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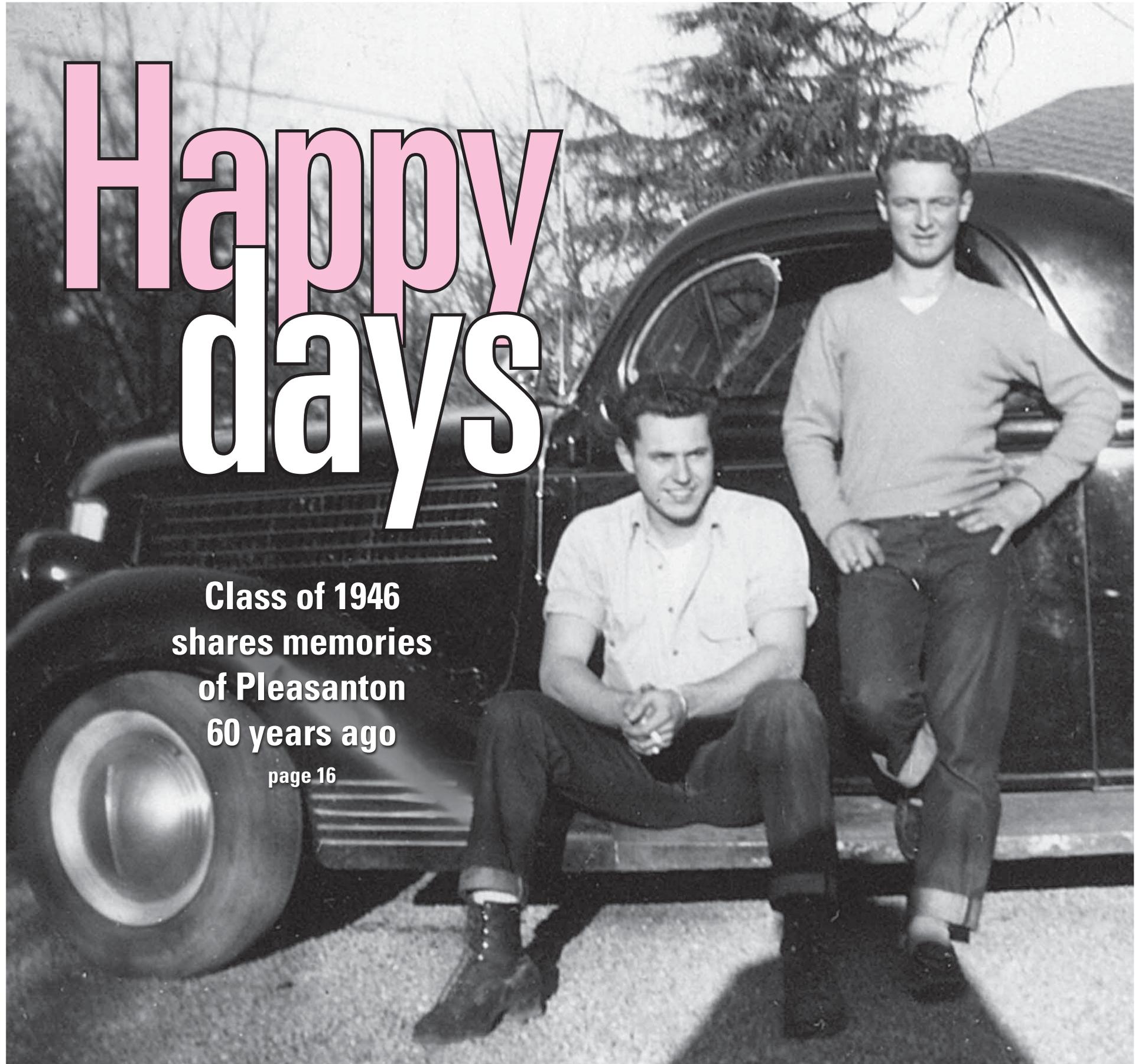
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Pleasanton passion marks retirement

John B. McWilliams probably knows more about Pleasanton than anyone else in town. He was born here 56 years ago, his father John M. McWilliams served on the city Planning Commission in the late 1950s and then was elected to the City Council and was the appointed mayor from 1962-63. He died in 1980 but “young” John continued on with the city, becoming today the longest-serving city employee who has been involved in every aspect of operating, inspecting and supervising the public water and sewer system that serves every house and business in Pleasanton. At one time, he no doubt was at each of our houses, either when they were being planned, built or since we moved in.

On Nov. 17, he'll call it quits, ending a career that spanned five decades, starting with a summer job in 1968. That will give him more time to spend with his wife Donna, who works at the Livermore Lab, his brother Lee, who just retired as a sign painter with the city's Street Department, and visiting with his mother Barbara, 89, at the Pleasanton Convalescent Center on Neal Street. He also plans to spend more time at the family cabin in Arnold, although McWilliams says owning a cabin is much like a boat: “The happiest day of your life is when you buy it; the next happiest day is when you sell it.”

McWilliams' long service with the city's sewer, water and other operations is topped only by his family's equally long history with Pleasanton. His parents moved here in the early 1940s, later buying a house in the new Jensen tract across Santa Rita Road from Amador Valley High School. That's where John B., Lee and their three sisters—Lynne, Janis and young Barbara—were raised. The senior McWilliams, a contractor, expanded the house to serve his growing family, making it into a four-bedroom, two-bath home, one of the largest in the neighborhood. When John M. died in 1980, John B. and Donna bought the house, raising another generation of McWilliams—their three

daughters: Erin, 21, now a first-year teacher in Belmont, and twins Mallory and Megan, 18, who will graduate next June from Amador. For 20 years, John B.'s mother lived with them. With five women in the house, he learned to rise early before the hot water was gone and head to work.

His passion for living in Pleasanton extended to his job at the city's old wastewater treatment plant, then located on Sunol Boulevard where the Senior Center is now located. It was tough work, much of it manual labor, as crews moved pipes carrying treated wastewater by hand to different sections of the undeveloped Bernal property, where cattle grazed on the swampy grassland made lush by the effluent. But in the 1970s, the plant reached its capacity, pumping 1,250,000 gallons of treated wastewater each day. New homes and businesses in North Pleasanton were connected to the new Dublin San Ramon Services District waste treatment plant at I-680 and Stoneridge and Johnson drives. In 1976, unable to handle any additional sewage, Pleasanton declared a housing moratorium and started connecting all of its sewers to the DSRSD plant, closing down the Sunol facility in 1980.

McWilliams, promoted over the years, became a supervisor at the city's new Operations Center on Busch Road, in charge of planning capital improvement projects and technical upgrades. Today, a truck checks sewer pipes with a state-of-the-art digital camera that can be moved by remote controls throughout the system to check its integrity and for blockage. Another advance is SCADA, a control and data acquisition system that checks water quality, pressure and how much water is available in city water tanks to serve an increasingly thirsty system and in case of emergencies. So when McWilliams checks out next month, he'll leave a system almost fully automated with no one needed to walk the streets house by house to make sure the city's vast underground sewer and water piping system works. ■



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Amador Valley High School Class of 1946 alumni Bill Trimmingham (pictured left) and Frank Bonde pose in this June 1946 photo. The class recently celebrated its 60th reunion, sharing memories of Pleasanton and being the first class to graduate after World War II.

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Asked Downtown



Bill Lathlean

Retired Math Teacher

It would probably have no effect at all. I have been totally fed up with the Republican program already, so I don't think it could sway me anymore in that direction.

David Brillant

Lawyer

I don't vote for a person based on their party affiliation, I vote for the person. We have a handful of candidates in the upcoming election that have no scandal attached to their names. I'll vote based on what they have to offer, not their affiliation.



Michelle Thoeny

Customer Service

I am a registered Republican, but I don't always vote Republican. I research the choices, read the available literature and don't buy into all the media hype.



Chris Thompson

Stockbroker

This just appears to be one more smear for the Republican image. The party of "Family Values" sure does have some housecleaning to do. Believe it or not I used to be a supporter of this administration but this incident is just the most current in a long list of unspeakable acts.



Nora Simpson

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No, this incident has no bearing on how I will be voting. One individual's immoral acts are not reflective on the party as a whole. I would assume the majority of Republicans find his conduct reprehensible.



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News Digest

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As Nov. 7 grows nearer, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office has recruited about one-half of the 4,125 workers needed to staff the election. Workers are paid \$95 to \$170 for working from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Half shifts are available for some positions. A pre-Election Day training class is required for some positions. Information and application forms are available at www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm.

Flu shots

Raley's on 5420 Sunol Blvd. will have flu shot clinics Oct. 20-21, and Nob Hill on 3112 Santa Rita Rd. from Nov. 2-4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Flu shots cost \$25 and pneumonia shots are \$35. Patients who have Part B Medicare, but no HMO insurance are eligible for free flu shots. For more information, visit www.raleys.com.

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will provide free flu shots to older adults: from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for ages 65 and older, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages 50 and older. Located at 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., call 275-8230 for more information.

Staff Development Day

Oct. 30 is a Staff Development Day for all schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District. Students do not attend school that day. Information in a previous school district newsletter was incorrect.

LifeStyleRx honored

LifeStyleRx, ValleyCare Health System's medical fitness facility in Livermore, has been honored with a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Medical Fitness Association, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association. The award is for an operation less than three years old, which is considered a short time to indicate success. LifeStyleRx is a state-of-the-art, medically-based fitness center that offers the opportunity for improved health, fitness and vitality regardless of current health status or age. To learn more, call 454-6342 or visit www.valley-care.com.

Corrections

In the Oct. 13 issue, restaurant The Red Smoke Grill was misplaced under the "Best Hamburger" category in the Best of Pleasanton 2006. The restaurant should have been under the "Best Takeout Restaurant" category.

McNerney gaining fast on Pombo in final heat of campaign

Tightest race for Tracy congressman since elected in 1993

by Jeb Bing

In a close contest being watched nationally, Pleasanton Democrat Jerry McNerney is closing in rapidly against his opponent U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo in the political battle for the 11th Congressional District seat on Nov. 7.

In fact, McNerney, the wind energy expert whom the Democrats dismissed out of hand when he ran against Pombo two years ago, may even be ahead of the seven-term

Tracy Republican congressman.

A new poll conducted by well-known Democratic pollster Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, based on a survey of 413 likely voters, shows McNerney leading Pombo 48 percent to 46 percent. Since the findings are within the poll's margin of error, they show that McNerney and Pombo are in a statistical dead heat.

Pombo spokesman Carl Fogliani told the Sacramento Bee, which

highlighted the Greenberg survey, that "they must be polling on Fantasy Island."

"We never release our polls, but that's way off," Fogliani said. "McNerney never gets out of the 30 (percent range) in our numbers."

Still, while there has been euphoria on McNerney's campaign trail, the mood is more subdued in the Pombo camp. Even the congressman admitted that he's never had so much attention since winning

his congressional seat in 1993.

