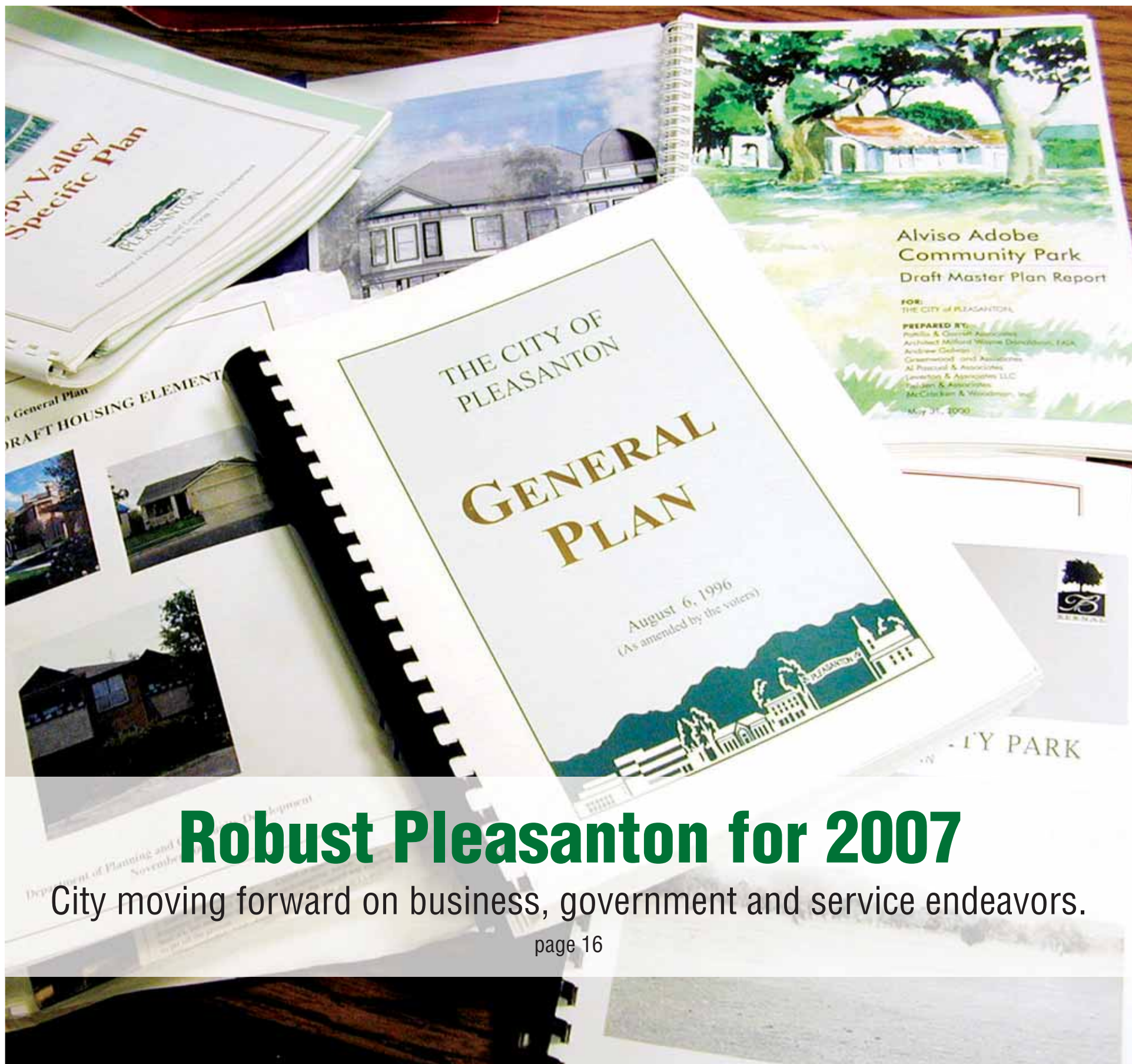


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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Men's fashions are back in vogue—even here

With casual wear seeming to dominate men's wear in California, Bennie McKay's high-fashion Acc'sentials men's store on Angela Street may seem an anomaly. Yet the crowds of shoppers I found there both before Christmas and then spending their holiday gift cards this week tells me that McKay is on to something. In fact, business is so good, with 2006 another record year, that McKay will be relocating Acc'sentials to 520 Main St., where he will double his floor space and have a landscaped backyard that he'll spruce up for fashion shows and the charitable events he often hosts. While scheduling a grand opening in mid-March, McKay plans to have his new lobby ready to greet the hundreds participating in this winter's Pleasanton Downtown Association's Wine Stroll on Thursday evening, Feb. 8, which he also helps sponsor.

A long-time wannabe fashion stylist, McKay spent his early career in quite a different field, handling corporate communications for several Bay Area companies where he put together annual reports and set up trade show exhibits. He saw that career collapse during the dot.com bust, along with Commerce One, the Pleasanton company he worked for. That provided McKay with the impetus to try his hand at retailing, combining his interest in men's fashions with the experience he had in checking out specialized men's stores on his corporate travels back east. A frequent lunchtime diner in downtown Pleasanton, where he lives, McKay heard from many that while there was plenty downtown to attract women shoppers, there was little for men except to tag along. That led to Acc'sentials, a name that is unique as is his store, plays on the word "accent" and also ensures that the business usually heads any alphabetic listing by the PDA, Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau or some of the many other organizations where he's active.

