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Streetwise

Q: Some stores already have their Christmas merchandise on the shelves, is it too early or just right for you?

Asked Downtown



David Lamont

Marketing

I think September is way too early. We have Halloween appearing in the middle of summer and Christmas right after that. Early merchandising blends the seasons and lessens the impact of these special occasions.

Karen Kolander

Artist

This is far too early. There shouldn't be anything holiday-related in stores until Thanksgiving. Over saturation of holiday-related merchandise makes the season all about spending money and dilutes the special feeling of the time.



Sona Bhatt

Kaiser Permanente Consultant

When I see merchandise out so early I feel pressured to get organized. It seems like Christmas is right around the corner yet Halloween hasn't even happened yet. The kids get overwhelmed at the stores and start asking for gifts now. It's too soon.



Tony Schollum

Executive Director

This is way too early. I am a "guy shopper." As long as they have things out on December 24th and possibly the 26th and 27th, it's okay for me. I think it puts too much pressure on people to get their shopping done early.



Michael Wilson

IT Director

I don't do my shopping until two or three weeks before the holiday. We still have Halloween and Thanksgiving to celebrate. It gets a bit confusing—especially for a New Zealander like me that doesn't understand all of these American holidays.



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The seventh annual Tri-Valley Animal Rescue "That's Amore" fundraiser dinner and auction will feature wine and food, a \$1,000 grand prize, and an opportunity to help homeless animals. The event will be from 6 to 10 p.m., Oct. 14 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market TVAR adoption event every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of West Angela and First streets, online at www.tvvar.org or by calling 803-7043.

East Bay Walk to Cure Diabetes

On Oct. 15, Rick, Zoe, Hannah (13) and Emilie (9) Francis hope to raise \$10,000 by participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes in Walnut Creek. This is the family's ninth year walking in the event, and since then they have raised more than \$105,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The East Bay event raised \$1 million last year and is "by far the biggest" of the five Bay Area events, Zoe Francis said. The Francis family began walking after Hannah was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. To sponsor the Francis family, go to www.walk.jdrf.org and type Hannah Francis or Hannah's Hikers, and California.

Harvest House Home Tour

Five unique Pleasanton homes—including a California bungalow on the historic Second Street and a Ruby Hill home extravagantly decorated for Halloween—are being featured in this year's Harvest Home Tour. The tour takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 14 and starts at the Rose Hotel, 807 Main St. Presented by the Assistance League of Amador Valley, the tour benefits Operation School Bell, an organization that provides new clothing, shoes, socks and backpacks to children in need. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door and can be purchased by calling 828-3272, e-mailing alamadorvalley@yahoo.com or at several downtown vendors. For more information, visit www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

Corrections

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Sharks in Pleasanton?



An artist's sketch of Sharks Ice arena proposed for a 10-acre site on Staples Ranch, just east of Pleasanton near I-580 and El Charro Road. The large two-rink facility, to be expanded to four rinks, would be one of 11 the Sharks have built to promote sports on ice.

Council OKs look at Sharks ice rink on Staples Ranch

by Jeb Bing

The City Council Tuesday voted 4-1 to consider a proposal by a San Jose Sharks affiliate to build a four-rink ice hockey arena on a proposed 17-acre park site in Staples Ranch, a vacant unincorporated parcel just east of the city limits at Interstate-580 and El Charro Road.

Under terms of the proposal, the San Jose Arena Management company would finance and operate the 83,000-square-foot facility, leasing 10 acres of the parkland for \$1 on lease terms yet to be negotiated. The organization operates all of the facilities associated with the Sharks, including the HP Pavilion

where the hockey team plays, and "Sharks Ice" rinks in San Jose and Fremont which are similar to what the group plans for Pleasanton.

Jon Gustafson, general manager of the Fremont facility, said the Sharks Ice rinks offer everything related to any type of ice sports. These include both competitive and amateur hockey; hockey and skating teams for boys, girls, men and women; special ice hockey programs for the local high schools; figure skating and recreational skating.

"We'll have competitive meets that will draw crowds from throughout the region, adding to the economic benefits to this community,"

he said.

The Sharks affiliate also would help finance the development of the remaining 7 acres of the park, which have been eyed for lighted baseball and soccer diamonds. Part of the parkland could also be used for senior sports, such as bocce ball courts, as part of a 600-unit Continuum Senior Care facility also planned for Staples Ranch.

Staples Ranch II, as it is legally called, is a 124-acre undeveloped site bordered by Pleasanton homes where West Las Positas ends at Kirkaldy Street, the freeway, El Charro Road and land to the south

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New Pleasanton-Dublin BART station to open in 2009

\$80 million project aims to connect neighboring cities, encourage walkability

by Janet Pelletier

It's a tale of two cities and a county working together for the common good. Two groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sept. 29 in both Dublin and Pleasanton celebrating the beginning of construction for a new BART station and surrounding apartments, a hotel, offices and retail shops.

A large mound of brown dirt in Dublin and a small heap of tan dirt in Pleasanton were dug into with gold shovels to mark the occasion. Officials at both ceremonies applauded each other for their ability to join together to make the project a reality, calling the \$80 million endeavor a "model for the future of transportation."

The project, which was originally

supposed to get off the ground in the 1990s, didn't fully gain steam until the past couple years, after a public-private partnership between developers, BART, county and city officials was formed. BART was hit with financial woes in the late 1990s and it became clear the project wouldn't be possible without the help of private funding. Of the \$80 million price tag, \$50 million will come from the transit agency's revenue, \$15 million from local and state funding and the remaining \$15 million will be drawn from private partnerships.

Slated for a 2009 opening, the station will be located in the median of Interstate 580 between Golden Gate Road in Dublin and Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton

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A preliminary artist's rendering by Windstar Communities depicts what some development in conjunction with the construction of a new West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station could look like on the Pleasanton side of Interstate 580 at Stoneridge Mall Road. Plans have yet to come before the city.

Antique Faire this Sunday

More than 250 vendors to showcase unique treasures

by Emily Atwood

A variety of antique goods will fill Main Street on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. About 15,000 to 25,000 people are expected to attend the annual Antique Faire, which has been called "the biggest in the West." The masses will be hunting for unique antique goods from more than 250 vendors.

"From jewelry to trinkets, ceramics to furniture, small to large,

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Queens come from Pleasanton

Student continues tradition as Columbus Day Queen

With Columbus Day next Monday, Oct. 9, many Italian-Americans across the Bay Area are planning to celebrate with the annual Italian Heritage Parade, Sunday, Oct. 8, which starts in Fisherman's Wharf and travels up Columbus Avenue in North Beach-San Francisco's historically Italian neighborhood. As the floats travel

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Pleasanton serves up dishes for education

Pleasanton Partners in Education event draws crowd to culinary event

by Elizabeth Campos Rajs

From the Pleasanton Hotel's chocolate decadence dessert to Girasole's butternut squash and sage ravioli, local chefs served up a veritable feast for the nearly 400 people who attended a benefit gala for Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE).

Proceeds from "Bon Appetit—A Star Studded Culinary Affair," held last Saturday at the CarrAmerica Center in Pleasanton, will be used to fund grants and programs for students and faculty in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

"It's a great way to raise money for the schools," said PPIE executive director Debi Covello. "Everyone who comes has a great time. A lot of returning folks said to me, 'We didn't think it could get better than last year and it did.' Every year it grows."

Walnut Grove Principal Bill Radulovich, who was serving First Street Café's slow roasted pork on grilled pineapple, had high praise for the culinary event.

"I love this. It's the best event that happens in Pleasanton. It's fun, the food is good. It doesn't get any

better than this," he said.

Last year's event raised \$70,000 and Covello, who was still tallying receipts early this week, said she's optimistic she'll at least match, if not surpass, that amount this year.

Chefs from 16 restaurants participated in the culinary event and each one was paired with a school principal and business sponsor to form a team. The event format is more cocktail party than sit-down dinner as guests walk from table to table, sampling cuisine and wine as they mingle with friends.

"It is a wonderful event," said Superintendent John Casey, who tended bar most of the evening along with school board members. "It brings our principals out chatting with people. It's a good venue for all of us to meet and greet the parents, to break some bread together and have fun."

For Pleasanton native Marianne Sekany, the culinary event was a family affair. She and her husband attended with her three sisters, their spouses and her mother, Jeanette

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Elizabeth Campos Rais

Chefs from over 16 restaurants participate in the culinary event which helps raise money for grants and programs for the Pleasanton Unified School District.