Pombo brought in President Bush two weeks ago to buoy his reelection chances at a rally in Stockton, usually friendly turf for the San Joaquin County native whose family name is a household word. In an effort to focus voters on the fight against terror and away from the ethics questions that are increasingly plaguing the Pombo campaign,

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Hosterman urges 'No' vote on Prop. 90 eminent domain bill

Other mayors agree measure could hurt taxpayers, stop development

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman has joined mayors in four neighboring cities to urge voters to reject Proposition 90, a measure on the Nov. 7 ballot that would affect eminent domain actions by state and local governments.

Speaking at the recent Tri-Valley Mayors Summit at Wente Bros. Winery, Hosterman said Prop. 90 was drafted "with absolutely no regard for its impact on cities, counties and others."

Prop. 90 would amend the state constitution to limit government authority to take ownership of private property. Cities such as Pleasanton already are required to compensate property owners at a fair market value set by independent appraisers for any land acquired for community improvements.

Prop. 90, however, would increase those requirements, adding to those eligible for compensation any nearby property owners who believe they have incurred economic losses as a result of the acquisition.

"We know that there are issues with eminent domain and its use and sometimes misuse," Hosterman said. "But there's another portion of this proposition that is very serious for every single municipality. And that is that it would essentially allow for a developer to make a claim to a city that if developable properties that the city would not allow to be developed would then have to be paid for directly to that developer."

"That would result in all land use ordinances being set aside and property owners would then be able to develop their properties in any way they saw fit," she



The Tri-Valley Mayors Summit at Wente Vineyards included (l-r) Danville Mayor Karen Stepper, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

added.

Hosterman agreed with Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, who warned that "if Prop. 90 passes, virtually all development will stop."

"That's because cities would have to pay outlandish sums to adjacent property owners who could claim that their property values would be reduced," he added. "No matter what your perception is of this proposition, it would be a bad law."

The mayors' forum drew a luncheon crowd of more than 200, who peppered the mayors with questions about their cities and the region as a whole. Besides Hosterman and Kamena, the other mayors attending the summit were Janet Lockhart of Dublin, H. Abram Wilson of San Ramon

and Karen Stepper of Danville. It was Stepper's first appearance at the annual event, which Danville has occasionally ignored.

Stepper, however, said that Danville has joined the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), which sponsored this year's summit, and has become a more active participant in Tri-Valley meetings and deliberations.

That prompted Kamena to jokingly suggest that perhaps the area should be renamed the "Penta-Valley."

In addition to their unified stance against Prop. 90, the mayors were united in working together to seek federal, state and other funds for needed roadway improvements in the area.

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Affordable housing advocates sue city

Groups seek lifting restriction on housing cap

by Janet Pelletier

A public advocacy group based in San Francisco said it has filed a lawsuit against the city of Pleasanton for not providing enough affordable housing. It seeks the declaration of the city's affordable housing policies as being unlawful.

The plaintiffs in the suit are Urban Habitat, a regional environmental justice organization and Pleasanton resident and affordable housing advocate Sandra De Gregorio.

The suit was filed Oct. 17 on behalf of Urban Habitat by public interest civil rights organization Public Advocates, said the firm's managing attorney Richard Marcantonio.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs target city policies regarding housing for people with very low, low and moderate incomes. They're seeking to lift the housing cap that restricts the total number of homes in the city to 29,000, which the city is quickly approaching; they're also challenging the city Growth Management Program's restriction on building permits allowed per year. The housing cap was approved by voters in 1996 but recently as the city approaches that limit, they have discussed possible changes to it.

The legal action comes after the housing advocates sent a letter in June to the city explaining their concerns and demands. Among them was following up on a city promise to zone 30 to 40 acres of land for about 900 high-density affordable

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Pleasanton North Rotary Club members lent a helping hand for a new fence for the Kottinger Place senior living community.

Rotary club helps seniors keep out cars, fleeing suspects

Club members install fence to ward off foot and car traffic in back alley way

by Janet Pelletier

What residents say had become an escape route for fleeing suspects and a thoroughfare for motorists looking to avoid traffic on the main roads is now fenced in thanks to a local volunteer group.

On Sept. 29 and 30, members of the Pleasanton North Rotary Club got their hands dirty installing a redwood fence along the back alley way of low-income senior housing community Kottinger Place.

The roughly 60 residents aged 62 and older who live in the 50-unit complex have long been wary of the alley way in back because they've often seen people running through there in an attempt to escape police or motorists using it as a cut through.

"The way the property is set up, we have a lot of juveniles that can walk behind the units as a shortcut from Kottinger Park on Vineyard [Avenue] over at Hopyard [Road] and sometimes we even have police chasing adult folks that way because the adults know that it's dark back there and so they try and duck back there and cut through and end up a block away without being noticed," said Steven Eagle, property manager for Kottinger Place. "I've had residents tell me of the traffic back

there too."

So it happened by chance that Eagle contacted the Rotary club to see if they could donate a wheelchair he had that he found out they would also be able to help them in their effort to get a fence put up.

"He had read about our club and that we raise a lot of money to send wheelchairs internationally," said Pleasanton North Rotary Club President Esther Becker. "Steven said that they had a fence that they needed built so we took on the project."

The 70-member club likes to volunteer for a number of local projects in any way they can, she said.

"It was fun. It was fabulous. I know it helps them out a lot," Becker said.

This isn't the club's first volunteer effort with senior living communities. They also have helped Pleasanton Gardens with some remodeling work on their units.

So, on that Friday, Rotary members dug holes and installed fence posts. The next day, they put up the wood planks to make the fence complete and a barbecue was also provided by the club to club members and Kottinger Place residents.

"Because we're a low-income senior housing property, we can't always afford everything that we would like to do," Eagle said. "It seemed to be one of those things that working together with the community group that we had some funds and a need that matched up." Eagle added that he's thankful for home improvement store Lowe's because they gave the Rotary club a discount on the lumber used for the fence.

Since the fence was installed, Eagle said the effect is apparent because there is no longer any traffic down the alley way and it's a less desirable hideout.

"There are still ways to get behind the bungalows but now people are much more observable because they have to come into the property and get back there, and so it's not worth it to them as a hide and seek game with the police per-say," he said. ■

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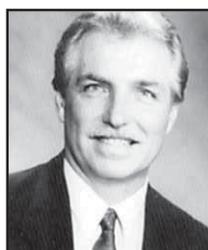
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Antique Fair viability long-term questionable

Pleasanton's bi-annual event not succeeding financially, drawing fewer dealers

by Janet Pelletier

Just like the historic heirlooms that are sold generations later at antique fairs, the outfits that serve as a marketplace for them may also be becoming a thing of the past.

Days after vendors at the Oct. 8 Fall Antique Fair began loading their unsold goods back into their trailers to head back home cross country, the Pleasanton Downtown Association was considering whether it would renew a contract with the promoter of the biannual fair for 2007.

The fair has for years been drawing fewer dealers and generating fewer sales. After the fair promoter told the PDA board he wouldn't be able to pay the full \$7,000 fee for street closures downtown for the most recent fair, board members questioned whether the event was still viable in the downtown. But after some discussion, the association decided it intends to renew the contract to hold the fair next May and October—when it has always been held.

"We waited to see how this [last] particular show went to decide whether we wanted to do another one," said Judy Wheeler-Ditter, president of the PDA board of direc-

tors and the owner of Towne Center Books on Main Street. "We haven't hammered out the details ... but I'm confident that we will work out a contract that works for both of us."

Promoter Don Frate said he is thankful the association has been willing to work with him. While the economy is in a slump, he said the association has agreed to discount his fee. Usually, each fair nets between \$30,000 and \$35,000, he said. But selling antiques in a fair setting has become a challenge due to factors such as less discretionary income and higher gas prices, he said.

"Right now, all of us—not just antique dealers—all of us are feeling the effects of the economy very, very heavily," Frate said. "At the [Oct. 8] show, I had 100 less dealers than I normally have—that's \$10,000 to me."

Frate said he's seeing less and less attendees. Among those who do attend, the high gas prices have affected antique collectors who find they have less discretionary income to spend as well as dealers who travel hundreds of miles with

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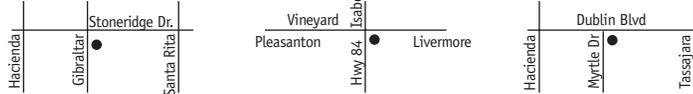
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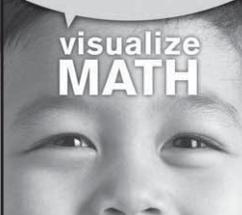
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Antique fair

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trailers in tow to participate in a show, he said.

Many of the dealers most affected are the 'mom and pop' variety.

"They're staying home because it's a hard, hard sell," Frate said. "For a lot of people who are moms and pops who have other jobs have decided when they're not making as much money, it's not worth it."

The job of an antique dealer is hard work, said the former Bay Area resident, who now lives in Oceanside—about 45 minutes north of San Diego. Dealers take a couple of days to load their goods into a truck or trailer, drive through the night to a show, spend hours setting up and spend an entire weekend on the pavement enticing shoppers to open their pocketbooks. When the fair ends, they pack up and start the process all over again.

"I do think that the popularity of the antiques and collectibles is still there," Frate said. "Lord knows I've invested an awful lot of time and money to find out why [shoppers] are not coming."

This year was the 15th for Frate, who has been running his antique fair promotions company, Frate & Associates with his wife, who does the administrative work and booth signups, and three sons, who occasionally help out when they're not working at their regular jobs. Once hosting shows in eight cities, Frate, who is 70, said he's cut back to just the two Pleasanton shows partly because he's getting older and also because of the difficulty getting dealers to sign up for a vendor booth.

The Pleasanton fair took off 15 years ago after Frate's first show featured just 85 dealers—now the fair features at least double as many dealers.

"We got a very good reputation in the business," he said, adding that the PDA has always been great to work with in putting it on year after year.

While the future viability of the antique trade is unknown, Frate said if the decline continues, more fairs selling mixed media, including more arts and crafts, could replace genuine antique fairs, which he said would be a shame. ■

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Brozosky leads in campaign contributions

Arkin quits Planning Commission to avoid political conflicts

by Jeb Bing

With just 18 days until election day, Pleasanton Councilman and mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky has reported \$52,399 in campaign contributions, compared to his challenger, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, whose most recent financial report shows that she has raised only \$15,465.

At the same time, Brozosky announced that he has received the endorsements of mayors Marshall Kamena of Livermore, H. Abram Wilson of San Ramon and Karen Stepper of Danville. These endorsements added to those from Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Pleasanton Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, and Pleasanton School Board Trustees Kris Weaver, Juanita Haugen, Pat Kernan and Steve Pulido.

Brozosky's campaign manager Mary Roberts said that after expenses, the councilman has nearly a five-to-one cash on hand advantage: \$31,000 in the bank vs. \$6,100 for the incumbent.

"In an election year that has many important measures on the ballot and statewide races that will fill the mailbox and airwaves with messages, it is critical to have these

funds available to communicate a candidate's message to voters," Roberts said.

