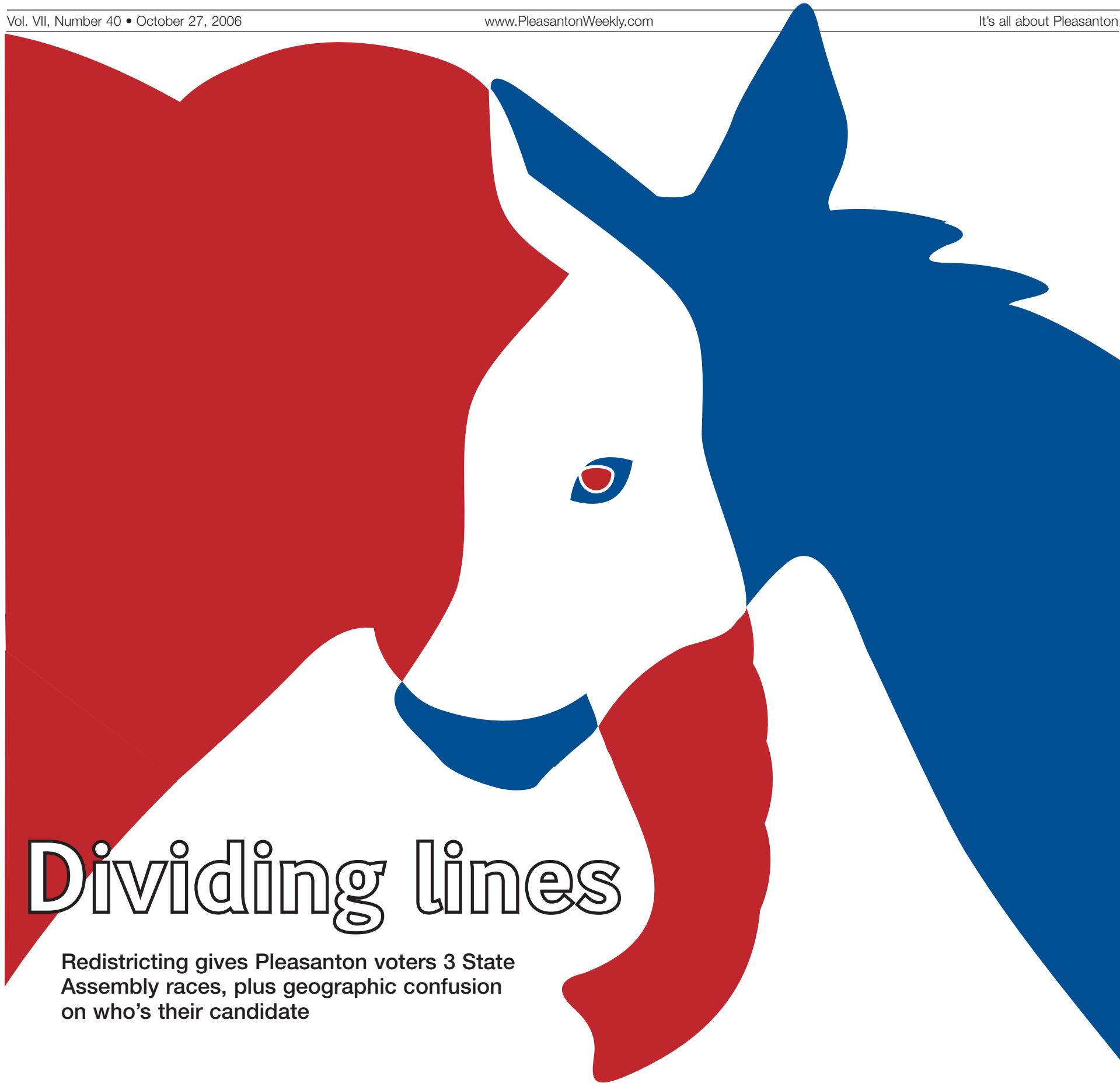


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It's up to all of us . . .

The Pleasanton Unified School District recently received results from the California Healthy Kids Survey and the Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative Student Survey. The full survey results are available at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us. The PUSD Board of Trustees would like everyone in the community to be aware of the issues and concerns raised by these surveys.

We all need to know



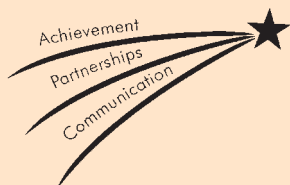
Pleasanton high school students (11th grade) responding to the survey report:

- 32% have used marijuana
- 23% have engaged in "binge" drinking in the last 30 days
- 25% have had sexual intercourse, and one quarter of those did not use a condom
- 13% have driven a car while under the influence
- 31% have been in a car with a driver under the influence

Pleasanton middle school students (7th grade) responding to the survey report:

- 3% have been very drunk or sick after drinking
- 22% came to school without eating breakfast
- 6% consider themselves a member of a gang
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- Amador Valley Adult and Community Education: Parent Education Program
Visit www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted
- Pleasanton PTA Council: "Talking To Your Children About Sex"
Visit www.pleasantonpta.org/files/Parent_Resource.pdf
- The Pleasanton Police Department and PUSD: *The Book*
(Information and resources for parents)
Contact Bob Leong at The Pleasanton P.D.

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My Vision for Pleasanton: *Toward a Sustainable City*

Pleasanton has changed over the years. We need a Mayor who has vision and the ability to reach out and work with others to meet the changing needs of our community. Transportation and traffic issues, economic development, fiscal responsibility, delivering quality city services, a strong downtown, protecting the environment, fostering cultural diversity, and maintaining the integrity and character of our neighborhoods are high on my list of priorities.

As we approach build-out, we will need to implement a vision of a Sustainable City – ensuring that our fiscal, environmental, and social infrastructure can be maintained for future generations.

Please check my web site to learn more about my Vision for Pleasanton.

I will continue to:

- *Work on regional solutions to stop cut-through traffic*
- *Establish energy and water policy*
- *Support needs of both seniors and youth*
- *Maintain quality services (fire and police)*
- *Preserve neighborhood integrity*
- *Ensure economic vitality—especially in our downtown*



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- The Independent
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- Matt Sullivan, Pleasanton Vice Mayor
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- National Womens Political Caucus
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Enjoy marching bands? Come to tomorrow's parade

If you like bands and stirring marching music, don't miss the 32nd annual band review starting at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow on Main Street. Hosted as always by the renowned Foothill High School marching band, this will be the largest ever with 50 bands in the parade, followed by a colorful six-hour-long field show at the Foothill stadium starting at 3:30 p.m. It will be the biggest show of the year for California high school bands from San Diego to the Oregon border, with 28 schools competing for top honors. There will even be special performances for early bird music enthusiasts as many of the bands compete in concerts starting at 7:30 a.m. on the Amador Valley High School campus.

The success of the Foothill marching band is astounding. Shelves in the band room hold nearly 1,500 Sweepstakes awards and 1st Place trophies earned over the past 33 years since Band Director Bob Moorefield started the program when Foothill opened in 1973. At the time, he had 16 freshmen in his start-up band. Tomorrow, the Foothill band, now recognized as one of the top 10 high school bands in the country, will have 250 marching in the parade, led by Drum Major and Foothill senior Ben Cortez.

Moorefield, 61, recalls that in those inaugural days 33 years ago, Foothill had one band class. Over the years, he has built the music program into a diverse venue that includes a wind ensemble, symphonic band, concert band, two jazz bands, a percussion class, a color guard class and a marching

band that rehearses one hour every school day plus three hours every Tuesday evening. This gives students a wide range of opportunities to improve and broaden their interests in music, which Moorefield is proud to note, encourages many to pursue music in college and even as a career.

Although most of the teachers he worked with in 1973 have retired, Moorefield is still going strong and loving it, as he was quoted in a story this month in Fanfare Magazine, a publication that goes to 15,000 band directors across the country. Moorefield also credits the band's success to the work of Assistant Band Director Ed Cloyd and others on the staff, to his wife Anne, who hosts guests and judges at the parades and field shows, and to the Foothill Band Boosters. This group handles scores of special events during the year, including the popular Crab Feed fundraiser, that help provide the \$70,000 it takes to keep the band outfitted, equipped and on the road to numerous other band reviews and field shows similar to the one Foothill is hosting tomorrow. These include numerous out-of-town trips to other band competitions as well as invitational performances at the London New Year's Day parade, Portland Rose Festival, Hawaii Music Festival and the Hyack Festival in Vancouver, B.C. Few can forget the downpour the band marched in last January at the Rose Bowl parade. Hopefully, this year's upcoming performance at the Fiesta Bowl will have the same dry and mild weather as we expect tomorrow on Main Street. See you there. ■

About the Cover

With six candidates vying for three State Assembly District seats and another two vying for the 10th State Senate District, many voters may not know who's running or what district they're in. Our election guide gives a comprehensive look at who's running for what. Cover design by Jason Lind

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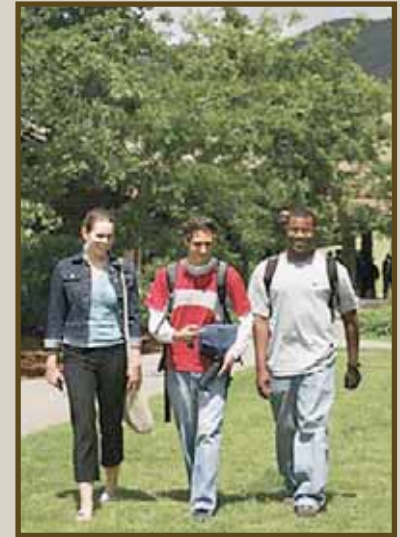
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Streetwise

Q: What is your favorite Halloween candy?

Asked Downtown



Darren O'Rourke
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My parents didn't let me trick-or-treat or eat candy. We lived out in the country in Chico so I used to steal my friends' SweeTARTS, they're still my favorites. They explode in your mouth!

Ellen Lathlean
Substitute Teacher

I love chocolate now, but as a kid it was Candy Corn. I was fascinated by how it was made. At first you bite the tip off and work your way down. Years ago, when I was teaching a class, a candy maker came in and explained how it was made. I still like it at Halloween.



Matthew Kenning
Trick-or-Treater

Candy Corn is my favorite. It's shaped like watermelon slices and it's my favorite color—orange! My Mom buys it at Halloween time. It's yummy.

Jessica Brilliant
Scientist

Now I tend to favor Kit Kat and Twix. I like chocolate with a crunch to it. I definitely buy my favorites for the trick-or-treaters so the leftovers don't go to waste.



Steve Partridge
Retail Manager

Candy Corn is and was definitely my favorite. When I think of Halloween as a kid, I always remember Candy Corn. Every year I still buy a bag or two.