The opening of Acc'sentials was

also well timed. Like McKay, others were searching for new careers after the dot.com bust and they needed more conventional business attire than the old jeans and funky T-shirts they were used to wearing. So along with serving a pent-up demand for a professional and stylish men's wear retailer downtown, McKay put his fashion expertise to work in finding the right clothing for those heading for interviews in more traditional companies in Hacienda Business Park, the Tri-Valley and San Francisco.

McKay's advice: Start with a good pair of leather shoes—black, brown or cordovan, it doesn't matter. Women will tell you nice shoes are the first thing they notice in a well-dressed man. Whether you buy them at Acc'sentials (where shoes made in Spain, Portugal and Italy range in price from \$125 to \$450), McKay considers them the most important part of a man's wardrobe. The color no longer matters, just so they're polished. Some new styles feature distressed and weathered leather, which cost more but are big sellers. Moving up, well-tailored slacks and sport coats are fashionable, even blue jeans, just so they have a properly fitted backside unlike the baggy ones so many men wear to carry their wallets and cell phones.

Gone from McKay's fashion list, however, are plain white or the so-called IBM blue shirts, replaced by patterned dress shirts and ties, if worn, that complement the shirt. I also noticed bins of cufflinks in McKay's store, which I haven't seen or worn in years. Cufflinks are back, along with French cuffs to hold them, again a part of the changing world of men's fashions. In McKay's views, a well-dressed man might wear a suit or sports coat and blue jeans, with a shirt tucked in or hanging out, with French cuffs for show and with or without a tie.

To check out these recommended fashions, just stop to chat with McKay at his store or the many community charities he sponsors. To him, California casual is men's wear of the past. ■

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# Streetwise

**Q:** When making a charitable contribution, is it important that it is tax deductible?

Asked Downtown



**Elizabeth Gard**  
Attorney

It is not important at all. I would always give money to the causes I support, mainly the arts, animals and my church.

**Bill Manning**  
Teacher

I don't look for tax deductions when making a contribution. If a cause is worthy we want to donate to it whether it's a deduction or not. This year, instead of exchanging gifts for Christmas, we gave to Toys for Tots and adopted a local family.



**Alan Belluomini**  
Firefighter

I always look for tax deduct-ability. If a cause is worthy, but not deduct-ible, I will make a donation anyway.

**Jill Vellinger**  
Decorator

Yes, but it's more important that the charity does what it says it will do and the money goes where it is supposed too. We've made many contributions that are not deductible.



**Jillian Verduzco**  
Mom

I wouldn't think twice about making a contribution if I felt it was a good cause. It doesn't matter if you can write it off on your taxes, what matters is that you are helping others.

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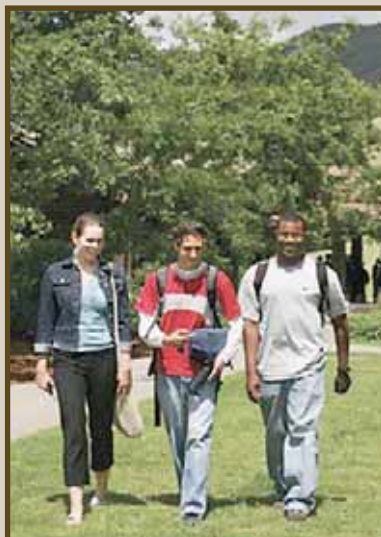
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To schedule an audition, youth must send the following information to Duncanson:

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### YMCA MLK Junior breakfast, contest

The life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated at the seventh annual breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Jan. 22 hosted by Assembly Member Guy Houston in partnership with the Tri-Valley YMCA. The YMCA is also holding an MLK Jr. essay and poster contest for third-through 12th-graders in the Tri-Valley area. For ticket information or for additional information regarding the essay and poster contest, contact Kelly O'Lague Dulka at 475-6108.

## Seven arrested in 2nd meth house bust

*Four additionally charged with child endangerment*

by Emily Atwood

Pleasanton police officers arrested seven people for drug offenses at 3517 S. Glacier Court Dec. 29 after methamphetamine sales prompted a search warrant for the house. Four were also charged with child endangerment.

Officers seized 10 grams of the drug from Timothy Woods, 40, who lives at the house off Valley Trails Drive. William Trevor, 21, also lives there and was found in possession of meth. Fifty-nine-year-old homeowner Gary Soffer,

38-year-old Livermore resident Denise Cook and 30-year-old Jennifer Magruder were also found under the influence of meth.

Donald Turner, 35, was under the influence and had possession of the drug. He and his wife Michele's children, ages 8 and 9, were found at the house. Both parents were arrested for child endangerment, along with Woods and Soffer. The children were placed in protective custody with the Alameda County Children's Protective Services.

