne Tucknott to Brian Smith, son of Kathy Smith of Pleasanton and Dennis Smith of Brentwood.

Ms. Tucknott attended Amador Valley High School and graduated from Cal State University San Marcos with a business degree. She is now Co-Owner/Manager of Curves for Women in San Diego County.

Mr. Smith attended Foothill High School and graduated from Cal State University Sacramento with a communications degree. He is now a Firefighter/ EMT in San Diego County. An April 2007 wedding is planned and the couple plans to live in San Diego County.

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Hold off on General Plan debates until after Nov. 7 election

Given the current political climate on the Pleasanton City Council, it might save everyone a lot of time and consultant fees to take a break from workshops and commission and Council meetings on the General Plan Update until after the Nov. 7 municipal elections. The brickbats tossed by opposing camps in the contentious mayoral race between Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Steve Brozosky are taking the meetings into the late night hours with little hope of resolution of any controversial measures, whether it's remedies for rush hour traffic or the proposed energy and water conservation elements suggested for the new General Plan. Just last week we wrote about the hour-long debate over whether the council should host a public forum on the War In Iraq, a proposal that was mercifully moved off the council's docket and to a different venue.

Then came another debate, this one over how to make sure any votes cast by council members who are also delegates to outside agencies have a council-majority approval. This would include votes routinely made by council delegates to such agencies as the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (WHEELS), the Dublin San Ramon Services District and Zone 7 Water Agency. It also includes out-of-town meetings where council delegates are expected to serve on statewide and national committees, such as at annual meetings of the League of California Cities or the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was Hosterman's floor proposals and votes at the last Mayor Conference meeting in Las Vegas that caused some members of the council to check the rules.

As it turns out, the state imposed new regulations last January that, as City Attorney Michael Roush explained, places new restrictions on votes by elected officials at these out-of-city organizations. While it's impractical to get the council majority's approval of the many issues these agencies discuss and vote on ahead of time, such as changing some of the stops WHEELS' bus No. 10 makes at night, the new law requires the council members and mayor to report back at the next public meeting just what they voted on and why. That seemed to please everyone, including former Mayor Tom Pico who told the council that in his 12 years of serving on the council that there wasn't one instance of anyone taking positions on major items that were 180 degrees different from the council majority's views.

Even so, the lengthy discussion that pitted the two candidates and their supporters against each other showed that this isn't the time to quickly resolve small disputes, let alone the major work required in advancing the General Plan Update. When the election is over, it's likely that a newly-constituted City Council can get back to the business of finishing this important work.

## Letters

### Kidnapping still shocking

Dear Editor,  
I read with great interest your article about the 30 year anniversary of the Chowchilla kidnapping (Cover, "Chowchilla kidnappings 30 years later," August 18, 2006). I went to High School at Gunn High School in Palo Alto and was a classmate of James Schoenfeld. To say all of us who knew James were shocked would be an understatement. He came from a well to do family and was generally considered pleasant to be around. To his casual acquaintances of which I was one, nothing in his behavior suggested that he would be capable of planning such a hideous act. I was happy to read in the article that he and his buddies are still behind bars and likely to stay there!

*Mike Romanchak  
Pleasanton*

Dear Editor,  
There isn't much real controversy left to have in Pleasanton, so the candidates are being extra creative to differentiate themselves. What is left in our city to fix or improve? The growth debate is effectively over. The traffic discussions are unproductive unless we're willing to build more lanes/roads or change our driving habits.

Perhaps when a community reaches a certain level of stability, it has an opportunity to start thinking broader; taking responsibility for its role in the region, state, nation and world. I want my civic leaders to open the door to discuss, listen, and consider positions on important issues such as clean air, reliable and efficient energy sources, and the current state of affairs in the world. Not enough time? Please. I've watched enough of those City Council meetings to see where the time goes. The General Plan will get updated as it always has.

*Jon Harvey  
Pleasanton*


### Voting is power

Dear Editor:  
I share the frustrations expressed by Fred Norman before the Pleasanton City Council Sept. 5 (Editorial, "Global national debates don't belong on crowded council agenda," Sept. 8, 2006). I too have written to elected officials opposing the War in Iraq, in fact I wrote opposing military action before the start of the war.

But I will not ask the City Council to debate this issue at a meeting; those elected officials have sufficient local issues that need their attention.

Our power lies in our Nov. 7 vote and then again in November 2008. Your vote does count.

**Pleasanton Real Estate News**



by  
**Gerarda Stocking**

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*Gerarda Stocking is the Owner/Broker of Stocking Realty.*

Encourage family and friends to register and vote.

Jackie Murphy  
Pleasanton

**Women's equality**

Dear Editor,

August 26 was the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, when women achieved the hard-fought right to vote. Since 1971, America has observed this date as Women's Equality Day. While women gained suffrage all those years ago, equity is still an issue today.

Women's Equality Day is a time for all of us to remember that women weren't "given" the vote; they fought fiercely for that right. And women's votes are a vital tool they can use to shape the policy issues that affect them everyday.

Women have a lot at stake each time they go to the ballot box, from educational equity, preserving Social Security, and a fair and balanced judiciary to civil rights, reproductive rights and equal pay. It's critical we make our voices heard at the polls.

Several women from the Tri-Valley NOW Chapter (National Organization for Women) participated in a parade in Sacramento on Saturday, August 26 to commemorate the brave women who fought, sacrificed and were even imprisoned to win this important right for today's women.

NOW, The League of Women Voters and AAUW are all working to make women's voices heard.

I join with the American Association of University Women to use this opportunity to not only celebrate this critical moment in history, but to call on women to use and value this hard-won right.

Jean A. Felton  
American Association of  
University Women

**Alaskans support ANWR drilling**

Dear Editor,

I don't understand why the mayor of Pleasanton is representing our city as being opposed to drilling in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)(Cover, "The big picture," July 7, 2006). We have enough issues in the Tri-Valley for her to focus on.

I don't know for certain, but highly doubt that Mayor Hosterman has ever been to the North Slope of Alaska. I have, and in fact, I spent six months in Prudhoe Bay working as part of the administrative staff. I observed large herds of caribou and other wildlife co-existing with the oil pipeline.

I grew up in Alaska and from an early age we were taught a healthy respect for "The Last Frontier," as Alaska is called. Alaska has many environmentalists, but also many hunters and fishermen. There can be a healthy balance for all - as Prudhoe Bay and the oil pipeline have demonstrated. We need to protect the forest, but also conduct scheduled thinning or we will have wildfires. If the moose population, as well as other wildlife, is not controlled with permitted hunting, the land will not support the ani-

mals. Too much hunting and it will threaten the species.