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com
Compiled by Cybele Ryan

Newsfront

News Digest

BART mobile polls

Commuters registered in Alameda County can now vote at mobile voting units at the Pleasanton, MacArthur and Fremont BART stations. With America's recent trends straying from election-day-only voting, the mobile units are the county's latest attempt to have a larger voter turnout.

Swing Time

More than 200 Hart Middle School students competed in the fifth annual swing dance competition this week. Dressed in '40s and '50s outfits, 20 couples will head to the finale at the school today at 7 p.m. The community is invited and tickets are \$5 for presale and \$6 at door, and can be bought at the school, 4433 Willow Rd.

New Planning Commission chair

Planning Commissioner Anne Fox will preside as chairwoman of the Planning Commission after former Chairman Brian Arkin announced his resignation as a board member recently. According to city policy, a vote for the chair is only done in December, so Fox will preside over the commission until then.

Stoneridge trick-or-treating

Pleasanton residents will be treated to some trick-or-treating at the Stoneridge Shopping Center Oct. 31. The mall will hold the annual event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sales associates in the stores will be handing out candy to costumed trick-or-treaters, giving families a chance to enjoy Halloween in a well-lit environment.

Aylet Waldman reads at Beth Emek

Author Ayelet Waldman is scheduled to read at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., on Nov. 2 as part of the Contra Costa Jewish Book Festival. Waldman is the author of several novels including "Daughter's Keeper" and "Love and Other Impossible Pursuits." Visit www.bethemek.org for more information.

Corrections

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Alameda County District attorney reviewing Mayor Hosterman city e-mail account

Critic argues that campaign messages on city system violated state law

by **Jeb Bing**

The Alameda County District Attorney's office has been asked to review hundreds of e-mails that Mayor Jennifer Hosterman exchanged on the city's e-mail system over the last 12 months with others, including recent messages soliciting campaign funds and endorsements in possible violation of state law.

The Pleasanton Weekly obtained e-mails sent and received by Hosterman under the state's Public Records Act, which, like the federal Freedom of Information Act, makes written and e-mail communications on government-run systems avail-

able for public inspection.

Although most of the e-mails dealt with routine city issues, such as the City Council agenda and traffic, Hosterman's rapid-fire

contribution to her current re-election campaign:

"Jeeees, Charles, I'm overwhelmed," Hosterman wrote on Oct. 5. "Should I come by and pick

City Mayor Mark Green at his own city's e-mail address of markg@unioncity.org:

"Hi Mark!" Hosterman wrote. "I'm getting beat up. Can I use your name as an endorsement for my campaign for re-election to Mayor of Pleasanton?"

Other e-mails also discuss her languishing and cash-short campaign against better financed Councilman Steve Brozosky, whose contributions are outpacing Hosterman's by more than 3 to 1. She noted in one of her e-mails that he has picked up endorsements from three of the five Tri-Valley mayors, includ-

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"There is no doubt that Mayor Hosterman was repeatedly campaigning from her city e-mail system, even after she was warned by city staff to stop such activity this summer."

—Dan Carl, Steve Brozosky's campaign treasurer.

responses occasionally drifted to election issues. In one, she thanks Charles Clark of Creekside Properties for a \$1,000 contri-

bution to her current re-election campaign: "Should I come by and pick it (the check) up? Either that, or you could send it to my campaign address."

Another e-mail went to Union

Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center celebrates one year mark

Center helps home buyers climb uphill battle

by **Janet Pelletier**

In a land where people barely bat an eyelash anymore when they see million-dollar home prices, an agency that is helping first-time homebuyers enter the ever-climbing Bay Area housing market is celebrating its first year in operation.

The center, located at 20 S. L St. in Livermore, opened a year ago in an effort to consolidate seven different housing programs run by the Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee. The committee, which is comprised of elected officials and staff from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Danville, San Ramon and Alameda and Contra Costa coun-



Janet Pelletier

Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center staff and city officials celebrate the center's first anniversary at an open house Oct. 24. Board president Bill Aboumrad and Center Director Jacqueline Rickman (both in front) get ready to cut a cake in celebration.

ties, was formed in 1992. Now the center offers first-time homebuyers who can't afford home prices in the Tri-Valley a one-stop-shop.

Participants in the Tri-Valley

Housing Opportunity Center's programs can attend homebuyer and financial education work-

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Neighbors launch pro-Stoneridge extension Web site

Group aims to educate public about traffic issue

A new Web site recently launched aims to inform the public of why a future Stoneridge Drive extension would be beneficial to Pleasanton's traffic plight.

The Web site, www.stoppleasantontongridlock.com, was created a few weeks ago by some neighbors who say they have extensively researched the highly controversial issue of whether to keep an old proposal in the city's General Plan to extend

Stoneridge east to El Charro Road—providing another link to Livermore.

Jereen Gilbert said the group consists of about 10 active members and an e-mail list of about 200 people.

Two meetings have been held so far—one on Oct. 19 with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Matt Sullivan in attendance, and another on Oct. 23 with Councilmen Steve Brozosky and Jerry Thorne. Group member

Nancy Allen said more than 150 people from various neighborhoods attended the meetings.

What prompted Gilbert to get involved is that she noticed more children being hit by cars while riding their bicycles and near-misses at major intersections of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road—which she said have become the overflow for the traffic Stoneridge

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Daylight Saving Time ends

If you think it was dark this morning when you woke up, wait until next October when Daylight Saving Time doesn't end until a week later than in the past. This Sunday, Oct. 29, is the last time residents will set their clocks back an hour the last Sunday in October.

After President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act in August 2005, the dates for DST has changed so that in the fall, people will set their clocks back the first Sunday in November and in the spring, set their clocks forward the second Sunday in March. The act goes into effect March 11, 2007—the next time people will "spring forward."

Daylight Saving Time used to begin a month later in April. The change is expected to save energy because it will better utilize daytime hours during the seasons.

The time will officially be set back at 2 a.m. Sunday. Legislators pushed for extending DST one week because it will allow children one extra hour of daylight to go trick-or-treating for Halloween.

Fire departments also encourage people to change the battery in their smoke detector to coincide with the time changes because it makes for a good reminder.

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday



Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour, Sunday at 2:00 a.m.

Korean War vets honored in annual parade

Veterans Day Parade celebrates decade mark

by Rebecca Guyon

The 10th annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5. This year's theme is titled "Korea: The Forgotten War," and will focus on honoring veterans of the Korean War, which took place from 1950-53.

"We thought we were due to honor Korean War veterans," said Carol Bohn, chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and co-chair of the parade committee. "We hadn't done it before, and we had honored other wars. Many of the vets from that war are getting older; it was really time."

The parade, sponsored by the city of Pleasanton, VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237, is scheduled to start at 1 p.m., stepping off from the old firehouse on Railroad Avenue. This is a change from past parades, which started at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. With the historic building under construction this year, changes had to be made to the parade route, Bohn explained.

Instead, the parade will work its way from Railroad Avenue, proceed down Main Street and disband in front of the Veterans Memorial Building at the intersection of Main Street and Old Bernal Avenue.

Color guards from all military services, VFW and American Legion posts, bands, veterans from the VA Hospital in Livermore, Tri-Valley mayors, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will all participate. Korean War veterans will be featured as guests of honor.

When the parade is over at approximately 1:45 p.m., the ceremony will continue at Veterans Plaza Park, 550 Peters Ave. Maj. Gen. Dan Helix, commander of the Korean War Veterans Association, is the scheduled keynote speaker. Congressman Richard Pombo and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman are also scheduled to speak.

Parade coordinators are asking all Korean War veterans to step forward and take their place of honor in the parade. Those interested in participating can contact Bohn at 200-9513. ■



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City names deputy public works and transportation director

Mike Tassano will head up city's traffic division

by Janet Pelletier

Eight years ago, Mike Tassano was an intern with the city's traffic division. Today, he is the deputy director of public works and transportation.

City Manager Nelson Fialho announced this week that he appointed the post to Tassano, who has been working in the job title since May on an interim basis.

After an extensive interview process and search, Fialho said Tassano was the top candidate because "in addition to the excellent communication skills combined with a solid technical background, Mike has the excitement and energy to bring new and fresh ideas to the traffic division."

The position was vacated after the former traffic engineer Jeff Knowles was terminated. Knowles is now the traffic engineer for the city of Vacaville.

Tassano is no stranger to traffic and how it relates to Pleasanton. He began in the traffic division as an intern in 1998 and worked his way to higher positions. Some of the laundry list of projects he's working on include those involving Interstates 580 and 680, State Route 84, the Congestion Management Agency, Tri-Valley Transportation Committee, Alameda County Transportation Committee and the city's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

One of his proudest accomplishments, he said, is the upgrade of about 95 city traffic signals to make it easier for public works staff to operate them from city offices instead of having to go on-site to assess a problem.

In his role as deputy director of public works and transportation, Tassano said he'd like introduce more neighborhood and residential programs so that



Janet Pelletier

Mike Tassano, seated in his office, has just been named the city's deputy director of public works and transportation.

residents can better express their traffic concerns and problems to the city.

"We need to find a streamlined way to help the community," he said. "We also need to provide a system that's more friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians."

The city has recently installed additional bike lanes and is working to incorporate pedestrian counting heads (the electronic signals at traffic crosswalks that give a countdown to when the light will turn red) at all its intersections.

He said he is also having his staff work on school routes and assessing safety surrounding schools. Tassano has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University. He lives in Tracy with his wife and two kids, ages 6 and 9. ■

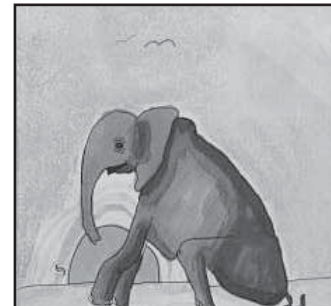
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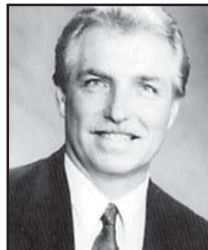
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AVHS marching band, color guard win big

Group to perform at L.A. Coliseum this weekend

The Amador Valley High School marching band and color guard won the Class 4A/5A Sweepstakes Award at the Modesto Invitational on Oct. 7 at Johansen High School. The band turned in a strong performance, scoring a season-opening high of 78.90 and earning additional awards in best music, best marching and best general effect.

The Marching Dons field 205 members under the direction of Jon Grantham, director of bands at AVHS. Drum Majors are Devin Maguire, Anthony Sanchez and Allison Gehl and the color guard is led by captains Kate Dowdy and Taylor Terhune. The field show is entitled "Alcatraz," with original music by John M. Meehan. In four interpretive movements—

"The Yard, Riot, Confinement, and Escape"—the musicians and guard evoke the moods and drama of the legendary prison in the Bay, complete with a hand-cranked police siren and prison bars. The audience at Modesto cheered enthusiastically for the energetic and highly-detailed performance.

