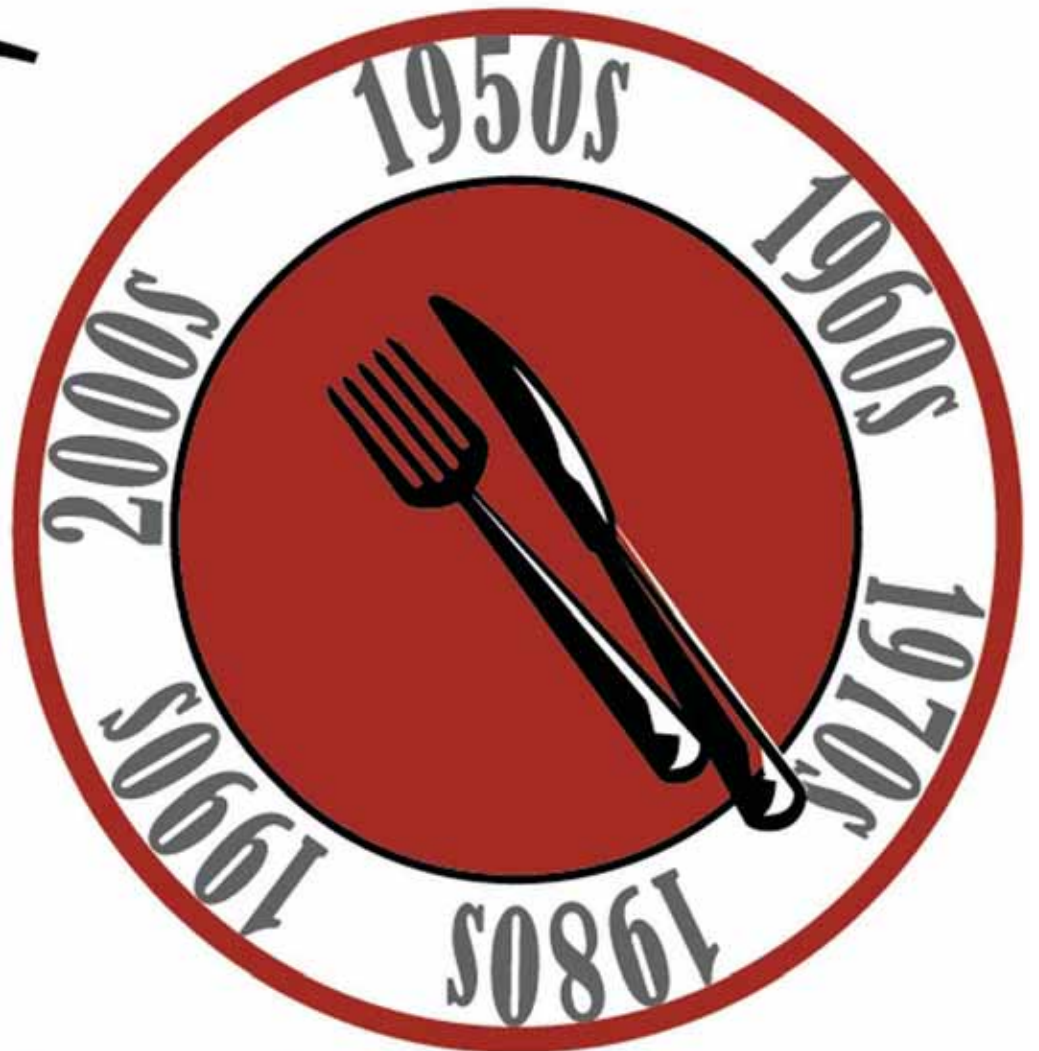


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# Around Pleasanton

by Deborah McKeehan

## It's on to another chapter

**W**hen I retired as City Manager of Pleasanton in 2004, I was looking forward to spending time at home with my family at night (helping with homework, learning the latest school gossip and having actual conversations with my husband) and for the first time in 40 years having time for myself. Of course even that was going to be squeezed in between the three community non-profit boards I had joined. As it turns out I got my wish but only for about three months.

I had no intention of working and certainly no intention of taking another full-time job. I thought there was no job that could have attracted me away from my newfound freedom. All of that was true until the President of Embarcadero Publishing called me for lunch one day. I was being offered a position as President of the East Bay Division of Embarcadero Publishing heading up the Pleasanton Weekly and I had the chance to start a new paper in Danville. It was all so intriguing and new challenges are so hard to resist in life, particularly for me. It was also compelling because it was such a natural way to stay involved in Pleasanton, the community I have loved so much. So in spite of my reservations and my promises to myself, I accepted the new job.

I was drawn to the Weekly because I have always loved the product. When the Pleasanton Weekly was established in our community in 2000 I could not have been happier. I thought it was a tremendous asset because there was so little coverage of

our community in either of the daily papers. Finally, Pleasanton had a paper dedicated only to Pleasanton and it continues to be the best source of news and features on local personalities. As it turns out, with the merger of the Contra Costa Times and the Tri-Valley Herald, it will become even more significant in the future as the only consistent local news source.

*I was drawn to the Pleasanton Weekly because I have always loved the product.*

While I have loved my "backstage pass" to the Pleasanton Weekly and to the newspaper industry, I am still missing the personal time with my family and the time for myself that I had planned. I am thrilled that I was able to add Newspaper President and Publisher to the experiences I have had in life and I am very pleased that I was able to contribute to the growth and success of Pleasanton and be responsible for a thriving start-up in Danville. I will no longer be in a full-time position with Embarcadero Publishing but I look forward to the consulting role I will have to continue to help in any way I can. More importantly, now just like all of you; I will anxiously await my Pleasanton Weekly in my mail box every Friday. ■

*Deborah McKeehan is the president of the Pleasanton Weekly and the publisher of the Danville Weekly*

### About the Cover

Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Pleasanton Chamber holds a "Six Decades of Dining" party at the Fairgrounds with dancing, good food and a special tribute to its guests from Tulancingo, Mexico, Pleasanton's sister city. The chamber had just a few members and Pleasanton had only a few businesses in 1946. Today, Pleasanton is a corporate and business leader with one of the West's largest business parks and a major regional shopping center as the chamber nears 1,000 members and growing influence on community affairs.

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# Streetwise

**Q:** Should Pleasanton be building a second dog park next to the current one on Muirland just for small dogs?

Asked Downtown



**Daniel Bedersen**

Emeryville

It all depends on exactly what they're planning to do, but, the big dogs—they're kind of rough, so I think that may be a smart decision. It will cause less fights this way and will be less stressful for the small dog owners.

**Whitney Justin**

Pleasanton

I think it would be really helpful. It makes perfect sense. I see big dogs trying to wrestle with little ones all the time, and they look so scared.



**Kim Cassetti**

Pleasanton

I'm kind of torn. I can see both sides of the argument whether to have a special one for small dogs or not. It could be an unnecessary expense for the city, but on the other hand, if I had a small dog, I wouldn't want a bigger dog beating up on them.



**Kris Holton**

Pleasanton

I used to be a dog owner, but now that I don't have one anymore, I'm kind of indifferent to the issue. I don't really know that there needs to be a separate park just for them and to segregate different breeds of dogs.



**Mona Chin**

Pleasanton

I've actually never taken my dog to a dog park, but I do think it's a good idea. The big dogs always come up to my dog (Koki, a schnauzer-poodle mix) and want to play, but they can be too rough and overpowering and maybe they just don't realize their size.



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

Compiled by Janet Pelletier

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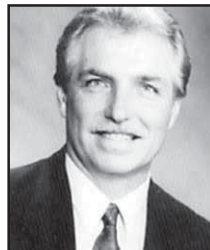
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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Fall Antique Fair

Browse through one of the largest antique fairs in California from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1. More than 250 dealers will fill up Main Street. A variety of items will be sold and admission is free. Visit [www.frateantiqueshows.com](http://www.frateantiqueshows.com) for more information.

### Grant deadline approaching

Applications are now available for the first cycle of PPIE (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education) Foundation's student grant program. Deadline to apply is Oct. 10. Funding is available up to \$500 per project/per year for student projects. Applications must be authored by a student and have a teacher sponsor. A second cycle of student grants will be awarded in the spring. Last year, PPIE awarded 58 grants to teachers and students totaling more than \$37,000. Applications are available online at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org), or by calling 846-5620.

### Pure Girls celebrates first year

Just a year ago, Pure Girls opened its doors at 660 Main St. for the first time. The anniversary celebration coincided with the Downtown Pleasanton Heritage Festival treasure hunt and festivities. The shop, which specializes in fashion, party packages and salon beauty services for girls of all ages, was named the best birthday party spot in the East Bay of 2006 by *Diablo Magazine*. A commemorative mosaic featuring photos from over 365 parties hosted there is on display through October.

### Walk for Open Heart

Open Heart Kitchen has been named a beneficiary of the Tri-Valley CROP Hunger Walk Oct. 15 in Pleasanton. The walk is part of the national Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) organization. The 5-mile walk starts at 1 p.m. at 4444 Black Ave. Last year, walkers raised \$6,000 and Open Heart Kitchen was awarded \$1,200. For more information, call CROP Walk Coordinator Pattie Tanner 485-5454 or e-mail [pdgtanner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdgtanner@sbcglobal.net).

### Corrections

In the Sept. 22 article "Controversial plan for convalescent homes on Neal Street struck down," Planning Commissioner Arne Olson commented that he found it "hard to believe that when (Generations) bought this property that they didn't know about the zoning."



by Jeb Bing

State Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D., 20th) urged voters in the Pleasanton portion of his district to cast their ballots for high school teacher

## Torrico endorses Cook-Kallio for Pleasanton City Council

20th District State Assemblyman Alberto Torrico speaks at local fundraiser

Cheryl Cook-Kallio in the Nov. 7 City Council election. Torrico spoke at a fundraiser for Cook-Kallio last Tuesday at the Ruby Hill Community Center

He said Cook-Kallio "has the

experience and credentials in community work and education that are essential in local government" and that make her "an excellent choice for the Pleasanton Council."

Torrico, who was elected to

the Assembly in 2004, is seeking reelection to the post. His district serves Fremont, Newark, Union City, Milpitas and parts of San

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Emily Atwood

### Missing school snake found

What's three feet long, scaly and roams the halls of Hearst Elementary School? It's BooBoo, the ball python that escaped from his cage in the school's science lab Sept. 12. But the two-week joy ride—or slither—was over for BooBoo as of Sept. 26.

When it was discovered that BooBoo was missing, science teacher Kim Lounsbury tried to remain optimistic. "It's been an awful two weeks," she said. "I've made everybody keep the doors closed."

She oversees a program that teaches students a healthy respect for animals, especially those that commonly induce fear. BooBoo is a non-venomous constrictor that is part of that program, which allows students to play and hold the snake during lunchtime and bring it home over the weekend.