The native population of Alaska, and the majority of Alaskans, wants ANWR opened for oil exploration and drilling. The Senators and Congressmen representing Alaska are also in favor of drilling, as are the majority of Alaskans.

Alaskans know how to respect the environment while embracing progress. ANWR would reduce our dependence on foreign oil and contribute to our national security by making us more independent as a nation. The economy would benefit by re-investing American dollars in American industry, not Venezuela or the Middle East.

When Senators Boxer, Kerry, Kennedy and others were invited to Alaska to review the proposed project, they refused to go. Apparently, they didn't want to be confronted with the fact that the oil pipeline has not caused permanent, irreparable damage to the tundra ecosystem.

Mayor Hosterman should visit the Alaska pipeline and investigate the facts behind her opinion before she supports more resolutions embarrassing the city of Pleasanton.

Connie Cox  
Pleasanton

**Stark's sudden interest surprising**

Dear Editor,

Recently, I received an e-mail from Congressman Pete Stark (D-13th) regarding his efforts to help homeowners by improving the fairness of the federal flood insurance program.

I am astounded that, after I spent over 15 years working to get our Valley Trails subdivision out of an unfair and obsolete flood zone, now he chooses to take interest in this program.

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Congressman Stark's district, yet despite my pleading with his office, he never got involved to help. He did not attend any meetings where the flood zone was the topic--Zone 7 Water Agency, city of Pleasanton or Valley Trails Homeowner's Association--nor did he send a representative from his office on his behalf. He did not contact the city of Pleasanton or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (which oversees flood zone designation) when our application for removal from the flood zone was strangled by red tape and when his influence as a member of Congress would have expedited the process.

For Zone 7 meetings, Representative Tauscher (D-10th) occasionally sent a staff member when we were in her district. But Mr. Stark was conspicuous in his absence and by his apparent lack of attention to a problem affecting more than 500 households in his district. In contrast, Representative Pombo (R-11th) consistently sent his staff to meetings and remained informed on the status. He recognized that while Valley Trails was not officially part of his district, flood zone issues affect the entire Tri-Valley.

Frankly, I am flabbergasted at Congressman Stark's sudden attention to this issue. After being required to pay flood insurance for more than 15 years, Mr. Stark's words ring hollow to the Valley Trails community. His self-advertising of sincere concern for the poor, overburdened homeowner does not pass the election year smell test now that Katrina is back on the front page. His past non-action just does not support his present acute interest and leaves the sour taste of political grandstanding behind.

Connie Cox  
President, Valley Trails

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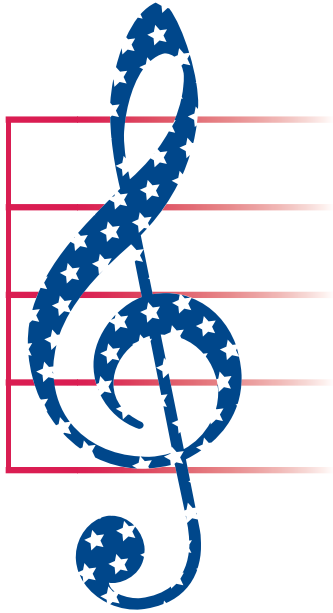
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# PLEASANTON'S OWN MAGICAL MUSIC MAN

By Jerri Pantages Long



## *Bob Williams conducts Pleasanton Community Concert Band with flair*

**W**ith one swoop of the baton, Bob Williams magically transforms some four dozen individual musicians into a single, harmonious force, producing inspirational music as the Pleasanton Community Concert Band. No magician's wand has greater power than the baton of a talented conductor—and Williams certainly belongs in that category.

In fact, Williams has led the local concert band for 21 of its 31 years of existence. He joined the group as a horn player the very first year. Members of Pleasanton's Bicentennial Committee had approved construction of the Chan Henderson Memorial Bandstand in Lions Wayside Park in 1975, noting a band was needed to make use of it. Under the auspices of Amador Valley Adult and Community Education, the band was formed, first conducted by Jerry Lapinski, a local educator who has since moved away. Several of the original musicians still perform in the 20 concerts the group provides annually for our community—all of them free of charge. The band members are a talented group, but sadly, there are often empty seats for their indoor concerts.

Band members range in age from 14 to 84. "Anyone is welcome to come if they have an instrument and they play at a level of maturity that fits in with the group and they are comfortable there," said Williams. "It's a self-auditioning process." Those interested can call membership chair Pat Wheeler at 443-5526, Williams at 846-5897 "or show up at 7:30 p.m. on a Thursday," added Bob. The band uses the Pleasanton Middle School music room at 5001 Case Avenue for weekly two-hour practice sessions.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band began with 40 members and has doubled since then, although about 50 perform at each concert. The group has a repertoire of about 150 pieces. "We pull out what is appropriate for the venue we've been asked to play," explained Williams, whose home is also the repository for the vast library of sheet music owned by the group. Although the band voted some years back to give Williams a salary, he invests that and considerably more in music, practice room rental and other needs of the group. "We belong to the Association of Concert Bands," said Williams, "and their international guidelines state that 'community bands serve the community by giving free concerts.'"

Those concerts range from Saturday morning music at the local farmers' market (next one is Sept. 16) to the musical accompaniment to the spring graduation ceremonies at Las Positas Community College. After the parade down Main Street to honor Veterans' Day a few days early, the band will be in concert on Nov. 5 at the Veterans Park on Peters Avenue. Three of their concerts are afternoon performances (2 p.m.) in the 600-seat Amador Theater on the high school campus at 1155 Santa Rita Road. The Sunday performances will include one that's geared toward families on Nov. 19; a holiday special on Dec. 10 and a spring concert on March 18. For updates, visit [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

Perhaps their largest concert takes place back where it all began: Each Fourth of July, the band returns to Lions Wayside Park's bandstand, where the musicians perform patriotic music as the key element of the all-volunteer program, "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution." This year's event drew more than 700 people to the afternoon concert and old-fashioned family picnic.

Planning for the community's Fourth of July celebration begins in early March for the small band of volunteers who have produced the event for eight years. However, Williams begins much earlier, researching appropriate musical works for new themes each year. His training from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York shows in the depth of knowledge and experience he brings to the planning process. Fellow committee members joke about his "bottomless attaché case" from which he never fails to pull out an appropriate selection of music.