The remainder of the schedule for the Marching Dons includes Western Band Association (WBA) competitions Nov. 11 at Logan High School in Union City and the WBA Championships, Nov. 18-19 in Clovis at Buchanan High School. In addition, the band and guard will present "Alcatraz" on Oct. 28 in the L.A. Coliseum, as participants in the Bands of America Regional Championships. For more information visit www.amadorband.org. ■

Housing

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shops, work with staff to develop a personalized home buying plan, receive credit counseling and learn about fair housing, fair lending, the escrow process and how to prevent being a victim of predatory lending.

In one year's time, 30 individuals or families have purchased their first home using the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, which exceeded the center's goal, said Director Jacqueline Rickman, who has recently come on board.

Officials held an open house Oct. 25 to celebrate the anniversary and the hiring of Rickman.

At the open house, center coordinator Kerri Bock-Willmes read a letter from a couple who is in the process of buying a home.

"They helped us learn the lingo of real estate," the letter from Scott and Danielle Warren read. "Before,

we didn't even know what the word 'escrow' meant and now we are in the middle of one. Now, we are scheduled to move into our first home in December."

Through its comprehensive housing education and counseling program, the center has provided services to more than 300 individuals and families, Rickman said. The nonprofit was also recognized by the U.S. Conference of Mayors DollarWise Award in 2006 for its unique regional collaboration and received \$26,000 that will help provide financial literacy programs.

Slated to begin in March, Rickman said the program will educate people such as seniors and emancipated youths on how to be financially stable—teaching such things as maintaining a checking account and saving money for rent, a car or a mortgage.

For more information on the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, call 373-3930 or visit www.tvhoc.org. ■

Stoneridge

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Drive was planned to handle.

Gilbert, who lives near Mohr Avenue and Kolln Street, said she initially was against the Stoneridge extension, even voting to oppose it. But after poring over city documents including zoning maps, environmental reports and traffic studies for the past year, she said she has done a 180.

"I'm as guilty as the next person. I wasn't very educated at the time and I voted along the lines of no Stoneridge extension," she said.

What she said she discovered through her research and talking to people in the community is that a lot of the traffic is of the intra-city variety, not outside people using Pleasanton streets as a cut-through to get to places such as Tracy.

"This is people who live and work around here," she said. "If

they don't live in Pleasanton, they live right over the line in Dublin and Livermore.

Allen said if the Stoneridge extension were completed, it would disperse traffic on Interstate 580 and traffic within the city more evenly. Those who live in Pleasanton or Livermore coming from the Hacienda Business Park after work would be more likely to take Stoneridge to get home while workers from the business park who live further away such as in Tracy, would use I-580, Allen said.

"Everybody will be able to get closer to where they need to get in a more efficient way," Allen said.

The construction of about 3,500 homes off of Stoneridge Drive is the reason the traffic problem exists, Gilbert said. In the General Plan from 1986, the Stoneridge extension was always planned, she said.

"We've already built the homes; we can't not build Stoneridge at this point," Gilbert said. ■

—Janet Pelletier



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Asking for votes

City Council candidate Dan Faustina solicits votes at Farmers Market Saturday as election campaigning intensifies across Pleasanton. Faustina is one of four seeking election to one of two open council seats along with fierce competition between Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Steve Brozosky, who are also expected to campaign tomorrow at the Main Street end of Farmers Market at Angela Street in the final two weeks leading up to the Nov. 7 election.

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Axis Community Health celebrates grand re-opening

Livermore clinic doubles patient capacity
 by Emily Atwood

Axis Community Health will welcome the newly-expanded Livermore clinic to its family with a ceremony today. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be followed by comments from Scott Haggerty, Alameda County supervisor; David Kears, director of Alameda County's Health Care Services Agency; and Marshall Kamena, mayor of Livermore.

Before the expansion, which included nine examination rooms and staff accommodations, the facility had room for one doctor who saw about 25 patients a day. Now the additional space allows

three doctors to see 70-75 patients a day. The clinic serves patients in pediatrics, general medicine and family planning.

"We have Supervisor Haggerty, David Kears and Mayor Kamena to thank for this facility," Axis Chief Operating Officer Henry Uyehara said. "With their help, Measure A funds were allocated toward the project and additional funds were obtained by the city of Livermore."

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. in the Multi Service Center at 3311 Pacific Ave. Tours of the facility and refreshments will be available. ■

E-mail

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ing Karen Stepper of Danville, H. Abram Wilson of San Ramon and Marshall Kamena of Livermore, as well as Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. She told Green that endorsement was because Brozosky keeps lambs and pigs raised by Haggerty's children on his Vineyard Avenue ranch.

The e-mails surfaced as a result of a query by Dan Carl, who is treasurer of Steve Brozosky's campaign team. Carl said that he initially sought the Hosterman e-mails because of "some very nasty, foul-worded responses" in e-mails he had received from Hosterman.

"This was not about the (Brozosky) campaign but about me being very upset personally with the mayor," he said. "This is something that I am doing. I'll have to think about how I will use this information. Personally, it's an integrity and character issue as far as I'm concerned with the mayor."

Once he read some of the e-

mails, Carl sent them to City Manager Nelson Fialho, City Attorney Michael Roush and members of the City Council. He said he thought the e-mails violated California State Government Code 8314. That law states that government e-mails cannot be used for political campaigning.

"There is no doubt that Mayor Hosterman was repeatedly campaigning from her city e-mail system, even after she was warned by city staff to stop such activity this summer," Carl said.

"The number of instances where the mayor was found to be using city e-mail for campaign purposes (legally equivalent to using city letterhead and city equipment for campaign purposes) was in excess of 30-40 different events on many different dates," he added.

Roush, in consultation with Fialho, said they have forwarded the year's worth of e-mails to Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff's office for review.

Deputy District Attorney Trevor White said that although he has yet

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Take Us Along



Worldly romance

Jerry and Kathy Mercola read the Weekly in front of the Osaka Castle, originally built in 1583, in—you guessed it—Osaka, Japan. The couple took off on a two month trip to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, visiting Japan, Australia, China and Egypt.



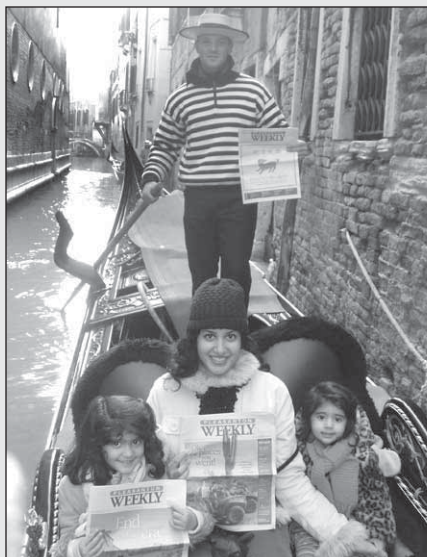
Weekly brings adventure

During his three-week motorcycle tour of New Zealand, John Deus made sure to cart his Weekly along for the ride, stopping to read it at Kawarau, the site of the original bungee jump.



Snow ball!

The Jaeger family and friends read the Weekly during a very cold trip to Lake Tahoe last winter.



Traveling as a family

Saira (center) and Parvez (taking the photo) Fatteh are such loving parents that they took their daughters Zara and Raniya, and the Weekly, on their anniversary trip to Italy in January. Here Saira, Zara and Raniya read the Weekly while taking a gondola through the Grand Canal in Venice.

E-mail

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to receive the material, his office deals with city election legal questions and will analyze the materials.

"This will be a review to see what's in the e-mails and how the content relates to the state law," White said. "Even though some in the media say this is an investigation, let me emphasize that I am not conducting an investigation. It's a review of the material, a review only."

White added that he couldn't commit to a time when his review would be concluded. As of Wednesday, more than a week after Carl sent his request to Roush for a legal opinion, the district attorney's office still did not have the material.

Penalties for violations of State Code 8314 can amount to \$1,000 a day for each day on which a violation occurs.

Hosterman said she stopped using the city e-mail system for any personal use as soon as the violation was pointed out.

"I've apologized," she said. "I

made a mistake. I'm human and I will make darn sure it doesn't happen again."

She said the publicity about her e-mails has had a negative impact on both her campaign and Brozosky's, and on the municipal election itself.

"I made a mistake. I'm human and I will make darn sure it doesn't happen again."

—Mayor Jennifer Hosterman

"I think it's unfortunate," she said. "I think Pleasanton deserves better."

She also has asked Fialho and Roush to make sure others don't face the same consequences by inadvertently responding to e-mail messages with comments that stray from official city business. She also is passing along to them one call from a constituent who asked if candidates and their campaign teams will be able to use their lap-

tops for election purposes once the city sets up its municipally-owner and operated Wi-Fi system downtown later this year.

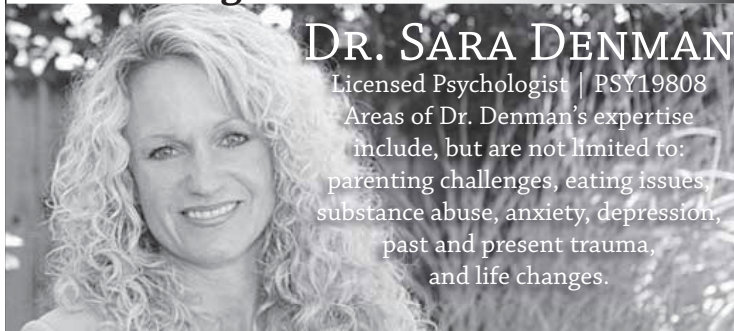
Besides e-mails asking for cash contributions and endorsements, Hosterman's messages also disclosed her future agenda if re-elected. For one, she plans to intensify her efforts to gain council approval to advance more global issues, including setting up a study group to formulate city policy on climate change, as suggested by writer Dan Sapone.

"I am most interested in formulating a new Commission on Energy and the Environment," Hosterman replied. "I don't yet have support from my council. Apparently, 'we don't want to look like Berkeley,' so that's the mentality I'm dealing with from some fellow council members."

Hosterman also wrote that she is supporting Jerry McNerney for Congress over U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R-11th).

"But if he doesn't (win), I have had discussion with Nancy Pelosi... If Jerry doesn't beat Richard, I plan to seriously consider running against Mr. P in '08." ■

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Opinion

Editorial

State Senate, Assembly endorsements

Jill Buck for Assembly - 18th

In an unusual break with the norm in the predominantly Democratic 18th State Assembly District, which includes more than half of Pleasanton, Republican Candidate Jill Buck is attracting voters of both parties in her race against Democrat Mary Hayashi of Castro Valley. Both women are seeking election to the seat being vacated by Assemblyman Johan Klehs (D-San Leandro), who is termed out this year. Buck would be the first Republican to represent the 18th District since 1980 when Gib Marguth of Livermore was swept into office during the Ronald Reagan landslide. She also would be the first Assembly member from Pleasanton since Floyd Mori was chosen in the late 1970s to succeed Hayward Assemblyman Carlos Bee after his death.