This is the second time a major drug bust has been made in

Pleasanton in the last month and a half. Seven people were arrested on drug and child endangerment charges at 4363 Second Street Nov. 22. Sgt. Barry Mickleburgh of the Pleasanton Police Department's special investigations unit said that while these busts were very recent, it's all part of their normal case load.

"This is normal with what we do," he said. "Nothing connects the arrests from Second Street to this."

Concerned neighbors said those arrested on Second Street were out on bail and back at the house

within a couple days. One neighbor said they were dealing drugs out in the open again. Cleaning up that drug activity is starting, Mickleburgh said the residents of the Second Street home received a 30-day eviction notice Dec. 28.

Mickleburgh said getting neighborhoods and families back to normal can be a process.

"Sometimes people move away, sometimes they stay in jail longer," he said. "I'm sure part of it is trying to clean up their act to get their kids from [child protection service] or CPS is monitoring their kids. ■"

## City to hear land gift objections

*Civic leaders say deal would keep most off public trails*

by Jeb Bing

Two well-known community leaders are leading an effort to force developers of a proposed 51-luxury home community atop Kottinger Ranch at the end of Hearst Drive to include parking lots, rest areas and other amenities for the 497 acres of open space and public trails that would be part of the project.

Former Councilwoman Becky Dennis and Dolores Bengtson, retired director of Parks and Community Services, told the City Council that new land use plans for the project, to be called Oak Grove, still show a series of proposed trails cross-crossing the site, but lack any provisions for hikers to reach them.

They urged others in the city to attend a meeting of the city's Parks and Trails Committee Thursday, which will be followed by a meeting later of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Both groups will hold public hearings on the plan, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

The plan then will go before the Planning Commission later in the month before being reviewed at a public hearing before the City Council.

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

The 497-acre land grant, if accepted by the city, would allow the developers to build 51 custom homes on the rest of the 562 acres of hilltop land that they own, linking



Friends of 16-year-old Kyle "K.O." O'Connor gathered Wednesday morning at the crash site where there's now a gaping hole in a cinderblock wall behind the DMV in the 3600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard.

## 16-year-old killed in crash outside Pleasanton DMV

*Well-liked teen was Foothill varsity boys basketball player*

by Janet Pelletier

Friends gathered Wednesday morning behind the Pleasanton Department of Motor Vehicles building, the site where a 16-year-old was killed just hours before.

Late Tuesday night, the boy, Kyle O'Connor, was riding with two 16-year-olds in the 3600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard, when the driver couldn't negotiate a curve in the road as the



Kyle O'Connor

the DMV, according to Pleasanton police. The vehicle, driven by a Stockton boy, went up a small embankment to the right and crashed through a cinderblock wall that was protecting a Dumpster behind the DMV. Police said the single vehicle accident occurred just minutes before midnight as the teens were headed east on West Las Positas from Foothill Road and Muirwood Drive.

Officers arrived on scene soon after and found the driver and the front seat passenger, who is from San Mateo County, standing outside the vehicle. O'Connor, who was riding in the back seat, was found lying on the ground.

Within minutes of the officers' arrival, the car erupted into flames and firefighters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department put out the fire and attended to the three teens. They were all transported



A makeshift memorial at the scene consisted of candles, flowers, balloons, the teen's Foothill High basketball jersey and a basketball with his name on it.

to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley where O'Connor was pronounced dead.

The other two boys were released from the hospital Wednesday with minor scrapes and bruises, according to Sgt. Mike Collins. The teens told police they were wearing seatbelts and had just picked up O'Connor from his home in the Foothill area after seeing a movie at the Hacienda

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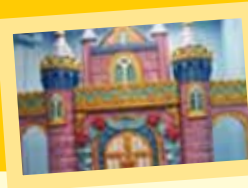
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## Girl Scouts Save the Bay

Members of Girl Scout Troop #1545 from Alisal Elementary School Ashely Frans, Kiley Pohlmann, Alexandra and Gabriella Sanchez, Myah Slaton and Katja are participating in a region-wide project called Girl Scouts Save the Bay. The scouts recently participated in the Lake Del Valle Reservoir day-long educational program where they learned about preserving and restoring sources from the local Alameda Creek watershed. Now, the scouts have signed a petition pledging to protect and preserve water sources with simple steps and spreading the word.



## Oak Grove

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the new neighborhoods to Hearst Drive. In an agreement reached after a series of meetings with the Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Association, the developers agreed to take out staging areas that would have served hikers and others in the public that wanted to use the acreage.

As a result, Bengston pointed out, there would be no way for the public to reach the proposed open space and trails except by climbing up steep hillsides off Vineyard Avenue. In effect, she said, the vast expanse of proposed parkland would be inaccessible except to those hardy enough to make the climb.

"This is an important project to the city," Bengston said. "Pending decisions will determine whether Pleasanton will assume the responsibility for 497 open space acres that will function as a private preserve for those living adjacent to the property, or become a used and valued community resource similar to Augustin Bernal Park."

Becky Dennis agreed. "This new plan may be entirely acceptable to Kottinger Ranch homeowners," she said. "However, the rest of Pleasanton is dismayed that as their conditions for supporting this project, these homeowners have required the developers to take out trails and staging areas. As with the Augustin Bernal Park, this acreage should be built to include the entire community."