In mandatory campaign financial disclosure statements filed with City Clerk Karen Diaz, the four City Council candidates also listed their contributions with Councilman Jerry Thorne leading the pack with \$14,116 on hand for his re-election bid.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio reported \$9,012 in contributions for the filing period, followed by Dan Faustina with \$7,368, and Brian Arkin with \$6,090 as of Sept. 30.

The Political Action Committee of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce also reported raising \$20,478 to be used in support of its two endorsed council candidates, Thorne and Cook-Kallio. These included \$1,000 contributions from Doug Krah, Len Fryer, Kyle Morgan, Patrick Costanzo, Laurie and Joseph Comery, Charles Smith, Jim Ghielmetti and Robert Freed.

Brozosky's top contributors were Michael Aminian of San Jose with \$4,000, Sadri Mohsen with \$1,050, and \$1,000 contributions from Can-Am Plumbing, Frank

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Hosterman's top contributors were Alfonso Lopez and Karen Chamousis, both of Pleasanton who contributed \$2,500 each. All of Hosterman's other contributions were under \$1,000.

Top contributors to Faustina's bid for the City Council were Eric Inman of Danville, with \$1,500, and Victoria Mahoney of Pleasanton, who gave \$1,000.

The Cook-Kallio campaign reported one contribution of \$1,000, coming from the Chamber's Political Action Committee.

Arkin resigns Planning Commission post

City Council candidate Brian Arkin has resigned as Chairman and a member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission.

Arkin said that the commission often deals with extremely difficult issues and that some of those might be perceived as political in nature.

"By resigning my position, I am ensuring that the public perception as well as the reality of the Planning Commission continues to be one which mirrors my personal values of integrity, honesty and service to the people," he said.

Arkin has served on the Planning Commission for almost eight years and has twice been elected its chairman. He recently introduced a "Consent Calendar" to allow non-controversial planning applications to move more quickly through the planning department's process. The most recent beneficiaries of this expedited process are the two new restaurants approved for Stoneridge Shopping Center: P.F. Chang's and The Cheesecake Factory.

"I am proud of these accomplishments. I am equally proud of the high integrity with which the Planning Commission operates," Arkin said.

Whitman here for Jill Buck fundraiser

Former New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman will be the guest speaker at a fundraiser breakfast for 18th State Assembly candidate Jill Buck on Oct. 25.

Whitman, who once also headed the Environmental Protection Agency, is the founder of "It's My Party, Too," a national organization that is promoting the Republican Party and its candidates, including Buck.

Tickets for the breakfast cost \$25 and can be ordered by e-mail to cfinarelli@gmail.com or by calling 916-832-1723. The breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m. next Wednesday in the Palm Pavilion just inside the Pleasanton Avenue gate at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Pico backs Hayashi for 18th District

Former Mayor Tom Pico and his wife Karen announced their endorsement of Mary Hayashi in her bid to serve the 18th District as its assemblywoman.

The announcement came at a reception and fundraiser they hosted on Rose Avenue last Friday.

She told the more than 40 supporters that as assemblywoman she will work to ensure that all Californians have affordable health care coverage, to improve the state's economy by investing in teachers and local community colleges and to insist on responsible growth "that balances progress with the protection of natural resources and opens spaces, and that ensures clean air and water."

Voters can cast ballots Monday

Starting Monday, the Pleasanton City Clerk's office will offer a special polling station to all registered voters who want to cast their ballots early for the Nov. 7 General Election. Voters can cast their ballots from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ■

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Hosterman

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Kamena said that because of this strong Tri-Valley partnership, funds already have been allocated for major projects, including \$8 million in traffic monitoring, motorist message signs and more ramp metering on Interstate 580 later this year.

Next year, a \$110 million construction project will get under way to add a carpool lane to eastbound I-580 from Hacienda Drive to Greenville Road with completion scheduled by 2010. Westbound I-580 improvements, including a carpool lane, also will start next year, and Kamena said \$26 million is available to fund these projects, including the acquisition of a right-of-way for a future transit corridor along I-580 for a future extension of the BART rapid transit line.

Other developments announced by the mayors included:

- New and expanded bus service to serve Bishop Ranch, Dougherty Valley and other sections of Danville and San Ramon and the BART station in Dublin and Pleasanton.
- New carpool lanes on Interstate 680 through San Ramon and Danville.
- A new Business Resource Center available through the Pleasanton city Web site at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

- A new 500-seat performing arts center under construction in Livermore, with a new 12-screen movie theater scheduled to open Thanksgiving weekend.

- Gateway Medical Center in Dublin, a 178,000-square-foot facility whose first tenant will be the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.
- A new Lowe's Home Improvement store in east Dublin.
- Free Wi-Fi to be offered free of charge throughout downtown Pleasanton by the end of the year.
- Two new restaurants--Cheesecake Factory and P.F. Chang's--to open later this year at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Asked about her participation in outside organizations and forums on issues such as global warming, Hosterman said she would continue those activities if she is re-elected as mayor.

"We're residents of Pleasanton first, we're also residents of the Tri-Valley, we're Californians and Americans and also citizens of the world," she said. "Sure, I've taken some criticism, but I've mostly enjoyed a good deal of support from my community for speaking out."

Hosterman said she believes that the effort to reduce the country's carbon emission footprint starts at home, and she will be asking the City Council to support that direction in the coming months. ■

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Housing

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units by 2004, which was not fulfilled, Marcantonio said.

"Four months have gone by and there's really no indication that they were going to come back to us with a concrete proposal," Marcantonio said.

He said he dropped off a copy of the lawsuit to City Manager Nelson Fialho on the morning the lawsuit was filed in Alameda County Superior Court. A vigil was also held that morning at Main Street and Bernal Avenue by the Tri-Valley Interfaith Poverty Forum, of which De Gregorio is a member on its board.

"Because they're shut out of the housing market in Pleasanton, their kids can't enjoy the fabulous schools and a great community—all the benefits that that community has to offer."

—Richard Marcantonio, attorney

"We will either find that the City Council is willing to talk about making real sites available where affordable housing can actually be built or we're just going to go forward in court and seek the relief there," Marcantonio said.

He said the lack of housing for people with lower incomes—families with children and minorities—who can't afford Pleasanton homes is a form of discrimination.

"What about the 40,000 people who commute to jobs in Pleasanton

every day and they're sending their kids to much inferior schools in say, East Oakland?" he said. "Because they're shut out of the housing market in Pleasanton, their kids can't enjoy the fabulous schools and a great community—all the benefits that that community has to offer."

Pamela Ott, city economic development director, said the city is trying to work with the housing advocates. She said it would be premature to comment on the lawsuit as city staff has yet to read it over.

"We know that there are a number of points at which we've had opportunities to talk about the city's programs and what Public Advocates would like us to do, but as the council and staff, we continue to remain committed to providing a whole range of housing here in Pleasanton, not just affordable housing," Ott said.

In a letter sent Sept. 29 to Marcantonio from City Manager Fialho, it outlines responses to the advocacy groups' demands. To date "the city has used its property to develop four affordable housing developments: Ridge View Commons, The Promenade, Parkview Regent Assisted Living and Rotary Commons."

The city has informed the State Department of Housing and Community Development, which decertified Pleasanton's state-mandated housing plan, that the housing program will be addressed as part of the update to the General Plan that is under way, Fialho said in the letter. He also states that the city has not restricted any housing development as a result of its Growth Management Ordinance or General Plan policies. A total of 3,267 units remain in the city's housing cap—which exceeds the current unmet Regional Housing Needs Determination Allocation need of 2,295 units. ■

per photos showing Pombo at his side, may have backfired.

McNerney's campaign manager A.J. Carillo told one interviewer: "Nothing nationalizes an election like a visit from the president."

McNerney, himself, contends that the Bush visit plays to his advantage. While Pombo has been trying to keep the campaign local with discussion forums on easing the I-580 traffic congestion in Pleasanton, for example, the McNerney camp is generating more aggressive advertising and campaign rallies that involve the major national environmentalist groups, such as the Defenders of Wildlife and the Sierra Club.

Suddenly, as new reports show that Pombo had a closer working relationship with now-convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his associates, McNerney's camp is saying it has found the smoking gun needed to close the voter gap with Pombo and win the election.

Republican political oddsmaker Allan Hoffenblum, co-editor of a guide to legislative and congressional elections, summed up his views in a report:

"Can a weak candidate (like McNerney) who doesn't have the funding beat Pombo? My gut tells me no." ■

McNerney

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Bush told cheering Republicans that Democrats would raise taxes and cut and run in Iraq.

The Greenberg, Quinlan, Rosner poll, however, taken after the Bush visit, indicated that Pombo's numbers are slipping along with the presidents.

Bush's approval rating in California dropped to 29 percent earlier this month, with a follow-up finding that one in four California Republicans think he is doing a poor job.

While political analysts questioned the wisdom of mixing an already-troubled president in the political fury affecting Pombo, the sudden focus on re-electing Pombo by national Republicans is bringing more money and energy to the congressman's campaign. That move was also spurred by the Congressional Quarterly, which just downgraded the race between the GOP incumbent and his Democratic challenger from "Republican favored" to "Leans Republican."

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Application for a conditional use permit to operate an art school for children ages 7 to 16 Monday through Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in an existing building located at 173 Spring Street, Suite 250
- 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
- PUD-01-9M/PDR-528, Mike Renquis
Application for a major modification to an approved PUD for a single-family lot located at 2511 Yolanda Court to increase the maximum building height from 23 feet to 26 feet; to allow a barrel tile roof; and to allow design review approval by the Planning Director
- PDR-561/PV-158, John Miller Architects/Saint Elizabeth Seton Church
Applications for: 1) design review approval to modify the Saint Elizabeth Seton Church Master Plan to construct an approximately 22,296-square-foot parish center building with gymnasium and related site improvements on the existing church site located at 4001 Stoneridge Drive; and 2) a variance from the Municipal Code to allow the proposed parish center building with gymnasium to be approximately 34-feet tall, where 30 feet is the maximum height limit
- PUD-32, Daniel and Belinda Sarich
Work session to review and receive comment on an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan to construct an approximately 13,015-square-foot single-family residence and an approximately 130-square-foot poolhouse on the approximately 20-acre site located at 5 Tuscany Place (formerly 1630 Vineyard Avenue), in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, October 23, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal

- Consider Proposed Trails for Lund Ranch II
- Discussion Regarding Suggested Improvements to Existing Callippe Preserve Golf Course Trail
- Consider Rescheduling Trails Ad Hoc Committee's November and December 2006 Meetings

GENERAL INFORMATION

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/>

ATTENTION VOTERS - If you are returning your ballot by mail, you MUST place two first class postage stamps on the envelope.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

- The Alameda County Registrar of Voters are recruiting poll workers for the upcoming November 7, 2006 Election. Workers are paid \$95 to \$170 for working at polling places. Poll workers are needed for the entire day from 6:00 a.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. (Half day shifts are available for some positions) A pre-Election day training class is required for some of the positions. Poll workers must be at least 18 years old and registered to vote in California. Information and Applications are available at the City Clerks office at 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or at www.acgov.org/rov/workers.html

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

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

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Cyclist in critical condition after collision

Edgar Ruiz, a 23-year-old male who lives near Vineyard Avenue, remained in critical condition Tuesday after he was run over and dragged by a truck at 7:56 a.m. on Oct. 14 according to Pleasanton Police. He is not paralyzed, as originally thought, but is still receiving care at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley

for major spinal injuries and a punctured lung.