Buck is well-known in Pleasanton for her activism on behalf of education and the environment. A Navy Reserve officer and mother, she has worked over the years in schools and with the school district and founded the PTA Council, which has gained regional prominence in education policy and strategy. She also launched the Go Green Initiative, which is now the country's fastest growing, fully comprehensive environmental action plan for schools.

Health care activist and consultant Mary Hayashi deserves credit for her aggressive work on behalf of business, labor, health and ethnic organizations. Still, she is more aligned with the old guard, union-focused leaders in the Bayside Democratic-controlled strongholds of Hayward and San Leandro. In this election, Pleasanton has a unique chance to have direct representation to the State Assembly through the election of highly-qualified Jill Buck. We urge a vote for her on Nov. 7.

Guy Houston for Assembly - 15th

Although only 15 percent of Pleasanton is in the 15th Assembly District, two-term Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon), who is seeking re-election, is frequently in Pleasanton for speaking engagements and meeting with constituents. He knows our public officials in both city government and the school district, and works with them on state measures that benefit our community. In the Legislature, he has championed or supported bills on traffic congestion relief, more school funding, and tax relief for seniors and the disabled who are on fixed incomes. He supports a new law that would provide help to schools in fighting childhood obesity and is co-author of a bill known as Jessica's Law which would require lifetime monitoring of convicted sex offenders.

Houston's opponent is Democrat Terry Coleman, a late starter in the 15th Assembly District contest. A consumer attorney with a San Francisco law firm, Coleman lives in Danville and has never held elective office. We believe Houston has done a good job representing Pleasanton and the 15th District and deserves to be re-elected.

Alberto Torrico for Assembly - 20th

Former Newark City Councilman Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) has served the district well since winning the nomination over former Pleasanton Mayor Tom Pico two years ago and then the election. Torrico knows Pleasanton, has been responsive to constituent calls and is currently actively supporting Cheryl Cook-Kallio in her bid for the Pleasanton City Council. Torrico's opponent is Republican Ken Nishimura, an electrical engineer who has never held elective office and has done no campaigning in Pleasanton. We support Torrico for re-election to the State Assembly's 20th District.

Corbett for State Senate - 10th

Many in Pleasanton know Ellen Corbett from her days as Assemblywoman from the 18th District, a post she gave up two years ago because of term limits. She is in Pleasanton frequently talking to constituents, and can be seen walking along Main Street talking to local business owners about issues they face in dealing with the state. As the former mayor of San Leandro, Corbett has a good understanding of municipal concerns which is needed in the State Senate. Her opponent is perennial political candidate Lou Filipovich, who has never held elective office. We urge a vote for Ellen Corbett for the 10th State Senate seat. ■

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Letters

Faustina acts on his words

Dear Editor,

As I see it, Pleasanton will find itself at a crossroad on Election Day this November. If we chose to stay with the status quo, electing a city council that talks rather than does, we will find ourselves with many problems and few solutions. I say it is time to elect a leader that will make things happen. I say it is time to elect Dan Faustina for City Council!

Dan has a passion for this city—where he was born, raised and educated, and where he now lives, works and worships. Faustina appreciates the future of Pleasanton because he has seen its past. As a proven leader at the local and county level, he has an understanding and vision for our housing and traffic issues, the needs of our seniors and youth, and the importance of preserving the beautiful landscape that surrounds us.

Please get to know Dan. His energy and enthusiasm is contagious. His sincerity is refreshing. I encourage you to visit Dan's Web site, www.danfaustina.com, call or e-mail him, and see for yourself just how qualified and capable he is.

Please remember to vote and

please vote for Dan Faustina for City Council.

*Roanne Hobizal
Pleasanton*

Hosterman 'equitable and efficient'

Dear Editor,

I served on the Bernal Property Committee that Mrs. Hosterman co-chaired, and found her to be equitable and efficient. Her performance as our mayor has been no less exemplary. She has consistently preserved the high standard of living that we enjoy in Pleasanton. The two conferences she attended were on her own time and her own money. To claim Mrs. Hosterman's activities detract from her service to Pleasanton is as ludicrous as claiming Mr. Brozosky's past service to 4-H proves he will place farm animals before residents.

Frankly, I would have been happy to re-elect Mr. Brozosky to the City Council. His past political philosophy has been close to Mrs. Hosterman. His candidacy against her smacks of hair-splitting and nit-picking. How can he back up his claim of uniting the City Council when he has the endorsement of only one of the three other council members? More disturbing is his advertisement touting the endorsements of 15 past presidents of the Chamber of Commerce. These people opposed Measure V that swept Mr. Brozosky into office

in the first place! Apparently Mr. Brozosky's ambition takes priority over his past principles. I am confident Mrs. Hosterman will not be so easily "turned." Do not listen to what people say she will do. Look at what she has done in her past term. It is about Pleasanton. Mrs. Hosterman deserves to be rewarded for doing a good job for Pleasanton.

Vote to re-elect Jennifer Hosterman for mayor.

*Carl W. Pretzel
Pleasanton*

Weekly's attack on Pombo unfounded

Dear Editor,

Usually endorsements are glowing statements of the endorsee. Apparently you had difficulty creating a glowing list for McNerney. Instead you wrote a hit piece of uncivil misstatements and fabrications about Congressman Richard Pombo.

"Single-issue McNerney" wants new laws for his wind company to profit from the taxpayer gravy train. Having never been elected to anything, he would have zero clout in passing any laws for us. The main reason The Valley Times endorsed Pombo was that with his seniority he could best represent our district.

Your attacks were wrong on

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about every issue. People who know Pombo know him to be quite humble and honorable. He uses common sense on everything. Driving an RV to a few parks he is responsible for overseeing, to actually see them as the public does—rather than flying to areas, renting a car for a two-hour prepared director's presentation—should be lauded for logic and economy.

Having his wife run his home office is quite sensible. He is not part of the D.C. crowd and is home in the district on weekends. Your screed of hate lacked journalistic integrity and sounded like McCloskey wrote it. Shame.

*Christeen Satterlee
Pleasanton*

Arkin is committed to Pleasanton

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Brian Arkin for Pleasanton City Council. I am very impressed in him and what he stands for. It is my belief that Brian is the candidate most suited for the job.

Brian is a successful business man. He has been active in city government for years, six of those years as a planning commissioner, and he has a family with children attending all levels of the

Pleasanton public school system. This makes him the perfect candidate to address Pleasanton's needs today! And it also gives him a well-rounded view of our public schools and what they need in order to maintain their high level of excellence. His children are involved in sports so Brian understands the value that parks and other recreation facilities bring to Pleasanton.

He understands how important commerce is to the city, yet he has the ability and skills to balance that with what is best for Pleasanton, not developer special interests.

Brian is committed to making Pleasanton a better place to live not just for his family but for all of us. He wants to address the hard issues such as traffic, affordable housing, and building in the hills. He is not afraid to speak out and fight for what he believes in.

Brian has our support!

*Debi and Jim Frost
Pleasanton*

Brozosky's Pleasanton isn't Berkeley or Santa Cruz

Dear Editor,

I saw the Pleasanton mayoral debate on Channel 26 and was amazed with the stark difference between the candidates. Candidate Steve Brozosky's focus is on Pleasanton, traffic congestion and public safety. He doesn't believe we should waste city staff time on issues that our council has no juris-

diction over, like the Iraq war—a topic the current mayor continues to bring up, meeting after meeting. Steve wants to closely work with our neighboring cities and regional leaders to improve our increasing traffic congestion mess.

In the past year alone, the current mayor has missed over 60 percent of the traffic Congestion Management Agency meetings. For over half these meetings, she failed to send an alternate to represent Pleasanton's interests. Although Pleasanton has a seat at the table to work on traffic congestion, it was unoccupied. The current mayor wants us to follow the economic policies of Santa Cruz when it comes to the living wage. Brozosky understands such policies would chase businesses out of Pleasanton, affecting our tax base and would result in reduction in services to the residents of Pleasanton.

The choice is clear. Please vote for Brozosky if you want Pleasanton to continue to be Pleasanton. The incumbent wants to morph Pleasanton into Berkeley or Santa Cruz.

*Greg Murawski
Pleasanton*

Vote yes on Prop. 1C

Dear Editor,

The California League of Women Voters recommends a "yes" vote on State Proposition 1C Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. Prop. 1C will provide emergency shelters for battered

women and homeless families, affordable homes for seniors and working families, and homes for former foster youth. This measure will be funded out of existing state resources without raising taxes.

In many communities the problems of homelessness, home affordability and domestic violence are getting progressively worse. More than 360,000 Californians are homeless every night. Last year, over 5,000 women and children were turned away from domestic violence shelters because the shelters were full. We all understand that home affordability is at a historical low.

Under Prop. 1C, homeless families and battered women will find decent shelter, retired seniors, people with disabilities and former foster youth will be able to rent in their communities. Hard-working families will proudly buy their first home and new, full-time jobs will be created.

Prop 1C is endorsed by Habitat for Humanity, AARP, CA Chamber of Commerce, CA State Sheriffs Association and hundreds of other organizations.

*Dolores Bengtson
Member of Livermore Amador
Valley League of Women Voters*

Buck a 'public servant'

Dear Editor,

Once in a while an election takes place which provides the opportunity for the voters to elect a candidate who will make a real

difference in our lives. The race in the 18th Assembly District will provide this opportunity to us on Nov. 7.

I have known Jill Buck for many years, and as a member of the Pleasanton School Board, I have worked with her on vital education issues affecting all of our students. I have seen Jill in action as the founder of the Go Green Initiative, which has been adopted throughout the nation.

Jill is a hardworking mother, volunteer and public servant who is a true believer in bipartisanship. Jill is a persistent and effective advocate for all the citizens of our district and will work tirelessly to represent all of us as we so richly deserve. Jill will provide focused, ethical and quality leadership for everyone that she represents. We could not ask for a better representative. I am a lifetime resident of Alameda County and ask you to join me in voting for Jill Buck for Assembly; she's a candidate that will make a real difference.

*Steve Pulido
Pleasanton*

Only Thorne is qualified

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton has four candidates running for seats on the Pleasanton City Council. Only one of these four candidates really understands the scope of work, the responsibility involved and the impact on

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Richelle, Steve, Annie & Robin Brozosky

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***Past President, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce**

Letters

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our community that our council has because he's already on the Council. This candidate is incumbent City Council Member Jerry Thorne. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Jerry on the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission for over two years (of the 10 years he served there) and had the opportunity to observe Thorne up-close and personal.

*Jerry Pentin
Pleasanton*

Don't be apathetic; vote for Hosterman

Dear Editor,

Our very democracy is at stake in Pleasanton.