For example, Williams suggested that this year's event could honor the Liberty Bell and he had on hand "Let Freedom Ring!"—a number the band performed along with local bell choir the Pleasanton Family Bells. In past years, Williams has set the theme to honor the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. He already has looked years ahead for new musical selections. For next year's bash, the celebration will focus on "[Thomas] Jefferson's Vision."

Anyone who has attended a Pleasanton Community Concert Band event may have noticed that the printed program often includes a mini-lesson in the history of each piece to be performed. "My music study has always been kind of as a musicologist," said Williams. "I'm interested in the history as well as in the sound that comes out." He researches and personally writes all of the program notes—frequently tying in the lives of the people and current events of the era in which the music was composed.

Williams and his wife Bernie—amassed a personal musical library of 1,000 records, each instantly accessible. Their home also is the band's office—music for more than 5,000 pieces of sheet music for every program from every sheet music library fills three double shelves—each weighing 750 pounds.

Music has always been an integral part of Williams' life. "I was a church organist," he explained. In fifth grade, the music man was taking piano lessons at high school. He remembers the band members when he was in fifth grade playing trumpet—an instrument he had to rent at junior high school. In seventh grade, someone to play the horn. "It used to be Williams said. "I think I was genetically well fitted to the horn," he added.

Born in Norristown, Pa. ("The Williams went on to Westchester State University. Williams was to be a 22-year teaching career in the Airborne Division, he was assigned to the Army band members "every eight weeks."

The federal G.I. Bill enabled Williams to study Music for his doctoral studies. He taught in N.Y. before moving west to Albuquerque. He concluded his teaching career in 1975. Budget cuts forced the cancellation of his position.

"I came to band practice and an instructor asked, "one have any suggestions?" Williams' next 17-year career with the Amador Center, first as a radioactive material logographer.

Even when his days were spent at work, life through his involvement with the Amador Symphony. "My life has always been music," Williams said. "Music is my heartbeat. It makes me to keep breathing."

## **MEMBERS OF THE PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND:**

<b>Conductor:</b>	Bob Williams	<b>Clarinet:</b>	Don Chalmers, Donna Crawford, Matt Felver, Yvonne Greulich, Jim Nelson, Tim Rickey, Rich Woll, Cyndy Salmon	<b>French Horn:</b>	Mary Ann Butler, Pat Frizzell, Chris Immesoete, Bernie Williams	<b>Euphonium:</b>	
<b>Flute:</b>	Jennifer Burlingame, Myra Downs, Sheila Sherman, Pat Wheeler, Stephanie Wolfe	<b>Alto Sax:</b>	Les Duman, Jon Elliott	<b>Trumpet:</b>	Bob Bryant, Bob Crawford, Bob Gast, Richard Hedges, Sally Johnson, Carlos Mendes, Don Veca	<b>Tuba:</b>	
<b>Oboe:</b>	Larry George, Tui Hedstrom, Doug Manatt	<b>Tenor Sax:</b>	Ken Salomon, Gordon Williams	<b>Trombone:</b>	Francis Chew, Bill Nemoyten, Chuck Smith	<b>Percussion:</b>	
<b>Bassoon:</b>	Lisa Ennis, Madeliene Ward	<b>Baritone Sax:</b>	Jeff Elliott, Don Lambert				



Photo courtesy of Lisa Lorentz

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Even having his right arm in a sling did not deter right-handed Conductor Bob Williams from leading the band concert on the Fourth of July. He simply switched his "magic" baton to his left hand.

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- Andrew Rudiak, Jerry Fredgren, Bob Olmos
- Dan Calderwood, George Downs Jr., Bud Engel
- Bob Butler, Gerry Hedstrom, April Nissen, Walt Nissen, Jason Noffsinger

**HOW TO HELP**

The nonprofit Pleasanton Community Concert Band depends entirely on grants and donations. Those who wish to make a tax-deductible donation can send a check to P.O. Box 135, Pleasanton, CA 94566, or bring a cash donation to one of their concerts. Donations will help pay for the \$55/hour cost of their practice room, plus music and sound equipment.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR THE BAND - Free! -**

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
farmers' market,  
9 a.m. to noon

**Sunday, Nov. 5**  
Veterans Park, Peters Avenue,  
after the parade

**Sunday, Nov. 19**  
Family Concert, Amador Theater,  
2 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 10**  
Holiday Concert, Amador Theater,  
2 p.m.

**Sunday, March 18**  
Spring Concert, Amador Theater,  
2 p.m.

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- \* Public Hearing: PAP-99, Dustin Boyce, appellant (PADR-1536, Finlay Boag) appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an administrative design review to construct additions to the existing residence at 4558 Second Street, consisting of: one-story addition totaling approximately 291 sq. ft. on the front, north side, and rear; two-story additions totaling 294 sq ft. on the southern side and rear; a porte-cochere and second-floor balcony on the southern side; and a covered front porch
- \* Public Hearing: PUD-50, Ponderosa Homes an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) to subdivide an approximately 19.83-acre site into 27 lots and to construct 25 new, one- and two-story single-family detached homes ranging in size from 3,908 to 4,595 sq. ft. located at 3157 Trener Drive and 2313 Martin Avenue; zoned PUD - LDR (Planned Unit Development - Low Density Residential) District; and consideration of the Negative Declaration
- \* Approve plans and specifications; review bids and award construction contract for the Vineyard Hills Reservoir and Access Road; amendment to the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., to perform construction management services for the project; amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Threehand LP; and direction to staff to develop a financing plan for the remaining portions of the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area Infrastructure
- \* Public Hearing: Review of Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for fiscal year 2005

**Economic Vitality Committee**

Thursday, September 21, 2006 @ 7:30 a.m.  
City of Pleasanton Operations Service Center,  
3333 Busch Road

- \* Development Services Review Process Overview and update on Development Services review process
- \* Economic Development Strategic Plan Review final draft Economic Development Strategic Plan

**Housing Commission**

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- \* Acceptance of Annual Audits for Ridge View Commons for the Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2005
- \* Approval of 2007 Annual Operating Budget for Ridge View Commons

**All Meetings are Open to the Public and Public comment is welcome**

**General Information**

- \* Early voting for the November 7 General Municipal Election will be available October 23 - November 7 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the City Clerks Office, 123 Main Street.

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

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

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Recent 'Rash of Burglaries'

Officer Penelope Tamm of the Pleasanton Police Department Crime Prevention Unit advises everyone of a rash of burglaries in the past several days. These are good examples of how, potentially, the same person or people can quickly move around town and commit multiple Crimes.