PPIE

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Frevola, who was a long-time librarian at Amador Valley High School.

"We all wanted to support our local schools," Sekany said of the family gathering.

Also attending with her sister was Nicole Browne, who has two children at Walnut Grove and one at Harvest Park. Her sister, Michelle Conray, was visiting from Hawaii, so the sisters left their husbands at home with all the kids and relished a rare evening out together.

"It's beautiful and the food is great," Browne said of the event. "I had no idea this many people came to this."

Donlon Principal Marc Schweitzer, who was serving Baci Restaurant's tuna tartar, enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with current and former parents.

"An event like this demonstrates the community's commitment to our schools," he said. "People are really having fun."

This is the third year PPIE has held the culinary event. The first two years it was at the Senior Center, but tickets sold out last year so Covello decided to move to a larger venue this year.

Hart Middle School Principal Steve Maher, who was serving Cabana Dave's crawfish etouffEe, spent much of the evening chatting with parents, both old and new.

"It's fantastic," Maher said of the event. "I get to socialize with

parents and see old friends. It's a really big social affair."

Pleasanton pediatrician, Dr. Johni Leikam, whose youngest child is now a junior in high school, said she enjoyed seeing old friends she had lost touch with as their children went on to different schools within the district as well as off to college.

"I came to support our schools, but it's really fun to see people I haven't seen in years," Leikam said. "I like this format. It's easy to chat with people."

Sedaf Shaghasi and Omar Etemadi, owners of Oasis Fusion Grille, were partnered with Amador Principal Bill Coupe, who helped serve their spicy shrimp appetizer. This was their second year participating in the culinary event.

"We love to help and to do fund raisers. It's fun giving to others," said Etemadi, who added that Pleasanton feels like his hometown even though he doesn't live in the city—yet.

"This is just a great event. It's such a relaxed atmosphere and there's lots of great food," said Jim Isaac of the Bank of Walnut Creek, who was joined by his wife, Cheryl.

"We try to make as many events as we can. We're supporters of PPIE."

For Rob Hildebrand, co-owner of The Hopyard and parent of a kindergartner at Alisal, participating in the culinary event was an easy choice.

"It's an opportunity to give back to the community that we so love at The Hopyard," Hildebrand said. ■

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BART

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and will provide an additional station in the current 10-mile gap between East Dublin/Pleasanton and Castro Valley.

The idea of transit oriented development (TOD) became incorporated into the plans for the BART station to encourage people to live, work and use public transportation.

On the Dublin side of the new station, which has yet to be formally named, will be 210 apartments, a 150-room hotel, 7,500-square-foot restaurant, a parking structure, and 150,000 square feet of office space. Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart said she is excited for the retail development.

"I fully expect this to be the catalyst for change in the fabric of downtown Dublin," she said.

A total of 1,200 parking spots will be available for those who want to park and ride. Apartments and retail shops could be built on the Pleasanton side and officials are anticipating the station's close proximity to the Stoneridge Shopping Center to boost sales at the mall and encourage greater use by shoppers.

The mall itself currently undergoing an expansion that includes the construction of a new Nordstrom department store and two upscale restaurants, according to Stoneridge General Manager Alice Waterman. The Cheesecake Factory will open to the public for dinner on Nov. 6 and for lunch and dinner Nov. 8, Waterman said. Chinese restaurant P.F. Chang's is expected to open by December.

Other public agencies involved in the BART project include the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, Alameda County Surplus Property Authority, Tri-Valley Transportation Council and private developers Jones Lang LaSalle, UBS Securities, Windstar Communities and Ampel Development.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said she thinks the new station, which will have linking pedestrian bridges across I-580, will encourage riders to visit both cities.

"Anything we can do to get people living and working in their community will go a long way towards relieving traffic congestion," she added.

BART officials are projecting that 6,000 riders will pass through the new station's turnstiles when it opens in 2009 and ridership will hit 8,600 in 2013.

County Supervisor Scott Haggerty said the new station is just one example of the many projects that are needed to lessen traffic loads in the Tri-Valley.

"I-580 is one of five congested corridors," Haggerty said.

With the Valley's population projected to increase in the future by 20 percent, he said that while the BART station is an important milestone, transit and government officials need to capitalize on other opportunities to improve transportation.

"Please vote for props 1A, B and C," he added, referring to state propositions on the November ballot involving transportation and affordable housing. ■

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Sharks hockey

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that is part of the Livermore Airport flight path.

Last April, the city negotiated a deal with Alameda County, which owns Staples, to annex the property as parcels are approved and sold for the senior care facility and a new Auto Mall. As part of the agreement, the county would continue to control a stretch of land at the end of Stoneridge Drive that would allow its extension through Staples to El Charro if a future City Council would favor the project.

All five members of the current council are opposed to extending Stoneridge, although they have not formally voted on that decision.

Although the ice rink won favorable votes from Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and three others on the council, Councilman Matt Sullivan voted against it, calling Tuesday night's process "backwards." He said the city Parks and Recreation Commission had yet to plan the 17-

acre park or to solicit public views on what should be placed there.

"It seems like we are carving out this piece to go forward and then asking the Parks and Rec Commission what they want to do with the rest of it," Sullivan said. "We're setting up expectations in the community for this hockey rink when we haven't even thought about what should go on the site."

"We're setting up expectations in the community for this hockey rink when we haven't even thought about what should go on the site."

—Matt Sullivan, councilmember

But others called the proposed arena a perfect fit for the Staples site. "This seems like the perfect sports facility and we have a place for it to go," said Councilman Jerry Thorne,

who encouraged the Shark's affiliate to seek Pleasanton's approval. "I'm very excited about it. It looks like a real win-win for everybody."

Gustafson said Sharks Ice would offer a wide range of programs from competitive ice skating, hockey and trilling, which is like bocce on ice and fast-becoming a popular sport in Europe.

"I think this will be the crown jewel in ice for Pleasanton," Gustafson said.

If the proposed facility is approved by the Parks and Recreation and Planning commissions, the final plan would be considered again by the council, possibly as early as next year.

One stumbling block identified in Tuesday's meeting is how the public would reach the ice rink. If it is accessible only along a stub of Stoneridge Drive extended to the park and ice rink, others from outside Pleasanton would also have to use city streets to reach the facility. If its main entrance is off El Charro Road, Pleasanton customers would have to travel out Santa Rita, east on I-580 and then south on El Charro to the rink. ■



Courtesy Pam Tallone

Amador graduate Skye Tallone (right) celebrates being named Columbus Day Queen with Katrina Clovis (left), the outgoing queen and also an Amador grad.

Queens

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through the streets and people are out in celebration, Amador Valley High School graduate Skye Tallone will preside over the activities as the Columbus Day Queen.

Tallone, 18, was given the royal honor last October after her 101-year-old uncle Pete Tallone encouraged her to run. The Columbus Day Queen is chosen from 17 Italian clubs in the Bay Area. Over the course of the year, the queen attends many Italian-American events, promoting the culture and a positive image of Italian-Americans, as well as helping the clubs raise money for

different charities. Tallone and her family are part of the Fratellanza Club out of Oakland.

Presiding over the parade is one of Tallone's last acts as queen. Her term officially ends Oct. 22 when she crowns the new queen.

Pleasanton has a knack for turning out Columbus Day Queens. Tallone's predecessor, Katrina Clovis, is also an Amador graduate and member of Fratellanza.

Tallone resides in Pleasanton and currently attends Ohlone College where she is pursuing her dreams of becoming a filmmaker, actress and writer. She works for the Livermore Film Commission and also volunteers at Eden Villa Elderly Care home.

—Rebecca Guyon

Antique Faire

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the wide variety runs the gamut," said Nicki Hoppe, Pleasanton Downtown Association events coordinator.

The event has been running for

about 15 years and always promises fun, she said.

"Attending the Antique Faire provides a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to spend time together, strolling through our charming and historic downtown, while seeking out the special treasure, whether it be an

item from the past found in one of the booths along the street or something newly discovered in one of our distinctive shops," Hoppe said.

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2006 Election Notes

Former Mayor Pico endorses Hosterman

Former Pleasanton Mayor Tom Pico is throwing his support behind current Mayor Jennifer Hosterman in her re-election bid. He publicly announced his endorsement at a fundraiser barbecue for Hosterman held Sept. 29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. About 75 people attended the event, which featured food served by Pleasanton firefighters and a performance by The New Hour.