On Sept. 26, Theo Hrycewicz, 9, Lounsbury's son who is a fourth grader at Valley View Elementary, went to Hearst after school and went in search of a snack in the kitchen. It was there he saw his old friend. "Hi BooBoo," he said, and then went to search for his mother.

"There he was, on top of the counter," Lounsbury said. "They just wanted me to pick that snake up and put him in his cage. I told Theo that he was my hero. And he said, 'you know it was just an accident.'"

—Emily Atwood

## Pleasanton schools receive statewide, national honors

Amador, Foothill named National Blue Ribbon Schools

Pleasanton schools are continuing the tradition of academic excellence and it's being recognized nationwide. Amador Valley and Foothill high schools were designated 2006 No Child Left Behind (NCLB)-Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. Only 31 public and four private schools in California were given the honors.

The 23-year-old program encourages states to nominate

public kindergarten through 12th grade schools that are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Amador and Foothill were nominated last November by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell.

Superintendent John Casey stressed this honor was not just about academics.

"This is not just high achievement," he said. "They also look at how safe schools are, [if there is]

a broad array of opportunities for students, [if there is] an excellent and dedicated group of instructors and leaders, and [if] the community is highly involved."

This is the second time Amador has been named a Blue Ribbon School, the first being in 2002. Amador Principal Bill Coupe cites the school's motto, "Working together ... to make a difference," as symbolizing the outstanding

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## City looks to streamline development services

Current processes bogging city business down

by Janet Pelletier

If you've ever been to the city's building department to turn in some paperwork for an addition on your house, you know what a process it entails. Planning Commission and City Council meetings are notorious for lasting into the midnight hour. And developers seeking to build a project in town are starting to realize that what is normally a one-month permitting process actually takes up to a year.

But the city is in the midst of developing an overall plan that will make these and other drawn-out processes that deal with the city's business more streamlined.

Emily Wagner, a former banking executive and the city's economic development fiscal officer, laid out plans to the Economic Vitality Committee, which is comprised of local business representatives, at its bi-monthly Sept. 20 meeting on how the city can improve.

Cities like Palo Alto and Novato are the wave of the future when it comes to updating such things as city codes, regulations and permits, even utilizing e-permits through the Internet with city residents. Wagner has been meeting with representatives from both cities to help Pleasanton loosen the bottleneck at City Hall.

The first step, she said, is looking at the current system "as is" and identifying and red flagging delays, the aforementioned bottlenecks and any lack of accountability. After that, the city can talk about what it desires "to be" by outlining practices that work, possibly shuffling staff around to become more efficient and making technological, procedural and facilities improve-

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— Joan Franco



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## Honors

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work done by students, staff and families over the past few years that contributed to receiving this distinction.

Foothill Principal Kevin Johnson was proud of the achievement as well.

"Receiving this national honor is something of which we are very proud," he said. "At Foothill, we emphasize a commitment to continuous improvement, and receiving the Blue Ribbon recognition honors this commitment."

These honors come shortly after California's Department of Education released the 2006 Accountability Progress Reports (APRs), which showed Pleasanton schools continued to surpass the state's goals. Each school in the district went beyond California's target of 800 on the Academic Performance Index (API). Seven schools scored over 900 and the

district-wide score increased to 880. The top district scores were from Mohr Elementary (961), Walnut Grove Elementary (934) and Fairlands Elementary (931). In addition, all federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets were met across the district.

Superintendent Dr. John Casey said everyone should be proud of the APR results.

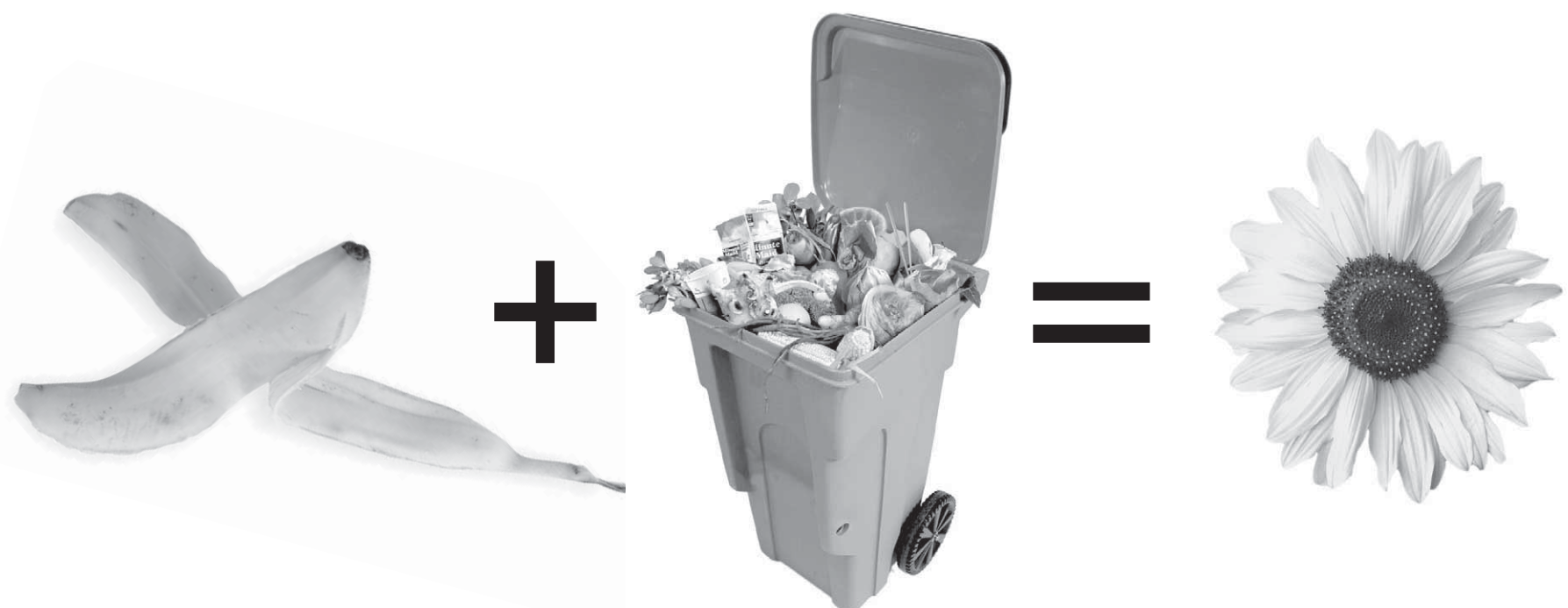
"They reflect an outstanding effort by our students, staff and parents," he said. "Our task now is to carefully look at the data and take steps to ensure that all of our students continue to be successful."

The APR system is based on state requirements, established by the Public School Accountability Act (PSAA) of 1999, and on federal requirements, established by the NCLB Act of 2001. The primary goal of this system is to measure and help improve the academic achievement of California's public schools. ■

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Jeb Bing

State Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) talks to high school teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio at a fundraiser held for her last Tuesday at the Ruby Hill Community Center. Cook-Kallio is running for Pleasanton City Council.

## Council

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Jose, Hayward, Castro Valley and Pleasanton.

### Presbyterian Church plans public 'coffee' for candidates

A candidates' coffee will be held from 7-9 p.m. next Thursday at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church on Mirador Drive, with the public invited to join in discussions with the candidates for municipal office.

Church spokesman Howard Neely said candidates will be asked to "reflect on who they are and what they feel are the needs of Pleasanton." Then the group will have an opportunity to sit at tables to discuss the issues with each of the candidates.

Invited to the coffee are the two candidates for mayor: Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Steve Brozosky, and the four running for council: Councilman Jerry Thorne, Planning Commission Chairman Brian Arkin, high school teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio and local businessman Dan Faustina.

### Hosterman holds campaign barbecue tonight

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who

is seeking reelection on Nov. 7, will hold a campaign fundraiser and barbecue starting at 5:30 p.m. today at the Fairgrounds' Ivy Glen picnic area. A campaign contribution of \$25 is suggested, with the first 300 guaranteed food "and the rest guaranteed fun," Hosterman said.

Hosterman is running against Councilman Steve Brozosky for the mayor's post.

### Buck wins Pleasanton school board members' endorsement

All five Pleasanton school board members this week endorsed Republican Jill Buck's bid for the 18th District State Assembly seat that is being given up by Assemblyman Johan Kleh's, a Democrat, because of term limits.

School trustees Steve Pulido, Pat Kernan, Juanita Haugen, Kris Weaver, and Jim Ott said they have worked with Buck for many years, and have seen her education advocacy in action.

"I truly believe that we need people like Jill in Sacramento," said school board President Pulido, who also said that he is a registered Democrat. "It is time for change and ethics in government. Jill has my total support and endorsement."

Long-time board member


Juanita Haugen, who is also former President of the California School Boards Association, added: "Jill is intelligent, capable, will advocate for her constituents and will build much needed consensus in the Assembly."

Buck is running against Democrat Mary Hayashi, a Castro Valley resident who works in the public health sector.

### Candidates' forum set for Oct. 10

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a public forum and luncheon for candidates for mayor and the City Council Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds' Palm Pavilion. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 and reservations are required by calling the Chamber at 846-5858, Ext. 201 or by email at wendy@pleasanton.org.

The candidates for mayor are the current Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is seeking reelection, and Councilman Steve Brozosky. Seeking one of the two seats open on the City Council are Councilman Jerry Thorne, who is seeking reelection, and Planning Commission Chairman Brian Arkin, businessman Dan Faustina and high school teacher Cheryl Cook-Callio. ■



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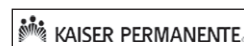
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## PPIE gears up for culinary affair

Organizers hope to raise more than \$70,000 at this year's event

by Elizabeth Campos Rajs

Seventeen local restaurants will serve up signature dishes at the Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) Foundation's annual culinary fundraising event on Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the CarrAmerica Conference Center in Pleasanton.

Proceeds from "Bon Appetit—A Star Studded Culinary Affaire" will fund grants and programs for students and faculty in the Pleasanton Unified School District. PPIE is a nonprofit foundation that fosters partnerships between the school district, local businesses and community organizations.

"It is an absolutely great time and for \$50, where else can you experience 17 restaurants, great wine, live entertainment and a fun time?" said Debi Covello, PPIE's executive director. "So many people attend, it's also a great place to reconnect with old friends you haven't seen in years."

At the culinary event, each local chef is paired with a school principal and business sponsor to form a culinary team. In addition to a wide selection of food and wine, the event also features a martini bar, live entertainment by David Ladd and the All Star Jazz Band, and a silent and live auction.