An unnamed female driver in a late model Ford F-150 turned right from Stanley Boulevard onto Main Street and struck Ruiz with the front end of her truck. He was dragged under the vehicle and run over by one of the wheels. No charges were filed, police said. Ruiz was not wearing a helmet and rode through the intersection from a right-turn only lane against a red light.

Police Report

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

October 6

- Theft: 5
- Child Abuse
-9:05 a.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
-1:05 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue
-8:26 p.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive
- Robbery with a knife:
-10:37 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Assault:
-11:59 in the 1000 block of Kolln Street

October 7

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 2
- Public drunkenness:
-2:25 a.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive
-6:59 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
- DUI of drugs:
-5:31 a.m. at the intersection of Castlewood Drive and Foothill Road
- Attempted abduction/kidnapping:
-9:44 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- Possession/sale of drugs
-8:20 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- Assault:
-9:55 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

October 8

- Theft: 4
- Rape by force:
-2:19 p.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive
- Assault:
-9:43 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

October 9

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 3
- Found: 2
- Underage tobacco sale:
-10:15 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- Under the influence of narcotics:
-11:00 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- Seized contraband:
-3:34 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

October 10

- Theft: 5
- Vandalism: 1
- Found property: 1
- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Assault:
-12:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue
- Brandishing a weapon:
-8:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

October 11

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Assault:
-9:46 p.m. in the 4200 block of Katie Lane
- Sexual penetration with a foreign object:
-10:40 p.m. in the 3500 block of Olympic Court

October 12

- Theft: 9
- Vandalism: 4
- Threats:
-3:38 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

October 13

- Theft: 4
- Vandalism: 1
- Assault:
-11:22 a.m. in the 3000 block of Tonopah Circle
-4:45 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue
- Rape report:
-3:08 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

ACCIDENTS

October 7

- 12:14 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard and Parkside roads.
- 4:13 p.m. - Non-injury hit-and-run accident in the 700 block of Montevino Drive
- 4:16 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard and Gibraltar roads

October 8

- 11:04 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Hopyard and Stoneridge roads

October 9

- 8:07 a.m. - Injury accident involving a bicycle at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Greenwood Road



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Transitions

Obituaries

Olive Hanifen

Longtime Pleasanton teacher Olive Hanifen died recently in Chula Vista, Calif. at the age of 93.

Mrs. Hanifen was a longtime Pleasanton teacher and schools volunteer. She was part of a four-generation legacy of local teachers, starting with her father and Pleasanton's first music teacher, Harry Tripp, continuing to her son, daughter and granddaughter.

Hanifen game to America from England at the age of 12 and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1931. Her first teaching job was at the one-room Murray School in Dublin. After 36 years of teaching in Pleasanton, she retired, only to continue serving for 20 years as a substitute teacher, and a school and library volunteer. Those who knew her say she was "quite a character" who was fun and active.

She is survived by her children Donald Hanifen of Lake Tahoe and Susan Mahler of Chula Vista; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

An interment service is planned in Pleasanton, though no details have been announced.

Marguerite H. Murena

Marguerite H. Murena died in Livermore Oct. 5 at the age of 93.

Mrs. Murena was born in New York, then lived in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. before moving to Pleasanton 14 years ago. She was a homemaker who loved to play golf and crochet. A devoted wife and mother, she suffered from dementia for five years.

She is survived by daughter Irene and granddaughter Holly Warmerdam of Pleasanton.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Murena. They were married for 64 years.

A private Christian graveside service will be held at San

Joaquin Valley National Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

John (Jack) M. Healy

John Healy died Oct. 7 in Pleasanton at the age of 69.

Mr. Healy went to Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland and served the U.S. Marine Corps. He had a distinguished law enforcement career as he rose through the ranks of the California Highway Patrol to become chief of the Golden Gate division.

He also enjoyed golf, fly fishing and hunting, and was affiliated with Los Pescadores de San Jose.

He is survived by wife of 47 years Donna Healy; sons Michael Healy of Livermore and Dennis Healy of Tracy; daughters Elizabeth Healy of Ft. Meyers, Fla. and Erin Healy of Sacramento; grandchildren Caitlin, Brianna, Jeffrey, Emily, Isabelle and Madeline.

He was preceded in death by parents Bernard and Eileen Healy, brother R. Dennis Heal and sister Paula Grassechi.

Donations can be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being handled by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Emiko Miyakawa

Emiko Miyakawa died Oct. 8 in Pleasanton at the age of 87.

Mrs. Miyakawa was born in Seattle and lived in Pleasanton for the past 45 years. She was a domestic worker who enjoyed gardening, knitting, cooking, reading and trav-

eling.

She is survived by her sons Yasuho Mark of Cupertino and Yauji Dan of San Jose; daughter Michiyo of Walnut Creek; brothers Akira Higaki of Japan, Shigeo Kawamura of Japan, and Tadashi Higaki of Brazil; sister Yasue Sugaoka; grandchildren Rachel, David, Laura, Tad, Kevin and Alan; nieces and nephews Kei, Arthur, Jeannie and Alex Sugaoka.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Tamotsu.

Private services were arranged by Graham-Hitch Mortuary. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd #100, Dublin, CA 94568-3151.

Frank James Moiso

Frank Moiso died Oct. 14 at his home in Pleasanton at the age of 75.

Mr. Moiso was a former resident of Granite Bay, Calif. for 11 years and San Pablo for 27 years. He received his master's degree from St. Mary's College and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a parishioner at St. Rose Catholic Church and a member of the Fratellanza Club. Frank was employed as a Vice President of Bank of America, dedicating 40 years of service and five years with Community First Bank.

He enjoyed gardening, golf and fishing.

Frank is survived by his wife of 49 years Vida; son Michael Moiso and his wife Debbie Rinne; daughters Laura Higgins, and her husband Steve, Nancy Ornelas, and her husband Paul; grandchildren Ryan, Chelsea, Antonio and Alyssa.

Visitation and vigil services were held Oct. 17 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary. A mass of Christian burial was Oct. 18 at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Pleasanton with a burial following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES EXTENDED RECRUITMENT

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

City of Pleasanton Commissions/Committee (Four-Year Terms)

- Planning Commission
- Housing Commission, 1 Regular 1 Alternate
- Library Commission, 1 Alternate
- Civic Arts Commission, 1 Alternate
- Economic Vitality Committee

(1) At-Large Member

(1) Residential Builder Representative

(1) Financial Institution Representative

Regional Commissions/Boards

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

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. 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.



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.

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Photos by Lani Allen

Happy days

Class of 1946 shares memories of Pleasanton 60 years ago

by Jerri Pantages Long

Thirteen of the original 38 members of the Amador Valley High School Class of 1946 spent an afternoon recording their memories at the Museum on Main recently. Pictured in left column from top to bottom are: Emily Alves Rhodes, Bob Morrow, Norma Robey Scruggs; next column: Elaine Secada Koopmann, Edith Andersen, Rosemary Jones Westfall; next column: Alice Butler Athenour, Betty Shanks Davilla, Charles Palmer; last column: Alyce Quaglia Feeney, Bill Trimmingham and former Class of 1946 seventh grade teacher Harold Garden. Not pictured are: Ruth Lee Boyd Cook and Harriet Nilson Causey.



Courtesy Bill Trimmingham



Left: This is a view of the main building campus. The portrait is the Amador Valley High School in the city of Pleasanton.

Above: Class of 1946 member Charles Palmer poses with his shoulders in this black and white photograph taken from a scrapbook.

If you could peel back six or seven decades, what would life in Pleasanton be like?

You don't need to rely only on your imagination for this time-travel, thanks to a special gift from a group who grew up in Pleasanton. Fourteen of the original 38 members of Amador Valley High School Class of 1946 gathered for their 60th class reunion this fall, bringing with them a document entitled "A Walk Through Pleasanton, Circa 1930-46." This group memoir was presented to the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society by Bill Trimmingham, former student body president of AVHS and current editor of the group project, assisted by Harriet Nilson Causey and Ruth Lee Boyd Cook.

Of the 38 teenagers who graduated in 1946, 11 had been together since their first-grade class a dozen years earlier, so it is not surprising that the survivors are particularly close. Some of the class members still live in Pleasanton or Northern California, but others traveled quite a distance to attend the reunion. Trimmingham drove down from his home in Seattle. Alyce Quaglia Feeney, who flew in from where she now lives in Louisville, Ky., observed, "It seems so crowded here now. I liked it better when it was just open fields and what have you—there was a dairy farm over here

and vineyards over there, and you just had a room. Now there's no room: Too squeezed up."

Bob Morrow, who now lives in Austin, Texas, made his first trip back to Pleasanton in 60 years. He transferred to Amador as a junior and recalled, "When my family was transferred up here, I was upset, because we'd gone to a large high school in Long Beach, California, where I was involved in track and field, and they didn't have that here. I was disappointed at first, but once we started going to school, I thought it was great living in Pleasanton. Like many of his male schoolmates, Morrow enlisted in the military, then attended college. For most of his career, he was living in Saudi Arabia.

Thirteen of the 38 classmates spent an afternoon at Museum On Main, recording their memories as part of the museum's ongoing local history project. Those privileged to hear their recollections might be envious of the era in which this group grew up in the very small town of Pleasanton.

"We knew everybody," Trimmingham said. "I knew their grandparents, we knew the dog and the cat."

"I think living in a small town such as Pleasanton where we all knew each other and where we were sort of kept in line by the town in general, in many respects, was a great advantage," said Harriet Nilson Causey. "There was so much kindness and the helpfulness in the town, and they supported us in our endeavors, and that carried through the rest of the last 60 years. It gave you a sort of background confidence and the ability to get along wherever you were. I have great fondness for Pleasanton."

That background of confidence helped Causey when she was a Navy wife, traveling to various places for more than 20 years before moving to Groveland in Tuolumne County.

A bygone era

There were only two schools in town in the 1930s and '40s: Pleasanton Grammar School, a three-story stucco building serving kindergarten through eighth grade on the hill at Main and Second streets (where Amador Valley High School and Community Education offices and Valley Continuation High School classrooms are located) and Amador Valley High School, a two-story building that included the current theater on Main and Rita Road.

Between those two campuses, Main Street looked very different, as described in "A

Reunion bonus: former teacher returns

A surprise for many of the members of the Class of 1946 at their 60th reunion was the chance to visit with their former seventh-grade teacher, Harold Garden, whose son brought him all the way from Riverbank, Calif. to attend the gathering at Museum On Main.