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

"We held many meetings with the developer's key representative, Marty Inderbitzen, to reach this agreement," Hadley said. "Some, of course, would like to see no homes built on the Lin family's property, but it's been zoned for housing for many years. This plan will give us the fewest number of homes, most of them on lower lots and screened so that they'll be out of sight and open space forever right at the end of Kottinger Ranch."

Hadley and others from Kottinger Ranch are expected to support the Lin family's petition when it is heard by the Parks and Recreation Commission next Thursday.

The compromise agreement, worked out over meetings and continually changing architectural and landscape development drawings over more than a year, is far different than the 98-home development originally requested by the Lins. Years earlier, there were plans for an even larger housing development alongside a proposed 18-hole semi-public golf course. That proposal was approved by the City

Council but the decision was overturned in a referendum called by Vintage Hills and Kottinger Ranch neighbors.

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

The developer's plan to turn the 497 acres of remaining open space over to the city would make it the largest donation of open space ever to the city of Pleasanton. Planners expect most of that land to remain in its current natural state, although trails are planned that would allow hikers to walk from the Callippe Preserve Golf Course across Oak Grove and down onto the Vineyard Corridor and Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. All told, the open space acreage that would become available to Pleasanton hikers could total more than 2,000 acres.

But Bengston and Dennis said only a few would be able to make those kinds of hikes.

"Certainly anyone who is handicapped or out of shape could never walk, or even see this land," she added. ■



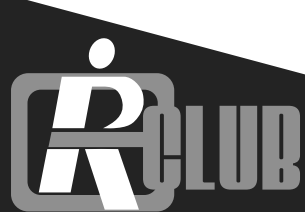
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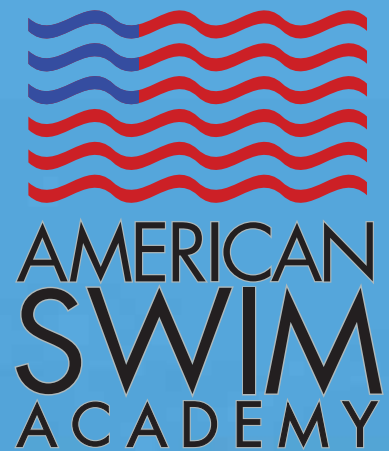
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# Cal State East Bay to minimize masses at graduation ceremony

Four colleges have separate events

by Emily Atwood

In order to make its graduation ceremonies more enjoyable and relaxed for the graduates and their families, Cal State East Bay will be introducing a new format for its commencement festivities in June 2007.

Each of the university's four colleges will now conduct two separate commencement ceremonies on CSUEB's Hayward campus on June 16 and 17.

The changes don't come from an increased student population, but rather a growing number of graduation spectators. In the past, more than 20,000 people would attend the 9 a.m. Saturday Hayward campus ceremony, which includes approximately 3,500 commencing undergraduate and graduate students.

The University Commencement Committee recommended a change after they expressed concerns about traffic, parking, safety and accessibility that has grown as the event became more popular.

The university's past efforts to minimize the masses included an

additional ceremony the preceding Thursday night for graduate students and an undergrad-only ceremony on Saturday. Yet that plan only drew 5,000 people away from the main event. The university's Concord campus also had its own ceremony for the first time last June, which drew about 350 people away from the Hayward campus crowds.

This year, in addition to the Concord campus ceremony, the four schools will each have their own ceremony, with two ceremonies on Saturday and two on Sunday.

Cal State East Bay spokesman Barry Zepel said this plan allows the ceremony to be more intimate, as they expect a little less than 5,000 people at each ceremony.

"The changes could result in a shorter, safer and more pleasant day," said university President Mo Qayoumi. "Separate ceremonies will also offer graduates and guests alike a much more personal experience because each college will be able to tailor its graduation event to reflect the distinctive character and priorities of its students and faculty." ■

## Mahoney named provost, VP of academic affairs

Another change at CSUEB is in the office of academic affairs. Michael Mahoney, the dean of the College of Engineering at Cal State Long Beach since 2000, has been named university provost and vice president of academic affairs. He first came to Cal State Long Beach as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in 1980, was appointed assistant professor in 1982 and moved through the ranks to become a full professor.

"I am pleased to welcome someone with such outstanding academic and administrative accomplishments as Dr. Mahoney to our university," said Qayoumi. "He has experience building a university's relationships to the community, increasing student access and raising private support for faculty research and student scholarships. His CSU background will be invaluable as we forge ahead in our mission to serve our students, their families and the East Bay community."

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## Second accident leaves two teens injured

*Police calling incident a hit and run*

Just three hours after a car crashed head-on into a cinderblock wall in back of the Pleasanton DMV, killing a 16-year-old Pleasanton boy, two local teens were injured in a separate car accident less than a mile and a half away on Highland Oaks Drive near Foothill Road.

Police got a call to respond to a single vehicle collision at 3:20 a.m. Wednesday and found a severely damaged 1999 Ford Explorer wedged between a power pole, a streetlight and a tree.