- Residential burglaries:
  - Ross Gate Court: Entry via side garage door; items taken included jewelry, cash and electronics
  - McHenry Gate Way: Entry via open slider; items taken included cash and electronics
  - Ridgevale Road: Entry via unlocked side garage door; items taken included electronics and misc. items
  - Ridgevale Road: Entry via side garage door; nothing was taken
  - Muirwood Drive: Entry via side garage door; items taken included jewelry and electronics

- Auto burglaries:
  - 4000 Block of Rosewood Drive: Broken window and stereo taken
  - 4400 Block of Rosewood Drive: Unknown entry and stereo taken
  - 7300 Block of Johnson Drive: Smashed window and purse taken
  - 5800 Block of W. Las Positas Drive: Window smashed and briefcase taken
  - 4900 Block of Muirwood Drive
  - 4800 Block of Muirwood Drive
  - 4100 Block of Amberwood Circle
  - 7700 Block of Desertwood Lane

### Coach purses stolen from Macy's

Six Coach purses were stolen from the purse department at Macy's on 1300 Stoneridge Mall Road Sept. 7. An employee was told to attend a meeting and upon returning 45 minutes later, she noticed the purses were missing. The suspect cut the security cables attaching the purses to an open display. Employees didn't see a suspicious person in the purse department. The loss is valued at \$2,028 and the damage at \$20.

## Police Report

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

**September 4**

- Theft: 1
- DUI: 2
- Public Drunkenness:
  - 4:22 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Assault:
  - 10:42 a.m. in the 10 block of Foothill Lane

**September 5**

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 9
- Found: 3
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:
  - 4:25 a.m. at the intersection of First and Neal streets
- Truant:
  - 1:44 in the 7700 block of Oakcreek Court

- Public Drunkenness:
  - 3:27 p.m. at the intersection of First and Neal streets
- Rape:
  - 4:00 p.m. in the 8000 block of Arroyo Drive

**September 6**

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 3
- False evidence of age:
  - 10:37 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- Public Drunkenness:
  - 11:29 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

**September 7**

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 2
- Found: 4
- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Trespassing:
  - 1:14 a.m. in the 4400 block of Fairlands Drive

- Lewd and lascivious loitering:
  - 12:15 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Disturbing the peace:
  - 3:01 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Oak Road and Clover Court

**September 8**

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 5
- Burglary: 1
- Possession of open container in vehicle:
  - 10:52 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Highway 680

**September 9**

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2

- Burglary: 2
- DUI: 1
- Found: 3
- Possession of Marijuana:
  - 12:50 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

### ACCIDENTS

**September 5**

- 7:16 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Willow Road
- 7:47 a.m. - Non-injury accident and property damage at the intersection of Owens and Chabot drives

**September 6**

- 8:08 a.m. - Non-injury accident with hit-and-run private property damage in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue
- 9:07 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

**September 8**

- 1:13 p.m. - Property damage at the intersection of Inglewood Drive and Hopyard Road
- 1:19 p.m. - Property damage only at the intersection of Tassajara and Highway 580

**September 9**

- 8:11 a.m. - Hit-and-run property damage in the 5100 block of Golden Road
- 11:19 a.m. - Property damage at the intersection of Santa Rita and Pimlico Roads
- 12:16 p.m. - Property damage in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

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## Author Visits

### Local Authors

The Livermore Heritage Guild will be signing copies of their book, "Images of America: Early Livermore," from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sun., Sept. 17 at Old Town Antiques, 3440 Stanley Blvd. Call Lynn, (843) 853-2070, ext. 363 or e-mail [luggieri@arcadiapublishing.com](mailto:luggieri@arcadiapublishing.com).

### Patricia McConnell

Join Patricia McConnell, author of "For the Love of a Dog," at 7:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 20 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

### Read It and Eat Luncheon with Janis Cooke Newman

Read It and Eat Luncheon with Janis Cooke, author of "Mary: A Novel," is at noon, Fri., Sept. 22 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 for the book and lunch, and \$10 for lunch only. Call 846-8826 to RSVP or e-mail [info@townecenterbooks.com](mailto:info@townecenterbooks.com).

### Sarah Mlynowski

Join Sarah Mlynowski at 4 p.m., Fri., Sept. 15 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Sandy, 931-3412 or Sue, 931-3400, ext. 23.

### Sarah Mlynowski

Meet Sarah Mlynowski, a multifaceted author of middle grade and adult fiction, from 10-11:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 16 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

### Tea with Brenda Knight

Join Brenda Knight, author of "Wild Women and Books," for tea at 1

p.m., Wed., Sept. 27 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

### Tea with Janet LaPierre

Join Janet LaPierre for tea and discuss "Family Business," at 1 p.m., Mon., Sept. 18 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

### People who Write and Tell Stories

The people who write and tell stories presents its monthly Saturday Salon on September 16th at 7:30 p.m. Located at 4th Street Studio in Livermore. The featured writers this month are: Tom Darter and Frank Thornburgh. The public is welcome

### Political Book Club

Political Book Club meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. Call 462-7495. The Sept. 26th discussion will be about the John Conyer's report, "The Constitution in Crisis," available for download online at [www.trivalleydems.com](http://www.trivalleydems.com). For more information, call 462-7495.

## 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. 19.

### 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 Oct. 4.

### 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 Sept. 13.

### School Board

The 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 Sept. 19.

### 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.

## Class Reunions

### Castlemont High Class of 1956

Castlemont High School reunion will

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## NOTICE OF COMMISSIONS 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)

- Library Commission, Alternate Member
- Housing Commission, (1) Member; (1) Alternate Member
- Civic Arts Commission, Alternate Member
- Economic Vitality Committee, (1) At-large Member; (1) Residential Builder Representative; (1) Financial Institution 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](http://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 29, 2006**. Postmarks are not accepted.

**Interviews will be held the week of October 2. Applicants will be notified regarding interviews and the selection process once the filing period is closed.**

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be held on Sept. 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. Call Greg Hickey, 461-1381 or Ron Campos, 820-5628.

**Richmond Union High Class of 1956**

Richmond Union High School reunion will be held on Sat., Sept. 16. Call Alma Graham, 510-724-5594.

## Classes

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

Update your driving skills and learn how to reduce your auto insurance premium from 1-5 p.m., Mon., Sept. 18 and Wed., Sept. 20 at the Villa of San Ramon, 9199 Fircrest Ln., San Ramon. Cost is \$10. Call Shirley, 803-9100, ext. 108.