Guy Houston endorsed by state taxpayers groups

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Political Action Committee and the National Tax-Limitation Committee Political Action Committee announced their endorsement for 15th District Assemblyman Guy Houston's re-election bid.

"Assemblyman Houston has been an advocate to eliminate waste, make government more efficient and offer real solutions," said Kris Vosburgh, executive director of the HJTA PAC. "He is an excellent representative for taxpayers and we look forward to continuing working with him in the years ahead."

Assemblyman Houston endorsing Faustina for mayor

Fifteenth District Assemblyman Guy Houston, R-San Ramon, is supporting Pleasanton resident Dan Faustina for the mayor's seat.

"Dan brings a fresh perspective to the many issues surrounding the city of Pleasanton and has the knowledge and experience to serve the people of Pleasanton well," Houston said.

Faustina said he's also received endorsements from Councilwoman Cindy McGovern and Pleasanton School Board President Steven Pulido.

Hosterman to hold fundraiser at comedy club

All jokes aside, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman will host a fundraiser for her re-election campaign at Pleasanton's newest comedy club, Tommy T's Comedy & Steakhouse on Oct. 22. The event will begin at 4 p.m., with the doors opening at 2:45 p.m. and will feature the "3 Blonde Moms--The Real Desperate Housewives." Cost is \$30 per person and includes admission, a glass of wine and your choice of chicken Caesar salad or a tropical chicken salad.

Tommy T's is located at 5104 Hopyard Rd.

Hosterman, Cook-Kallio and Thorne are Tri-Valley NOW's picks

After a questionnaire and interview process, the Tri-Valley National Organization for Women has decided to endorse Jennifer Hosterman for mayor and Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne for the City Council. Tri-Valley NOW will hold "Meet The Candidates Night" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Hart Middle School Multipurpose Room, 4433 Willow Rd., Pleasanton. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 462-1776.

Candidates forum on tap for Oct. 10

Candidates for mayor and City Council will converge Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Palm Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. The forum is being held by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. ■

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Cross-cultural learning

Dolores Bengtson stops to read the Weekly with some of her students at Grail Montessori kindergarten in Moshi, Tanzania. Bengtson spent six weeks in February and March volunteering at the school through Cross Cultural Solutions, a non-profit organization that operates volunteer programs around the world in partnership with sustainable community initiatives.



Read the Weekly, mon

Cousins Danielle and Laurier LaMarche read the Weekly while having fun on the beaches of Jamaica.



Japanese living

Brooke, Denise and Kendra Kaleiki read the Weekly at the Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan. Kendra (right) spent a month in Tokyo as part of her work, and Brooke (left) and Denise (center) flew out for a 10-day visit.



Peaceful reading

Lorraine and George Silva and Ron and Sally Kaufman stop to enjoy the Lower Falls at Yellowstone National Park, and read the Weekly, on their way from Salt Lake City to Rapid City, S.D.



Public Works hard at, well, work

Don't worry, folks. This isn't an average day for the city of Pleasanton's Public Works Department. Last Halloween, the crew decided to have a little fun with everyone dressing in a Hawaiian-themed outfit. And, of course, any party in Pleasanton isn't complete without reading the Weekly.



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The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for 11 members to serve on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC). The 11 members will be appointed by the City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board. This is a non-paid position.

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

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

- o 3 At-Large Parent Representatives - one representative from a pre-school, one representative from an elementary school and one representative from a middle school
- o 1 Health and Crisis Representative
- o 1 Non-Profit Agency Representative
- o 1 Senior Citizen Representative
- o 1 Alternate Representative from Amador High School
- o 1 Youth Representative and 1 Alternate from Village High School
- o 1 Youth Representative from Hart Middle School
- o 1 Youth Representative from Pleasanton Middle School

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

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

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

* **PMSC-2, City of Pleasanton**

Determination of General Plan consistency for the Acquisition of the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery located at 5780 Sunol Boulevard.

* **PDR-547, Glenn Hicks**

Application for design review approval to construct an approximately 4,044-square-foot single-story custom home and an approximately 748-square-foot attached garage and related site improvements located at 2529 Yolanda Court.

* **PUD-99-7-3M/PDR-578, Heartwood Communities**

Application for: (1) a major modification to the approved PUD development plan for Tract 7162 (formerly TTK Properties) to incorporate design guidelines for the Heartwood Communities development and to modify the design review and approval process; and (2) design review approval to construct an approximately 7,128-square-foot two-story home with an approximately 1,668-garage and a 1,088-square-foot basement on Lot 8. The property is located on the south side of Happy Valley Road at its junction with Alisal Street, within the Happy Valley Specific Plan Area.

* **PUD-56, Michael Aminian/Mohsen Sadri**

Application for Planned Unit Development to allow the development of an approximately 2.45-acre parcel into three lots ranging in size from 27,700 square feet to 44,240 square feet; three two-story homes ranging in size from approximately 5,060 square feet to 5,550 square feet, each with a three- to four-car attached garage; and related site improvements. The property is located at 865 Clara Lane within the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.

* **PUD-93-02-8M/PCUP-181, Michael Callahan**

Application for: (1) a major modification to the Ruby Hill PUD development plan to allow the construction of an approximately 19,872-square-foot event center; and (2) a conditional use permit to allow the operation of the event center and a winery and to allow alcoholic beverage service at the event center after 100 p.m. The property is located on the southwest corner of Vineyard and Isabel Avenues, south of Ruby Hill Drive

* **PRZ-35, City of Pleasanton**

Application to amend Chapters 17.04 and 17.44 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Condominium Conversions and Inclusionary Housing, respectively.

Library Commission

Thursday, October 12, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Library Community Room, 400 Old Bernal

- * Discussion regarding potential City Council Priorities
- * Effective Governance
- * Library Technical Study

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, October 12, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- * Discussion regarding potential City Council Priorities
- * Review of the Draft Downtown Public Art Master Plan

Youth Commission

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- * Discussion regarding potential City Council Priorities
- * Discussion of Haunted House Event
- * Discussion of Community Events
- * Discussion regarding the book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens"

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

Police Bulletin

Pleasanton man arrested for suspicion of elder abuse, battery

Deputies were dispatched around 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 to Interstate 205 near Tracy Boulevard on a report of a disturbance. A 72-year-old man's vehicle had been rear-ended. The man and the other motorist got into an altercation while exchanging information and the other motorist allegedly pushed the 72-year-old man, who fell down a hill alongside the freeway. The man's daughter tried to help, and the other motorist allegedly grabbed her by the neck and threw her to the ground. The other motorist then allegedly grabbed the man's 71-year-old wife by

her neck. Deputies arrested Brian Conway, 49, of Pleasanton on suspicion of elder abuse and misdemeanor battery.

Recyclable metals stolen

An employee of Service Champions Heating and Air Conditioning, 2142 Rheem Dr., called police Sept. 27 to report stolen recyclable metals. Sometime between Sept. 1 and Sept. 27, suspects were dismantling used heating and air conditioning units and taking out the recyclable metals--copper and aluminum--worth \$5,000. The units were stored on a pallet next to a trash container on the west side of the building complex, adjacent to the parking lot. The area is enclosed by a 6- to 8-foot wall with two locked chain-link gates on the east side. During the dismantling, coolants were spilled on the cement flooring, which is considered an environmental hazard.