Neither of the teens was at the scene of the accident, which was believed to have been caused when the driver was traveling south on Foothill Road at a high

rate of speed when and subsequently lost control. Officers and officials from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department spent three hours looking for the driver, possible passengers and witnesses.

A Pleasanton man told police he spotted two older teenage boys consoling each other in front of a Highland Oaks home, but when he turned his car around to talk to them, they were gone.

Later that morning at 6:45, Pleasanton police were notified that 19-year-old Tyler Hifai, his father and 18-year-old Sean Galanis had come to ValleyCare Health System for treatment. Both boys told police an unknown

acquaintance was driving at the time of the collision. Hifai and Galanis were released from the hospital with minor scrapes and bruises.

The incident is under investigation and is being called a hit-and-run. The vehicle was impounded for evidence. Blood and tissue samples were taken as a normal procedure to test for alcohol and drugs. DNA samples were also taken. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call 931-5100 and ask for Officer Aaron Ackerman or Officer Jon Blanchard, referring to case number 07-0055.

—Janet Pelletier

## Crash

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Crossings Shopping Center in Dublin and were headed to get some food at a take-out restaurant.

Collins said the sharp left turn on West Las Positas before Hopyard Road has often been the cause of accidents, although he said before this week, there had never been any deaths as a result.

A large gaping hole in the cinderblock wall, foam from putting out the fire and pieces of the black Toyota Camry remained at the accident scene Wednesday morning.

Friends of Kyle, whose nickname was "K.O.," gathered at the scene throughout the day, bringing candles, flowers and his No. 40 basketball jersey, which they draped over the hole in the wall.

Those who gathered at the makeshift memorial declined to give their names, but said they will remember K.O. as an amazing person who always had a way to make people laugh and was known to cheer people up when they were feeling down.

The 6'2" Foothill junior was a forward on the varsity boys basketball team, according to his coach Randy Isaacs.

"He was a well-liked kid that tried real hard and we were happy to have him as part of our team," Isaacs said.

K.O. also played for Foothill's junior varsity baseball team last year.

A basketball game scheduled at Foothill for Wednesday night against Tracy High School was

cancelled. Foothill High School is on its winter break this week and returns to school Monday.

Councilman Matt Sullivan said his family's heart goes out to the O'Connor family, which are his next door neighbors.

"He was a good kid and very well-liked by his peers and school members," Sullivan said. "This is just a tragic thing to happen for his family and it's kind of every parent's worst nightmare. He'll be missed and it's a terrible loss for the community."

The collision is still under investigation, according to police, but the preliminary cause is speed. Collins said police initially estimated the car was traveling about 15 miles over the 35 mph speed limit. Blood was taken from the driver to be tested for alcohol and drugs, according to procedure, although no evidence of either substance was found in the vehicle. Tests at the earliest could take one week to come back, Collins said.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call 931-5100 and ask for Officer Robert Leong or Officer Tom Hansen. The case number is 07-0054.

Services for the teen will be held today and tomorrow. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8:30 p.m. today at Graham-Hitch Mortuary with a vigil at 7:30 p.m. A Mass will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore. ■



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**Foreign exchange**

BUSC U9-U16 players read the Weekly with the Varzea Futebol Club team during spring break at a soccer facility in Teresopolis and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. U11 Coach Sean Lemoine organized the trip which included players: Tommy and Matthew Powell, Austin and Brent Richwood, Matt Klei, Danny Olenic, Jeff Snyder, Glen Leininger, Nico Quero, JJ and Tommy Nelson and Christian and Jackson Still.



**Reading lakeside**

Janine Mattison and daughters Noelle and Rachel read the Weekly during a family trip to Lake Tahoe.

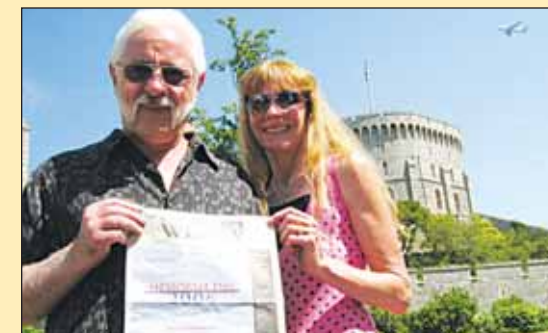


**Not so secret garden**

Kay King and her daughter Karli read the Weekly in Keukenhof, a city located in Holland's primary bulb growing region. Here the two are in a 32-acre garden located right in the middle of the tulip fields and Kay reports that it features "every tulip, daffodil, crocus, etc. that is grown in Holland. As you can imagine, it is a sight to behold."

**Shedding some light on the Weekly**

The Harvest Park Middle School band, orchestra and chorus soaked up some sun rays while glancing at copies of the Weekly in front of the Sunburst Fountain in Disney's California Adventure.



**Royal reading**

Doug and Shirley Moon read the Weekly in front of Windsor Castle. The couple traveled to England to visit their son Jared, a 1997 Amador Valley High School grad, who now attends Cambridge where he is working toward a master's degree in international business.



**Death becomes her**

Sisters Aisling and Aoife O'Farrell were on the brink of death—Death Valley that is—on a spring break trip. Thank goodness they had the Weekly to quench their thirst for reading! The pair traveled with their parents and stopped off at Badwater Basin, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere.