"It's a very worthwhile and fun event," said Superintendent John Casey, who is also on PPIE's board of directors. "A lot of members of the community are brought together to support the schools in a fun and entertaining environment. The food is prepared by local chefs and principals and business sponsors are on hand to help serve it."

This is the third year PPIE has hosted the culinary-themed fundraiser. Last year's event, which sold out, raised more than \$70,000. Covello hopes to surpass that amount this year.

Tickets are \$50 and are available through each school site's PPIE representative, online at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org), or by contacting the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620.

As a fun incentive, PPIE offers a \$200 prize to the school parent club that sells the most tickets. Last year's winner was Donlon, which sold more than 60 tickets, narrowly edging out Walnut Grove by a handful.

"We have a great group of parents at Donlon," said Marti Scalise, Donlon's PPIE ambassador. "The event last year was so fabulous, the tickets this year are selling themselves. I've sold 29 so far. Our parents cannot wait to go again."

At last year's event, Donlon's culinary team, featuring principal Marc Schweitzer, Shawn Batoy of Robert Half International and 1st Street Café chef David Kerrigan, also won the "people's choice award" for its grilled salmon entree. ■

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## Building boom

Local churches continue efforts for new facilities

by Janet Pelletier

While the city of Pleasanton is approaching buildout and the number of development projects are beginning to lessen, area churches are in the midst of a building boom.

At a recent Planning Commission meeting on Sept. 13, Pleasanton Presbyterian Church—the oldest church in the city—was given the OK to install a temporary structure at its future Ironwood site for up to 10 years while the church raises enough money to fund a new place of worship.

The proposed permanent church facility, estimated to cost between \$7 million and \$10 million, is planned for a 6-acre site at the corner of Valley Avenue and Busch Road and will be part of the new Ironwood community built by Ponderosa Homes (formerly the site of the old Pumpkin Patch).

It is planned to include four buildings into a church complex comprising nearly 100,000 square feet. A three-story sanctuary will be the focal point and the other buildings will serve as centers for church activities for youths, seniors and its Kinderkirk preschool.

The ever-expanding congregation has come a long way from the first church where Pleasanton Presbyterian was housed. Built in 1876, the church on Neal Street was used for more than a century before the congregation outgrew it in 1979. For the past 35 years, the growing number of Presbyterians has been attending the church's current facility on Mirador Drive. Now, with more than 550 members, the time has come to move to yet a larger facility.

An 80,000-square-foot tent-like building will be erected as a temporary church facility at the future church site in the coming months. It will remain the new church facility for up to 10 years or until the church raises enough money for a new facility, according to the temporary permit issued by the city.

"We're moving lock, stock and barrel, and moving to a new location; it's not an easy task but this gives us an opportunity to get on-site and continue our church operations," said Pleasanton Presbyterian Rev. Mike Barris.

Made by Sprung Instant Structures, the tent-like structures have been used for casinos, churches, cruise ship terminals, at the North Pole and even at the site of Ground Zero in New York City.

The structure will be a green color, which concerned some planning commissioners, but Barris said in the sunlight, the "bayberry" green is less noticeable.

"White and tan colors jump out at you," Barris said.

Another church in town, Trinity Lutheran on Hopyard Road, is looking to update its current facilities and expand its parking to accommodate churchgoers.

A workshop was held at a recent

Planning Commission meeting to review the church's proposal to replace the existing temporary structures with a one-story, 8,100-square-foot education building; a 3,100-square-foot multipurpose room; and additional parking spaces and landscaping. Trinity received approval to install temporary buildings in 1993 to house children in its Sonshine preschool and for Sunday school.

The workshop was also an opportunity for Planning Commissioners and the public to comment on their thoughts of the project. A handful of residents spoke of distaste for the church's plans, saying they were concerned about traffic flow and safety in their adjacent neighborhood on Golden Road.

Saying he thinks the new church facilities will encourage more people to attend services there, Golden Road resident Mike Serrano said that it will in-turn double the traffic in the adjacent neighborhood.

"They've got to go somewhere," Serrano said of the churchgoers that may not be able to find parking in either of the church's two lots.

At issue is that the current Trinity Lutheran parking area is separated into two lots—one on Del Valle and one on Golden Road. What often happens is when churchgoers can't find a parking space in the Del Valle lot, which is smaller, they drive around to the Golden Road lot to find a space, neighbors described. When that is filled up, they look for street parking—in the neighborhood.

*"We're feeling boxed in over here."*

—Del Valle Parkway resident  
Jimmy Uranwala

"We're feeling boxed in over here," said Del Valle Parkway resident Jimmy Uranwala.

Many of the speakers asked church officials if they could reposition their expansion plans to drive more traffic onto Del Valle as opposed to Golden Road, but officials said they are making an effort and have made concessions.

"We've really been trying to work with the neighborhood," responded architect Tim Mattheis.

He added that the permanent facilities would be much more attractive, the attendance size would not increase exponentially and that the plans were in no way an attempt to overrun the region.

Commissioner Arne Olson suggested to Mathias and Pastor David Beard that the plans include running a connecting road for the two parking lots behind the church facility and closing the Golden Road parking lot entrance.

Commissioner Phil Blank suggested making the building smaller and trying out different locations on the site. ■

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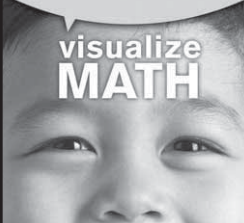
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ments.

City staff are often overloaded with phone calls, e-mails and people in line at the planning department. Wagner said a way to lessen that workload can be to shift some of the work on the applicant—through better guidelines, permits and education efforts. The city's current computer system has an uncertain future and employing a new system that has all the upgrades that can be used across all city departments would lead to more efficiency. Procedural improvements could include putting together manuals outlining guidelines for staff use so that when a city staffer retires, the city is not overwhelmed by the absence of that person's knowledge and experience, she said.

Improvements can also be made to City Council and Planning Commission policies for proj-

ects. When a project is brought forward, people who live within 300 feet of the project must be notified; the city goes above and beyond that by noticing within 1,000 feet, which is courteous but requires more work from staff. The appeal process is also too

***"We need to stop taking incomplete applications too; it bogs people down."***

—Emily Wagner,  
economic development  
fiscal officer

forgiving for those who wish to appeal a planning project, Wagner said. As it stands, a person can make a phone call and pay a \$6 fee to appeal a project. Many times, the appellant doesn't show up to the meeting and can continue the cycle of appeal, extending the project's timeframe into an uncertain future and causing a

backlog of projects for city planners.

"We need to stop taking incomplete applications too; it bogs people down," Wagner said.

An increasing number of residents wishing to remodel homes have also led to the city becoming inundated with work. The reason is because the city's housing stock is aging, driving some homeowners to carry out home improvement projects that need city approval, Wagner said.

For example, in 1990, there were about 250 roof replacements and currently, the city processes about 3,500 re-roofing permits per year.

"You should just see the volumes of paper (staff is) dealing with," she said. "It becomes overwhelming."

The goal is to bring the streamlining strategy to the City Council by next March. Implementation of the plan will take about two years, but Wagner stressed that residents and city staff will notice improvements happening throughout that timeframe. ■

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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.

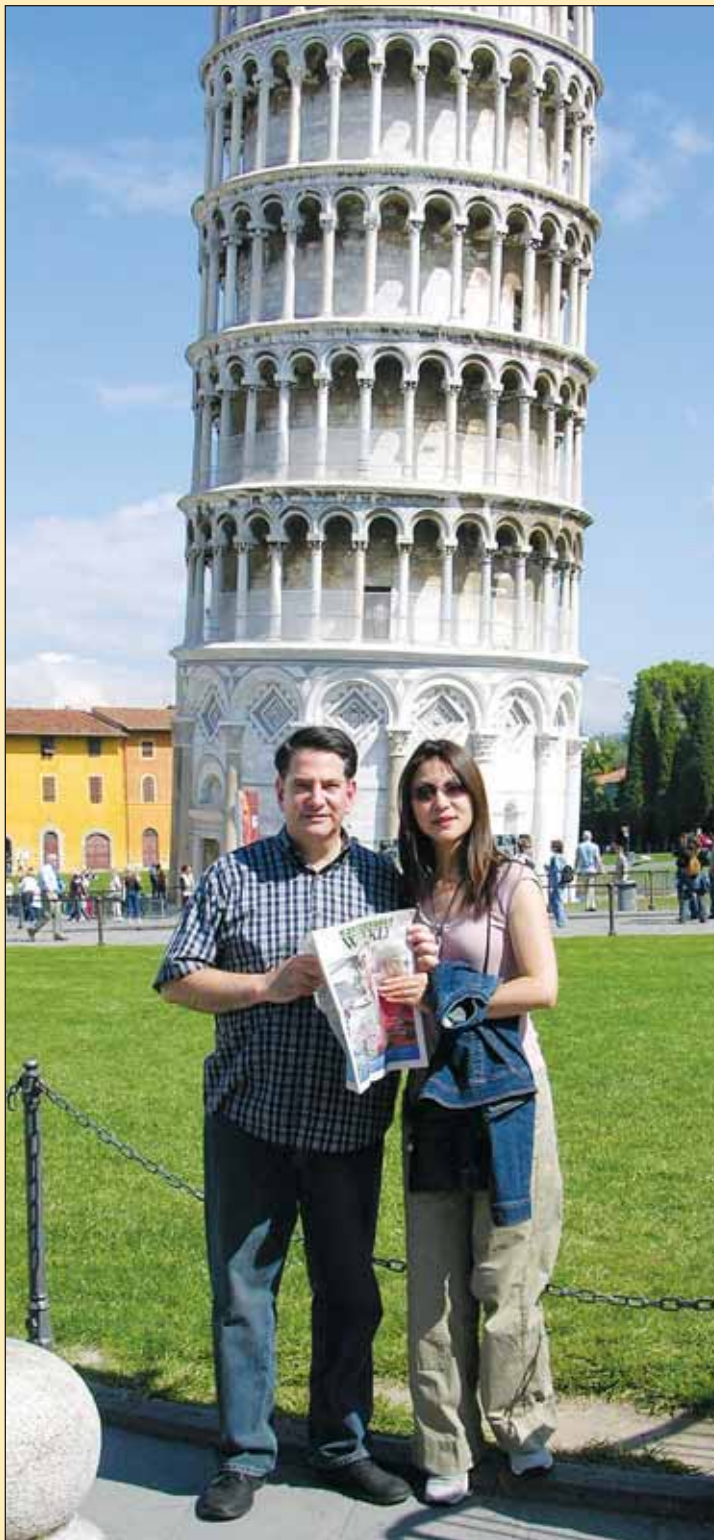
The YMPIC is comprised of 30 members. Applications are being accepted for the following representatives:

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

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**Any honeymoon is a good honeymoon**

Andrew and Xiaopei Gelb celebrated a delayed honeymoon by taking a trip through Tuscany. Here, they read the Weekly at the Leaning Tower of Pisa.