**Class & Book Signing**

Amador Valley Adult and Community Education presents "Work Passion - Finding Work You Love." Speaker and Author Kennette Reed will be appearing 6-9 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 26 at 4665 Bernal Avenue. Course fee \$25, materials fee \$20. Call 426-4280

**Homework: A Parent's Survival Guide**

Free workshop offers parents strategies for surviving homework hassles. Hear sensible advice on how to ensure children have the right environment and skills for completing assignments to the best of their abilities. Led by Managing Director Molly Preble at Huntington Learning Center 1:30-2:30 p.m., Sat., Sept. 23.

**International Folk Dancers**

The Del Valle International Folk Dancers welcome beginning and experienced dancers for Balkan, Israeli and other World Dances. Weekly classes meet on from 7:45-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays in the upstairs studio at Triple Threat Performing Arts, 315 Wright Brothers Avenue. Cost is \$4. Call George Pavel at 447-8020.

**Parent Education Class**

The first Parent Education class of the fall semester runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays from now through Dec. 20 at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. The class is designed for parents of young children 2-12 and is ongoing, parents may join anytime during the semester.

**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](http://www.playhousewest.org).

**Square Dance**

Learn to square dance from 7-8:30 p.m., every Tuesday from Sept. 19 through October. Families, couples and singles are welcome. No cost for this class. Call Clay, 454-0791, or Judi, 828-2535.

**USD Adult Education**

Pleasanton USD Adult Education presents "Focus on Investment Fundamentals" from 7-9 p.m. Wed., Sept. 20 at Village High School, 4645 Bernal Ave., room 503. Cost is \$25. Registration required. Call 426-4280.

## Clubs

**Amador Valley Quilters**

The Quilt Guild Club meets at 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 Tuesday monthly at the Regalia House, 4133 Regalia. Call Rene, 846-7532 or Dan, 846-7320.

**B2B Power Exchange**

B2B Power Exchange presents, "Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers" from 7:45-10 a.m., Thurs., Sept. 21 at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Cost for non-members is \$40 and free for members. Breakfast is included. Call 833-2521.

**Business Builders USA**

Join the network of professional business people in the Tri-Valley at 7 a.m. every Wednesday at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Call Christine, 984-6789 or visit [www.businessbuildersusa.com](http://www.businessbuildersusa.com).

**Crossroads Business Network**

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

**Del Valle Folk Dancers**

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

**Diablo Valley Soaring Society**

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

**Everything Poetry**

This poetry work-group meets from 9-11 a.m. the first Saturday monthly to critique poetry and the third Saturday monthly for a workshop pertaining to an aspect of poetry business at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Bring ten copies of a poem. Call Michelle, 931-5350 or e-mail [mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

**Express to Success Network**

Women's Express to Success Network meets 6-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday monthly at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Visit [www.expresstosuccess.org](http://www.expresstosuccess.org) or e-mail [info@expresstosuccess.org](mailto:info@expresstosuccess.org).

## Concerts

**HisReach Launch Concert**

HisReach.com presents Cameron Jaymes, Justin Brier, Katie Dirks, and Kevin Carey at 6:45 p.m., Fri., Sept. 15 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore. Admission is free. E-mail [garrett@hisreach.com](mailto:garrett@hisreach.com).

**Pleasanton Community Concert**

Under the direction of Bob Williams, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform at 9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 16 at Farmer's Market, 30 West Angela St. Call Bud, 846-9497.

## Events

**Back to School Night**

Back to School Night for Foothill High School will be held at 5:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 20 in your child's first period class. Call Myla, 426-4304.

**Ghostwalk**

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

**Glen Festival**

The 6th annual Glen Festival will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Sept. 16 and Sun., Sept. 17 at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Pkwy., Dublin. Admission is free. Call 833-6629, or visit [www.dayontheglen.com](http://www.dayontheglen.com).

**Heritage Festival**

The Pleasanton Heritage Festival will be held Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Call 462-2766 or e-mail [valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net).

**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.

**Kids Fair**

America's Family Expo presents "The Hipwaders Hip Music for Kids," from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Sept. 23 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Cost and registration is \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids age 2-12. Call 1(866) 283-8600.

**King Tut Festival**

Enjoy entertainment, films, live music, mediterranean cuisine, clothes, jewelry, papyrus paper, gifts and more Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 16-17 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave.

**Night Tour at the San Francisco Zoo**

Fidelity Investments is offering a night tour of the San Francisco Zoo on Fri., Sept. 15. Only 1,000 tickets will be available. General admission is \$20, and \$12 for kids age 17 and younger. Call (415) 753-7107 or (415) 753-7277.

**Patriots and Heroes Week**

The USS Hornet Museum will be honoring the community's emergency response teams during Patriots and Heroes Week, from Mon., Sept. 11 through Fri., Sun., Sept. 17. Call Stephanie, (510) 521-8448, ext. 211 or visit [www.hornetevents.com](http://www.hornetevents.com).

**Pleasanton Heritage Festival**

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will be hosting the 23rd annual Pleasanton Heritage Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24 on Main St. Call (831) 461-1796.

**Spoken Word Poets**

Join Spoken Word Poets, Amanda Moryhan and GO, from 1-3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 1 at the Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Rd. Cost is \$5. Call 931-5361.

**The Livermore Municipal Airport**

The Livermore Airport is opening its hanger doors to the public for the 11th annual Open House 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. Sept. 16. There will be a wide variety of aircrafts on display, with owners on hand to talk about

their homebuilt WWII vintage air-planes. Official greeting ceremony at 11 a.m. Among to ground displays will be CALSTAR Air Ambulance, CHP Air Operations Unit, Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department, and Livermore Police Department's SWAT team with Canine Unit. Parking and admission is free. Food and beverages will be available along with musical entertainment.

**Toastmasters No. 2452**

Join the Toastmasters Club No. 2452 to improve your communication and leadership skills 7-8 a.m. every Thursday at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Call Mark at 227-6210 or visit [www.amadorvalley-toastmasters.org](http://www.amadorvalley-toastmasters.org)

**Travel Around the World**

Enjoy an evening in Portugal with live, Internationally-acclaimed Portuguese songstress at 6 p.m., Fri., Sept. 1. Also come for the Italian Scallion with live guitar Sept. 8, Turkish Delight with Twos Guys Jazz Duo Sept. 15 and Mississippi Delta Blues with T Lane & The Nighthawks Sept. 22 at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$34.95 per night. Reservations required. Call 371-8200, or visit [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com).

**Tri Valley College Fair**

The Tri Valley College Fair will be held at the large gym at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 21. Approximately 100 schools will be represented. The event will be open to parents and students from all Tri Valley High Schools. For further information contact Mrs. Jacque Barker at 461-6606 or [jbarker@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:jbarker@pleasanton.k12.ca.us)

**Tri-Valley Woodcarvers**

The Tri-Valley Woodcarvers is holding its annual juried carving show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission is \$2. Call 462-6586.