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# Robust Pleasanton for 2007

City moving forward on business, government and service endeavors by Jeb Bing

**P**leasanton is poised to see major change and progress in 2007 in its business, government and services sectors.

Already, four multi-million-dollar projects are under way downtown: restoration of the Veterans Memorial Building and the Kolln Hardware Building on Main Street, a new two-story retail and office building on Angela Street, and the rebuild of the old I.O.O.F. hall on St. Mary Street that will house a new restaurant, offices and possibly a night club.

Across town, two new restaurants, P.F. Chang's and the Cheesecake Factory have opened at Stoneridge Shopping Center, where Nordstrom is set to build a new department store in front of its current location. That project is on hold while the Mills Corporation, the mall's owner, restructures its finances and determines if it, or some other owner, might move forward in expanding Stoneridge with a new Nordstrom store and the conversion of the existing store into more retail space.

In Hacienda Business Park, where Kaiser Permanente moved its 1,200-employee workforce into two unused buildings that Oracle Corp. bought from PeopleSoft, the State Compensation Insurance Fund has acquired the vacant four-story buildings on Owens Drive from Cisco, which never used them. Each of the 66-foot-high buildings has 120,000 square feet of office space, with the Insurance Fund planning to

relocate its 1,000 employees from its San Francisco headquarters.

Also this year, a second major wine event center will be constructed at the corner of Isabel Road and Vineyard Avenue, creating a "wine country" gateway to Ruby Hill and east Pleasanton. The 4,800-square-foot facility will include a winery as well as added space for major wine-related shows, corporate events and weddings to handle surging demand for these gatherings that the nearby Mitchell Katz Winery and Palm Event Center can't accommodate.

With the Planning Commission's approval, The Home Depot is also looking for approval within the next few weeks from the City Council to build a second store in Pleasanton as part of a 200,000-square-foot retail center at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, across from McDonald's. The center, as proposed, would include a Longs Drugs and possible a Starbucks, both with drive-up windows, and other retailers. The Home Depot hopes to have its new center open by fall.

Progress is also expected on completion of the city's General Plan Update. All cities in California are required to have a General Plan that guides land use, housing and zoning decisions and to update these plans about every six years. Pleasanton's is woefully out of date, state officials have said, with the city still relying on a plan last approved in 1996.



City Manager Nelson Fialho looks forward to major construction projects throughout Pleasanton this year, with his top priority to complete the city's update of its 1996 General Plan this spring.

and the City Council. With commission appointments now stabilized and with no municipal election this year, City Manager Nelson Fialho and his staff plan to move the draft of the new plan forward, with completion by this spring.

"We will move forward right away to complete the General Plan," Fialho said. "We have five of the key elements of the Plan completed, with four more to go. These four, involving land uses in the future and traffic circulation, are also the toughest, but we're prepared."

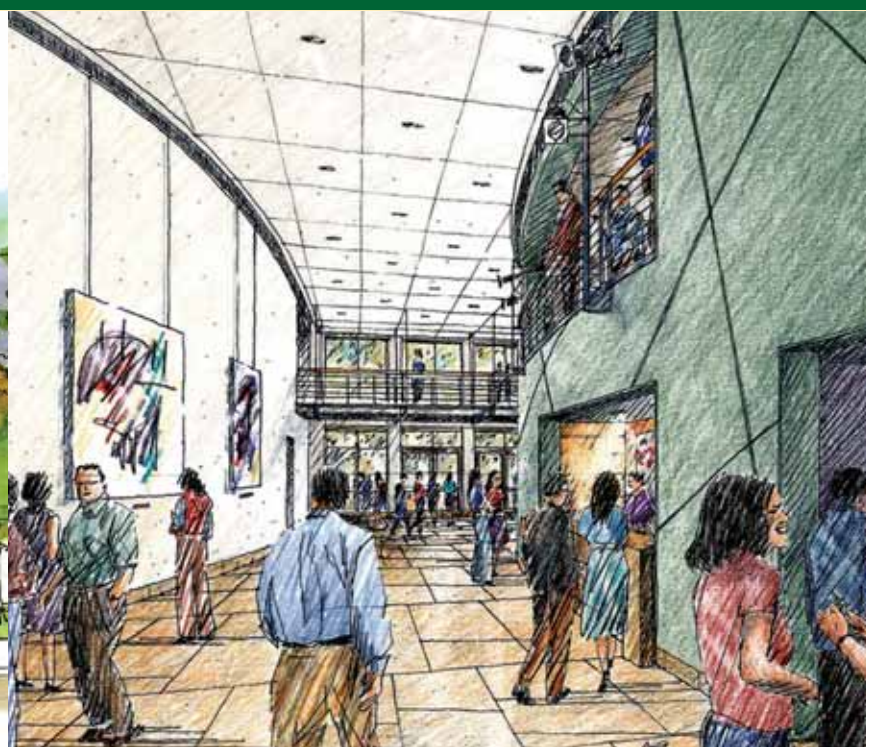
Besides a new council that will be in place at least until the next elections in November 2008, Fialho has also filled key positions of staff managers whose expertise will be vital to completing the plan. These include newly-promoted Traffic Engineer Mike Tassano and new Deputy City Manager Julie Yuan-Miu, who joins the Pleasanton staff this month and has more than 25 years of city government experience.