**Then we throw the bouquet**

No wedding day would be complete without the traditional reading of the Weekly--at least that's what Megan Kelly and Kenny Scott (center) thought when they got hitched in Maui. They were joined by friends and family (l-r) Glen Kelly, Keith and Holly Kelly, Corinne and Tim Kelly, Melissa Schussel, Morgan Wynne, Allison Daily, and Cecilia Kelly.

**Take Us Along**



**Bras for a cause**

Mary Gold and her "Pink Ladies" group sported bras as outerwear as well as the Weekly for a walk that raised \$10,572 in support of breast cancer research. In the back row (l-r) are Felicitas Beard, Brenda Abramovich, Mary Gold, Kathy Krol-Ramirez, Tiffany Ramirez, Sheri Kapp, Paige Ready, Gloria P. and Cyndi Snyder. In the front row (l-r) are Tracy Ripley, Marlene Diggins, Erin Monroe and Kim Martin.



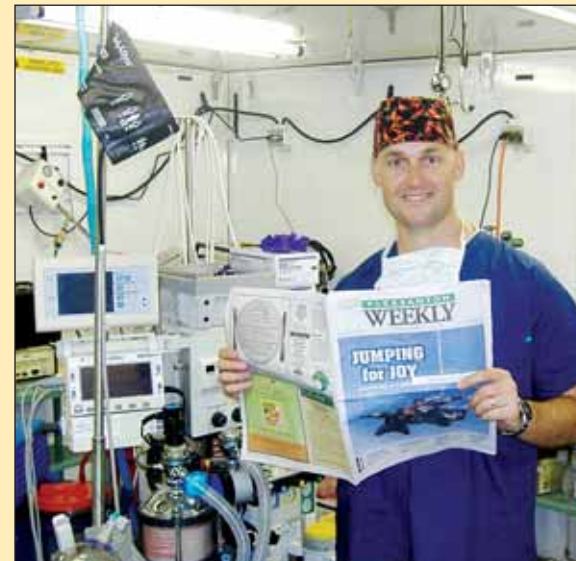
**Maybe the president is looking**

All bundled up with the Weekly at the White House South lawn's ellipse are Cheryl and Keith Caraballo, who were in the nation's capital last December to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Cheryl's a graduate of Amador Valley High School, Class of 1972.



**Weekly joins another winning team**

With the Buckeyes off to another winning season, Evan Potenzone is watching on television after graduating last December from Ohio State, when this photo was taken. With Evan, who is sporting his mortar board cap, are (l-r) sister Kara, dad Rudy, mom Treva Rusiewicz and an obviously cold brother Chad. Evan knows "The Shoe," as the Columbus, Ohio college stadium is called, since he played in the marching band for five years as he worked on his degree.



**Weekly reporting for duty**

Captain Chad Holmes, an anesthesiologist in the Army, keeps up with local news by reading the Weekly during his deployment to Camp Speicher in Iraq, just outside of Tikrit. A 1988 Foothill High School graduate, Holmes' family still lives in Pleasanton and sends him the Weekly so he can keep up on his "old stomping grounds."



**Sport fishing with the Weekly**

Robert Beanland, daughter Bailey and son Brandon check the Weekly for fishing tips before heading out on the Santa Monica pier. Missing from the photo is mom Jean Marie, who took the photo.



**American castle**

Jim and Pamela Ott and Pat and Dave Walden read the Weekly while visiting Hearst Castle in Cambria, Calif. The couples frequently travel together and previously went to Hawaii where they visited the southern most point in the United States.

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Is \$50,000 city compensation study really needed?

For more than three years, the City Council and general public have heard a regular harangue from a few residents and current and former members of the council over the salaries and benefits Pleasanton provides its employees. The concern of these few is that salaries, particularly for the 60 or so management level employees, are much higher than what would be received for equivalent work in the private sector, and that benefits, in general, are far too generous. Finally, we are about to learn if they have a point.

Under the direction of City Manager Nelson Fialho and council members Jerry Thorne and Cindy McGovern, a study is under way to survey management level salaries and benefits. Nelson and his staff will handle the survey by carefully analyzing what neighboring cities of comparable population and staff size pay their managers. This is not a new undertaking; the city's finance team frequently makes random surveys of key management posts in Bay Area and California communities, and even some out-of-state municipalities, with the objective to put Pleasanton's salary guidelines at roughly the midpoint level. That allows for salary adjustments within acceptable and published guidelines to retain top managers who might otherwise be attracted to higher-paying jobs in, say, Livermore or San Ramon. After all, under California's benefit plan handled through the state's Public Employees Retirement System, municipal employees can move from one California city to another while retaining their benefits. Even so, Fialho, at the direction of the council, is surveying cities again to acquire current data.

More complicated will be the assignment given to Thorne, a retired business executive who has had responsibility for multi-million-dollar salary and benefit compensation at a major Silicon Valley corporation, and to McGovern, a licensed nurse who also is familiar with salary issues affecting the public health sector. To help, the City Council approved spending up to \$50,000 for a consultant who has experience in developing private sector data. So far, 10 companies, including some locally, have been identified that meet the basic criteria to be used in the study. These benchmarks include budgets similar to Pleasanton's, or about \$150 million in annual revenue, and a full-time roster of about 500 employees, which would also compare to this city's. Then the comparative work starts.

City governments offer salaries and benefits, but not much else. There's no 401(k) savings plan or matching compensation, as most companies that have these plans in place also add as a benefit. Cities offer no stock purchase plan or stock options, no car allowance beyond IRS-driven mileage compensation, not even a so-called cafeteria plan where an employee can get cash back on a pre-tax health plan that is not used. Speaking of cafeterias, some corporations also offer subsidized food served in the company cafeteria, subsidize transportation costs and even offer free ATM service so that employees don't have to leave the business to eat or even draw out money. Of course, many of those benefits are taxable, which means employees, with the company's help, have to declare these benefits when they file their year-end taxes, but the net benefits are real, substantial and not available to city employees.

In our analysis, we're not sure what a \$50,000 comparison of Pleasanton's 60 management employees to similar jobs in the private sector can show, if anything. Fialho's frequent surveys of what city employees make in the Bay Area and his adherence to compensation guidelines that keep good managers here seems a logical, inexpensive and competitively-focused policy. The best we can hope for is that once this private-public sector study is concluded, the once-a-year criticisms by a handful of complainers can also end and managers can receive their salary adjustments on time in September, not in November or December until these annual debates are resolved. ■

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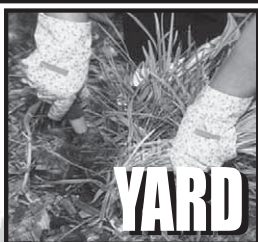
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# Letters

## Brozosky a 'practical' choice for mayor

Dear Editor,

Steve Brozosky has the support of four Pleasanton school board members who gave endorsements for mayor. (I understand that the fifth board member, Jim Ott, opted not to endorse either candidate because his wife works for the City.)

Having served as a school board member in another district, I know how important it is for our elected leaders to work together. The City and School District collaborate on a wide variety of issues, from planning new schools for the future to dealing with traffic problems in the present.

To me, the school board's majority endorsement of Brozosky sends a clear message that he is the better candidate to achieve a positive and productive working relationship between our city government and PUSD.

We have a wonderful city and fine schools. We need to elect practical people who will focus on the things that make Pleasanton a great place to live and raise children. Brozosky will do that.

Please join our school board members in supporting Steve Brozosky for mayor. Your vote is important. Vote for Brozosky on Nov. 7!

*Karen Wind  
Pleasanton*

## Hosterman is qualified, Brozosky's tactics 'childish'

Dear Editor,

As the vice-mayor of Pleasanton, I am writing to urge the community to support Mayor Jennifer Hosterman in her bid for re-election. Jennifer has the vision, integrity and leadership skills necessary to move our city forward during a critical time in our history. She has represented us well with the many local, regional--and yes, even national and global issues--that affect Pleasantonians daily. I have worked with her for many years: on the Council, in an advisory role as a planning commissioner; and as a member of the Energy Committee. I can attest to her motivation, her commitment and her willingness to work hard for the betterment of our community.

With all the critical issues facing us, it's unfortunate that challenger Steve Brozosky has decided to mount an ugly campaign of personal attacks against the mayor. Brozosky and his minions--most notably Dan Carl and Doug Miller--have been relentlessly attacking Jennifer, maligning her character, questioning her patriotism and spreading disinformation in an attempt to blame the mayor for council "failures." Brozosky's childish jabs during council meetings over trivia makes a mockery of the meeting and of the Council. It's Rovean politics carried out by amateurs, and is an insult to a community that deserves better. But, from Brozosky's standpoint, I guess it's understandable. He has

nothing else to say.

Pleasanton is a great community, and things are pretty darn good! Let's keep it that way, and send Mayor Jennifer Hosterman back to City Hall for another two years.

*Matt Sullivan  
Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton*

## Brozosky committed to Pleasanton issues

Dear Editor,

I applaud the work that mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky has done for our community. Steve is committed to Pleasanton issues, especially traffic. He has delivered on his commitment to obtain federal money for our local freeways. He has developed close working relationships with the county and neighboring cities to solve our overall traffic problems.

The mayors of Livermore and Dublin, as well as the county supervisor, elected Steve as chairman of the Wheels bus system. Supervisor Scott Haggerty expressed his confidence in Steve by appointing him to the Alameda County Transportation Authority and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority.

When our current mayor was elected, she promised to become "Traffic Queen." Instead of focusing on Pleasanton's traffic, she has spent her time in office flying around the United States and Canada pursuing her own agenda for higher office, while here at home the General Plan remains unfinished and traffic congestion in Pleasanton is worse than ever.

Local traffic issues need immedi-

ate action. Steve Brozosky has the expertise, experience and the working relationships with our neighbors to make a positive difference for Pleasanton. For Steve, "It's All About Pleasanton."

*Terri Carl  
Pleasanton*

## Hosterman's global concerns don't belong in City Council

Dear Editor,

For the second-straight Pleasanton City Council Meeting, we were subjected to a set-piece performance by Mayor Hosterman and Fred Norman, editorial coordinator on Hosterman's campaign staff. Once again the pair attempted to divert the focus of the city council and staff away from pending and unfinished city business and towards the Iraq war.

While I respect Mr. Norman's previous military service and his First Amendment right to speak his mind, I am disgusted by the mayor's transparent tactics and machinations. First and foremost--the city council has no jurisdiction over any aspect of the Iraq war. I encourage Norman and those who share his opinions to write to and call their congressional representatives, senators and president and drive the debate where it belongs--the federal level. Addressing this issue before our city council is a waste of taxpayer time and money.