According to some estimates, only 20 percent of eligible voters will cast ballots on Nov. 7. With all the important issues before us, why the voter apathy? I would submit that in large part it's a reaction of cynicism and disgust to an election system that is controlled by money and is more interested in character assassination and spewing disinformation, than it is in encouraging reasonable debate. Our gift of democracy will be lost if we abandon it to those who practice it this way. Tragically, this type of democracy has come to Pleasanton.

In her four years on the City Council and as mayor, Jennifer Hosterman has proven herself to be a leader locally, regionally and globally. She has not been afraid to speak her mind on the issues that have a profound effect on our quality of life. Under her leadership, Pleasanton has flourished, and is truly a great city! But we are also faced with challenges, and we will need leaders with courage, vision, and a commitment to good government if we are to successfully chart the waters of our future.

As your Vice-Mayor, I am alarmed at what is happening to our local government. As voters and citizens of Pleasanton, you should be outraged. I trust you will reject this assault on our democracy, examine the issues and candidates carefully, and as a result you will join me in voting to re-elect Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

*Matt Sullivan
Vice-Mayor, City of Pleasanton*

Brozosky cares about youth

Dear Editor,

Are you 18 and ready to vote for a mayor who will truly represent Pleasanton's youth? Vote Steve Brozosky for mayor of Pleasanton!

While serving on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee with Councilman Brozosky, he designed and produced our youth Web site, Ptown411.com. He created a central information center where we can look for a job, find ways to volunteer, get homework help, or just find some great activities.

Councilman Brozosky has two

daughters and has volunteered at our schools as a technology specialist. He worked at Amador's senior breakfast where he coordinated the entertainment and produced an awesome memory CD with photos and music for all the seniors.

Time and time again Councilman Brozosky has proven that families and youth are extremely important to our community. He has also forged a great relationship with the school district and will make sure the city and school district work well together. Please join me on Nov. 7 by voting Steve Brozosky for mayor.

*Scott Tucker
Pleasanton*

Pombo's skewed family values

Dear Editor,

Parkinsons Disease: We don't know what causes it. We don't know, yet, how to cure it. It is 100 percent fatal. My Aunt died from it, and my father died from it.

Richard Pombo, while in Washington, votes to limit the research that might find a cure. But he travels home each weekend as an expression of his "family values." I certainly don't wish to lose any more lives in my family to Mr. Pombo's "family values."

In this election, I'll be voting to let him stay home every day. You should too.

*Richard Fellows
Pleasanton*

Foothill student for Faustina

Dear Editor,

As a junior at Foothill High School, I may not be able to vote this year, but Dan Faustina still has my support for City Council. I ask you to vote for him and support what he's trying to do for Pleasanton. You will not find a more committed candidate. Wouldn't you agree that the youth is the future of Pleasanton? Faustina brings his dedication to our level and coaches us in awesome ways.

He explains that the traffic problems are potentially our problem if not resolved now. If our foothills are not preserved, over-crowding is imminent—something none of us want. Our senior citizens would not be able to live here if there is not appropriate housing for them. Our downtown would lose its appeal if not preserved. These potential problems could be ours. I support Faustina because what he stands for, I believe in. There is only one candidate who wants to see Pleasanton grow properly. He has no desires other than to serve as your city councilman and help with issues that could later plague our city. Please vote for Dan Faustina on Nov. 7.

*Garrett Marshall
Pleasanton*

Save clean politics, vote Hosterman, Arkin

Dear Editor,

Dan Carl, Brozosky's campaign treasurer, goes through two years

of Jennifer Hosterman's e-mails looking for dirt. Brozosky's supporters have publicly smeared her with unsupported accusations and hate mail for months. Jennifer is a popular and successful mayor. She has balanced the needs of the neighborhoods with those of business. She respectfully and kindly listens. She was ahead of her time regarding the peace initiatives and concern for saving the environment. Her critics accused her of neglecting her job to have opinions about the peace and the environment. Most people I know have strong opinions and still perform their 60-hours-a-week jobs well.

Steve Brozosky has said that he has just started a new company selling software to government entities. Is this not a conflict of interest? How convenient in performing his duties to be able to promote his product, indirectly if not directly. He also has \$50,000 in donations when historically, campaigns cost closer to \$10,000. What will he spend that on? Hopefully not last-minute hit pieces.

Brian Arkin is the only candidate taking a strong stand about campaign finance reform by rejecting large corporate donations and PAC money. He also is a strong defender of neighborhood interests, has spent years serving on the Planning Commission and knows the issues well. He has not been bought and paid for by corporate interests. Vote for him and vote for Hosterman if you care about preserving a strong democracy and clean politics.

*Marjorie Muentz
Pleasanton*

Brozosky serves, is team player

Dear Editor,

I am writing to encourage you to elect Steve Brozosky for Mayor of Pleasanton. Pleasanton needs new leadership and Brozosky is the right choice for the job. Brozosky is a hard worker with boundless energy. He is a well-known volunteer in many community organizations, including our schools and senior center. He spends many hours studying, thinking and working to make Pleasanton a better place for all our families.

Brozosky takes the time to prepare. He represents the citizens of Pleasanton faithfully and well on a number of committees, including Wheels Bus, which he chairs, and several other transportation organizations. Transportation is a priority for Brozosky.

He is a team player who works well with representatives of other cities and our school district. Because they work well together, the three Tri-Valley mayors and four members of our school board have come to respect Brozosky, and endorsed him for mayor.

He will serve Pleasanton well as your mayor. Give him your vote and your confidence, and he will make us proud. Thank you!

*David Everett
Pleasanton*

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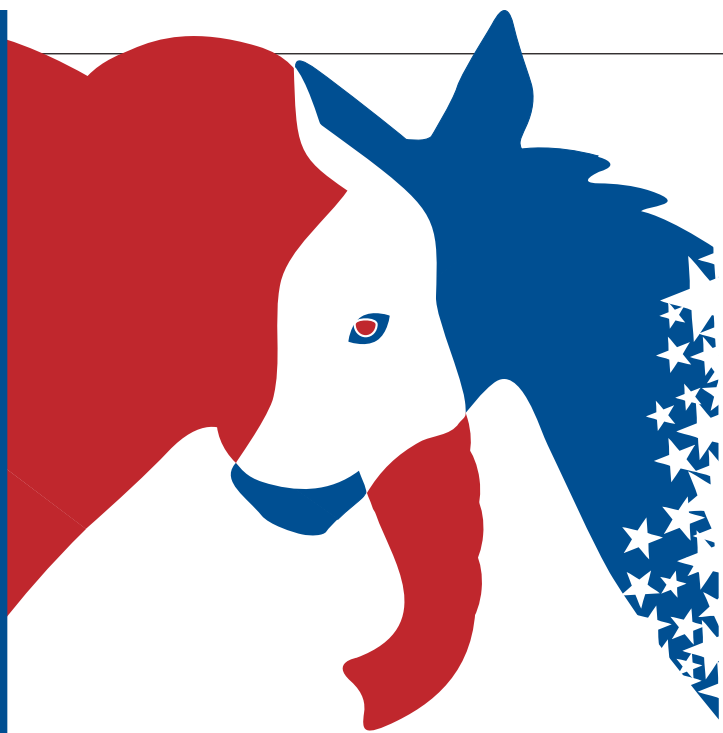
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Dividing lines

by Jeb Bing, Rebecca Guyon and Janet Pelletier

Redistricting gives Pleasanton voters 3 State Assembly races, plus geographic confusion on who's their candidate

Voters looking for their favorite candidate for State Assembly might be surprised to find someone else listed on their Nov. 7 ballot.

That's because Pleasanton is split into three different Assembly districts, each representing a small part of the overall district which makes votes cast in Pleasanton somewhat inconsequential except in close races.

The 15th, now served by former Dublin mayor and Assemblyman Guy Houston, a Republican who is seeking re-election, has been redistricted every 10 years since 1982 to include less of Pleasanton, with the district now accounting for 15 percent of the city, from east of Santa Rita Road and north of Stanley Boulevard.

The 20th District accounts for about 25 percent of Pleasanton, from south of Stanley and east of Main Street, and including Vintage Hills, the Vineyard Corridor and Ruby Hill. Represented by former Newark Councilman Alberto Torrico, the 20th was the scene of a fierce battle between Torrico and former Mayor Tom Pico in the 2004 Democratic primary, which Torrico won in a close vote. With a nearly 2-1 edge in registered voters, Democrats traditionally win the Assembly contests in the General Election.

The 18th Assembly District, which since 2002 has accounted for about 60

percent of Pleasanton west of Main Street and Santa Rita, has also been largely Democratic except for a brief two-year period when Republican Gib Marguth of Livermore was swept into office during the Ronald Reagan landslide in the presidential contest in 1980. The state legislature quickly redistricted the 18th in 1982, taking it out of much of Pleasanton and nearby cities to return power to Hayward, San Leandro and other Bayside cities that traditionally vote Democratic. The district, where 58 percent are registered Democrats, has been represented by Johan Klehs of San Leandro, who was termed out this year, and before that Ellen Corbett, former mayor of San Leandro. Klehs lost in the June primary to Corbett in his bid to be the party's candidate for the 10th State Senate District. The 10th, which includes Pleasanton, is another Democratic Party stronghold, where Corbett appears to be a strong contender to succeed State Senator Liz Figueroa (D-Fremont), who is termed out after serving since 1998.

Despite its Democratic strength, the race for the 18th District Assembly between newcomers Mary Hayashi, a Castro Valley Democrat, and Pleasanton Republican Jill Buck, is considered too close to call by political analysts who consider this one of the tightest Assembly races this election.

A more detailed look at each of the contests follows:



Ellen Corbett
(D-San Leandro)



Lou Filipovich
(R-San Leandro)



Terry Coleman
(D-Danville)

10th State Senate District:

Democratic candidate Ellen Corbett and Republican candidate Lou Filipovich are running to take the State Senate 10th District seat—an open race this year since current State Senator Liz Figueroa termed out of office.

Corbett, a resident of San Leandro, is a familiar face to voters. She previously served in the State Senate, representing the 18th District from 1998 to 2004 until she termed out of office. While in the senate, she was chair of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, Committee on Judiciary, and Committee on Biotechnology and Earthquake Safety and Preparedness. Prior to serving in the Senate, she served as mayor of San Leandro from 1995 to 1998 and on the San Leandro City Council from 1991 to 1995.

Education, healthcare and the environment are the main issues Corbett plans to tackle while in the Senate. She plans to address issues in school funding, for grades K-12 as well as making higher education more affordable, and work to ensure public schools are providing students with the skills they need to make it to college and beyond. She supports universal healthcare and initiatives to make prescription drugs more affordable.

Filipovich is also a San Leandro resident and has been a perennial candidate in many area elections since 1992. In the June primary elections, he ran for San Leandro Mayor and Alameda County Supervisor, as well as California State Senator. He is also currently running for a seat on the Oro Loma Sanitary District Board. Filipovich stresses he is nonpartisan despite being on the Republican ticket.