Police Report

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

September 25

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Domestic animal bite:
 - 2:08 p.m. in the 200 block of Trenton Circle

September 26

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 2
- Found property: 1
- Public drunkenness:
 - 3:11 a.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road
- Assault:
 - 4:56 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Attempted larceny:
 - 5:01 p.m. in the 3500 block of Valley Avenue
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
 - 9:07 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard and Coronado roads

September 27

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- DUI: 2

- Found property: 1

September 28

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 3
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Threatening phone calls: 1
- Public Drunkenness:
 - 12:28 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court
 - 1:30 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- Animal nuisance:
 - 2:08 a.m. in the 900 block of Clinton Place
- Under the influence of narcotics:
 - 12:00 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue
- Possession/sale of drugs:
 - 6:11 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Disturbing the peace:
 - 6:15 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

September 29

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 1
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
 - 3:31 a.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Oak Creek Drive

- Assault:

- 10:27 a.m. in the 100 block of Rocky Creek Place

- Child abuse:

- 3:39 p.m. in the 1400 block of Santa Rita Road

- Public Drunkenness:

- 8:36 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

September 30

- Verbal disturbance:

- 1:23 a.m. in the 1100 block of Tiffany Lane

- 4:16 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

- Prowler:

- 5:40 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

ACCIDENTS

September 25

- 4:09 p.m. - Hit-and-run property damage accident at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive

September 26

- 6:45 p.m. - Property damage accident at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road

September 27

- 5:00 p.m. - Property damage accident at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road

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Editorial

Our Endorsements

Pleasanton Weekly supports Jennifer Hosterman for Mayor; Thorne and Cook-Kallio for City Council

Among the two candidates for mayor and another seeking election to two seats on the City Council, we recommend Mayor Jennifer Hosterman for re-election to another two-year term of office and Council members Jerry Thorne and high school teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio for the City Council. We are making these endorsements earlier than in the past because absentee ballots will be mailed out next week with nearly half of Pleasanton voters expected to vote absentee in this important national, regional and municipal election on Nov. 7.



Brian Arkin



Steve Brozosky

Our pick for Mayor

Jennifer Hosterman is finishing her first two-year term as mayor after serving two years on the City Council. She brings to the office of mayor a lengthy residency in Pleasanton and a small business background as her family has a legal practice in downtown Pleasanton. Her three daughters attended and graduated from Pleasanton schools. Hosterman states that her primary focus is on protecting the quality of life in Pleasanton, focusing both locally and regionally on improving our transportation systems, maintaining and strengthening the business community and in being honest about her positions and views on the issues. She is also interested in the council finishing the five highest priority projects it has identified. It is hard to accomplish much as an elected official in just two years. So many things have been set in motion that we believe it would be wise to let her serve another two years. That is particularly important when it comes to regional transportation decisions.

Hosterman brings to the office of mayor a lengthy residency in Pleasanton and a small business background as her family has a legal practice in downtown Pleasanton.

Many criticize Hosterman for her interest in allowing the City Council's time to be spent on national and international issues. We agree that the council's focus should be on local issues and that if a debate or discussion on world affairs is to occur that it should take place outside a regular City Council meeting. For Hosterman to be most effective in her role she will need to learn to defuse that criticism and debate and do everything she can to move those discussions to other venues. In local politics and particularly in the city of Pleasanton, debates about issues over which City Council has no control simply detract from the important business that needs to be done. While we believe her activism in this area is distracting, we do not believe it is cause to remove her from the office of mayor.

Hosterman's leadership skills are still developing, but she has shown better temperament than her challenger, Councilman Steve Brozosky. She actually appointed him as vice-mayor during her first term

only to have him then attack her at every opportunity. She also has better working relationships with more of the council than her challenger and to get things accomplished it takes three votes. We believe that she is the better choice to lead the council to make decisions in the best interest of Pleasanton. We urge a vote for Jennifer Hosterman for mayor.

Steve Brozosky is the lone challenger for the mayor's position. Brozosky has a high tech background and took several years off after selling a business he had started to PeopleSoft. Two years ago, he formed another company that sells software to cities to help manage their customer interactions. Brozosky uses a business perspective as he approaches the financial issues facing our city and asks good questions about such matters. During his four-year term on the council he has been interested in transportation issues facing the city and has spent much of his time working on youth-related issues such as the Youth Master Plan, creating a youth Web site, ensuring that the BMX park on Stanley was completed and adding more bus routes to our schools.

The role of the mayor is to primarily work with the other members of the City Council to reach collective decisions and then to communicate them effectively to the community and to the region. We believe Brozosky would have difficulty with both of these. After four years on the Council he has fewer good relationships than the mayor he is challenging. His term has been driven by negativity as he uses the Council meetings to publicly criticize the existing mayor and other members of the council with whom he disagrees. While that might work for some in politics, Pleasanton deserves better. Pleasanton deserves a more professional, positive and mature approach focused on the issues and not personalities. We don't believe Brozosky's communication skills or tactics are what voters expect in this politically active and highly educated community.

While we also believe that a candidate's business interests should not be considered in determining who is elected to Pleasanton's council, we are concerned that, during his term on the council, Brozosky has joined and helped form a business whose primary mission is to do business with cities. While there may not be a legal conflict, there is certainly the potential for the business interests to cloud the decisions that are being made from the council dais, and that could create the appearance of conflict. Being mayor representing a business that does business with other cities, including at least one in the Tri-Valley, could certainly have some advantage for Brozosky but potentially has more disadvantages for the voters of Pleasanton. We cannot support Brozosky for mayor.

Our picks for City Council

Voters are being asked to select two of the four candidates running for City Council. Three of the candidates have sought office before and one is a newcomer. As we did with the mayoral candidates,

the Pleasanton Weekly interviewed all the council candidates and discussed their opinions on the issues, their involvement in local politics and their passion for Pleasanton. We also considered their ability to work individually and as a part of the City Council to make decisions in the best interest of Pleasanton. We recommend that you vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne.

Cook-Kallio's positions on the issues are based on common sense decision-making with an eye towards fairness and not on political expediency.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio was a delight to interview because she is intelligent, articulate and energetic. Her answers to our questions were straightforward and clearly reasoned from her two decades of experience in our community raising her family and having children in our schools. Her positions on the issues are based on common sense decision-making with an eye towards fairness and not on political expediency. While she is a newcomer to local politics, she has a strong background in government as a high school teacher and coach of a "We the People" competition civics team. As an expert on government and civic obligations, we are fortunate that she has decided it is time to give back to Pleasanton. We urge a vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for City Council.

Jerry Thorne is an incumbent on the City Council and during his short tenure he has proven that he is a calm, rational participant in the legislative process. Jerry brings private sector decision-making and perspective to a City Council that is often long on process and shorter on accomplishments. He carefully considers all sides of an issue prior to making a decision and is very measured in his thoughts and actions. He approaches his work on the council in a non-emotional and non-confrontational manner, which is needed on a council, although he sometimes digress into irrelevant tangents. Thorne is a strong supporter of our children and parks having served 10 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission with two terms as chair of the Commission. We urge a vote for Jerry Thorne for City Council.

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Cheryl Cook-Kallio



Dan Faustina



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Opinion

Letters

Locals win one

Dear Editor,

I think that most Pleasanton "locals" who attended the last Planning Commission meeting left with a feeling of gratitude. A wealthy businessman, an influential attorney and city staff (a proven trio for success) were asking Commission members to alter a commitment the city made to the local community 33 years ago.

In 1973, the owner of a property on Neal Street in "Old Town" was granted permission to build and operate (and profit from) a 129-bed nursing home if the owner maintained a portion (about half an acre) as landscaped open space. Now a "new" owner (a nursing home chain from Laguna Beach) wants to pick up an easy \$1.5 million, or so, by building two large houses on this open space. On the other side of the issue stood Pleasanton locals, many living in Old Town when the commitment was made, who wanted it honored.

Leadership commitment—how much is it worth and how long is it good for? Well, I'm happy to say that for the members of Pleasanton's Planning Commission, it's 33 years...at least. And for this I think most Old Town locals would say, thank you for your integrity.

Robert W. Byrd
Pleasanton

Lifelong resident Faustina has a sense of 'future'

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Dan Faustina for Pleasanton City Council. No, Dan does not have big trucks with families painted on the side, but he does have a big stake in our fair city!

I urge you, the voters, to meet Dan. If you listen, you will like what you hear and admire this candidate. If you admire this candidate—we will ask for your vote! Visit his Web site at www.danfaustina.com and familiarize yourself with his straightforward and sincere form of politics. Being born and raised in Pleasanton gives Dan the pride and kind of work ethic that drives home a sense of "future" for the tomorrow of Pleasanton. Dan wants to share this with you. My request is simply to let him.

As a lifelong resident, citizen and homeowner, Dan has the desire to preserve, while creating a better and more enjoyable Pleasanton—a task too daunting for some. He will take Pleasanton to the next level—to continue toward the potential that our highly esteemed city affords itself, in the most ethical and equitable fashion.