Second, these antics are nothing more than another divisive ploy by Hosterman to make the upcoming election in Pleasanton

a referendum on the Iraq war as opposed to a referendum on her poor performance as mayor. Let's act locally and elect a tested leader who will focus on Pleasanton this Nov. 7.

*Doug Miller  
Field Director, Brozosky for Mayor*

## Double standards arise in election endorsements

Dear Editor,

Not too long ago, Mayor Hosterman's opponent in the upcoming mayoral election criticized her for using her title of mayor of Pleasanton when she spoke out in support of peace. Recently I noticed a flyer from that same opponent announcing his endorsement by several, but not all, of Pleasanton's school board trustees. Apparently it is acceptable for school board trustees to use a city title when endorsing him, but it is not acceptable for her to use her city title when endorsing peace.

Allow me to use my title: Concerned Pleasanton Citizen.

*Cathe Norman  
Pleasanton*

### Code of ethics

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**Above:** Pleasanton Chamber celebrants wave to the "Six Decades of Dining" party, held to mark the 60th anniversary of the Pleasanton Chamber. Chamber members and residents of the Pleasanton Chamber join in celebrating the night at the Fairgrounds. From left are Steve Clark, Hirst and Joyce Shapiro.



**Above, left:** Chamber President and CEO Dave Bouchard honors Jorge Victoria of Tulancingo, Mexico, Pleasanton's sister city. **Above, right:** Former Mayor Frank Brandes (right) offers a few campaign pointers to Jill Buck, Republican candidate for the 18th Assembly District seat, who is with her husband Mark.



**Left:** Longtime Chamber members (from left) Tom and Patty Powers discuss the City Council campaign with Angela Ramirez Holmes, campaign manager to Council candidate Cheryl Cook-Kallio (far right), who has the chamber's endorsement. **Right:** Also joining in the anniversary party fun is Councilman Jerry Thorne, who also has been endorsed by the Pleasanton Chamber.



*Organization's influence keeps growing*

by Jeb

**T**he Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 60th year of service with a "Six Decades of Dining" party at the County Fairgrounds.

The local Chamber was organized in 1946 as the city's businesses started expanding following the end of World War II. At the time, there were just a few thousand residents here, few retail shops on Main Street, no Hacienda Business Park or Stoneridge Shopping Center, and not even freeways or cut-through traffic.

"At the time, Pleasanton was a sleepy little town with an agricultural focus, but men like Jack Kolln knew that while Main Street was a vibrant market center and his father's hardware store provided a good living for the family, the business community could do better by joining together to promote business, to support each others' businesses and to use their collective resources to help Pleasanton grow and prosper," said Don Odell of the Pleasanton law firm of McNichols, Randick, O'Dea & Tooliatos, and the Chamber's chairman for 2006.

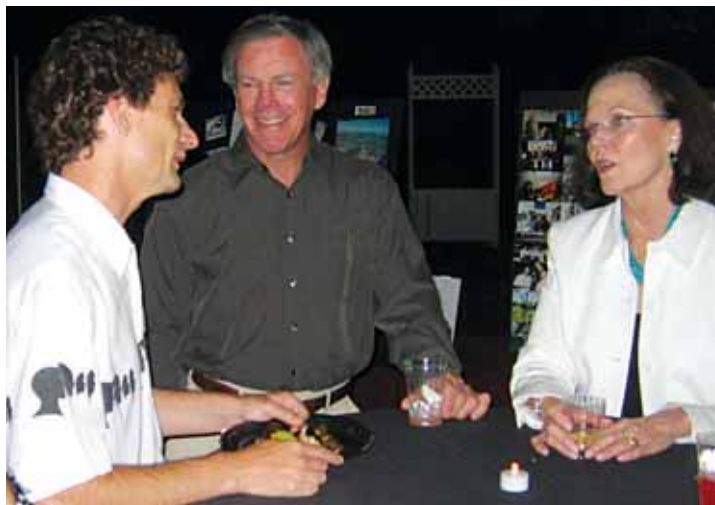
"And so the Pleasanton Chamber was founded [and] Jack Kolln became the Chamber's first president," Odell added.

In the 60 years since, the Chamber has grown with the city, with nearly 1,000 members in a city that is nearing the 70,000-population mark.

Joyce Shapiro, who served as the chamber's president in 1978, said the organization also became more influential over the years. It provided strong support in gaining voter



...the music of Brad Kinney Productions at the "Dinner Anniversary of the local organization. **Left:** Past president of the organization's 60th anniversary last Saturday night. **Eric Nostrand, Bob Silva, Jan Batcheller, Brad**



Councilman and mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky (left) offers his views of city's needs with John Gilpin and his wife Gail, who is the former Director of Economic Development for the city.



Hacienda (Business Park) Owners Association president James Paxson joins Mayor Jennifer Hosterman at the Chamber anniversary party. Hosterman is seeking re-election on Nov. 7.



Pleasanton Realtor Tom Fox, a veteran member of the Pleasanton Chamber, and his wife Susan celebrate the organization's anniversary.



School board member and TV30 talk show host Jim Ott (from left) and his wife Pamela, the city's Director of Economic Development, join Dale and Ted Kaye at the chamber event. Dale Kaye is President and CEO of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce; Ted directs the Los Positas College Foundation.



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...approval to build the Hacienda Business Park, and to add the Stoneridge Mall. At the same time, it helped preserve historic Main Street while also working with the city to keep building heights to a maximum of five stories in Hacienda.

"One developer wanted to build at 14-story office building at Hopyard and Stoneridge, which the city turned down," said Shapiro, who also served on the city Planning Commission. "Approval finally was given for five stories in the center of Hacienda, but only after developers agreed to help the city buy a new hook-and-ladder fire truck with a ladder and fire fighting equipment that would be capable of reaching the tops of those buildings."

Although always politically active, the Chamber has gained increasing influence in the city's political affairs since forming a political action committee two years ago. Candidates seeking public office are invited to interview with the PAC committee, which then makes recommendations to the Chamber. This year, all six candidates seeking public office—two for the mayor's post and four for City Council—sought the Chamber's endorsement in meetings with the PAC group. Only two—Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio—were successful and were at the Chamber's 60th anniversary party to celebrate.

The Chamber declined to endorse either Mayor Jennifer Hosterman or Councilman Steve Brozosky in the mayor's race, although both also joined in the anniversary celebration. ■



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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council**

Tuesday, October 3, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- 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
- Authorization to conduct development review of a Sharks ice facility on city owned land located in Staples Ranch
- Approve Guidelines for Future Senior Housing Developments

**Human Services Commission**

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- Discussion regarding potential City Action on Council priorities
- Review of City Grant Program funding action allocations from FY 1993/94 through FY 2005/06

**Civic Arts Commission**

Monday, October 2, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- Discussion regarding potential City Action on Council priorities
- Review of Downtown Public Art Action Master Plan
- Discussion on Proposed Dr. Seuss Action Sculpture for the City's Public Art Collection

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee - October 9, 2006
- Planning Commission - October 11, 2006
- Youth Commission - October 11, 2006
- Parks and Recreation - October 12, 2006
- Library Commission - October 12, 2006

**NOVEMBER 7, 2006 ELECTION - EARLY VOTING**

- The City Clerk's Office will participate in early voting. This will allow citizens to cast their ballots at City Hall beginning October 23 through Election Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Election Day City Hall will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., to vote and assist residents in locating their designated polling places. Voters can look up polling locations and view their sample ballots at the following Website <http://www.smartvoter.org/ca/alm/>

**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

### Minor Decoy operation held

The Pleasanton Police Department conducted an undercover Minor Decoy Operation this weekend. The program was aimed at stopping the sale of alcohol to minors and was directed toward all businesses that sell alcohol in the City of Pleasanton as well as customers who opt to purchase alcohol for minors who approach them outside these establishments.

The 18-year-old decoys tried to purchase alcohol from Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control-licensed businesses. Decoys did not use false or altered identification, did not make any false statements as to identity or age in order to induce sale, and were under constant supervision of a police officer.

The operation went to three businesses in Pleasanton and employees at all three asked for identification and then refused to sell to the decoys. The decoys then approached patrons entering six other businesses and solicited the purchase of alcohol for them. After contacting a total of 20 patrons, four people agreed to purchase beer for them. Successful purchases of alcohol were made in front of Hopyard 7-11, Perry's Liquors, Shell Gas Station Mini Market at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive, and Vallely 7-11. In each instance, the responsible individual who completed the transaction was issued a citation.

These operations seek to combat alcohol purchase

by underage minors. The success of the Minor Decoy Program is measured by how many employees refuse to sell to the decoys, not by how many sales or purchases are made.

### Residential burglaries

Since Aug. 1, there has been a significant rise in residential burglaries in Pleasanton. The methods in which these burglaries have occurred are very similar in nature. In most cases, entry into the residence has been forced and via the backyard. The majority of the losses experienced have been small electronics, laptop computers, jewelry and cash.

A blue pickup truck has been seen in the area of some of these burglaries. The truck is believed to be involved and is described as a bright blue, full size American-made truck with a standard cab and bed. The suspect is believed to be a white male, 16-20 years old, with short brown hair, approximately 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, with a thin build and a youthful appearance.

Residents are urged to secure doors and windows when not at home. They are also encouraged to report any suspicious persons or vehicles seen in residential neighborhoods. Those interested in a home safety survey may contact the Pleasanton Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 931-5233.

Anyone with information regarding any of these burglaries is urged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department and/or Detective Aaron Fountain.