**TriValley Women's Connection**

"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Brunch and Browse Event. Fun, friendship and prizes, vendors cater to girls of all ages. Guest Speaker Pam Grein, a business owner, will tell her heart-warming story of being adopted twice. Vendor booth browsing begins 10 a.m., brunch and program is from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Wed., Sept. 27 at Scott's Sea Food Restaurant, 133 N. California Blvd. For reservations call Danita 370-7846. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Sept. 20. Tickets are \$20, free valet parking.

**YMCA Adventures Welcome Picnic**

The welcome picnic for the Tri-Valley YMCA Adventure Y-Guides and Adventure Y-Princesses program will be held from 1-4 p.m., Sun., Sept. 24 at the Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. Open to Tri-Valley dads and their sons and daughters in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Admission is free. Program is \$100 per child per year and a \$35 membership fee. Call Kelly, 475-6110.

## Exhibits

**Chinese Experience in the Valley**

"The Chinese Experience in the Valley" will be on display from Sun., Sept. 17 through Sun., Dec. 3 at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Admission is \$2. Call 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

**Our Best Shot**

See the work of local photographers until Sat., Sept. 30 at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. Admission is free. Call Ted, 447-8426.

**Poetry & Art Exhibition**

The Poetry & Art Exhibition will be open weekends at Big White House Winery and El Sol Winery at 6800 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Call Linda, 243-0424 for schedule of events.

**The Art of Abstract**

Alexander's Main Street Gallery features the abstract art of MaryClair Strotter and M. Barta Atkins from Sat., Sept. 2 through Sun., Sept. 17 at

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**Weekend Preview**



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**It's 'Our Town'**

Emily Webb (Morgan Breedveld) and George Gibbs (Bradly Mena) fall in love in a quite American town during the Pleasanton Playhouse presentation of "Our Town," opening tonight. The play runs until Oct. 8 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors 60 and older and juniors 18 or younger. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. Tickets can be purchased at [www.pleasantonplayhouse.com](http://www.pleasantonplayhouse.com) or by calling 462-2121. Shows are at the Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Ln., Ste. 309.

610 Main St. Artist reception will be held from 4-7 p.m., Sat., Sept. 2. Call Rosalinda, 846-6015.

**The Four C's**

"The Four C's" will be on display from Tues., Sept. 5 through Fri., Sept. 29 at the Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Opening reception will be held from 3-5 p.m., Sun., Sept. 10. Gallery hours are from 8:30-5 p.m., Mon. through Fri. Call Carolyn, 447-5134.

**Film**

**Extras Needed for Independent Film Festival Movie**

The 8th Annual California Independent Film Festival will be shooting a movie scene at 9:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 16 at the Vine Move Theatre in Livermore and the producers are looking for extras. As part of a promotional movie to market the festival, organizers will be shooting a crowd shot of actors posing as movie-goers. Anyone interested is invited to be at the Vine Theatre, 1722 First St., Livermore. Requirements: ability to show a variety of emotions (happy, sad, scared, cheering, etc.).

**Heroes and Villains**

Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Library presents "Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film Series," at 8 p.m., every first Thursday monthly until June 2007 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

**Fundraisers**

**Bingo**

Choice for Children Education Foundation hosts Bingo at 4 p.m. every Sunday at Bingo Ranch, 3070

Pacific Ave., Livermore. All proceeds benefit Livermore Valley Charter School. Call Maria, 201-3422 or e-mail [ccef@lvcs.org](mailto:ccef@lvcs.org).

**Blankets for Babies**

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

**Breast Cancer Funds**

Fourth Annual Bike Against the Odds, Over 500 Bay Area Cyclists Team Up to Prevent Breast Cancer. Five routes offer lengths between 12 and 100 miles. Sunday, September 30, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At Fairyland/Lakeside Park at Lake Merritt, Oakland, Calif. Parking lot at Parkview Terrace/Bellevue.

**Dhol 4 Dole**

A showcase of Indian Cultural Theatre will help sponsor two children in the Dominican Republic and India at 5 p.m., Sept. 16 at Amador High School Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Admission is \$6, you may reserve tickets in advance at [dhol4dole@gmail.com](mailto:dhol4dole@gmail.com) or call 699-1949. An After Party will be held for high school students only from 8-11 pm which is \$10 at the door.

**Dictionary Project**

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

**Recycle for Breast Cancer**

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

**S.S. Goodtimes**

Set sail with the Friends of the Pleasanton Library on a fundraising "cruise," as the S.S. Goodtimes departs at 7 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 21 from the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Tickets are \$90. Adults only. Call Julie, 931-3406, or Nancy, 462-4368.

**Valley Community Bank to Throw Benefit Baby Shower**

The event will benefit Axis Community Health's Prenatal Program. The bank has purchased new playpens, which will be set up at 465 Main Street in Pleasanton and 1986 Second Street in Livermore. The general public, as well as Valley Community Bank customers, are invited to deposit new items for infants such as diapers, clothing blankets, toys etc. during bank hours Oct. 2-31.

**Health**

**African Drumming Circle**

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Join Patricia Frame from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 21 at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For cancer patients, their families and friends. Cost is free. Reservations required. Call 933-0107.

**Exercise Class**

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

**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](http://www.californiaspiritelite.com).

**Competition for Young Musicians**

The Livermore-Amador Symphony's 34th annual competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists age 17 or younger who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon. The winner will perform as a soloist with the symphony on Feb. 3, 2007 and receive a \$200 reward. Completed applications must be accompanied by a cassette tape, CD, or DVD for preliminary screening and a \$5 fee. Deadline is Sun., Oct. 8. Call 447-1947 or visit [www.livasymph.org](http://www.livasymph.org).

**Drop-Off Party**

Drop off your kids for up to three hours between 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24 at Pure Girls, 660 Main St. Cost is \$10. There will be activities and refreshments for the children. Call Tracy, 485-4380.

**Pure Girls One-Year Anniversary**

Pure Girls will be celebrating their one-year anniversary on Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24 at 660 Main St. Call Tracy, 485-4380.

**SMART Program**

The SMART program is designed to motivate kids, age 8-12, to learn and try a wide variety of sports and to aid parents in guiding their child's participation in sports and recreational activities. The City of Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Department will host the SMART program on Sat., Sept. 16 and Sun., Sept. 17 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5100 Case Ave., in the

gym. Cost is \$135 per child. Call 931-3446 or visit <http://ci.pleasanton.ca.us>.

**Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp**

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

**Lectures/ Workshops**

**Bay Area Training and Development Expo**

American Society for Training and Development presents "Bay Area Training and Development Expo" from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tues., Sept. 19 at

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**YOUTH MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**  
**NOTICE OF VACANCIES**

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for 11 members to serve on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC). The 11 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: Ptown411 web page, Youth-related workshops, events and special projects. 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 YMPIC is comprised of 30 members. Applications are being accepted for the following representatives:

- 3 At-Large Parent Representatives - one representative from a pre-school, one representative from an elementary 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.

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](http://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 29, 2006**. Postmarks are not accepted.

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**Bereavement Workshop**  
The Bereavement Ministry Team of the Catholic Community will provide a Fall Bereavement Workshop from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays from Sept. 28 through Nov. 9 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Advanced registration required. Call Kim, 735-3741.

**Boundaries**  
Learn how to have healthy boundaries at work, with a spouse, with money, with your body, and more, from 6:15-9 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 18 and 25 at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. Cost is \$40. Call 560-3826.

**Boutique Textile Art**  
Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art

from 10 a.m.-noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins. Call 935-8972.

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

**Financial Management**  
Technology Ventures Corporation presents "Financial Management," from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 20 at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Admission is free. Call 960-1600 to register.

**Free Employee Training for Tri-Valley Businesses**  
This free on-going workshop includes learning how to choose child care, parenting skills, child development and work/family balance. Call Kim, 249-3940.

**Homeownership**  
CRIL and Stephen Beard of Keller Williams Realty will be presenting a free seminar on accessible homeownership for people with disabilities and their families from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., Sept. 15 at First United Methodist Church, 1183 B St., Hayward. Call Roberto, (510) 881-5743, ext. 20 to register.

**Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer**  
This 12-week workshop is for women who have just been diagnosed with breast cancer and meets 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday from Sept. 19 through Jan. 9 at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Cost is free. Registration required. Call 933-0107.

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

**Parenting Skills For Kids with Diabetes & Chronic Illnesses**  
Join Beth Christensen, Village High School counselor, for an informative discussion about how to raise kids with diabetes and other chronic illnesses. The meeting will be held 7 p.m., Sept. 20, at Lydicksen Elementary School, 7700 Highland Oaks Drive. The evening will include a question-and-answer session. The meeting is free and open to anyone, the event is being co-hosted by Pleasanton Adult Education and the POD squad diabetes support group.

**The Chinese Experience in the Valley**  
Historians Gary Drummond and Anna Siig will lecture on "The Chinese Experience in the Valley" at 7 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 21 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Reservations requested. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 462-2766.

## Live Music

**Annual Recital**  
Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury presents their annual piano recital at 7:30 p.m., Sat., Sept. 16 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Admission is free. Call 443-2514.

**Barbeque and Blues on the Patio**  
Enjoy barbeque and the blues on the patio from 5:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Call 846-8106.

**Stacey's at Waterford**  
Enjoy live music from 3-6 p.m., every Sunday in Sept. at Stacey's at Waterford, 4500 Tassajara Rd., Suite C, Dublin. Call 551-8369.

**The Benny Torres Jazz Quartet**  
The Benny Torres Jazz Quartet will perform at 2 p.m., Sun., Sept. 17 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-3405.

## Miscellaneous

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

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

**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.

**LifeStyle Rx**  
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**Newcott-Caldebery Book Award Program**  
The Pleasanton Library is still accepting original stories by children in grades 1-8. Young authors and illustrators have until Sat., Sept. 16 to write or draw a story and deliver their entry to the Children's Desk. For more information, call 931-3400 x 8.

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

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

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

## On Stage

**Comedy Night**  
Elliston Vineyards welcomes back Comedy Night from 6:30-10 p.m., Fri., Sept. 15 at 463 Kilkare Rd., Sunol. Cost is \$65 per person, and \$57 for Club 200 members. Buffet dinner included. Call 862-2377 or visit www.elliston.com.

**Don Lewis and Young Expressions**  
Don Lewis and Young Expressions will perform at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Fri., Oct. 6. Cost and registration is \$10, \$14 and \$18 for adults, and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children 12 and under. For more information: 931-5361 or at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/arts/civic-arts-presents.html

**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.

**Taylor Dayne**  
Singer Taylor Dayne will perform at 8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 23 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Tickets are 25, 30, and \$35. Call 931-3444.

**Thoroughly Modern Millie**  
Ryan Weible directs the East Bay premiere of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," the musical based on the popular movie depicting life in New York during the Roaring Twenties. Shows are 8 p.m. Oct. 6- Nov.4 or 2 p.m. Oct. 8, 22, 28, 29 and Nov. 4. Tickets are \$26-\$38. Located at Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. For tickets and information: 943-7469 or www.dlrca.org.

**Two One-Act Comedies**  
Dean Leshar Regional Center For the Arts presents "Prisoners of Love" and "The Actor's Nightmare" at 8:15 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:15 p.m., Sundays through Sept. 30 at 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. General admission is \$25, \$23 for seniors, and \$12.50 age 17 or younger. Call 943-SHOW.

## Recreation

**Enrichment Classes**  
Pleasanton Parks and Recreation offers enrichment classes ranging from art, aquatics, sports, health and cooking at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-5340 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/parks.html.

## Scholarships

**Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program**  
The Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program provides rental assistance for low-income, full-time students currently enrolled in an academic or vocational program which will be completed within the next 18-21 months. You may apply if you work, attend school, or live in Pleasanton or Livermore. Call Nelida, 373-5313 or e-mail nvilanueva@tricityhomeless.org.

## Seniors

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

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

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

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

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**Luncheons**

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

**Movie Madness**

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

**Paratransit Service**

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

**Personal Computers Group**

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

**Senior Dinner**

Open Heart Kitchen provides seniors 60 years and older with an evening meal from 4-6 p.m., Mon-Fri. at Ridgeview Commons, 4200 Case Ave. Suggested donation is \$3. Call 484-5131 for reservations.

**Senior Lunch**

Spectrum Community Services provides seniors 60 years and older with a noon meal at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Suggested donation is \$3.25. Call 931-5385 for reservations.

**V.I.P. Senior Club**

The Pleasanton V.I.P. Senior Club meets the second and fourth Monday monthly from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The second Monday are business meetings and the fourth Mondays are social meetings. Snappy Cafe lunch serves at noon with a \$3.25 donation. Reservations for lunch must be made by the Thursday before each meeting by calling 931-5385 or call Verla, 846-2992.