"I began teaching seventh grade in 1940," Garden told his former pupils, joking, "I'm surprised at how old everyone looks while I remain the same."

Just out of college when he began teaching, Garden (shown above, far right column third picture down) told his 78-year-old former students, "You were the best class in the world. All my classes since that time have been measured against you. . . and they all failed!"

Garden went on to become a school administrator in Oakland before he retired. He still sends Christmas and birthday greeting cards to some of the Class of 1946.



Looking southwest at the Amador Valley High School building that remains today. The car was operated by the school.

1946 alumnus Charles Joan Riggs on his shoulders with August 1946 photo of Bill Trimmingham.



Courtesy Harriet Nilson Causey

What made the Amador Valley High School Class of 1946 so special is that there were only 38 graduates. Many remain close to this day.

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Through Pleasanton." With no freeways nor shopping malls, Pleasanton's downtown had to supply virtually all the residents' needs. As children, members of the Class of 1946 were familiar with the town's last blacksmith shop (at the corner of Main and St. John streets) and the winery (further west on St. John Street). A striking façade at the southwest corner of Main and Division streets was the livery stable, painted in a checkerboard design, with paint provided by the Ralston Purina Feed Co., whose packaging featured the same red-and-white pattern. Housed inside that building was the water wagon to keep the dust down.

"By the time we graduated, most of the streets were paved," said Causey, "but when we were little, the side streets were dirt."

For recreation, there was the Roxie Theater, Al Johnson's Pool Hall, and Nevin's Pavilion—all located on the west side of Main Street, between St. John and Angela streets.

"When the epic movie 'Gone with the Wind' was released in 1939, the Grammar school scheduled all of its upper classes to get out of class to see the special showings of the movie—a very progressive act for those days!" noted the group memoir, which also mentioned the Sunday matinees at the Roxie, including "serials." These were short, 15-minute adventure films that would continue the story every week for perhaps 15 episodes. Titles were such as "The Clutching Hand" or "Flash Gordon." At the end of each episode, the hero would be facing almost certain demise, and it titillated you to come again the next Sunday to see how he got out of it! (He always did.)"

At Main Street and Rose Avenue was a pool hall (where Pastime Pool Parlor still exists). Although alcohol was served, minors were allowed in to play pool or watch older men play cards. South of the pool hall stood Nevin's Pavilion, which was the site of dances and also used as a roller-skating rink. The Class of 1946 did without a gymnasium during their high school years, so basketball practice also was held in Nevin's Pavilion.

Families could buy clothing, hardware, appliances, furniture, fabric, gasoline, groceries, lumber, livestock feed and even live baby chicks right on Main Street. They could use the services of barber and beauty shops, garage-machinery repair shops, doctors' offices, a drug store, shoe repair and shoe-shine places, laundry facilities, bakeries,

restaurants, a dime store and a saloon. There was a Chrysler-Plymouth agency on the south end of Main Street where families could buy new cars. Another shop even specialized in fishing flies.

Despite all these shopping opportunities downtown, housewives did not have to leave home to get most of their household needs. Pleasanton had three dairies, and door-to-door delivery was available for their milk and other products. Vegetables, meat, blocks of ice, and even cases of soft drinks were sold door-to-door, according to the group memoir.

"Mr. Delucchi had a whistle on his truck muffler," remembered Trimmingham, "and he would toot it when he was making his rounds with fresh vegetables."

As idyllic as small-town life may sound, Pleasanton was not exempt from the impact of World War II. The reunion participants were only in eighth grade when they heard the news on the radio of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Dec. 19, 1941 edition of "The Caballero"—the student newspaper of Pleasanton Grammar School, includes a report of the town's first wartime blackout: "Pleasanton had its first blackout recently. Planes were reported over this area. The blackout was a total blackout in every respect. It lasted for about two hours."

That blackout was the first of many ways the lives of the Class of 1946 would be affected by the war.

Trimingham, who was the editor of that grammar school paper, was one of the volunteers for lookout duty to watch for enemy aircraft.

"There was no radar yet, so a 24-hour-per-day lookout post was fashioned on the roof of the race-track grandstand by the Ground Observer Corps of the Army Air Forces, IV Fighter Command," he said. "Volunteers for the Ground Observer Corps, young and old, would sign up for four-hour shifts, and we would climb up and sit in a little shack atop the grandstand, watching the sky for planes."

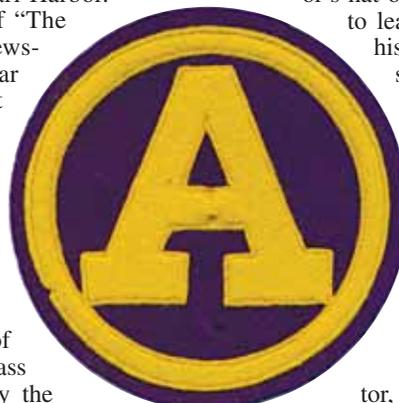
Any aircraft spotted would be reported by telephone from many such posts, and unauthorized planes would be quickly investigated by military

interceptors. Perhaps this early volunteer role helped Trimmingham decide to enlist in the service the spring of his senior year, after early graduation.

Population explosion

Although Pleasanton was not bombed, its residents were rocked by another kind of explosion: population. The small town of 2,000, surrounded by agricultural land, suddenly became a destination for 60,000 sailors on leave from three Navy bases built three miles north of town. Beside Camp Parks Naval Hospital, there was Camp Shoemaker overseas replacement depot and a Seabees base. Just east was Livermore Naval Air Station, and from 1942-44, hundreds of pilots practiced their first take-offs and landings.

"In my family's case, we didn't lock our doors," remembered Betty Shanks Davilla. "One morning, we came down to the living room and saw a sailor's hat on the couch. I guess he decided to leave—nobody saw him—but left his signature behind. Another time, someone came in and was lighting matches up the stairs, but I



Members of the Amador Valley High School Girls Athletic Association wore patches like the one shown here.

guess he decided this wasn't the place for him."

The daughter of the town doctor, Davilla was senior class president. She went on to UC Berkeley, but, she said, "I fell in love with a rancher."

She still lives on the ranch between here and Castro Valley and makes frequent visits back to Pleasanton.

A glance through the 1946 Amador Valley High School yearbook shows the usual range of classes and activities—athletics, drama, music, clubs—but the graduates of 60 years ago also participated in War Bond sales, scrap metal collection competitions and other war-related activities. So many teachers were drafted for military duty that former teachers came out of retirement to fill the void.

(continued on page 18)

Members of Amador's Class of 1946

Asterisk denotes reunion participant; double asterisk indicates deceased.

- Lawrence Allen
- Edith Andersen*
- Alice Butler Athenour*
- Frank J. Bonde
- Yvonne Grimm Brittsan
- Raymond Bush**
- T. Robert Byington
- Isabel Silva Cattalini
- Harriet Nilson Causey*
- Adeline Cienfuegos
- Robert Coito**
- Ruth Lee Boyd Cook*
- Norma Robey Scruggs*
- Betty Shanks Davilla*
- Millie Fields Davis
- Alyce Quaglia Feeney*
- Carl Frudden
- Arnold Guasco
- Albert "Skip" Haight**
- Olen Hollon
- Betty Lee Husted**
- William Joslin**
- William Kaufmann**
- Elaine Secada
- Koopmann*
- Donald Lanini*
- Robert Morrow*
- Lucy Ann Tonelli Nunes**
- Charles Palmer*
- Nona Mae Nebel Porter
- Maxine Crossland
- Regalia
- Emily Alves Rhodes*
- Robert Scruggs**
- Mary Reasoner
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Reunion

(continued from page 17)

Causey remembers with awe one teacher named Emma Hawkins.

"She had to have been in her 70s. Chemistry, physics, biology—anything in the sciences she taught us. And one vacation she climbed Half Dome [in Yosemite]."

A changing workforce

The draft had also taken away the men who normally harvested local crops, so high school students went out to the fields to pick them.

"It was mandatory," recalled Elaine Secada Koopmann. "You had to go unless you had a note from a doctor excusing you."

"My father dropped me off on his way to work and picked me up on his way home," said Edith Andersen, who had come to this country from her native Denmark and now lives in Albany. "I was in the field for a good eight hours. Lugs had to be filled to the top, not halfway, and we had to carry them."

Teachers were sent out to supervise the student crop-pickers—a challenging role.

"Miss Hawkins used to go out in the field with us and try to maintain order with a bunch of unruly kids throwing tomatoes," Trimmingham said.

Causey recalled being paid 11 cents per 50-pound lug of tomatoes.

Most families did not have much money in those days, and many

of the students worked part-time. Sacramento resident Emily Alves Rhodes in those days was not only girls' basketball captain, she also was the one who every Wednesday folded the Pleasanton Times for delivery. Alyce Quaglia Feeney worked at the Roxie Theater as usher, cashier, and candy-counter salesperson. Trimmingham worked in local gas stations when the price of gasoline was 17 cents per gallon, and oil cost 22 cents per quart.

"When we first got married, we didn't have very much money," Koopmann said, "and we'd go out and pick walnuts so we could go to the movies."

One panel member recalled the benefit of a small-town telephone system. "Winnie was the nighttime operator," Causey said. "I'd ask her to send any calls for me to the place where I was babysitting."

Causey still can remember her telephone number: 157.

The fire department was all volunteers, summoned by a siren atop the fire station on Railroad Avenue (soon to be the site of a fine arts center).

"My husband was a volunteer firefighter for 19 years," said Koopmann, now a resident of Murphys, Calif. "He'd always have his boots inside his pants [at bedtime], and he had it so he could jump out of bed and into his clothes and he'd be on his way. I always ran ahead to open the door because I was afraid he'd go through it."

The police department consisted

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Reunion

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of the chief and one other officer, but soon, classmates recalled that there was a shore patrol member on every corner "to help keep order when the town was filled with sailors."

The war halted the county fair, the racetrack, and professional sports, but even the war did not stop Hollywood, and one class member had the chance to appear in a movie.

"I was walking home from school on day by the old Rose Hotel [where Round Table Pizza is now], and these two men came out and asked me if I'd be interested in being in a movie," said Ruth Lee "Cookie" Boyd Cook, a high school yell-leader who thought they were just giving her a line. However, the men contacted her parents for permission, and she began her first job for pay.

"When they shot the movie 'It Ain't Hay' with Abbott & Costello, they didn't bring the main stars up—they used stand-ins for those guys—and they used me for the little girl, as her stand-in. I dressed like she did and I had one really big shot where I was in a wagon and a train was coming. The wagon was on a turntable, and just as the train came, the turntable

post for more than 60 years until his death at age 92.

"I think this was a wonderful place to grow up and also to raise our children here, because you knew everyone, and we looked out for each other and I think that's so special," said Norma Robey Scruggs, who married her classmate Robert Scruggs, a longtime Pleasanton educator (now deceased). Norma currently lives in Alamo, but all three of their children also attended Amador.