Work to update that plan started in 2003 with a series of community meetings hosted by the city Planning Commission, which took the lead instead of assembling a citizen's committee as happened in 1993 that took three years to reach consensus. But with 2007 now here, the current process has taken the longest time ever, partly because of changes on the Planning Commission

Two major concerns facing city officials in drafting a new General Plan is a state housing authority decision to decertify the housing element of the current plan because the city has failed to provide adequate affordable and workforce housing. Recently, a San Francisco nonprofit organization sued the city, asking a Superior Court judge to nullify the 29,000-unit housing cap Pleasanton voters mandated



An artist's rendering shows the planned \$10-million new sanctuary, education center and other buildings for the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church at Busch Road and Valley Avenue. A temporary structure will be placed on the site this spring as the church, the oldest in Pleasanton, moves out of its Mirador Drive facility.



This sketch shows the lobby and visitors art gallery planned in the proposed \$14-million Firehouse Arts Theater, which will blend the historic old Railroad Avenue brick firehouse with modern glass and steel architecture. About \$3 million is still needed in private and corporate contributions before construction can begin.



The Home Depot plans to build one of its newest, architecturally-friendly retail stores as this drawing shows at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard in 2007, anchoring the 16-acre corner site with a new Starbucks and Longs Drugs store among other retailers. The Planning Commission has approved the project, which will be considered by the City Council shortly.

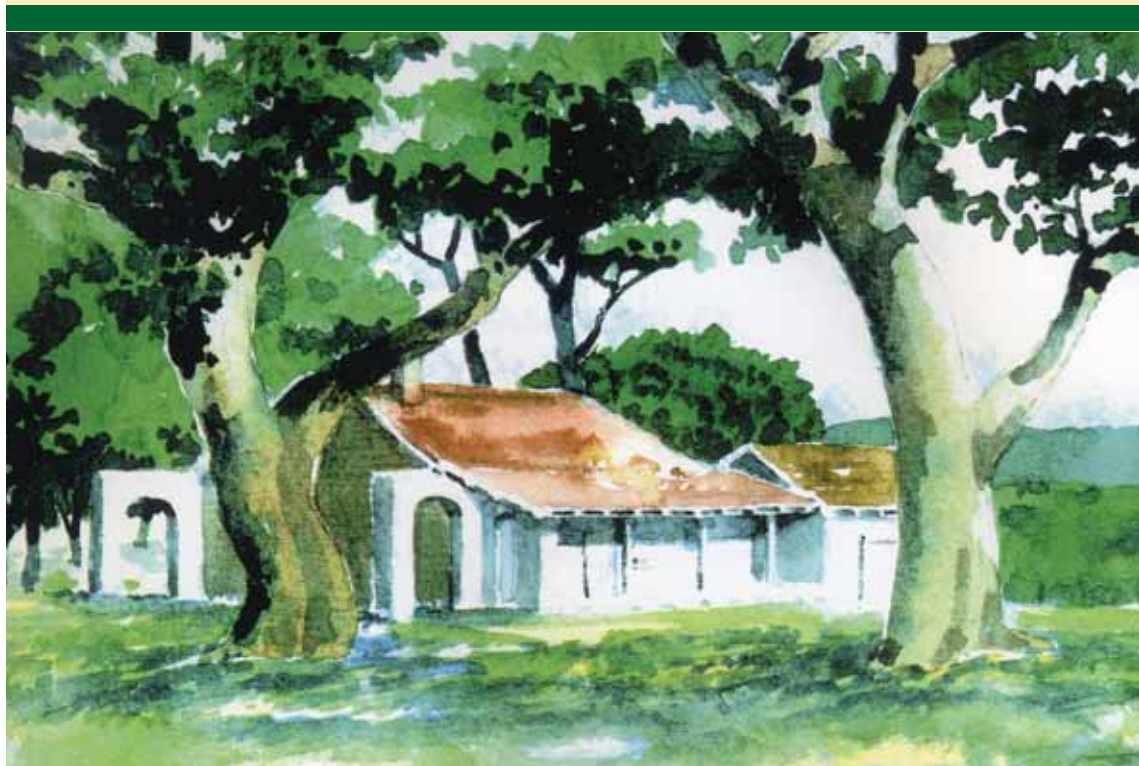
10 years ago so that more land could be made available for low- to mid-income housing. As it is, almost all of the available residential units—some 27,500—have been built, are under construction or have been approved with just 1,500 housing units left to build before reaching buildout.

A second concern is traffic, which voters identified in the recent municipal election campaign as their major concern. Although some of these concerns can be fixed, such as more and better-coordinated traffic signals and more turn lanes at the busiest intersections, the public appears to be still divided on whether to extend Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore, as the 1996 General Plan shows. Three council members, including Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, have said they will not allow Stoneridge to be extended until traffic congestion on I-580 is eased. Councilman Jerry Thorne appears to have softened his opposition and newly-elected Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio wants to hear the arguments for and against the extension before making a decision.