## Police Report

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

### September 18

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 2
- Possession and sale of synthetic drugs:
  - 9:39 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- Assault:
  - 3:15 p.m. in the 7100 block of Hickorywood Lane

### September 19

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 1
- Non-injury arson:
  - 10:55 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Foothill Road
- Rape:
  - 4:12 p.m. in the 6200 block of Alvord Way

### September 20

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Trespassing:
  - 8:49 a.m. in the 7800 block of Marigold Court
- Assault:
  - 8:36 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
  - 1:28 p.m. in the 300 block of Rose Avenue
- Domestic animal bite:
  - 5:57 p.m. at the intersection of Chocolate Street and Persimmon Way
- Concealed gun:

- 11:24 p.m. at the intersection of Owens and Rosewood drives

### September 21

- Theft: 6
- Burglary: 4
- Possession of amphetamines:
  - 6:16 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
  - 10:56 in the 5000 block of Hummingbird Road

### September 22

- Theft: 1
- DUI: 2
- Found property: 1
- Sale/Purchase of alcohol to a minor:
  - 10:58 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
  - 11:48 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Possession of marijuana:
  - 10:38 p.m. at the intersection of Paseo Santa Cruz and Valley Avenue

### September 23

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Sale/Purchase of alcohol to a minor:
  - 12:58 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
  - 1:16 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
- Public drunkenness:
  - 4:23 a.m. at the intersection of Vineyard and Christina avenues
- Possession of marijuana:
  - 11:46 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard and Valley roads

### September 24

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 1

- Assault:
  - 2:31 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
  - 11:28 p.m. in the 8000 block of Arroyo Road
- Domestic animal bite:
  - 10:16 a.m. in the 1800 block of Brooktree Way

## ACCIDENTS

### September 19

- 3:42 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard and Valley Trails roads
- 3:49 p.m. - Property damage accident at the intersection of St. Mary Street and Peters Avenue
- 6:42 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Bernal and Case avenues
- 11:53 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Vineyard and Vineyard avenues

### September 20

- 9:30 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Quarry Lane and Valley Avenue
- 1:52 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard and Inglewood roads

### September 21

- 9:16 a.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Johnson and Stoneridge drives

### September 22

- 8:30 a.m. - Property damage accident in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road



# Transitions

## Obituaries

### John Nejedly

Former state Sen. John Nejedly died Sept. 19 in Walnut Creek after suffering a massive stroke. He was 91.

Born in Oakland in 1941, he earned a law degree from Boalt Law School at UC Berkeley and served as an intelligence officer during World War II. He was the District 7 state senator from 1969-1980 and is best known as a champion of the state's environment, responsible for major legislation, as well as his later work to enable children with disabilities to experience wilderness areas. He was the father of District 3 Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho.

"John Nejedly was without question one of the most decent and kind public servants of the last 50 years. He personified a period in time when politicians worked in a collegial manner even when they disagreed," said Tom G. Del Beccaro, chairman of the Contra Costa Republican Party.

A visitation was held Sept. 25 at Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel, 1139 Saranap Ave. A funeral Mass is scheduled for mid-October at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Walnut Creek. He will be buried in Johnsville in Plumas County, where the family has a cabin.

### Nellie Kay Gieringer

Nellie Kay Gieringer died Sept. 11 at the age of 66.

Mrs. Gieringer graduated from Central Missouri State University and worked in Kansas City. She moved with her family to Phoenix, where she worked for Arizona Blood Services for eight years, leading hundreds of blood drives for local schools and hospitals. For the past 26 years, she lived in California; moving to Pleasanton in 1996.

Gieringer also worked at FEMA for several years, as an emergency relief manager. She helped thousands of families receive emergency relief funds during the natural disasters of the California fires and earthquakes, and Midwest river floods in the 1990s.

She enjoyed church; fresh flowers; trips to Lake Tahoe, the beach and Palm Springs; and family time with her husband, children and grandchildren. For several years, she cared for her grandchildren every day.

Gieringer is survived by her husband of 44 years, Ben Gieringer of Pleasanton; her two children and their families: Craig and Nancy Gieringer of Pleasanton, and Julie and Mark Aitken of Folsom, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Services were held in Kansas City. Arrangements were by Graham-Hitch Mortuary of Pleasanton.

### Artur Martins Freitas

Artur Martins Freitas of Pleasanton died Sept. 11 at the age of 91.

Mr. Freitas immigrated to Manteca in 1959 and worked as a pruner at Gallo Winery. He also worked as a custodian for Spreckle's Sugar Company and the Manteca Unified School District.

He was a talented in sculpting wood carvings, for which he won many awards. He also wrote beautiful religious poems. Freitas also enjoyed attending local Portuguese Festas and prayer groups. At the age of 91, he was still able to drive by himself to all his functions, proudly mentioning how he never got a ticket.

Freitas is survived by daughter Fatima; son-in-law Jose; granddaughter Cecilia and her husband Tony.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 18 in St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

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## Pleasanton Real Estate News



by  
Gerarda  
Stocking

### THE TITLE TO THIS STORY

Unfortunately, the way buyers take title to their property is all too often decided in a few rushed moments as if the way you take title doesn't really matter all that much. Real estate author Peter G. Miller makes a strong point simply by relaying some of the considerations in taking title:

"You can have a tenancy by the entireties (for married couples), community property, a tenancy in common (where interests need not be equal), a joint tenancy (where all interests are equal), etc. Then, you can have right of survivorship built-in or not built-in, you can have a written agreement among the parties to organize the owners, you can have condo and co-op regimes to govern ownership, equity-sharing agreements can impact title issues, and then you can gain ownership more or less with a quitclaim deed -- the owner transfers such interest as he has in the property (which may be no interest). Add in partnerships, corporations, non-profit entities, and title matters become unbelievably complex. And don't forget deed restrictions...."

You get the point. Spend plenty of time consulting with your tax advisor before deciding exactly how you want to take title to each real estate property you purchase over the course of your life. Remember, too, that laws surrounding ways of taking title often change, as do the circumstances affecting the best way for you to take title. Get the help you need! Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

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# Calendar

## Author Visits

### Jacqueline Golding

Meet with psychologist Jacqueline Golding to discuss her book "Healing Stories: Picture Books for the Big and Small Changes in a Child's Life" at 7:30 p.m., Wed., Oct. 11 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St.. Call 846-8826.

## Civic Meetings

### City Council

The council meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 3.

### Housing Commission

The commission meets 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 19.

### Human Services Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month 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 of the month at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 12.

### Parks & Recreation Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 12.

### Planning Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 11.

### School Board

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 10.

### Youth Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The next meeting is Oct. 11.

## Class Reunions

### Amador Valley High Class of 1986

The Amador Valley High School Class of 1986 reunion will be held at 7 p.m., Sat., Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Visit [www.greatreunions.com](http://www.greatreunions.com) for more information.

### Granada High 1966

The Granada High School Class of 1966 reunion will be held Oct. 13 and 14. Tickets are \$40. For more information, call Paul, 736-0976 or e-mail [plhirsch30@aol.com](mailto:plhirsch30@aol.com).

## Classes

### 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 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 26 at 4665 Bernal Avenue. The course fee is \$25, materials fee is \$20. Call 426-4280.

### International Folk Dancers

The Del Valle International Folk Dancers welcome beginning and experienced dancers for Balkan, Israeli and other world dances. Weekly classes meet from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays in the upstairs studio at the Livermore Academy of Performing Arts, 315 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore. Cost is \$4. Dress casual. Call George Pavel, 447-8020.

### Las Positas College

Las Positas College presents "Organizing your Office: Home, Workroom and Small Business" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 14. The class is located at 3303 Collier Canyon Rd. in Livermore. Cost and registration is \$79 plus \$25 for the class textbook "How to do space age work with a stone age brain," which will be distributed in class. For more information, call 510-528-4950 or visit [www.organizer-extraordinaire.com/PubWorks.html](http://www.organizer-extraordinaire.com/PubWorks.html).

### Parent Education Class

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

### Square Dance

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

## Clubs

### Genealogical Society

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. Call Jane, 447-3898 or visit [www.l-ags.org](http://www.l-ags.org).

### Hacienda Park Toastmasters

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

### Horseshoe Pitching

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

### Ladies Choice Investment

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

### Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club

The Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Guest speaker for Oct. 3 will be Bob Hornback from Luther Burbank Nursery in Santa Rosa. Call Marilyn, 462-1461.

### Pleasanton Mothers Club

The Pleasanton Mothers Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Dr., room C2. Call 927-2444 or visit [www.pleasantonmotherclub.org](http://www.pleasantonmotherclub.org).

### Mt. Diablo Rose Society Society

Mt. Diablo Rose Society meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. There will be no meetings held in December. Call Pat, 846-4913.

### P-Town Street Rods

The Truck or Car Enthusiast Club meets from 6 to 9 p.m. the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday of the month at Chicago's Metropolitan Deli, 6003 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call George, 846-5550.

### Phi Delta Kappa

This international organization includes professional educators and those interested in education and meets at various locations four to six times during the school year. Call Pat, 443-5526.

### Pleasanton Amador Valley Lions Club

The club meets at noon on the first and third Thursdays of the month at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Tom, 846-4749.

### Pleasanton Art League

## Weekend Preview



Civic Arts Presents is hosting the San Francisco Comedy Competition semifinals at the Amador Theater, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1. Thirty finalists were chosen from hundreds of comedians who auditioned. The winners of this annual competition will go on to perform for the year at various venues in the Bay Area. Past winners include Robin Williams, Dana Carvey and Ellen Degeneres. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25 and can be purchased by calling 931-3444 or by visiting [www.civicsartstickets.org](http://www.civicsartstickets.org). The show is appropriate for an adult audience. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd.

The Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association feature demonstrations by nationally recognized artists held at the Cultural Arts Center, 4477 Black Ave. Call 462-5917 or visit [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com).

### Pleasanton Downtown Association

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

### Pleasanton Kiwanis Sunrise

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

### Pleasanton Lions Club

The Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for dinner at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Rick 462-1062.

### Pleasanton Newcomers

The Newcomers Club meets at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month for coffee and at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month for lunch. Call 215-8409 or visit [www.pleasanton-newcomers.com](http://www.pleasanton-newcomers.com).

### Pleasanton North Rotary Club

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

### Soroptimist

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

### Toastmasters No. 2452

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

### Tri-Valley Leads

Tri-Valley Leads meets from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. every other Wednesday at Carrow's, 7505 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Call Donna, 586-3952 or e-mail [donna@diamonddonna.com](mailto:donna@diamonddonna.com).

### Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group

The Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group (TMUG) meets at 7 p.m. the

third Thursday of the month and at 9 a.m. the Saturday following the third Thursday at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Call Izak, 830-8838 or visit [www.clubtmug.com](http://www.clubtmug.com).

### Tri-Valley Rotary

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

### V.F.W. Auxilliary

V.F.W. Post 6298 Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Regalia House, 4133 Regalia. Call Dan, 846-7320.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298

VFW Post 6298 meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Regalia House, 4133 Regalia.

### Women's Investment Club

Women's Stock Investment Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month in Livermore. The club follows NAIC principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term. For meeting location, times, and details, call Barbara, 484-1319 or Eleanor, 846-6911.

## Events

### A Terribly Sad and Somber Party

A party featuring disgusting food and boring games marks the occasion of the publication "The End," the final installment of the Tragic Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. The party is at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 for reservations.

### Antique Faire

Visit the Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique Street Faire from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 8 along Main Street. Admission is free. Call 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

### Blood Drive

The Asbury United Methodist Church is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m., on Oct. 13 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Call Tom, 447-1950 or e-mail [blooddrive@asburylive.org](mailto:blooddrive@asburylive.org).

### Book Sale

The Fall Book Sale will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight for members only; for the

## Calendar

public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 30; and from noon to 3 p.m. on Oct. 1 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Nancy, 462-4368.