Rosemary Jones Westfall agrees that "knowing everybody" was the best part of Pleasanton, "and I've lived here all my life." Alice Butler Athenour, who has moved back to Pleasanton after many years in Sonoma, echoes the sentiment: "I think this is a wonderful place to live and grow up."

"In high school, there were 160 students in the entire school," Andersen said. "We knew all the students ahead of us. When we got to be seniors, we knew all the students below us. We were all friends and it was very nice. We're lucky to have grown up in a small town." ■

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—Norma Robey Scruggs

spun the wagon, so it looked like it had been hit."

Currently a resident of Hathaway Pines in Calaveras County, Cook was recently given a copy of the movie as a gift from her daughter, who had tracked it down.

Pleasanton's lasting impression

Although Amador's Class of 1946 has scattered throughout Northern California and into eight other states, they still feel a genuine fondness for Pleasanton and the benefits it gave them.

For Charles Palmer, Pleasanton introduced him to his future career. "Confucius made the statement, 'If you find a job you like, you'll never work a day in your life.' Well, for me that was horse-racing, and I found it right here at the racetrack."

Now a resident of Rail Road Flat in Calaveras County, Palmer served in the Merchant Marine, starting in his junior year, and later returned to serve as director of racing for the Alameda County Fair in 1999, replacing his mentor, Everett Nevin, who held that

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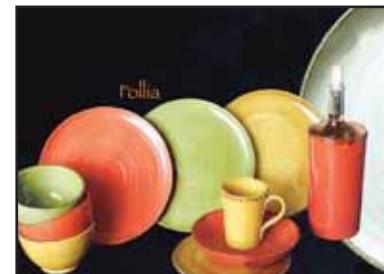
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Opinion

Editorial

McNerney for Congress

What do Pleasanton, Tracy and Morgan Hill have in common? One of the nation's worst and most arrogant members of Congress, Richard Pombo. That's why voters in both parties have plenty of reasons to retire Richard Pombo.

When redistricting and gerrymandering brought the Tri-Valley together in the same congressional district with the Tracy-Stockton-Lodi and Morgan Hill areas, we inherited a Republican congressman who is vastly out of sync with the moderate political values of our region.

Richard Pombo, 45, a rancher who is completing his seventh term in Congress, is a protégé of former Majority Leader and now-indicted Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, who rewarded Pombo's support by appointing him chairman of the House Resources Committee in 2003. DeLay promoted Pombo over nine more senior Republicans.

Pombo has used his position to raise money from Indian gaming interests, from convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff and from mining and savings and loan interests.

The Washington, D.C.-based Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics listed Pombo on its list of the 13 most corrupt members of Congress for his connections to the industries his committee is supposed to regulate.

Pombo unapologetically defends having his brother and his wife on his campaign payroll for years, as well as using taxpayer funds to rent an RV and tour the national parks with his family, and taking junkets paid for by industries that lobby his committee.

He advocates selling off portions of our national parklands to private interests, drilling for oil off the Pacific coast and gutting the Endangered Species Act—all consistent with the positions advocated by lobbyists that give money to his campaign committee.

Republicans and Democrats in the Tri-Valley should be embarrassed to be represented in Washington by a congressman with Pombo's values, ethics and political positions.

The better choice is Jerry McNerney, 55, a Pleasanton resident who has attracted bipartisan support in his effort to unseat Pombo. An engineer, McNerney has devoted the last 20 years of his career to the development of viable wind energy technology and is currently CEO of a start-up company that will manufacture wind turbines.

Far from being a political ideologue, McNerney represents the kind of citizen activist who wants to work on solving important problems, not use those problems to curry favor with special interests and as a way to raise campaign contributions.

Not surprisingly, with the fundraising help of special interests and campaign visits by both President Bush and Vice President Cheney, Pombo will far outspend McNerney in this campaign.

But Tri-Valley residents and their tradition of supporting moderate candidates can make a real difference in this election if they vote in sufficient numbers for Jerry McNerney. With a strong victory here, Pombo's San Joaquin county support can be overcome, and one of the nation's worst Members of Congress can be replaced with a person committed to ethical representation and to developing a sustainable national energy policy.

We recommend Jerry McNerney for Congress.

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Letters

Arkin's campaign truck is suburban blight



Dear Editor,

I read your editorial a couple of weeks ago regarding the use of trucks to promote local campaigns, and feel compelled to tell you about the unpleasant experience our neighborhood has had in order for Brian Arkin to embarrass himself in the name of campaigning.

I awoke one Sunday morning (two weeks before all candidates had agreed to put signs out) to find what appeared to be a truck that was ready for the wrecking yard parked on Old Foothill Road with campaign signs; some faded, others haphazardly affixed to the truck. I proceeded to call Mr. Arkin and complained and asked him to move it from our neighborhood and to a commercial area where it belonged. Three days later, after I called the police department, it was moved.

I was amazed to see it parked there again this past week. Arkin knows the rules because he leaves just long enough so it won't get towed. To have no regard for the visual pollution of our neighborhoods and the arrogance to think this type of campaigning is appropriate brings several questions to mind. How can Arkin be trusted with making decisions regarding

aesthetics and the appropriateness of development as a member of the Planning Commission when he thinks parking his van in our neighborhoods is appropriate even after receiving complaints?

*Bill McCammon
Pleasanton*

Editorial unjustly represented Brozosky

Dear Editor,

Character assassination is the only way to describe the Pleasanton Weekly's Oct. 6 editorial on mayoral candidate, Steve Brozosky. This paper came to town in 2000 claiming it would present the facts without a political bent. I know this because I was a member of the City Council at that time, was interviewed by the Pleasanton Weekly and I asked this question.

Brozosky as described by the Weekly is not the person I served with on the City Council from 2002-2004. This is how I would summarize Steve: Intelligent, energetic, trustworthy, innovative, and congenial, with a great touch of good humor. He's everything we deserve in a mayor for Pleasanton. Steve has dedication to Pleasanton and has earned my vote on Nov. 7.

*Kay Ayala
City Council Member (1996-2004)*

McNerney for Congress

Dear Editor,

Though incumbents have a huge advantage, there comes a time when we must hold our representatives accountable for their actions. Richard Pombo deserves to be held accountable. Do you agree that we should gut the Endangered Species Act, log our most magnificent trees, or drill for oil in wildlife reserves and off our

coasts? These are things Pombo supports. Should we blindly support a failed policy in Iraq while cutting our veterans' benefits? Should we give a pass to the oil industry shills while they gouge us at the pump and shower Pombo with our money?

We have a real choice in November. Jerry McNerney will represent the 11th District with integrity and passion. He will listen to his constituents and make the tough call for America. Please take the time to learn about this race. The Republican National Committee is pouring millions into negative ads to rescue one of their true believers. Learn the truth and join me in supporting McNerney for Congress.

*Brian Sanborn
Pleasanton*

Faustina 'best suited' for council

Dear Editor,

Dan Faustina is a man of integrity and commitment. The Pleasanton City Council needs two candidates with these credentials—the ones that truly count. It seems that in a campaign it's always a battle of college credentials. It should not be a laundry list of 'who went where' or 'what have you done for the city.' This election is about the person best suited for the position and what they stand for that matters. Faustina will prove to be the best candidate for city council in the Nov. 7 election.

Yes, Dan has an arm's length worth of credentials if you care, however, he has character of heart, and compassion. He is the candidate who will meet with you and listen! I ask you, the voter, to get to know Faustina. Visit his Web site at www.danfaustina.com,

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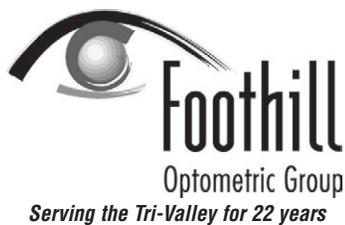


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read about him and contact him. Inquire about his views on the housing cap, cut-through traffic, senior and affordable housing, and the horrible traffic light situation in the Tri-Valley. Meet Dan and you too will see what his supporters see. Dan knows that the issues at hand will not be solved over night, but he knows which are the most crucial and is anxious to get started! He seeks your vote to begin the process of getting the job done for Pleasanton. Let's stop the mediocre processes and get down to business! Dan not only wants your vote, he wants to talk with you about your concerns for a better future.

Beth Duarte
Pleasanton

Hosterman brings shared knowledge

Dear Editor,
Shared knowledge is a win-win situation in both parties. Each gains a new idea and loses nothing in the process.

Mayor Hosterman is a knowledge sharer with Nobel Prize winners, grooms at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds racetrack and mayors, local and national.

Tireless in her efforts to narrow the gap between the ideal Pleasanton and the real Pleasanton she has, thank God, not become a cynic in the process. Voters can help the city by choosing her as mayor for a second term. Jennifer is the "Poster Person" for the job due in no small part that she does indeed travel to conventions and functions well beyond the city limits of Pleasanton. Her attendance at these gatherings has helped create her record as probably the best

mayor Pleasanton has been wise enough to vote into office.

Janet Linfoot
Pleasanton

Buck is bipartisan

Dear Editor,
Jill Buck is the perfect candidate for State Assembly to represent the 18th District. The Pleasanton Unified School Board has unanimously endorsed Jill because of her tireless advocacy for children. Police officers from Pleasanton to Oakland support Jill because of her demonstrated dedication to safety issues that affect all of us.

It is time for Sacramento elected officials to work together across party lines for the good of all citizens regardless of their political party. Jill Buck has already proven that she will do this with positive results. If the people of the 18th District want their views supported, they need to elect Jill Buck to the State Assembly.

Amy Snyder
Chairman of Moms for Jill

Cook-Kallio is qualified

Dear Editor,
The race for City Council is unique. Unlike other hotly-contested local contests, this non-partisan race takes some often-frustrating research to discover who the candidates really are. One can't opt for the easy out by voting for a party rather than a person. Pleasantonians must instead try to determine whether a candidate can think critically about local issues, communicate their ideas clearly to council members and to the public, and stand behind their beliefs in spite of local pressures.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio can do just that. Unlike other candidates, she has already dedicated her life to public service, spending countless, unpaid after-school hours making

sure her students grow up with that same dedication. In the process she and her students have won national recognition. Her work and education have centered on the roll of government, and as a teacher, she has mastered the ability to communicate her ideas freely and clearly. Her students have responded and flocked to help with her campaign.

I've seen her stand up to her school administration and district even if she was standing alone. Recognizing that she is no rubber stamp, the Chamber of Commerce endorsed her for her ability to think critically and express her views. Cheryl Cook-Kallio will bring a much-needed voice to the City Council. After all, if she can inspire 17 year olds to love the workings of government, there isn't anything she can't master.

Susan Piekarski
Pleasanton

Thorne will do well again

Dear Editor,
I want to publicly endorse Jerry Thorne as an incumbent candidate for City Council of Pleasanton since: 1. As a current member of City Council, he has done an excellent job. There is no reason to displace him. 2. Since Thorne has retired from employment as an executive with HP, he brings excellent management expertise to the position of Council member. 3. Also, as a retiree, he can devote full time to his position as Council member, not part time. 4. Jerry has no further ambition politically. He is not using his position for subsequent political gain.