Dan is most articulate about the good he desires to bring to the City Council in regards to enrichment. From street extensions to youth programs, overcrowding to horrendous traffic realities, Dan wants to hear from you. He intends to enlighten citizens on how these

and other concerns will be defined. We ask that you get involved and ask questions. Read about Dan and shake his hand. Not only vote on Nov. 7, but really get involved this election year! This is your Pleasanton, and Dan is the man to bring your concerns to the table, address them and help solve them!

I ask you, neighbor to neighbor, more importantly, friend to friend, to get involved and vote for Dan Faustina on Nov. 7!

Carol Marshall
Pleasanton

Chamber's non-endorsement intentional

Dear Editor,

In response to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's non-endorsement of a mayoral candidate, Jennifer Hosterman commented "...to be so indecisive and to not be able to come up with a mayoral candidate they can support tells me a lot about this group." Her spin couldn't be further from the truth.

In fact, the Chamber very carefully researched and interviewed both mayoral candidates. Simply put, neither rose to the standards set by the Chamber for endorsement, so the decision not to endorse either candidate for mayor was very deliberate.

In spite of the non-endorsement, the Chamber has made it clear it looks forward to working cooperatively with either candidate in keeping Pleasanton a great place to live, work and play.

To assist voters in making an informed choice, the Chamber interviewed all mayoral and city council candidates, and prepared an opinion paper available at www.pleasanton.org. We encourage everyone to become informed and vote.

David Bouchard,
President & CEO
Pleasanton Chamber
of Commerce

Is global warming a local issue?

Dear Editor,

It has quickly become tiring listening to the pitch that our current Mayor Jennifer Hosterman isn't "all about Pleasanton" because she is concerned about global warming. If this is not a local issue then why has Pleasanton, with the City Council's blessing, instituted a Green Building Ordinance? The ordinance is based on guidelines drawn by Alameda County and there are similar Ordinances in municipalities across our country. Why do responsible builders who do business in Pleasanton embrace this ordinance? Because it is the sensible thing to do, given the results of ongoing research.

Just recently in the Wall Street Journal there is news of yet another study that "Warns of Rapid Rise in Earth's Temperature." This study, by teams at the Columbia University Earth Institute, New York and the University of California Santa Barbara, concludes that at the current rate of warming, life as we have known it becomes unmanage-

able on our planet within 50 years. Some of us may not be around by then, but what about our children and grandchildren?

This "local issue" is also good for business. Concern over this issue is driving the formation of technology-based businesses aimed at mitigating the effects and reducing the causes of global warming. Some of these companies are locating in the Tri-Valley.

By embracing this "local issue" our mayor is simply doing what any good mayor would do, exercising balanced leadership. Those who take exception to Hosterman's public comments concerning global warming are, in my view, on thin ice. And guess what? The ice is getting thinner!

Arne Olson
Pleasanton Planning Commission

More than 300 Blankets for Babies donated last year

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the recent photo that publicized our local Blankets for Babies project. Last year, your newspaper helped us gather more than 300 handmade blankets for our annual holiday season delivery to the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit of the Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. We also have been able to deliver about 30 blankets each month—including the requested matching sets for twins and triplets—to the new neo-natal intensive care unit at Valley Care Medical Center right here in Pleasanton.

Adjusting to parenthood is always a challenge, but even more so for those new moms and dads whose infants need an extended hospital stay before coming home. These parents must get to know their newborns within the sterile environment of intensive care hospital units. A gift from strangers of a cheery quilted, crocheted or knitted baby blanket can lift their spirits and brighten the nursery environment.

Any of your readers who would like to create and donate a baby blanket (24 inches by 30 inches) can drop off their gift at the Pleasanton Unified School District office (where we work), 4665 Bernal Avenue, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This is the fifth year of our all-volunteer project. By December, we hope to top our previous record of 300 Blankets for Babies, to lovingly welcome tiny newcomers to the world.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Cleo Foster & Sue Connolly
Blankets for Babies

It's all about...Brozosky?

Dear Editor,

It was just a couple of years ago that residents of Pleasanton were asking City Council not to approve California Splash, a water amusement park which is being built at Shadow Cliffs East Bay Regional Park. Against overwhelming popular opposition, Councilman Steve Brozosky was outspoken in his support of the project. Ultimately it passed and was approved in a way that it could not be subjected to a voter referendum.

Opinion

At Council meetings, Brozosky heard hours of public testimony on residents' concerns, received petitions signed by more than 1,500 Pleasanton residents and didn't waver in his position. The traffic impacts of an expected 200,000 more people going through town didn't bother him. Both out-of-town and in-town visitors will need to use the already crowded First Street, Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road to get to the park on Stanley Boulevard. During the City Council meeting, councilmembers agreed that this project would be overwhelming turned down if given to residents for a vote.

Nevertheless, Brozosky helped the developers win passage. His behavior was in marked contrast to that of then Councilwoman (now Mayor) Hosterman, who listened to all sides and spoke out, first against the project and then against the injustice of approving the project without allowing the people a chance to vote on it.

It was obvious to everyone at that City Council meeting that Brozosky pushed his own personal agenda, rather than listening to the residents of Pleasanton. Brozosky's campaign slogan is "It's all about Pleasanton." I believe that his slogan should be "It's all about Brozosky."

Please join me in voting to reelect Mayor Hosterman, a woman of integrity.

Gary Smith
Pleasanton

Buck is the right candidate

Dear Editor,

As a long time Democrat, I am only too proud to vote for the right candi-

date for 18th District Assembly—Jill Buck. From the first time I met this intelligent, innovative and energetic woman six years ago, I knew that she would be the right person to take her ideas and new ways to Sacramento. Her integrity and commitment to all children, in terms of protecting their safety and health, the environment and her dedication to community concerns, have been demonstrated throughout Jill's time in Pleasanton.

Working with Jill in PTA, the Go Green Initiative, Catholic Community of Pleasanton, and several PUSD committees, I have seen first-hand how this dynamic woman puts her money where her mouth is, she is committed to stand by her convictions and puts children's safety and welfare first. Her integrity has been demonstrated throughout this campaign, as she didn't allow partisan issues to cloud her political behavior; always maintaining her integrity and commitment to real ethics and real reforms. Jill is the candidate to help rebuild California and create a better future for all of our children.

Remember to vote!

Toni Hume
Pleasanton

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Endorsements

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This is Brian Arkin's second run for City Council and our concerns regarding his ability to serve on the council remain the same. He is very bright, but during his time on the Planning Commission his ability to be effective has been hit and miss. He is concerned about the completion of the General Plan. But while being in a position of influence, he has been unable to convince others to move the process along and has sometimes lengthened it himself through his lines of questioning. His emotions tend to get in his way when it comes to making rational decisions and some of his ideas are more esoteric than practical. Brian Arkin is someone who makes a good advisor but is not the best decision-maker. We cannot support him for a seat on the City Council.

Dan Faustina is also running for the council a second time. He grew up in the community and would bring a more youthful perspective to the issues which would be a welcome addition to local politics. Unfortunately, it is not clear which

Thorne is a strong supporter of our children and parks having served 10 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission with two terms as chair of the Commission.

is more important to him; being elected or being elected to the City Council. His opinions on the issues do not resonate as his own but sound like something he believes will get him elected. We like his enthusiasm for public service but do not believe his perspective and his approach are developed well enough to serve as a member of the City Council. We cannot support him for election to the Council. ■

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Sports



Cathy Jetter

Crowds of pink-clad girls gather at the Pleasanton Golf Center. Paula Creamer returns to her old "golfing grounds" to host a clinic for the USGA-LPGA Girls Golf program. Creamer, in town for the LPGA Tour's Long's Drugs Challenge, answered questions while exhibiting the swing that has taken her to 12th place on the money list.

Pleasanton native Creamer adds sugary sweetness to Danville golf tournament

'This is my home,' local pro tells throngs of fans

by Cathy Jetter

Pink shirts, pink hats, pink golf balls and pink gloves filled the stands at the Pleasanton Golf Center last week, as nearly 200 young girls skipped soccer practice, put off homework and rescheduled high school golf games for a chance to meet their hometown hero, LPGA Tour player Paula Creamer.

Rearranged schedules are understandable when sports stars are involved but, why all the pink?

"Pink is Paula's favorite color," explained an eager group of seven-year-olds as they staked out seats in the front row. "She's our favorite player."