He said if elected, which he expects won't happen, he will only serve one term as a Senator because if he can't accomplish what he wants in that four years, he will leave the seat. Filipovich said if elected, he intends to look into government spending of taxpayer's money.

15th State Assembly District:

Incumbent Assemblyman and former Mayor of Danville is seeking re-election to his third term in the State Assembly, where he serves as the chair of the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Labor. He has carried the district by wide margins in the past, a district that stretches from Livermore to the cities of Danville and San Ramon on the northeast side of the city is

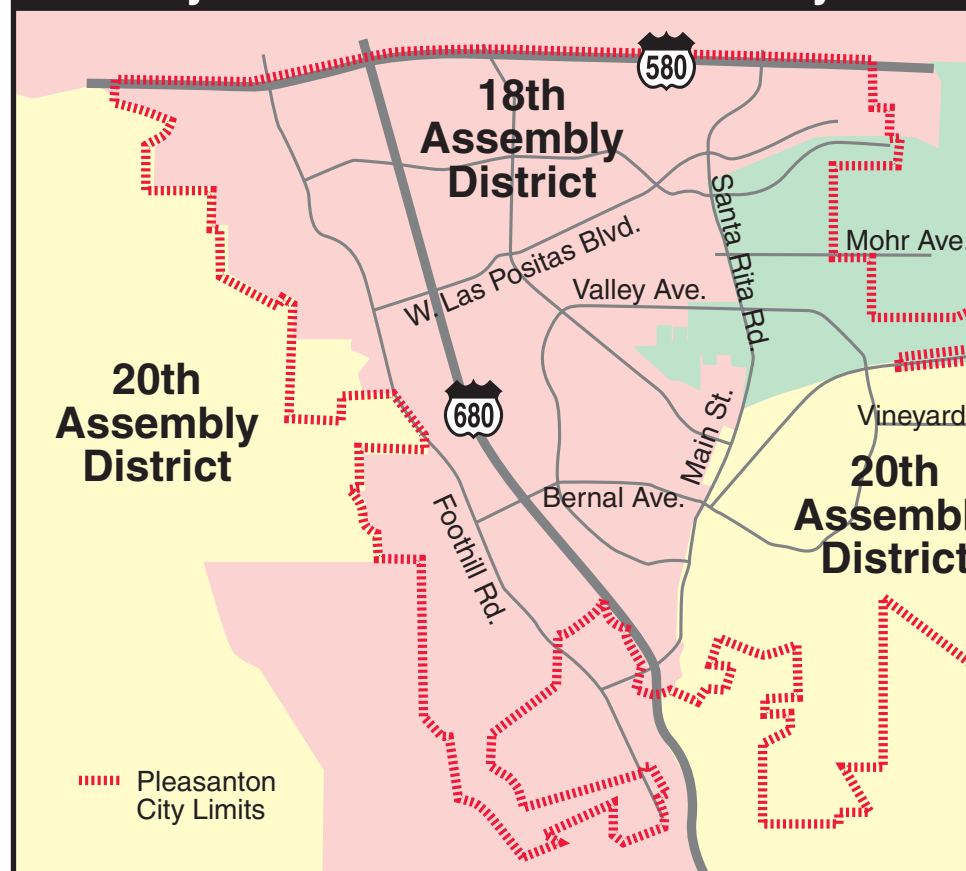
Houston has worked closely with voters in the district ever since winning his seat in 2002. His legislative budget measures that included general fund "equalization" for public school funding. In addition to public education funding, he has also been on improving the economic development. In 2003, he was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Electronics Association.

Democratic challenger Terry Coleman is a former Assemblyman and partner in the San Francisco Bay Area. A former Republican, he calls himself an independent. He would work to end the partisan bias in the State Assembly. Sacramento. He also wants to make sure that the party who "decline to state" a party preference.

"Today, Republicans and Democrats are competing for 40 signatures, but an independent candidate needs more than 8,000," Coleman said. "That's a lot of signatures. We'll be forced to choose candidates who no longer fit California."

Republicans account for more than 40 percent of voters in the 15th State Assembly District. Coleman is a Democrat and 12 percent w

Assembly District boundaries within the City of Pleasanton





Guy Houston
(R-San Ramon)

Assembly District:

Former Dublin Mayor Guy Houston served two consecutive terms in the State Assembly as vice-chairman for the Assembly Committee on Development and the Economy. He won re-election in his first two campaigns, running from the south to Elk Grove and north and west to the I-680 corridor. About 15 percent of Pleasanton is in the 15th District.

With Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004, and was instrumental in state funding of \$110 million in additional funding to under-funded schools. His legislative focus has been the economic outlook for California. In 2004, he was named "Legislator of the Year" by the American

Coleman is a consumer attorney with a law firm of Pillsbury & Levinson. She describes herself a "skeptical Democrat," who is looking between the two parties in order to make it easier for independent voters to refer to run for office.

Democrats qualify for the ballot by submitting an independent voter must collect more signatures, and until we change it, it favors those who adhere to party dogmas

More than 44 percent of the registered voters in the 15th District compared to 38 percent in the state.



Mary Hayashi
(D-Castro Valley)



Jill Buck
(R-Pleasanton)

18th State Assembly District:

Sixty percent of Pleasanton residents lie in the boundaries of the 18th State Assembly District, which also includes parts of Sunol, Dublin, San Leandro, Castro Valley and Oakland.

Two candidates, Republican Jill Buck of Pleasanton and Democrat Mary Hayashi of Castro Valley, are vying for the historically left-wing-held seat, but this race appears to be a lot closer than in past elections. While a staggering 54 percent of the district's voters are registered Democrats and just 21 percent are registered Republicans, Buck said she has crossover appeal.

The Pleasanton resident is best known for developing the Go Green Initiative, an environmental education program that was first employed in Pleasanton schools and has since spread to schools across the country. Buck's platform includes strengthening public safety, securing the nation's borders to prevent illegal immigration, working to prevent child sexual abuse and supporting Jessica's Law to toughen penalties for sex offenders, ensuring better education for the nation's future workforce, supporting businesses by keeping taxes low and advocating for and giving incentives to people who protect the environment.

Buck's opponent, Hayashi, is known for her experience in the public health sector. She formed coalitions with well-known health advocates, served as California Director of the American Public Health Association and as a board member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition and Planned Parenthood Golden Gate. If elected, she plans to improve health care in the region, making health care coverage more affordable, and provide prevention and treatment programs for the mentally ill. She also wants to improve the state's economy by investing in teachers and local community colleges to create a strong workforce, encouraging responsible growth to protect the environment and advocate for public transportation use and developing long-term energy, transportation and environmental solutions.



Alberto Torrico
(D-Newark)



Ken Nishimura
(R-Fremont)

20th State Assembly District:

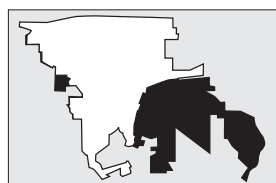
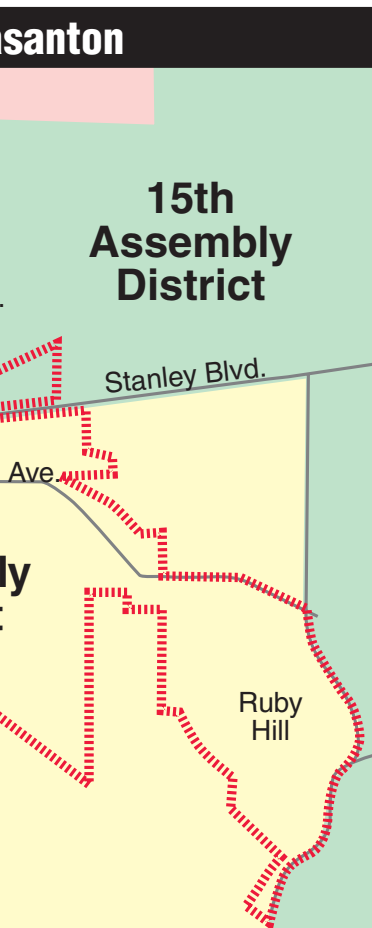
In his first term, Torrico was selected to chair the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security and authored four pension-reform bills along with opposing Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposal to privatize public pensions. In 2005, 10 Torrico measures won legislative approval, and another 13 bills made it through the legislature this year.

He was named "Legislator of the Year" for 2005 by four separate organizations, including the California State Firefighters' Association and the California Association of Independent Grocers and Convenience Store Operators. A lawyer, he began his public service career as a policy aide with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and, in 2001, opened his own practice in Fremont, where he worked with unions, handled criminal defense work, and worked on business matters. He served on the Newark City Council for three years.

His challenger, Ken Nishimura, is an electrical engineer with a doctorate degree in engineering from UC Berkeley. As an Assemblyman, he would focus on keeping the state budget in line with revenue without any tax increases, shifting health care away from an optional fringe benefit to enable all Californians the opportunity to obtain their own health insurance at group rates, and on the environment.

"As an avid bicyclist and bicycle commuter, I value a clean environment," Nishimura said. "After decades of improvement, our air is much cleaner than before. However, we still have a few days each year where our air fails to meet pollution standards. We must do better."

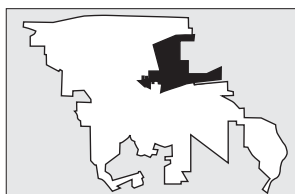
For more information about the State Senate and State Assembly races and other candidate and election information, go to the League of Women Voters Web site at www.smartvoter.org.



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25% in Pleasanton



18th Assembly District
60% in Pleasanton



15th Assembly District
15% in Pleasanton



Sandra K. Bean



Dennis Hayashi

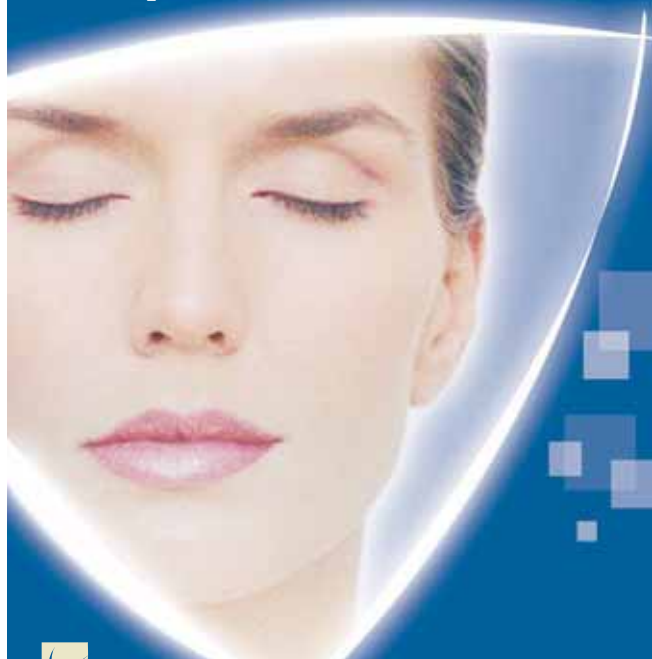
Alameda County Superior Court:

In a rare opportunity to fill a judge's seat on the Alameda Superior Court, two candidates, Sandra K. Bean of Pleasanton and Dennis Hayashi of Castro Valley (18th Assembly District candidate Mary Hayashi's husband), are headed to the Nov. 7 election. One will replace the seat held by Judge Donald B. Squires, who announced his retirement. Judgeship lasts six years. County residents rarely get to elect a judge because a judge is usually appointed by the governor when there's a vacancy in between elections. When a seat is open in an election year, a candidate is usually selected in a primary, however, since none of the six candidates garnered 50 percent of the votes in June, top two vote-getters Hayashi and Bean are headed to a runoff.