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Civic Meetings

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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 Nov. 7.

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 Nov. 16.

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 Nov. 9.

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Planning Commission

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School Board

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 24.

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 Nov. 8.

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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.

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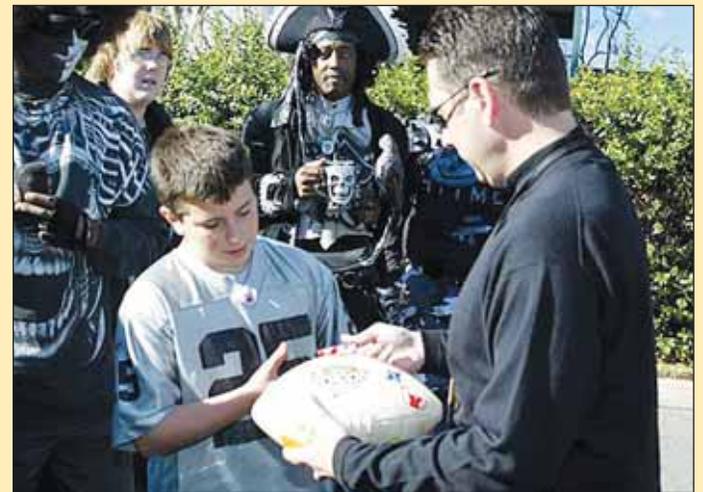
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Bay Area sports broadcaster and radio voice of the Oakland Raiders Greg Papa, pictured above signing autographs, will be the master of ceremonies for the Biletnikoff Foundation's 7th Annual Crab Fest and Sports Auction, Friday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. The Foundation is dedicated to educating young people on the problems of substance abuse and gender violence, encouraging them to reach their full potential through education instead. The 2005 Crab Fest was a sellout and raised more than \$50,000. New this year, the Biletnikoff Foundation will award 10 \$1,000 educational grants to aid high school seniors who have overcome adversity to fulfill their dreams of entering college. Tickets are currently on sale for event, which includes dinner, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Call 556-2525 or visit www.biletnikoff.org to purchase tickets or for more information.



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Parent Education Class

The first Parent Education class of the fall semester runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays 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

Everything Poetry

This poetry work-group meets from 9 to 11 a.m. the first Saturday monthly to critique poetry and the third Saturday monthly for a workshop pertaining to an aspect of poetry business at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Bring 10 copies of a poem. Call Michelle, 931-5350 or e-mail mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Express to Success Network

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

Fly Fishers

Fly Fishers Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Rd., Livermore. Call Bob, 989-2358 or visit www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org.

Foothill Kiwanis Key Club

Foothill Kiwanis Key Club meets from noon to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill

Rd. Call Irv, 556-1177 or visit www.kiwanis-pleasanton-sunrise.com.

Genealogical Society

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at Congregation Beth Emek, 13400 Nevada Ct. Call Jane, 447-3898 or visit www.1-agis.org.

Hacienda Park Toastmasters

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

Concerts

Breast Cancer Benefit Concert

Living Proof Prevention will hold a benefit concert from 1-5 p.m., Sat., Oct. 21 at Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Tickets in advance are \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. At the door \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. Call 1-888-408-4384.

Chris Bradley's Dixieland Jazz Band

Chris Bradley's Dixieland Jazz Band will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 24 in the lounge of the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. No cover charge. Call 846-8106

The Magic Flute, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Livermore Valley Opera celebrates the opening of its 15th season and Mozart's 250th anniversary by presenting The Magic Flute Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 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

Fall Jamboree Hoedown

The Fountain Community Church

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is hosting an evening of fun with a petting zoo, jump house, face painting, music, food, games and prizes from 6-8 p.m., Sun., Oct. 29, 4455 Stoneridge Dr. Call 600-8182 or visit www.fountaincc.org.

Got Science?

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's popular community event returns to showcase science and technology from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 21 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 444 East Ave. in Livermore. This free event will feature a wide array of unique displays, demos and hands-on activities for all ages and scientific tastes. For more info call 422-4599 or visit www.llnl.gov/pao.

Haunted Manor

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

Livermore Art Walk

Livermore's Art Walk will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat., Oct. 21. Start the tour at Forester's Hall, 171 South J St. Event includes winetastings and music. Contact Tri-Valley Artists Guild, 243-0424 or visit www.tvag.org.

Poetry Spotlight

Pleasanton Poetry Spotlight will feature local poet Deborah Grossman 7:30 p.m., Thurs, Oct. 26 at Towne

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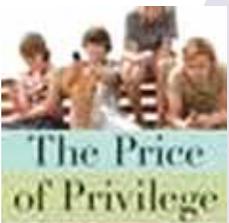
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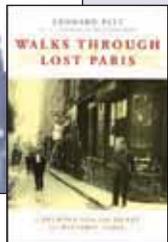
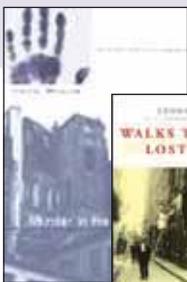
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Center Books, 555 Main St. She will read from her new book "Goldie and Me." Deborah is also a journalist and essayist who has won many awards in the community. For Info visit www.townecenterbooks.com

Exhibits

African-American Sculptor
Richard Hunt is exhibiting his smaller, quietly majestic works from Oct. 21-Nov. 30 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 J Main St. Call 485-1183. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Film

Erie Road
A short horror film, "Erie Road," will premier at the California Independent Film Festival from 10 a.m.-noon, Sat., Oct. 28 at the BoaVentura de Caires Winery in Livermore. Call (917) 742-3003.

Fundraisers

AIDS Benefit
Amador Valley High School's 10th annual AIDS Benefit will be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Multi-Purpose room, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. All proceeds will benefit UCSF AIDS Health Project. Admission is free and donations will be taken at the door.

Benefit Baby Shower
The Valley Community Bank 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 through Oct. 31.

Breast Cancer Awareness
A "Shop to Support" fundraiser will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 26 and 27 at The Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Rd. All proceeds will benefit the local chapter of The Wellness Community. Call 426-8255.

"Drink For Pink" at Sweet Tomatoes
Every Friday during October, all Sweet Tomatoes restaurants across the U.S. will donate 5 percent of beverage sales to the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Fashion Event
Wardrobe for Opportunity, the non-profit organization that provides business clothing and career support to low-income jobseekers, is hosting a fashion event from 6-8:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 26 at the historic Rotunda building in downtown Oakland. Cost is \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the event. Call 510-463-4100 or visit www.wardrobe.org.

Raffle items needed for fundraiser
A fundraiser BBQ and raffle will be held noon-6 p.m. Oct. 21 at 3575 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Proceeds will benefit two friends who were injured in two separate motorcycle accidents. The victims have three small children and are out of work. Donations are greatly appreciated. Call Michelle, 980-8078 or send to 3573 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton, 94566

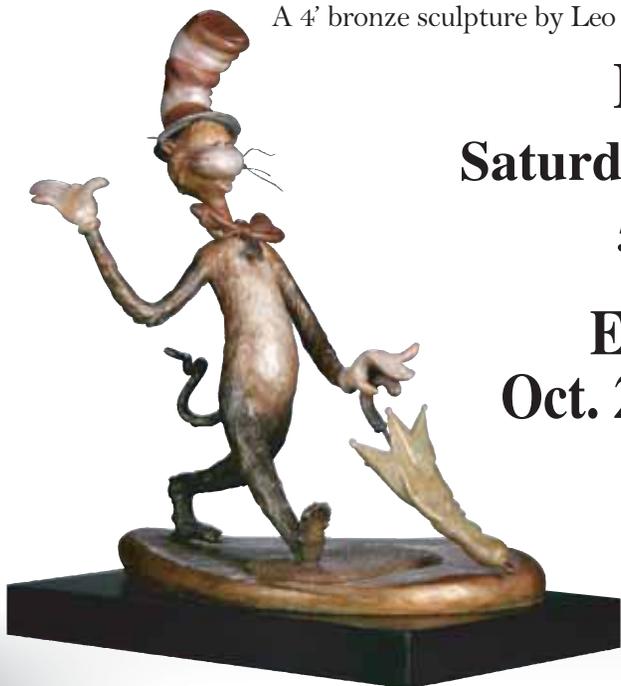
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Support Group invites you to hear Sandy Schall at 10 a.m., Tue., Oct. 24 at Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call E. Lorene Stack, 447-6158.

Kids & Teens

Bill Harley Event at the Golden Apple Learning Store

Bill Harley will make a triumphant return to the Golden Apple 4-4:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 24. Bill Harley is a storyteller, musician and author of several books for children, and will be reading from and autographing his new book "The Amazing Flight of Daruis Frobisher." There may even be time to sing a song or two. Come to the Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Rd. Call 460-5163 for info or visit his website www.billharley.com

Hearst Elementary School Carnival
Hearst Elementary School families are invited to school's Fall Festival and Carnival from 5-8 p.m., Oct. 20, at the school. The Pirates of the Caribbean-themed event is the biggest ever and features carnival games, a cake walk, a haunted house, food, amazing decor and more. Unlimited game passes are \$10 and can be purchased through the school. Funds raised go to computers and/or computer lab and library assistants.

Lectures/ Workshops

Being a South Asian Woman in America

Fusion Pleasanton presents a panel discussion on the triumphs and challenges of being a South Asian woman living in America from 2 to 3 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-3405.

Christian/Jewish Workshop

A series of workshops sponsored by the Jewish and Catholic communities of Pleasanton will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct., 25, Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 6, 13, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. To register, contact Mary Schneider at mary0531@comcast.net.

Why are children of privilege having a difficult time?

Therapist and researcher Madeline Levine will discuss cutting, drugs, violence and withdrawal among our children at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. This event is free to the public.

Writing Workshop

Join Tri-Valley Writers for an interactive writing workshop from 9 to 11:15 a.m. with lunch following from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 21 at Girsole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd.

Workshop is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members; luncheon is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, email Fnorman300@aol.com

Live Music

Jambalaya Swing

Jambalaya Swing, an 11-piece Swing band will be performing 8:30-9:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 24 in the lounge of the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. No cover charge. For more info visit www.PleasantonHotel.com

Miscellaneous

Pleasanton Playhouse Dinner Promotion

Your ticket or stub from either Pleasanton Playhouse production, "Our Town," or "South Pacific" entitles you to a special three course dinner offer at the Pleasanton Hotel, from Oct. 20 to Nov. 15, Fri. and Sat. 5-6 p.m., Sun 4:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner by reservation 846-8106. Cost: \$19.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. For theatre tickets call Pleasanton Playhouse 462-2121

Pleasanton VFW seeking Korean War veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pleasanton is seeking Korean War veterans to participate in the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade which will be held Nov. 5 along Main Street in downtown. If you are a Korean War veteran or know someone who is and would like to be an honored participant, contact Gloria Stahlnecker of the VFW Auxiliary at 846-5453.