Lots of favorite players were in town for the LPGA Tour's Long's Drugs Challenge, which took place at Danville's Blackhawk Country

Club in late September. Sorenstam, Webb, Ochoa and Inkster all came to play—but it was Pleasanton's "Pink Panther" Paula who came home to visit.

"I am so happy to be here," Creamer said to the girls as they cheered her arrival. "I may live in Florida now, but this is my home."

The 20-year-old golf phenomenon demonstrated poise and grace, as well as an incredible swing, to the members of the local high school golf teams and USGA-LPGA Girls Golf chapters attending the two-hour event. With a big hug, Creamer greeted her former golf instructor Larry O'Leary, recalling the times that the promise of a peppermint treat would per-

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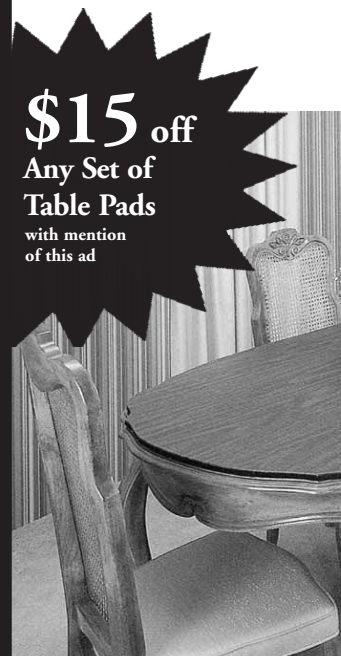
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Pleasanton high school football rules roost

By Michael Miller

Both the Foothill Falcons and Amador Valley Dons remained undefeated after last weekend's battles against ranked teams. Amador defeated Hayward 28-17. Prior to the loss, Hayward was ranked 11th in the state according to MaxPreps.com. Amador, although overmatched 368-314, used a balanced attack that saw Brett Lewis score two touchdowns, one on a 30-yard reception and the other on a 90-yard interception return.

Senior Wes Garwood had two touchdown passes; one to Lewis and the other to Nick Vuoto while Adam Howe added a 23-yard TD run. Amador Valley (0-0 in league, 4-0 overall) travels to Livermore to take on Livermore High School (0-1, 1-3) this week.

Foothill jumped to a 21-7 half-time lead and held off a furious Monte Vista comeback attempt to come away with a 28-21 win over the Mustangs. Foothill played long ball with TD passes of 45 yards to Austin Day and 85 yards to Ryan Thiege from quarterback Josh Mendonca. The Falcons also scored on a 3-yard run by Rob Andrews and a 35-yard interception return from Jordan Johnson. This week Foothill (4-0, 1-0) also

travels to Livermore to take on Granada High School (0-1, 1-3).

Phantom Wins NSA Fall Parade Tournament

The Phantom 12 and under traveling softball team took 1st in the NSA Fall Parade tournament in Tracy last weekend. Phantom beat the Elk Grove Fire and Ice in the Championship game 11-0. Leading the team pitching was Katie Mannion throwing a seven-strike-out no-hitter for the win. Mannion was supported by a 12-hit attack and strong defense in the championship game. The Phantom defeated the host Tracy Titans 8-3 in the semi-final and also had victories against the Union City Twisters, Lodi Lady Lightning, Union City Twisters, and Bobcats of Paradise Green during the tournament.

Amador Lady Don Linksters Defeat Foothill

The Lady Don Linksters finished the first half of the Fall season undefeated and alone in first place with a 216-246 win over the rival Foothill Falcons. Lauren Oh led the way with a 38 followed by Joi Pentin's 43. Kamille Laffins shot a 44, Kelly McKeehan a 45 and Arielle Chong a 46 to post the team's 6th consecutive score under 220.

Creamer

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suaude her to hit a few more shots.

She laughed as she told him, "I'm not playing for Certs [breath-mints] now, Larry."

Creamer continued to trace her golf roots back to her years as a Pleasanton Middle School student, recalling the day her father, Paul, made her choose between cheer-leading and golf.

"I was only allowed to have one activity," she said. "My dad asked if I would rather cheer for other people, or have other people cheer for me. That made the choice pretty easy."

As she spoke, Creamer worked her way through her clubs from 7-iron to driver, every shot long, straight and on target.

"Yes," she said, "I have a target every time I hit a ball. I don't think there's a point to just hitting it. You have to decide where it's going to go. Whatever shot you are making right now is the most important shot, whether it's on the practice range or on the first tee."

How about that first tee, someone asked. What do you think about when you're standing there at the start of a round?

"I'm always nervous," Creamer said, laughing. "If you're not nervous, you don't care enough. But when I am on the tee, I don't really think about anything. I pick my

target and I hit the ball."

And when she's not on the course, what does Paula like to do for fun?

"I like to shop and I like to design clothes," replied the 2005 Rookie of the Year. "I don't have a lot of free time. But I have to do something other than [play] golf sometimes; I don't want to burn out mentally."

She seems far more likely to suffer from autograph exhaustion. Creamer stayed at the Golf Center until every glove, bag, ball, hat, visor, picture, paper and pamphlet had been signed in permanent pink ink. Of course, with the tournament starting in two days, her autograph hours had just begun.

Creamer started the Long's Drug Challenge with solid rounds of 69 and 74. Following Saturday's third round of 72, Creamer was diagnosed with bronchitis. Disappointing her fans was never a consideration, and Creamer finished the tournament with a four under par round of 68—her best score of the week. With a four round total of 283, Creamer finished tied for 16th place, and took home a \$13,851 paycheck.

Those who missed the opportunity to watch the stars of the LPGA in person will be happy to note that Blackhawk Country Club is scheduled to host the Long's Drug Challenge for at least two more years.

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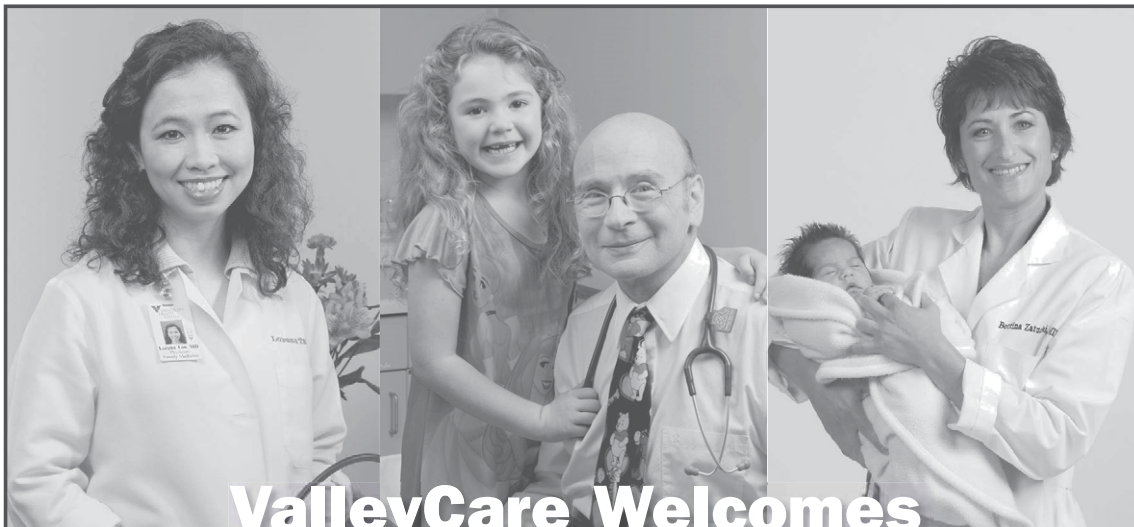
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Author Visits

Amy Meyer

New Guardians for the Golden Gate: How America got a Great National Park. Author Amy Meyer will speak Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library. The book discusses how Bay Area activists forged bipartisan local and national support for an unprecedented campaign to create a great new national park. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Emily Wu and Joseph Engelmann

Feather in the Storm: A Childhood Lost in Chaos. Authors Emily Wu and Joseph Engelmann will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. The book is told from a child's and young girl's point of view. Wu's account spans 19 years of growing up during the chaos of China's Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution. For information, call 931-3405.

Holly Cleeland

The Pleasanton Library welcomes Holly Cleeland, author of Glue & Go Costumes for kids: Super-Duper Designs with Everyday Materials at 4 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the library meeting room. She will demonstrate simple methods of turning kids into unforgettable disguises with costumes made from easy to find materials. For information, call the Children's Desk 931-3400, ext. 8.