Bean serves as a deputy county counsel representing Adult Protective Services and the Public Guardian, defending the elderly, dependent adults and the mentally ill. She also volunteers at the Pleasanton Senior Center and for the Alameda County Office of Education. If elected, she said she will be nonpartisan, impartial and compassionate in her role. Specifically, she said she would like to focus on advocating for the elderly.

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Cover Story

**Pleasanton resident
Bean seeks judgeship**

*Candidate heads to runoff in rare opportunity
for Alameda County Superior Court seat*

by Janet Pelletier

Defending the defenseless is one of the many things Sandra K. Bean hopes to advocate for should she be elected as a judge on the Alameda County Superior Court.

The Pleasanton resident, 53, said she will use her lengthy experience as a deputy county counsel representing Adult Protective Services and the Public Guardian to help raise awareness about abuse. In her current role, Bean, 53, helps defend those who are vulnerable—elderly people, dependent adults and the mentally ill.

“I would love to do an elder abuse calendar to promote the rights of the elders because that’s what I’ve been doing as a deputy county counsel,” Bean said. “I’ve been doing work to stop elder abuse in the county. The best of both possible worlds, I would be able to do something on the bench to continue that kind of work.”

It’s her vast experience, she said, that speaks for itself.

“My experience is broad in the terms of the types of cases that I’ve handled. I’ve done probate, I’ve done a little bit of family law, I have some criminal background in terms of law and I think it’s a good combination with my educational background,” the former Mills College teacher said. “I have a pretty wide perspective on the law as well as people and society and I think that based on what my friends and endorsers have said that I have the type of personality for someone

who could do that kind of a job.”

She said she was encouraged to run by many of the superior court judges she appears before in her current position.

In her spare time, Bean, who has lived in Pleasanton since 2000, volunteers at the Pleasanton Senior Center and the Pleasanton Library.

One thing she wants voters to know is that the judge race is non-partisan and her background and experience shows that she can be impartial and fair.

Bean is headed to the runoff against attorney Dennis Hayashi of Castro Valley. It’s a rarity because there isn’t a lot of turnover among judges. The current judge, Donald B. Squires, has decided to retire now that his term is ending in November.

Judges are usually appointed by the governor, which is what happens when a vacancy occurs in between elections. They serve a total of six years where they can then run for re-election. About 90 percent of incumbent judges run unopposed, according to the California League of Women Voters. If someone does run against them, who fills the seat has usually been settled in the June primary election.

However, this go-around, six candidates were vying for the seat in June and none garnered 50 percent of the vote which was needed to win the seat outright, thus leading to a runoff between the top two vote-getters. ■

Superior court

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Hayashi is a public interest attorney who has litigated cases on behalf of low income residents facing discrimination, was the director of the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under former President Bill Clinton, ensuring the enforcement

of the Age Discrimination Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. As an attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, Hayashi advocated for Fred Korematsu in his case against the United States to overturn a conviction for refusing to report to an internment camp during World War II. He said he is committed to public service and will be impartial, unbiased and independent of the legislature and the governor. ■

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Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- City Council Annual Work Plan/Priorities
- FY2006/07 Service Contracts and Facility Use Agreement Quarterly Reports
- FY 2006/07 City Grant Quarterly Reports
- Review of Draft FY 2007/08 City Grant Action
- Application Packet and identification of Funding Priorities
- Presentation of Human Services Division Programs

Housing Commission (Special Meeting)

Thursday, November 2, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.
Kottinger Place, Community Building, 240 Kottinger Drive

- Report from Tenant Representatives Marilyn Jones and Larry Rees
- General Discussion of Resident Issues and Concerns

Dates of November Meetings:

- Civic Arts Commission – November 6
- City Council – November 7
- Planning Commission – November 8
- Youth Commission – November 8
- Library Commission – November 9
- Parks & Recreation Commission – November 9
- Economic Vitality Committee – November 16
- Housing Commission – November 16
- Trails Ad Hoc Committee – November 27

The November 21 City Council meeting has been cancelled.

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.htm

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

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

Police Bulletin

Pleasanton toddler recovering

According to police, a toddler that was struck by a vehicle Oct. 18 in front of Creekside Park at 5665 W. Las Positas Blvd. returned home from the Children's Hospital Oakland Oct. 20. The 2-year-old had 15 stitches and a CAT Scan, but family members told police he was recovering well. The driver of the gray two-door sedan has not been identified, though he or she may not know they hit the child, police said. The boy was with his grandfather and another child when he wandered down a driveway and into the street. Anyone with information is asked to call Officer Bob Leong at 931-5100.

Pleasanton juvenile arrested

A Pleasanton juvenile has been arrested for

vandalism, and police anticipate more arrests. A group of juveniles were believed to be involved with extensive vehicle vandalism that occurred during the weekends of Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. Police said the suspects kicked and jumped on the various vehicles, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage that included smashed windshields and dented doors, hoods and roofs. During the Oct. 20 incident, citizens obtained vehicle and suspect descriptions and a suspect's license plate number. That same night, police located the suspects in both cases—all Pleasanton residents ages 16 and 17—when they were dispatched to a fight at a local park. Anyone with information should contact Detective Larry Cox at 931-5145.

Identity theft

An identity theft was reported Oct. 23. The victim said the suspect took \$57,948 from a corporate account via a phone transfer on Oct. 2.

Police Report

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

October 14

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 7
- Found property: 1
- Trespassing:
 - 10:51 a.m. in the 1400 block of Calle Enrique
- Prescription drug violation:
 - 5:45 p.m. in the 5500 block of W Las Positas Boulevard

October 15

- Theft: 7
- Vandalism: 1
- DUI: 2
- Found property: 1
- Assault:
 - 12:19 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
 - 9:53 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Public drunkenness:
 - 4:24 a.m. at the intersection of Koll Center Parkway and Valley Avenue

October 16

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 1
- Burglary: 3
- Found property: 1
- Assault:
 - 8:06 a.m. in the 3500 block of Boulder Street
 - 12:03 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
 - 11:50 a.m. in the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard
- Public drunkenness:

-5:20 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

October 17

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 1
- Assault:
 - 2:12 p.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive
- Battery report:
 - 4:04 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- Public drunkenness:
 - 7:20 p.m. in the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road

October 18

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2
- Found property: 1
- Underage tobacco:
 - 12:50 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- Display/use of deadly weapon:
 - 5:15 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue
- Assault:
 - 11:09 p.m. in the 3700 block of Thistle Way
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
 - 11:15 p.m. at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Stoneridge Drive

October 19

- Theft: 6
- Vandalism: 2
- DUI: 1
- Found property: 1
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 10:44 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Assault:
 - 7:30 p.m. in the 4700 block of

Harrison Street
-9:35 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

October 20

- Theft: 7
- Vandalism: 3
- DUI: 2
- Public drunkenness:
 - 1:43 a.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive
 - 6:47 p.m. in the 1400 block of Kolln Street
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
 - 12:05 p.m. in the 6300 block of Shorewood Court
- Assault:
 - 1:44 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue
 - 7:11 p.m. at the intersection of Cottonwood Lane and Muirwood Drive
- Display/use of a deadly weapon:
 - 2:43 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 3:03 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Regali Court
 - 9:10 p.m. in the 2700 block of Ruby Hill Drive
- Trespassing:
 - 10:15 p.m. in the 4300 block of First Street

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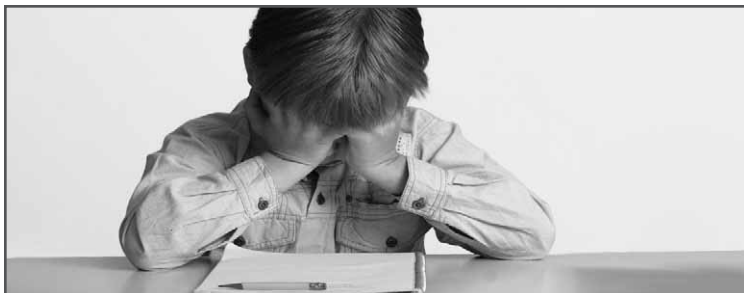
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Author Visits

Ayelet Waldman
The Contra Costa Jewish Book Festival, which will run the first two weeks of November, is sponsoring an event at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. in Pleasanton. Ayelet Waldman will be speaking. Admission is \$10. Call 462-7279.

Civic Meetings

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

Parks & Recreation Commission
The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 9.

Planning Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 8.

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. However, the meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 7.

Youth Commission
The commission meets at 7 p.m. on

Weekend Preview



Boo at the Zoo

The San Francisco Zoo is celebrating Halloween with the seventh annual Boo at the Zoo event Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Costumed children and their families will encounter live animals on the Haunted Nature Trail; visit the Creepy, Crawley Critters in the Insect Zoo; go trick-or-treating; participate in interactive games; and watch the animals have enjoy pumpkin treats. Radio Disney will be on-site with live musical entertainment, interactive booths, inflatable games and prizes. All activities are free with Zoo admission. Trick-or-treaters are asked to not wear rubber masks as they may frighten the animals. Call (415) 753-7071 or visit www.sfzoo.org for more information.

the second Wednesday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The next meeting is Nov. 8.

28 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Visit www.greatreunions.com for more information.

Class Reunions

Amador Valley High Class of 1986
The Amador Valley High School reunion will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct.

Classes

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Fremont. Call 510-247-8701 or visit www.dsremont.org.

International Folk Dancers

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

Laughter Yoga

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

Parent Education Class

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

Hacienda Park Toastmasters

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

Horseshoe Pitching

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

Ladies Choice Investment

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

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club

The Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. For the November meeting only, they will meet at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct. in Dublin. Otherwise they meet at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Rose Marie Nichols will be speaking about vegetables in contain-

ers. Call Marilyn, 462-1461.

Mothers Club

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

Mt. Diablo Rose Society

Mt. Diablo Rose Society meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly, except in December, at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Call Pat, 846-4913.