Poetry for the Iraqi People

Write a poem for the Iraqi People, something that you want to express to their citizens and send it to Pleasanton Poet Laureate, PO Box 520, Pleasanton 94566 or e-mail it to PoetsLane@comcast.net. Include your full name, area code and phone number along with your e-mail. Deadline is Nov. 1. Poems will be translated in Arabic and put into a booklet. Contact Cynthia Bryant, 398-8846 or e-mail above.

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.

Sunol Regional Wilderness Hike

Sponsored by East Bay Regional Park District, a hike from Flag Hill to Indian Joe Loop, a distance of about 4.5 miles, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 21 at Sunol Regional Park. Cost is \$21. Arrive by 8:50 a.m., wear comfortable shoes, bring sweatshirt or rain jacket, water, lunch, hat and sunscreen. Call Sue, 484-0239 or visit www.fitness-to-photos.com.

Tri-Valley Writers Showcase

Members of the Tri Valley Writers, a newly-formed branch of the California Writers, will share their works at a writers showcase at 7:30 p.m., Fri, Oct. 27. Cynthia Bryant, the Pleasanton Poet Laureate, will kick off the festivities. Located at the Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. For info visit www.townecenterbooks.com.

On Stage

Blather, Blarney and Balderdash

Las Positas College presents a Children's Theater presentation of "Blather, Blarney and Balderdash," at 7 p.m., Oct. 27 and 2 p.m., Oct. 28 in room 601 at the LPC campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Admission is free.

'Winnie the Witch'

The Puppet Art Theater Company performs a special black-light production of "Winnie the Witch" at 2 p.m., Oct. 21 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Tickets are free. This show is limited to children ages 5 and older. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

Political Notes

Meet Brad Dacus

San Ramon Valley Republican Women is sponsoring Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, at a luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m., Tue., Oct. 24, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr. Cost: \$22 per person. RSVP to Roxanne Lindsay, 837-6253 or rrlindz@aol.com.

Seniors

Free Flu Shots

San Ramon Regional Medical Center plans provide free flu shots for older adults Fri., Oct. 27, in the South Conference room in the South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd. Adults 65 years and older from 9-11 a.m. and adults 50 years and older 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. No reservations needed. Call 275-8230.

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.

New senior living facility

A community-wide meeting about the new assisted living center on Sunol Boulevard will be held 10 a.m., Oct. 21 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Information about the project and pre-applications for the 31 housing units will be available. Seniors and families of seniors are welcome.

Support Groups

Cancer Support

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

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m., every Tuesday at the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. Call 933-0107.

Caregiver Support Group

Meetings are held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month for people caring for persons with Alzheimer's and dementia-related illnesses, at the Pleasanton Senior Center Support Program Sunroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5389 or Jode, 931-5382, ext. 1.

CHADD

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

Diabetes Support Group

Groups meet from noon to 1 p.m., on the first Wednesday monthly. Also from 6 to 7 p.m. every third Thursday monthly and for diabetics using insulin pumps, from 6 to 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every other month, Diabetes and Nutrition Education Center, Valley Care Medical Plaza, 5725 West Las Positas, Suite 220. Call 416-6710.

Divorce Care

A nonjudgmental, caring, support group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays at Valley Christian Junior High School, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin. Cost is \$35 for 13 weeks. Childcare/programs provided for infant-grade 12. Call Daryl, 968-9398.

Domestic Violence

A Domestic Violence Support Group is meeting from 5 to 6:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore. There will be a fee of \$40 for every eight weeks or based on a sliding scale. For

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East Bay Cancer Support Group

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

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

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Jewish Community Federation

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Open Heart Kitchen

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

Shepherd's Gate

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

The American Cancer Discovery Shop

The American Cancer Discovery Shop needs volunteers any time from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, or from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. Call 462-7374.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

TVAR will host a volunteer/shelter orientation from 1-2:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 22 at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Call 426-2472.

Tri-Valley Haven

Tri-Valley Haven provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness in the Tri-Valley, and needs volunteers to help with childcare, answer the crisis line and assist clients with restraining order paperwork. Training starts at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Must be at least 21 years old. Call Melissa, 449-5845, ext. 111 or e-mail melissa@trivalleyhaven.org.

Volunteers Needed at RCJL

The Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care to its residents. Volunteers play a key role. RCJL has a wide range of opportunities matching volunteer's interests while ensuring the needs of residents. To apply, call Irma, 964-2098.

Volunteering

Alameda County Community Food Bank

Volunteers are needed to staff the Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (510) 834-3663 or visit www.accfb.org.

Community Service for Teens

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

Foothill Junior and Senior Parents

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5400 Sunol Blvd., next to Raley's, Pleasanton, (925) 426-7019. Loved by locals and famous for its ranch-style omelets and large portions, Jim's serves up the country-style fixings from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. So if you're in the mood for chicken-fried steak, an omelet, a stack of pancakes, a deluxe sandwich or just a good old-fashioned burger, you won't be disappointed. Jim's friendly staff invites you to drop in and say, "Howdy!"

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 starry 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.

Brewpub/Alehouse

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California Cuisine

Silver Palate Restaurant
680 Main St., Downtown Pleasanton,

(925) 417-5900. Silver Palate's menu is based on a concept of whole-some cooking, using the most natural ingredients available. The ambiance of this restaurant evokes the light-filled expanse of a European marketplace, while the outdoor patio captures the best in al fresco dining. Choose from a wide selection of flavorful entrees and side accompaniments ... among them risottos, specialty soups, Kobe beef burgers, wild salmon, Organic Sonoma Mix salads and handcrafted desserts. Country Brunch Buffet every Sunday. Open seven days a week.

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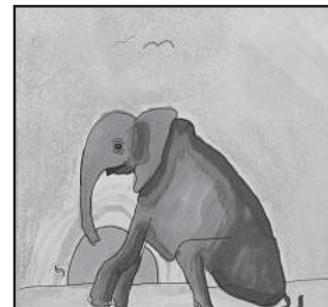
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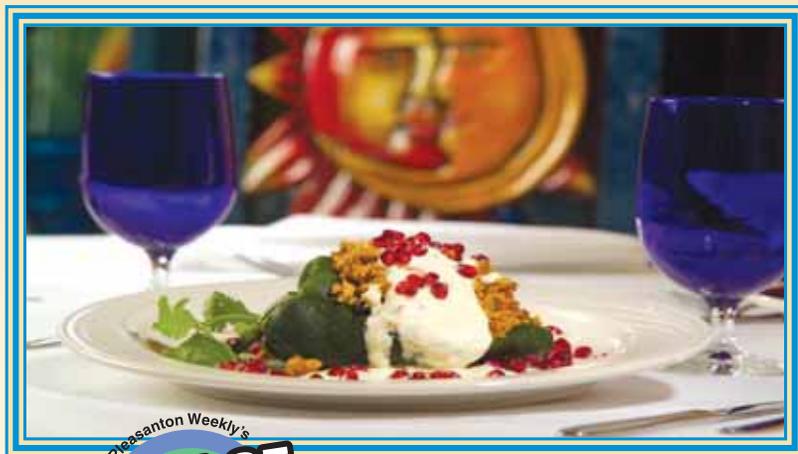
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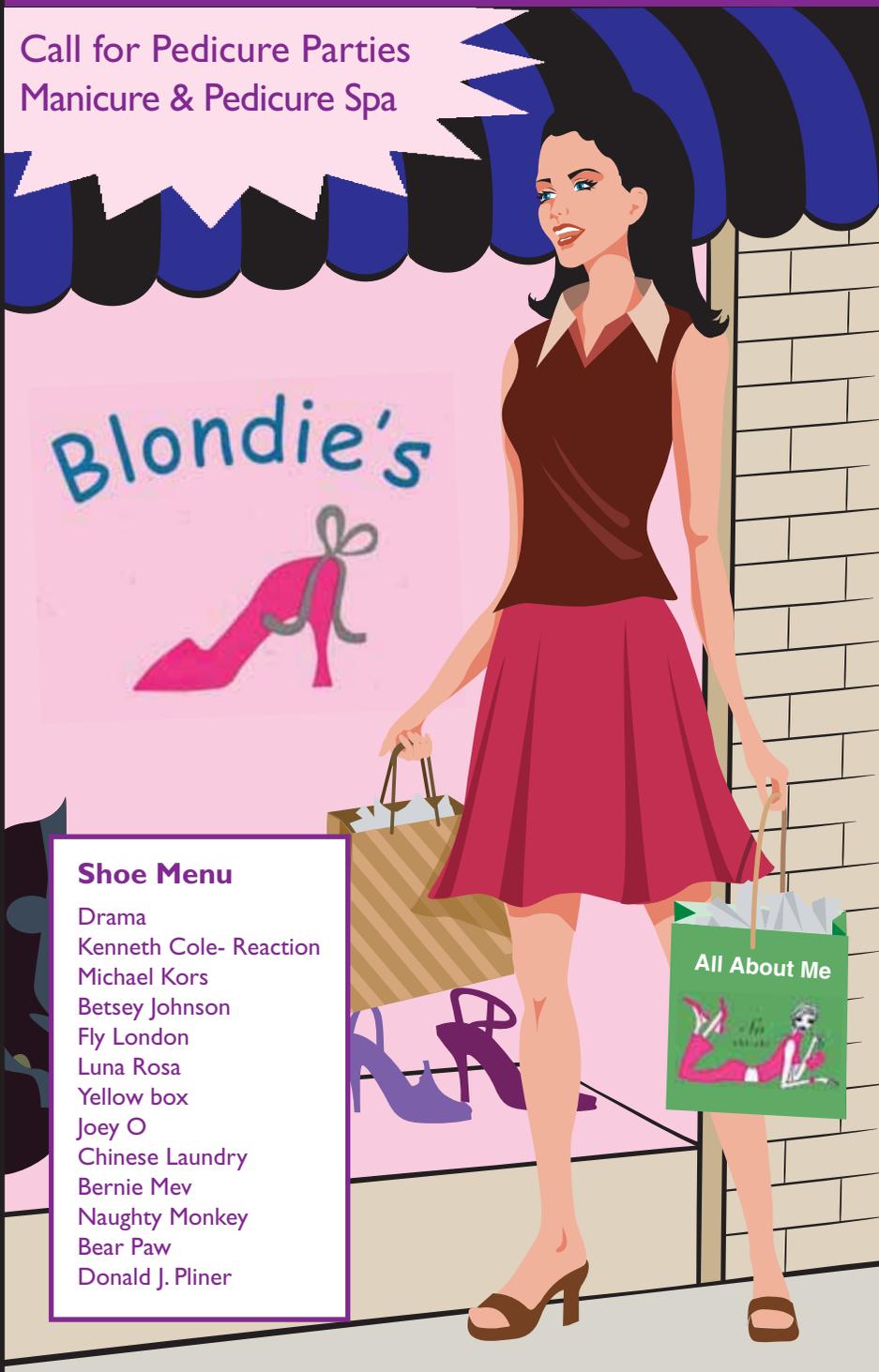
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