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. on Oct. 11 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

Lunch with Lolly Winston

Lolly Winston is the guest Oct. 18 at noon for the monthly Read it and Eat Luncheon at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Lolly's latest book Happiness Sold Separately will be featured. Cost is \$25 for book and \$10 for lunch. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. For reservations, call 846-8826.

Meet the Author: Judy Sierra

Award-winning children's author Judy Sierra will visit the Pleasanton Library at 4 p.m. on Oct. 20. She has written numerous titles such as Monster Goose, Wild about Books, and There's a Zoo in Room 22. For information, call the Children's Desk at 931-3400, ext. 8.

Valerie & Walter's: Best Books for Children

A review of new children's books on Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. Walter Mayes and Valerie Lewis, authors of Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children: A lively, Opinionated Guide will share the newest and best children's books in a one hour review. The event will be located at Pleasanton's Library's meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For information, call Penny, 931-3405.

Book Clubs

Political Book Club

The Political Book Club meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. Call 462-7495. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy. in Dublin.

For more information, call 462-7495 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Civic Meetings

City Council

The council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 17.

Housing Commission

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

Human Services Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 1.

Library Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 12.

Parks & Recreation Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly 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 Wednesday monthly 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 Tuesday monthly in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 10.

Weekend Preview



One-day artist reception

Barbara Daggett, whose work "Sunrise Sunset" is pictured above, is just one of the many artists featured at Alexander's Main Street Gallery and will be in attendance during the Meet the Artist Reception and Exhibition tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 7 from 4-8 p.m. Other artists in attendance include Denise Miller, Mary Claire Stotler, Kim Pace, May Ho, Marge Atkinson, Kathleen Hill, Patrick O'Rourke and Eric Christensen. Admission is free. Alexander's Main Street Gallery is located at 610 Main St. Call 846-6015 for more information.

Youth Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly 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 reunion will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Visit www.greatreunions.com for more information.

Granada High 1966

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Classes

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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. on Tuesdays in the upstairs studio at Triple Threat Performing Arts, 315 Wright Brothers Avenue. Cost is \$4. Call George Pavel, 447-8020.

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Las Positas College presents Organizing your Office: Home, Workroom and Small Business Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3303 Collier Canyon Rd. in Livermore. Cost and registration: College Class fee \$79 (plus \$25 for class text "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.

Laughter Yoga

Laughter Yoga classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All ages welcome, bring a friend get a prize! Cost \$5, drop-ins ok. To register, call 556-4511.

Parent Education Class

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

Square Dance

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

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilt Guild

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. The featured speaker will be Don "Mr. Quilt" Linn. During his presentation Linn will talk about his continuing journey through the world of quilting.

Amador Valley Quilters

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

Business Builders USA

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

Express to Success Network

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Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club

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

Mothers Club

The Pleasanton Mothers Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Dr., room C2. Call 927-2444, or visit www.pleasantonmothersclub.org.

Pleasanton Amador Valley Lions Club

Meets at noon on the first and third Thursday monthly at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Tom, 846-4749.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298

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

Women's Investment Club

Women's Stock Investment Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Livermore. 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.

Mozart's 250th anniversary by presenting The Magic Flute Oct. 14 and 21 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. at the Livermore Performing Arts Theatre, which is on the campus of Livermore High School, 600 Maple St. Admission \$25-\$40. For tickets call 960-9210.

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., Oct. 11 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 for reservations.

Concerts

The Magic Flute, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Livermore Valley Opera celebrates the opening of its 15th season and

Antique Faire

Visit the Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique Street Faire from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 8 on Main Street. Admission is free. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

B2B Power Exchange

Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers will be held Oct. 19 from 7:45 to 10 a.m., at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr. in Dublin. Non-Members pay \$40 which includes cost of breakfast. Prepay by the Tuesday prior to the event and price is \$35. Members attend free. For more information on membership fees and benefits go to www.b2bpowerexchange.com or call 201-3410.

Big Money Give Away Benefit

Pleasanton Amador Valley Lions Club hosts the "Big Money Give Away Benefit" Silent Auction plus other raffles on Oct. 14. With each \$100 contribution, ticket holder will receive a big barbecue steak dinner (chicken available), two hour free bar. Twenty-eight cash prizes will be awarded totaling \$9,400. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. and barbecue dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. For tickets call Tom 689-1881.

Blood Drive

The Asbury United Methodist Church is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m., Oct. 13 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Call Tom, 447-1950 or email blooddrive@asburylive.org.

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.

Harvest Home Tour

Assistance League of Amador Valley presents its Harvest Home Tour with five unique homes in Pleasanton. This driving tour benefits Operation School Bell by providing new clothes, shoes, backpacks, etc to children in need in our communities. The tour begins Oct. 14 from 11:30 to 4 p.m. at the Rose Hotel, 807 Main St. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For tickets call 461-6401 or 828-3272, more info is available on the web www.AmadorValley.AssistanceLeague.org

Haunted Manor Tour

Civic Arts Youth hosts its annual Haunted House from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 19 and 20 at Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave. Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$10 at the door. Tours are every 30 minutes. The three earliest times are recommended for children under nine. Call 931-5353.

NCNH District Fall Conference & Rose Show

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.

The Independent Institute

The Independent Policy Forum, The Reality and Legacy of the Iraq War. An evening with Ivan Eland, Senior Fellow at the Institute and author of "The Empire has no Clothes." and Mark Danner, author of "The Secret Way to War." From 6:30 to 9 p.m., Oct 17, at the Independent Institute Conference Center, 100 Swan Way, Oakland. Admission \$15 (\$10 for members). Call 510-632-1366

Top Tips for Digital Photography!

"Storytelling with your digital camera". Author, photographer Jim Miotke to speak at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Rd. Oct. 15th at 2 p.m. Jim will help photographers better understand the world of digital photography with his practical, easy to follow advice on improving technique. Check out his website www.better-photo.com. Program is free.

Exhibits

Art Show

Krista Sheldon will display her work from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays through Oct. 21 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Ste. J. Call 485-1183 or visit 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.

Poetry & Art Exhibition

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

Film

"An Inconvenient Truth"

St. Clare's Episcopal Church presents, "An Inconvenient Truth" at 6 p.m. 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., every first Thursday monthly until June 2007 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

"Iraq for Sale" Film

This new film will be shown Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m., in the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway in Dublin. Meet and greet starts at 7p.m. The event is open to the public. There is a \$2 optional donation. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Info Call: 462-3459 or www.iraqforsale.com

Fundraisers

Bingo

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

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Calendar

11:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. Tickets are \$75 per person. For reservations or information, contact Carolyn Schuetz, 510-769-9661 or CSandLB@cs.com or visit www.burnedchildren.org.

Dictionary Project

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

"Drink For Pink" Sweet Tomatoes and Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Every Friday during October, All Sweet Tomatoes restaurants across the U.S. will donate 5 percent of beverage sales to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Fairlands Elementary Rummage Sale

The Rummage sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7, 4501 West Las Positas Blvd. All proceeds benefit the science and technology fund. Come early for the best selection, Cash only please. If you have question call Coleen at 462-9443

Open Heart Kitchen Tri Valley CROP Hunger Walk

The Tri Valley CROP Hunger walk is part of the national "communities responding to overcome poverty" (CROP) organization, which focuses on raising awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as hunger issues. The 5-mile walk will be on Oct. 15 and starts at 1 p.m. at 4444 Black Ave. and winds its way through Pleasanton. For more info call Pattie Tanner, CROP coordinator at 485-5454. To sponsor a walker please go to www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?event=180204

Operation: S.A.M.

The Museum On Main, 603 Main St., is an ongoing drop-off place for donations for Operation: S.A.M., a non-profit organization that sends packages to American troops deployed all over the world. Visit www.operation-sam.org for list of needed items. Call 462-2766.

Operation S.A.M. to support our troops

The community is invited to participate in the Annual Holiday Drive to be held at the Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Dr., and Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Rd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14. Volunteers

will be collecting goodies for the holiday packages our military men and women who will be unable to be with their families this holiday. For list of items needed call 443-7620 or visit www.operationsam.org

Recycle for Breast Cancer

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

Sisters in Service "walk a mile in her shoes"

This is a mini fundraiser for Sisters in Service. It will be held Oct. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Dr. in Dublin. Inventory your shoe closet, then pledge to donate 50 cents per pair toward SIS projects supported by our Tri-Valley Chapter. Enjoy an evening of fondue, fun, and fellowship. Bring shoe specimens for a chance to win the Cinderella Award, Stella Stiletto Award, Shabby Chic Award, etc. Questions call 998-3785.