**Spiritual**

**Chabad's High Holiday Services**

Chabad of the Tri Valley invites you to join the Holiday services 6:30 p.m., Fri. Sept. 22 and 10 a.m. Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24 at the Car America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood

Dr. The shofar will be blown on Sunday at 11:15 a.m. For more information call 846-0700 or visit [www.JewishTriValley.com](http://www.JewishTriValley.com)

**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.

**Moms In Touch**

Become a part of the worldwide community of mothers praying for their children and their schools. Call Mary, 484-4348 or visit [www.momsintouch.org](http://www.momsintouch.org).

**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](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

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**Sea Devils**

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

**Support Groups**

**Community Life**

Step One Groups is a confidential community where healing can take place. Topics include: Boundries in Dating, Divorce Care, Shattered Dreams, Beyond Anger, and more starting from 7-9 p.m., Tues., Sept. 26 for 10-12 weeks. Cost is \$40. Call Denise, 560-3835, or visit [www.crosswindchurch.org/step\\_one](http://www.crosswindchurch.org/step_one).

**Diabetes Support Group**

Groups meet from noon-1 p.m., on the

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

**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.

**East Bay Cancer Support Group**

The East Bay Cancer Support Group, Inc. meets on Thursdays at the Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley. All services are provided free of charge. Call (510) 889-8766 or visit [www.ebcancersupport.org](http://www.ebcancersupport.org).

**Fibromyalgia, Arthritis and Chronic Pain**

Share ideas and learn relaxation and pain management tools from 7-8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Free and open to the public. Friends and family welcome. Pre-registration encouraged, but drop-ins welcome. Call 989-5620 or e-mail [bettyrunnels@earthlink.net](mailto:bettyrunnels@earthlink.net).

**Forty Plus of Northern California**

The group is for professionals over the age of 40 who are unemployed or in career transition. The free classes are held 8:30 a.m.-noon Mondays at 770 Edgewater Drive, Suite 626, Oakland. Call (510) 568-7587 or visit [www.fortyplus.org](http://www.fortyplus.org).

**Grandparents Visitation Support Group**

Grandparents who have problems visiting their grandchildren meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday in March at Pleasanton Public Library in the small conference room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Space is limited. Call Joyce, 339-4700.

**Head Injury Support**

This group provides support for brain-

injured individuals and their caregivers. It meets from 7:30-9 p.m. every fourth Wednesday in the Blackhawk Room at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call Jo Ann, 443-4366.

**Hearing Loss Association of America**

If you are having trouble hearing, come to the meeting at 7 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 21 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Prkwy. Admission is free. Call Julie, 461-9057.

**Hepatitis C**

Hepatitis C support group meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday monthly in the ValleyCare Medical Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Dr., Suite 270. Call 734-3300.

**Hope Hospice Bereavement Support**

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**Independent Living**

If you or your loved one need a personal assistant to help maintain independent living, Community Resources for Independent Living can help with specific needs. Call 371-1531; TTY, 371-1532. Visit [www.cril-online.org](http://www.cril-online.org).

**Jobs Networking Group**

CSIX East Bay, helping individuals in career transitions, meets from 1-3:30 p.m. every Thursday at WineCentives, 6040 Dougherty Road, Dublin. Cost is \$3. Call Doug Herz, 277-6600.

**League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen**

This group is designed to create a community between men to resolve problems, express feelings, form friendships and understand and improve relationships with women. The group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Anthropos Counseling Center, 326 South L. St., Livermore. Call 449-7925.

**Live Beat Dads**

Fathers who are raising their children meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 1550 Springtown Blvd., Suite 7E, Livermore, for discussions and speakers on individual's rights, custody issues, networking and parenting programs. Child care is available. Call Pete, 449-8436, or visit [www.lbduk.org](http://www.lbduk.org).

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

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**Newcomers to Al-Anon**  
This group, for those who are new to Al-Anon and anyone who is affected by someone else's drinking, meets 7-7:55 p.m. Thursdays at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Room H, Dublin. Call 277-7661.

**Operation SAM**  
The group, offering emotional support to families with loved ones in the military, meets at 7 p.m., the second Monday monthly at the Livermore Police Station, 1110 S. Livermore Ave. Call Kristin, 443-7841.

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Meetings are held from 7-8 p.m., Thursdays at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Call Lisa, 931-0994.

**Parents of Alcoholics**  
Parents of alcoholics are welcome to join this Al-Anon group that meets 4:30-5:30 p.m. and at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sundays at CalFed Bank, 3101 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 277-7661.

**Parents of Children with Autism**  
For parents of children with autism in the East Bay, this group uses e-mail-based discussions for parent-to-parent support. Visit <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/eastbayautism> to join. E-mail [autismtrivalley@yahoo.com](mailto:autismtrivalley@yahoo.com) for questions.

**Parents of Diabetics**  
The POD Squad, a support group for parents of diabetics, meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly, September-May, at the Laguna Oaks neighborhood clubhouse. Call 461-1170 or visit [www.podsquad.com](http://www.podsquad.com).

**Parents of Special Needs Children**  
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**Picnic 4 Pets**  
Valley Humane Society is hosting a "Picnic 4 Pets" from noon-4 p.m., Sun., Sept. 24 at The Barn, 3131

Pacific Ave., Livermore. General admission is \$25, \$15 for children 12 and under. Call Nickie, 846-4024.

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**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](http://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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**Jewish Community Federation**  
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**Open Heart Kitchen**  
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The Pleasanton Senior Players needs volunteers for their upcoming Fall show on Oct. 6 and 7. Volunteers would help build sets, do stage make-up, handle costumes, act as stage manager or a prompter. Call Fay, 846-4630 or Shirley, 931-0937.

**Shepherd's Gate**  
Volunteer at Shepherd's Gate Shelter, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore or their thrift stores, 7381 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, and 1362 Railroad Ave., Livermore any time Mon-Fri. Call Lyn, 443-4283, ext. 217.

**The American Cancer Discovery Shop**  
The American Cancer Discovery Shop needs volunteers any time from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri.-Sat., or from noon-5 p.m., Sun. Call 462-7374.

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

**Tri-Valley Haven**  
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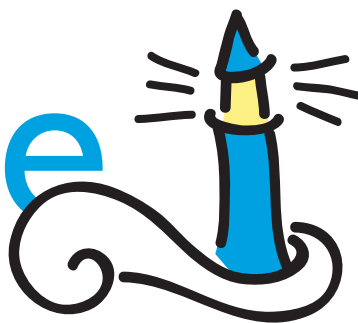


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