### Children's clothes, furniture, & toy Sale

The Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club will be hosting their semi-annual sale of used and new children's clothes, furniture, toys, books and more from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 7 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Admission is \$1. Call Carole, 736-4641.

### Comedy Competition

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will be hosting the semifinals round of the 31st Annual San Francisco Stand Up Comedy Competition at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 1, at the Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Appropriate for Adult audiences.

### Culinary Contest

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education is sponsoring "Bon Appetit - A Star Studded Culinary Affair" from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the CarrAmerica Conference Center. Seventeen culinary teams will compete for the \$500 cash "Best in Show" award. Tickets are \$50. To purchase, visit [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org) or call 846-5620.

### East Bay I.T. Group (eBig)

The IT group eBig presents its "Wisdom of the Web Marketing Series: 10 Secrets to an Effective Web site" from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the San Ramon Dublin Water Services District Board Room, 7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin. Discover the elements that make a Web site work. Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for guests. Add \$10 if purchased at the door. Visit [www.ebig.org/events](http://www.ebig.org/events) or e-mail [jason@ezvsiweb.com](mailto:jason@ezvsiweb.com).

### NCNH District Fall Conference & Rose Show

The Mount Diablo Rose Society is hosting the Northern California-Nevada-Hawaii District Annual Fall Conference and Rose Society Oct.

6, 7 and 8 in San Ramon. Call 461-8421.

### Retired Public Employees' Association

Tri-Valley Area Chapter 075. Speaker is Dawn Burton, national sales director with Primerica Financial Services. Burton will talk about the importance of asset accumulation and protection at 10:45 a.m. on Oct. 5 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. For reservations or info, contact Bob, 846-6563 or June, 461-0315. Reserve by Oct. 3.

### Spoken Word Poets

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

## Exhibits

### Art Show

Krista Sheldon will display her work from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Sept. 30 through Oct. 21, at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Ste. J. An artist reception, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 30. Call 485-1183 or visit [www.worthingtongallerywest.com](http://www.worthingtongallerywest.com).

### Chinese Experience in the Valley

"The Chinese Experience in the Valley" will be on display until 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 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 a schedule of events.

## Film

### "An Inconvenient Truth"

St. Clare's Episcopal Church presents, "An Inconvenient Truth" at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 at 3350 Hopyard Rd. Admission is free. Call 462-4810.

### Heroes and Villains

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

## Fundraisers

### Bike for Breast Cancer

Proceeds from the Bike Against the Odds breast cancer bike ride will benefit three East Bay breast cancer organizations. The ride will be held from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 at Fairyland/Lakeside Park at Lake Merritt, Oakland. Call 415-346-8223 or e-mail [dana@breastcancerfund.org](mailto:dana@breastcancerfund.org).

### Bingo

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

### COANIQUEM Burned Children Foundation

A gala fundraising event, Fiesta of the Americas, is being held from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. Tickets are \$75 per person. For reservations or information, contact Carolyn Schuetz, 510-769-9661 or e-mail [CSandLB@cs.com](mailto:CSandLB@cs.com) or visit [www.burnedchildren.org](http://www.burnedchildren.org).

## CLIENT OF THE WEEK

I gave previous clients, Keith and Marilyn, a call to inform them that we should be able to reduce the interest rate on their home equity line of credit (HELOC).



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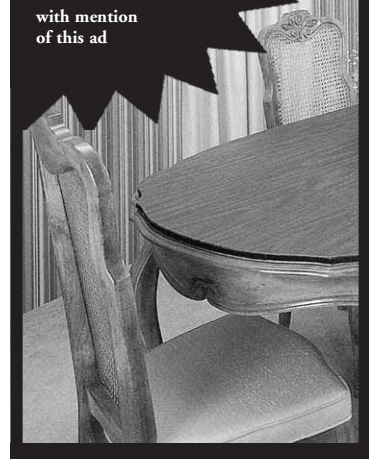
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### Recycle for Breast Cancer

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

### 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 St. in Pleasanton and 1986 Second St. 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 from Oct. 2 to 31.

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

## Live Music

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

## 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. to 1 p.m. every Saturday on West Angela Street between Main and First streets. Call 825-9090.

### LifeStyle Rx

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

### Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen provides hot meals to the underprivileged from 4:30 to 6 p.m. every Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., noon to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore; and 4 to 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 to 9 p.m. every third Thursday of the month 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. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at Pleasanton's Farmers' Market, First and West Angela streets and from noon to 4 p.m. at Dublin PetsMart. Cats are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Livermore Pet Extreme. Cats are also available from 1 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Dublin PetsMart and Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvvar.org.

## On Stage

**Don Lewis and Young Expressions**  
Don Lewis and Young Expressions will perform at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 6. Cost and registration is \$10, \$14 and \$18 for adults, and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children 12 and under. Call 931-5361.

### Fall Gala

Valley Dance Theatre presents their Fall Gala Performance and fundraising event at 5 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. Admission is \$50. Group rates for 10 or more are available. Call 243-0927.

### 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 two drink minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.laughalotproductions.com.

## Health

### Exercise Class

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

### Female Incontinence

The San Ramon Regional Medical Center presents a free seminar on treatment options for female incontinence from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 5, in the South Conference room, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Reservations are required. Call 800-284-2878 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

## Lectures/ Workshops

### 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. to 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. There is no cost for this workshop. Call Donnamarie at 249-3923.

### Communication Workshop

Learn how to turn conflict into intimacy from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 and 26 at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. Cost is \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Call 560-3826 or register at www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops.

### Facing Divorce?

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton is sponsoring a workshop for individuals facing divorce every Monday for 10 weeks from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 9. For registration and meeting location, call Janine at 872-8310 or Mary Ann at 426-3861.

### Free Employee Training for Tri-Valley Businesses

This free ongoing workshop includes learning how to choose child care, parenting skills, child development and work/family balance. Call Kim, 249-3940.

### Papier-Mache Wimsy

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE I-580 EASTBOUND HOV LANE PROJECT

### Notice of Environmental Document Release-Opportunity for Public Hearing



**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) are seeking public comment on the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) for the I-580 Eastbound High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Project.

**WHAT'S BEING PLANNED.** The I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane Project proposes to construct an eastbound HOV lane in the existing median of I-580 in Alameda County from east of Greenville Road in the City of Livermore to the Hacienda Drive interchange in the City of Pleasanton, a distance of approximately 11.3 miles.

The purpose of the project is to reduce eastbound peak-period congestion and delay, encourage use of high-occupancy vehicles and transit, support regional air quality attainment goals, and improve safety for motorists and Caltrans maintenance workers.

**WHY THIS AD.** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), FHWA, Caltrans and ACCMA have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Findings show the project would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS). This notice is to tell you that the EA/IS is available for your review and comment. Caltrans and ACCMA also offer you the opportunity to request a public hearing on the project.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE.** The EA/IS is available for review at the following locations.

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| Caltrans Transportation Library<br>111 Grand Avenue<br>Oakland, CA 94612 | Dublin Public Library<br>200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568                |
| ACCMA Offices<br>1333 Broadway<br>Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612           | Livermore Public Library<br>1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 |
|  | Pleasanton Public Library<br>400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566  |

Websites: [www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm) and [www.accma.ca.gov](http://www.accma.ca.gov)

**WHERE YOU COME IN.** Should you wish to submit comments on the environmental document or request a public hearing, please do so no later than 5 p.m. October 5, 2006 using any of the means noted below. If there are no requests for a public hearing or comments requiring additional studies, ACCMA and Caltrans will respond to the comments received and request FHWA approval to proceed with the design of the proposed project.

Please submit comments or hearing requests to:

Ed Pang, Sr. Environmental Planner, Caltrans Office of Environmental Analysis  
P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Jean Hart, Deputy Director of Planning  
ACCMA, 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland CA 94612  
Email: [jhart@accma.ca.gov](mailto:jhart@accma.ca.gov); Fax ACCMA at: (510) 836-2185

Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 5, 2006

**CONTACT.** For more information call Jean Hart with ACCMA at (510) 836-2560 or Brigetta Smith with Caltrans at (510) 286-5820.



**The Senior Players present**

The Senior Players present "Nellie the Nurse" and "The Golden Girls of Pleasanton," Oct. 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Main Hall, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Advanced reservations are \$7/resident, \$8/non-resident, or at the door \$8/resident, \$9/non-resident. Call 931-5365.

**Two One-Act Comedies**

Dean Leshner Regional Center For the Arts presents "Prisoners of Love" and "The Actor's Nightmare" at 8:15 p.m. today and Sept. 30 at 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. General admission is \$25, \$23 for seniors and \$12.50 ages 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](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/parks.html).

**Scholarships**

**Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship**

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 to 21 months. You may apply if you work, attend school or live in Pleasanton or Livermore. Call Nelida, 373-5313 or e-mail [nvillanueva@tricityhomeless.org](mailto:nvillanueva@tricityhomeless.org).

**Seniors**

**Bingo**

Play Bingo 12:30 to 3 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month and 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 for 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 at 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 are welcome. Reservations recommended. Call 931-5365.

**Internet Access Workstation**

The Internet workstation is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon most Saturdays at the library section of the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365.

**Luncheons**

The Dublin Senior Center hosts special themed luncheons on the second Thursday monthly at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The luncheon fee is \$6.50 for residents and \$7.50 for non-residents and includes special entertainment. 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 at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month 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. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call 931-5376.

**Personal Computers Group**

Meets 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365 or e-mail [pleasenor@yahoo.com](mailto:pleasenor@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 Ridge View Commons, 4200 Case Ave. Suggested donation is \$3. Call 484-5131 for reservations.

**Senior Lunch**

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Visit the Wells Fargo History Museum from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on 12. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 non-residents. Call the Senior Center, 931-5365.

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

The Pleasanton V.I.P. Senior Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The second Mondays 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**

**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 to 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.momstouch.org](http://www.momstouch.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).

**Sports**

**Sea Devils**

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

**Support Groups**

**Al-anon and Al-a-teen**

Al-Anon is a Tri-Valley support group for family and friends of alcoholics that meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at San Ramon Presbyterian Church, 12943 Alcosta Blvd., upstairs in the Kindergarten room. Call 277-7661 or visit [www.ncwsa.org](http://www.ncwsa.org).

**Bipolar Support Group**

The Tri-Valley Bipolar Support Group, which provides peer support for people with mood disorders, meets 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Call 560-0842, e-mail [trivalleybipolar@hotmail.com](mailto:trivalleybipolar@hotmail.com) or visit [www.namitrivalley.org](http://www.namitrivalley.org).

**Breast Cancer Prayer & Support**

The Breast Cancer and Support Group of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month 7 p.m.

at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., room B. Call 461-8411. All are welcome.