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 now through Oct. 31.

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 required. Call 931-5365 for 50 Fitness Plus and 931-5340 for Exercitement Fitness.

Lectures/ Workshops

Algorithmic Geometry

"How Computers and Software are Changing Geometry," will be hosted by local computer scientist-author Pierre Bierre. The workshop explores the modernized conceptual foundation for basic geometry. On Oct. 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library. Reserve a seat pbierre@comcast.net

Angel Island and the Chinese Immigrant Experience

Kay Speaks, a first generation Chinese-American, will lecture on "Angel Island and the Chinese Immigrant Experience," at 7 p.m., Oct. 19 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Cost is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-museum members. Reservations requested. Call 462-2766.

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

Communication Workshop
 Learn how to turn conflict into intimacy from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 19 and 26 at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. Cost is \$45 single, \$80 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 on-going workshop includes learning how to choose child care, parenting skills, child development and work/family balance. Call Kim, 249-3940.

Memoir Writing Workshop
 Write your memoir and still get invited for the Holidays. Linda Joy Myers, Ph.D. and award winning author will facilitate a three part workshop 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 15, 22, and 29 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. You will learn how to begin, structure, and keep writing your memoir whether its for family, friends, or publication. Cost \$55 includes free articles, tip sheets

and free online consultation. Register at Towne Center books 846-8826.

Papier-Mache Wimsy
 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, roll of 1-inch masking tape and two wire coat hangers. Call 935-8972.

Preparing a Business Plan
 TVC presents "Preparing and Presenting the Business Plan" from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 18 at CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Event is free. To register visit www.caconference.com/location.htm. Call 960-1600

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

Art Shows at Worthington Gallery West
 Worthington Gallery West located at 739 J. Main St. is announcing upcoming art shows.

Krista Sheldon, A Bay Area artist, will show her work through Oct. 21. Louis LaBrie, "Being There" will be shown Oct. 14 to Nov 25, and there will be an artist reception Oct. 14 from 5 to 8 pm. For information call the gallery 485-1183.

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.

Fall Boutique
 Tri Valley Unity Church is sponsoring a fall boutique on Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. For sale are handmade items and holiday gifts. The address is 767 North P St. in Livermore. Call Mary or Bob for details 455-5017.

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.

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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 monthly at Used and Rare Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Rd. Call Michelle, 931-5350 or e-mail mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

TVAR Cat and Dog Adoptions
 Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts dog and cat adoptions from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays at Pleasanton's Farmers' Market, First and W. Angela sts. and from noon to 4 p.m. at



Rachel Anderson, Axis Community Health (left) and Brent Chaney, Valley Community Bank (right).

Valley Community Bank Benefit Baby Shower! October 2 - 31, 2006

Valley Community Bank will throw its first Benefit Baby Shower at their Pleasanton and Livermore locations. The event, organized by Brent Chaney, Valley Community Bank Sr. Vice President and Axis Community Health Board of Director, will benefit Axis Community Health's prenatal program headed by Rachel Anderson.

The general public, as well as VCB customers, are invited to "deposit" new items for infants such as disposable diapers, wipes, clothing, receiving blankets and baby toys during bank hours. All donations will be given to new mothers who are Axis Community Health patients.

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YOUTH MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF VACANCIES

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for 11 members to serve on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC). The 11 members will be appointed by the City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board. This is a non-paid position.

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

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

- o 3 At-Large Parent Representatives - one representative from a pre-school, one representative from an elementary school and one representative from a middle school
- o 1 Health and Crisis Representative
- o 1 Non-Profit Agency Representative
- o 1 Senior Citizen Representative
- o 1 Alternate Representative from Amador High School
- o 1 Youth Representative and 1 Alternate from Village High School
- o 1 Youth Representative from Hart Middle School
- o 1 Youth Representative from Pleasanton Middle School

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

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

Applications must be received no later than **5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006**. Postmarks are not accepted.

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.tvr.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., 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. Oct. 7 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. Admission is \$50. Group rates for 10 or more is 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.

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/res. \$9/non-res. Call 931-5365.

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.

Seniors

Bingo
Play Bingo 12:30 to 3 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Monday monthly and 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday at the

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Game cards are 50 cents. Call 931-5365.

Emotional Wellness Group
Learn more about depression, anxiety, and how medications and alcohol may affect emotional well-being 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 welcome. Reservations recommended. Call 931-5365.

Internet Access Workstation
The Internet workstation is available 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. 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 monthly at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Popcorn and refreshments available. Call 931-5365.

Paratransit Service
The paratransit service provides door-to-door bus service to seniors 65 and older, and individuals with disabilities of any age and is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday. Call 931-5376.

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

Senior Dinner
Open Heart Kitchen provides seniors 60 years and older with an evening meal from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday at Ridge

View Commons, 4200 Case Ave. Suggested donation is \$3. Call 484-5131 for reservations.

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

Sightseeing
Visit the Wells Fargo History Museum from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Oct. 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 Monday monthly 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 3-12) at 11:15 a.m. Every Wednesday the Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m., Choir Practice and Boys & Girls Mission Crusade Club (grades K-5) all begin at 7 p.m. Singles and Young Married home bible study meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. Seniors 55+ meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Call Sophia, 846-8650.

Moms In Touch
Become a part of the worldwide community of mothers praying for their

children and their schools. Call Mary, 484-4348 or visit www.momsintouch.org.

Support Groups

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.

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

Fibromyalgia, Arthritis Chronic Pain
A Stress and Pain Management Strategies and Support Group will meet from 11 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday monthly at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Call 734-3315

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, children; 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.

Stress and Pain Management Strategies and Support
Learn how to use relaxation techniques and cognitive restructuring to help reduce stress levels and down-regulate pain. Share experiences and ideas in a supportive, caring environment. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to noon at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270; Pleasanton, CA 94588 (phone: 925-734-3315). Facilitated by Betty Runnels, M.A., Counseling Psychology.

Volunteering

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

MATTRESS MONEY

"Mattress money" is an actual financial term, not just something this writer thought up while in a funny mood. It's money that borrowers come up with, generally for the down payment on their home, that doesn't come from an identifiable bank account or other investment. It's money, in other words, that inspires the bank to ask, "Where did this come from?" And to worry about the answer.

Thus, people who save their money under a mattress or in a sock or in a jar in the backyard (and there are, indeed such people) have been discriminated against, in a very real sense, because it is so difficult to differentiate them from people who came up with down payment money illicitly.

Secondary loan market giant Freddie Mac, however, declared fairly recently that it will allow people who have neither savings accounts nor checking accounts to use mattress money in their real estate purchases. This is a relevant move, given that about 13% of all Americans, according to a Federal Reserve study, do not have checking or savings accounts.

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Pleasanton Hotel
 855 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 846-8106. This restored Victorian "hotel" combines the ambiance of the past with the exciting contemporary cooking of Chef Neil Marquis. Also offering Mystery Dinner Theater and Winemaker Dinners, live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, some Sundays. Open for lunch, dinner and Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch, patio dining, banquets and weddings to 200.

Swensen's
 1991-A Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, (925) 426-1266. Swensen's Ice Cream has called the Bay Area its home since 1948. Known for its delicious ice cream, smoothies, burgers, sandwiches, pho beef noodle soup and BBQ chicken, beef and pork over rice. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.

Vic's All Star Kitchen
 201 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 484-0789. Located in the heart of downtown Pleasanton on Main Street, Vic's delivers a stary mix of American food, fast service and a bustling, cheery atmosphere. Owner Vic Malatesta has teamed his love of sports with his passion for good food to create a solid dining experience with a local sports theme. Open daily 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Evening banquets/daytime catering.

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California Cuisine

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Catering

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Italian

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

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

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- Led effort to build lighted fields at Bernal Park and 50 meter Olympic pool at Aquatic Center
- 30 year Pleasanton resident, retired Hewlett-Packard manager

COMMITTED TO:

- Problem solving for the good of the whole city- not favoring a few at the expense of the many
- Enacting a traffic circulation plan that works for the entire city and region
- Developing long term financial plans as we reach build out
- Working toward intelligent housing choices
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