Concerts

Piano Music

Daniel Glover presents a benefit concert for Valley Concert Chorale at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. Call Heidi Massie, 417-8584

The Justin Hellman Trio

Jazz musicians, The Justin Hellman Trio, will perform from 2 to 3 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Program is free. No registration required. Call 931-3405.

Events

"An Autumn Affaire" Silent Auction & Luncheon

The Livermore-Amador Valley Legal Professionals Association will hold their 14th annual Silent Auction and Luncheon, "An Autumn Affaire" on Nov. 5, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. in Pleasanton. Admission: \$22. For info and tickets call Helen 251-8512 or Nancy 510-429-9122

Blood Bank Halloween Hours

The Pleasanton Blood Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 31. The blood center is located at JC Penney Plaza at 5556-B Springdale Avenue in Pleasanton. For more information and to schedule and appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

Fall Jamboree Hoedown

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

Gem Faire

The 17th Annual Gem Faire is set for Oct. 27-29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Visit www.gemfaire.com.

Pleasanton Blairgowrie Fergus Sister City Organization Garage Sale

Help PBSFSCO raise money for a student exchange program from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat., Oct. 28 at 4107 Francisco St. in Pleasanton.

Veterans Day Parade

VFW Post 6298 and the Auxiliary American Legion Post 237 is hosting the Veterans Day Parade at 1 p.m. on Nov. 5 on Main St. This Year's program honors "Korea-the Forgotten War" and those who served during the conflict. For more information call John, 510-406-6739 or e-mail johnofstadt@comcast.net.

Exhibits

"Realism"

"Realism" works by Magdalene Chan, Marcia Ritz, Gerald Rough, and Debbie Wardrope. Exhibit will be open Nov. 2 to Dec. 7, hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A reception will be held on Nov. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Adobe Art Center Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave, in Castro Valley. The exhibit will feature various recent works in a distinct realistic style by four artists working in watercolor, colored pencil, oil, and pastels. For more info call: 510-881-6735.

Film

Erie Road

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

Heroes and Villains

Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Library present "Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film Series," at 7 p.m., every first Thursday monthly until June 2007 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

HOW TO BUY BEFORE YOU SELL

Most of us need at least some of the proceeds from the sale of our current home to use as a down payment on our next home. For that reason, we find ourselves in a quandary, feeling that we can't make an offer on our next home until our current home has sold, but we can't sell our home until we've found our next home and made an accepted offer. This needn't be a quandary, though.

In a great many cases, it's possible to take out a home equity line of credit (HELOC) secured by the equity we have in our current home. We can then borrow the needed money for the down payment in order to complete the purchase of our next home. In the meantime, we can market our current home aggressively with the assistance of our real estate advisor and when it sells, we can pay off the line of credit. In the process, we will have paid very little interest on the money we needed for our down payment.

The only danger, of course, arises if our exiting home doesn't sell rather quickly. We won't want to continue making the monthly payment on that home's loan balance for long. Your trusted real estate advisor can help you determine the level of risk here. Thanks to the HELOC, transitional financing has become easy and inexpensive to arrange. It could make it possible for you to buy your dream home before someone else does! Need more information? Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

Gerarda Stocking is the Owner/Broker of Stocking Realty.

Festival will feature a 2006 Spirit and Slate awards ceremony at the Vine Cinema, 2222 Second Street, Suite 5 in Livermore on Oct. 28. The reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. with the awards presentation and film preview at 7:30 p.m. "Fallen Angels" is a horror/thriller filmed in San Ramon, Dublin, and Livermore. Director Jeff Thomas and cast members who include Christopher Knight, and Adrienne Curry will conduct panel discussions and Q & A with the audience. To purchase tickets call 552-7335 or visit www.caindiefest.com

labels available. Call Larry, 735-7203 or e-mail larry@recycleforbreastcancer.org.

Health

Frankly Speaking About Cancer Treatment

Take control of side effects with medicine, mind and body. Receive the latest information on managing treatment side effects, and learn how to cope with emotional distress and optimize your quality of life, during and after cancer treatment. The seminar will be held 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 4 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave, Walnut Creek. Event is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Reservations required. For information call 933-0107.

Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer

Join Michaela Strisnicka, MD and Lynn Rodegard, RM, BSN and learn the most current info about the diagnosis, staging and treatment of lung cancer including novel therapies, and side effect management. Event will be held 6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave, Walnut Creek. Free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Reservations required. For information call 933-0107.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment

Learn to maximize your nutrition during and after cancer treatment from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240A. Free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

Holiday

Auxiliary Holiday Boutiques

Auxiliary Holiday Boutiques will take place at the ValleyCare Medical

Center, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton on Nov. 2-3 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will also be a showing at Lifestye Rx, 1119 E Stanley Blvd. in Livermore, Nov. 6-7 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds support ValleyCare Hospital Projects.

Kids & Teens

Actor Daryl Sabara to Appear for Special Showing of "Spy Kids"

Actor Daryl Sabara is going to appear at the Vine Cinema for special Showing of "Spy Kids" Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. the Vine, 2222 Second Street Suite 5 in Livermore. Daryl Sabara, who plays the character Juni in the film, will attend and after the showing, will conduct a Q & A with the audience and sign autographs for fans. Tickets for the screening are \$10 Adults/ \$5 Children. To Purchase call 552-7335 (REEL) or visit www.Caindiefest.com

Costume Extravaganza for girls 7-12 years old

Wear your funniest, scariest or prettiest Halloween costume, make personalized treat bags and dance in a "Monster Mash" from 4 to 7 p.m., Oct. 29 at Pure Girls, 660 Main St. Cost is \$35 or \$30 with BFF discount. Call 485-4380.

Teen Fusion Party

Pleasanton teens, ages 13-19, are invited to attend a "Teen Fusion" program and after-hours party from 4 to 9 p.m., Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Author Mitali Perkins will be leading a discussion about what it means to be "bi-cultural." Program is free. Call Teresa, 931-3404 or email tparham@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Lectures/ Workshops

Asian Fusion Cooking Class

Join Executive Chef Neil Marquis and Sous Chef Jake Witener in the kitchen, and learn to cook some Asian specialties from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. After assisting in preparing these foods, then sit down to enjoy the "fruits" of our labors, paired with a local winery. Class includes recipes, loner chef's coat and toque. The cost is \$85 per cook and \$35 for the cook's dinner guests arriving at 7 p.m. Limit 12 Cooks and 12 Guests. Call Bill Laube for Reservation 846-8106.

Bereavement Workshop

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

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. Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 6, 13, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. To register, contact Mary Schneider at mary0531@comcast.net.

The Power of Pay-Per-Click

East Bay I.T. Group (ebig) presents The Power of Pay-Per-Click from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 at the San Ramon Dublin Water Services District board room, 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$20 members, \$25 guests, add \$10 at the door. Call 736-5808 or email jui@blackhawkis.com

Fundraisers

Benefit Baby Shower

The Valley Community Bank 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.

"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.

Operation: S.A.M.

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

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Live Music

Barbeque and Blues on the Patio

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

Flamenco Guitar

Enjoy a four course, Spanish-influenced dinner menu accompanied by live Flamenco guitar from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 3 at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Call 371-8200 or visit www.garrewinery.com

Miscellaneous

Bilingual Storytime

The Pleasanton Library hosts Bilingual Storytime at 7 p.m., Wed., Nov. 1. Call the Children's Desk, 931-3400 x8.

Donate to Help Fight Cancer

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

Family Read Night

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

Farmers' Market

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

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

Open Heart Kitchen

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

Pleasanton Hotel: Tenuta Vineyards Wine Pairing Dinner

The dinner is from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Featuring appetizers plus a four course dinner by Executive Chef Neil Marquis. Each course paired with wine from Nancy Tenuta's Livermore Valley Tenuta Vineyards. Cost: \$70 per person plus gratuity. Dinner is by reservation to 846-8106.

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 to 6 p.m., Sun.

4:30 to 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.

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. 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.towne-centerbooks.com.

TVAR Cat and Dog Adoptions

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts dog and cat adoptions from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays at Pleasanton's Farmers' Market, First and W. Angela sts; and noon to 4 p.m. at Dublin PetsMart. Cats are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Livermore Pet Extreme. Cats are also available from 1 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Dublin PetsMart and Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvvar.org.

On Stage

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.

Laugh-A-Lot Comedy Showcase

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

tions.com.

Recreation

Enrichment Classes

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

Scholarships

Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship

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

Seniors

Bingo

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

Emotional Wellness Group

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

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older adults 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. to 1:30 p.m. No reservations needed. Call 275-8230.

Musical Class of the 30s, 40s, and 50s

Please join us as we celebrate the songs of the 30s, 40s, and 50s. We will also create short verse to illustrate and express these moments dear to us. Taught by Linda Zeiser, musician, experienced teacher and well published poet. This ongoing class begins Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 10am-noon in the Pleasanton Senior Center meeting room, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No Cost.

Paratransit Service

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

Personal Computers Group

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

Senior Dinner

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

Senior Lunch

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

Seniors Out Sight Seeing

Seniors are invited to join in a night out on the town in Pleasanton from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 3. Participants will eat dinner at Sweet Tomatoes and then see Pleasanton Playhouse's version of "South Pacific." Space is limited. Cost is \$32 for residents, \$35 for non-residents. To register, stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. or call 931-5365 for more details.

V.I.P. Senior Club

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

Spiritual

Compassionate Christian

Compassionate Christian is a confidential self-help group for Christians. We use theology and our love for the Lord to guide us through our struggles and empower us to live an abundant life. We will be meeting every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Space is limited call Kathy to make a reservation at 462-2777 or email ChristianKindness@sbcglobal.net

Creatures of Creation

Dan Breeding, director of Wild Animal Encounters, will use a live alligator, kangaroo and eagle to demonstrate the wonders of God's design in creation at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr. Tickets in advance are \$5 or \$10 at the door with \$20 maximum per family. Call Mark Porter, 227-1301 ext. 104.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. and Children's Church Program (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m. Every Wednesday the women's Bible study meets at 10 a.m., choir practice and Boys & Girls

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Moms In Touch

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The Importance of True Fellowship

Compassionate Christian will be hosting an eight-week series for Christians called "The Importance of True Fellowship." The group will cover the biblical blueprint for relationships to flourish and creating a safe environment for true fellowship. They will meet every Tuesday beginning Nov. 7th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Space is limited. Call Kathy to make a reservation at 462-2777 or email ChristianKindness@sbcglocal.net

Tri-Valley Unity Church

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at 10 a.m. every Sunday at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Worship service and children's school will be offered as well. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

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

Support Groups

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

Grandparents Visitation Support Group

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

Head Injury Support

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

Hepatitis C

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

Hope Hospice Bereavement Support

The nonprofit organization offers a wide range of support groups, including grief support for adults, teens, children; young adult support; tragic loss; loss of children; men in grief; terminal illness; loss of parents; and loss of spouse; among others. Meetings are held at 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 214, Dublin. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

Volunteering

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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.

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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.

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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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