**Breast Cancer Support**

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

**Cancer Support**

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

**Caregiver Support Group**

Meetings are held from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

the second Monday of the month for people caring for persons with Alzheimer's and dementia-related illnesses, at the Pleasanton Senior Center Support Program Sunroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5389 or Jode, 931-5382, ext. 1.

**CHADD**

Meetings are held for parents of children with ADD/ADHD from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Thomas Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Rd. in the library. Call 484-2173 or visit [www.chadnorcal.org](http://www.chadnorcal.org).

**Diabetes Support Group**

Groups meet from noon to 1 p.m., on the first Wednesday monthly. Also from 6 to 7 p.m. every third Thursday monthly and for diabetics using insulin pumps, from 6 to 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.

**Divorce Care**

A nonjudgmental, caring, support group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays at Valley Christian Junior High School, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin. Cost is \$35 for 13 weeks. Childcare/programs provided for infant-grade12. Call Daryl, 968-9398.

**Domestic Violence**

A Domestic Violence Support Group is meeting from 5 to 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.

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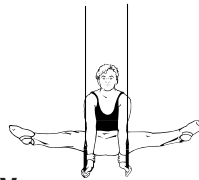
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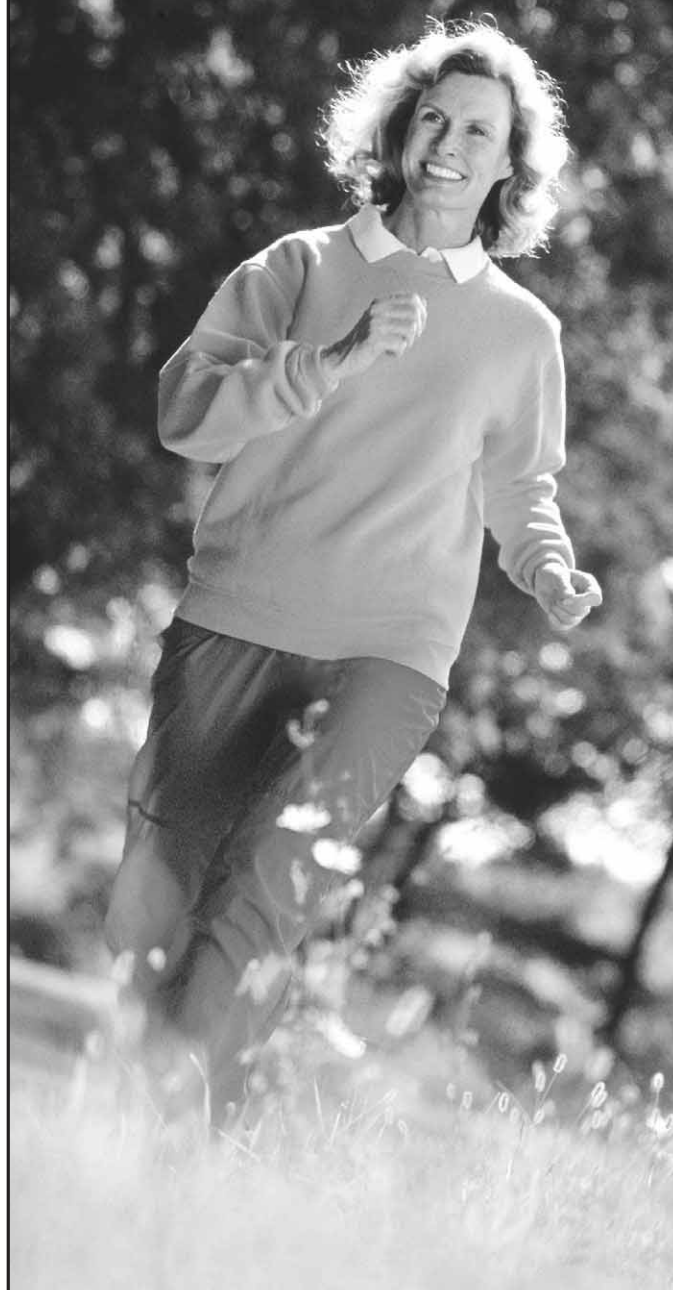
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**East Bay Cancer Support Group**  
The East Bay Cancer Support Group, Inc. meets on Thursdays at the Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley. All services are provided free of charge. Call (510) 889-8766 or visit [www.ebcancersupport.org](http://www.ebcancersupport.org).

**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. to 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 to 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.

**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**  
The nonprofit organization offers a wide range of support groups, including grief support for adults, teens, chil-

dren; young adult support; tragic loss; loss of children; men in grief; terminal illness; loss of parents and loss of spouse, among others. Meetings are held at 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 214, Dublin. Call 829-8770 or visit [www.hopehospice.com](http://www.hopehospice.com).

**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 or visit [www.cril-online.org](http://www.cril-online.org).

**Jobs Networking Group**  
CSIX East Bay, helping individuals in career transitions, meets from 1 to 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 to 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).

**Men at Work**  
This Al-anon group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call Tom, 417-7540.

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

**Narconon Arrowhead**

Narconon Arrowhead offers free addiction counseling, assessments and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide. Call (800) 468-6933 or visit [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com).

**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 to 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 sup-

port 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.

**Overeaters Anonymous**

Meetings are held from 7 to 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 to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays at CalFed Bank, 3101 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 277-7661.

**Parents of Diabetics**

The POD Squad, a support group for parents of diabetics, meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly, September through May, at the Laguna Oaks neighborhood club-

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**Stress and Pain Management Strategies and Support**

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Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 pm., Monday through Friday. 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 to 12 teens (at least 16 years of age) from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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.

**Foster Homes Needed**

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

**Jewish Community Federation**

Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay offers opportunities to volunteer within the community, such as serving meals, tutoring children, and serving on Jewish agency committees or boards. Call (510) 839-2900, ext. 261.

**Open Heart Kitchen**

If you love to cook and have a passion to end hunger, volunteer at Open Heart Kitchen, the Tri-Valley's only free hot meal service for the needy. There are many volunteer opportunities for teens and adults. Call Dianne, 580-1619 or e-mail [dadamson@openheartkitchen.org](mailto:dadamson@openheartkitchen.org).

**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 Monday through Friday. Call Lyn, 443-4283, ext. 217.

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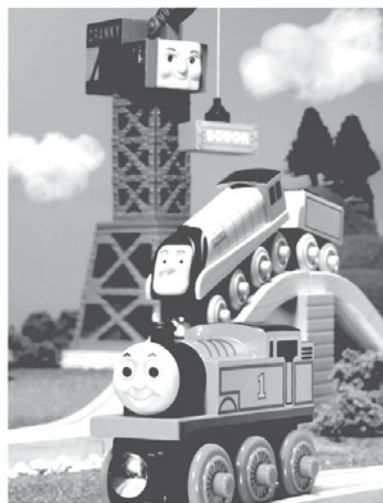
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# Sports

## North Coast Section Football Powerhouses meet in Pleasanton

By Michael Miller

One look at the EBAL Varsity Football standings and you quickly notice the two Pleasanton high schools at the top of the standings. Both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools are off to 3-0 starts this season.

Additionally, Amador is currently ranked fourth in the MaxPreps North Coast Section High School Football Rankings with Foothill ranked right behind at fifth. Both teams have a chance to make an even greater impression on the pollsters with tonight's games. Amador hosts the third-ranked Hayward Farmers at 7 p.m. while

Foothill plays host to the sixth-ranked Monte Vista Mustangs.

Last week, Amador continued its supremacy over the Irvington Vikings with a dominating 48-13 victory. Irvington, which has not beaten AVHS since 1986, came into the game ranked eighth in the MaxPreps North Coast Section Football Rankings.

Foothill comes into its fourth game after unleashing a 56-7 beating on Skyline High School in their annual meeting. Although the last four or five years the games against Skyline had been fiercely battled, this year's matchup was in

the hands of the Foothill reserves before the end of the first half.

### BUSC U17 defeats Patterson 3-2

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U17 Black beat the Patterson Palmeiras 3-2 in a tale of two halves. Early on, the game threatened to be a fast paced, high scoring track meet as Patterson turned a turnover into a quick 1-0 lead 90 seconds into the match. Ballistic answered 2 minutes later on a blast from Brent Cambra after Matt Carlucci had sent him down the left side where Cambra

beat two defenders for the goal. Patterson went back ahead midway through the half on a corner kick, but Ballistic answered quickly before the end of the half on two goals from Kiernan McEntee.

The scoreless second half, in which both teams tightened their defense, allowed the U17 team to come away with the victory.

### BUSC U11 wins Sacramento United Invitational

The U11 Ballistic United Soccer Club team beat Sacramento United 3-0 in the finals of the Sacramento United Invitational, held Sept. 23 and 24. The U11 United team was undefeated in the tournament and did not allow a goal in wins over the Eldorado Crew, East Diablo Strikers, and Elk Grove White, on its way to the finals. The top offensive players for the BUSC were Alex Valencia, Salvador Morales and Vince Naples. The defense was led by Derek Wilcox in the nets, Joey DeVivo, Brian Hsu and Sam Olson.

### Phantom Softball wins fall tournament

The Phantom 12 and under traveling team took first in the NSA Fall Parade tournament in Tracy over this past weekend. Phantom beat Fire and Ice in the Championship game 11-0. Leading the team pitching was Katie Mannion, throwing a no-hitter-shutout. Catching was

Kimberly Beaudin. With seven K's and only one walk, Mannion also had good defense behind her. The Phantom's offense scored more than enough with a four-run first and finished the game with 11 runs on 12 hits.

### Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League 2007 Season Registration

Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open for 2007. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be made online or by mail. An in-person registration is scheduled for Sept. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Round Table Pizza on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. For additional information on the 2007 season as well as the Upper Team tryouts, visit the league Web site at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org). ■

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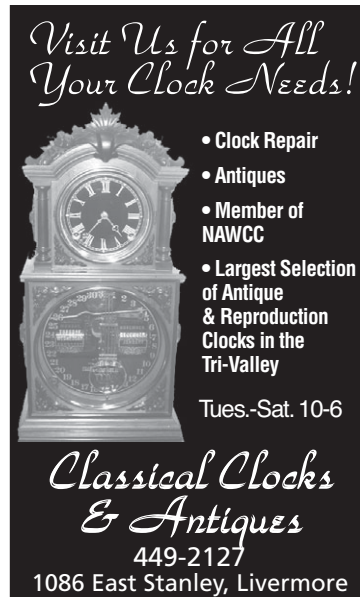
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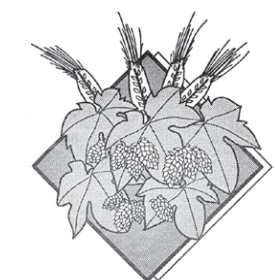
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