Residents in the Mohr-Martin neighborhood oppose the extension because it would allow commuters access to Stoneridge and other city streets to skirt traffic tie-ups at the I-680/580 intersection. Homeowners along Valley Avenue and others in the community have argued, however, that the extension of Stoneridge would actually reduce cut-through traffic on Santa Rita, Valley, Vineyard Avenue and downtown streets.

Other projects that the council will look at this year include:

- Relocation of the city's auto center at Santa Rita and I-580 to a new auto mall in Staples Ranch, a 55-acre undeveloped parcel at the eastern edge of Pleasanton. Currently unincorporated and under the control of Alameda County, an agreement is pending to annex the property while leaving a right-of-way in place for the Stoneridge Drive extension, which County Supervisor Scott Haggerty favors. Also planned for Staples is a 600-plus-unit, privately-funded independent and assisted living facility, a community park and a proposed indoor ice arena that would be owned and operated by a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks.
- Development of a 51-home luxury housing project, called Oak Grove, atop Kottinger Ranch at the end of Hearst Drive, which would also include 495-acres of open space to be given free of charge to the city by developers.
- Approval of a bypass road in Happy Valley which would include a 63-custom-home development south of Alisal Street. If approved, the project proposed by Greenbriar Homes would pay for part of the roadway that would connect Sunol Boulevard to the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, closing both Alisal and Happy Valley Road traffic to the golf course.
- Completion of a funding program for a proposed \$14-million Firehouse Arts Center planned for Railroad Avenue downtown. Although construction probably won't start until 2008, the City Council has already pledged \$8.8 million with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation expected to raise the rest through private and corporate contributions. ■



This picturesque artist's sketch of the historical Alviso Adobe shows the old building that will be restored and become part of a community park off Foothill Road. The City Council has appropriated \$4.7 million for the project, but more will be needed to undertake construction in 2007 as planned.



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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

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

Application for PUD development plan approval to allow three new single-family homes on an approximately 2.45-acre parcel located at 865 Clara Lane, in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan area.

\* **PREV-621, Adam and Colleen Schwartz**

Work Session to review and receive comments on an application for preliminary review to construct an approximately 9,200-square-foot three-story building with six live-work dwelling units at the property located at 273 Spring Street.

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, January 8, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

\* Consider Reorganization of the Commission

\* Review and Consider Project Reports

### Youth Commission

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Avenue (Location Change)

\* Discussion regarding the book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens," by Sean Covey

### Library Commission

Thursday, January 11, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

\* The agenda for this meeting is currently unavailable. Please visit the City's website at the address listed below to view the complete agenda.

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, January 11, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

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### Housing Commission Workshop

Thursday, January 11, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

\* Workshop to discuss proposed draft condominium conversion Ordinance

### TV30 At-Large Representative Recruitment

TV30 Board of Directors is now accepting applications for an at-large member. This is a non-paid position.

Tri-Valley Community Television is a California non-profit public benefit corporation under Internal Revenue code section 501(c)(3). The corporation is governed by a seven member Board of Directors comprised of four citizen volunteers appointed by the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon and three at-large representatives selected by the Board. Approximately 66% of the \$651,000 operating budget for fiscal year 2006-07 is appropriated by the four cities from revenue generated through cable television franchise fees. The balance of revenue is derived from production fees, grants, and sponsorships and underwriting.

Applicants must reside within the viewing area of Tri-Valley Community Television and be able to view Tri-Valley Channels 28, 29 and 30. An at-large member is appointed for a two year term. The Board of Directors meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are currently being held at Dublin City Hall.

Applications are available at the Pleasanton City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, on the City's website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or at the TV30 website at <http://tv30.org/boardapp.asp>

For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk (925) 931-5027. Applications must be received no later than Friday, January 12, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.; postmarks are not accepted. Applicants will be notified regarding interviews and the selection process once the filing period is closed.

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

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

A woman on Andrews Drive reported a residential burglary Dec. 29. She told the Pleasanton police that a ring with a ruby and diamonds and a bracelet with gold nuggets had been stolen after Aug. 27, the last time she wore the items. At an unknown date, she noticed her back door had been jimmed as the lock had pry marks. She said no one knew where her jewelry was kept, so she didn't know who stole them. The value of the stolen jewelry is \$8,500.

## Police Report

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

### December 23

- **DUI: 2**
- **Theft:**
  - 8:30 a.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue; identity theft
  - 9:13 a.m. in the 2800 block of Longspur Way; credit card fraud
  - 5:25 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting, worth over \$400
  - 6:57 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting, worth \$200-400
- **Vandalism:**
  - 8:00 a.m. in the 4000 block of Crest Court; worth \$1,000 or less
  - 11:48 p.m. in the 2800 block of El Capitan Drive; vehicular, worth \$1,000 or less
- **Public drunkenness:**
  - 1:03 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
- **Underage DUI:**
  - 1:35 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue
- **Assault:**
  - 2:39 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
  - 4:07 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- **Prohibited deadly weapon:**
  - 11:48 p.m. in the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

### December 24

- **DUI: 1**
- **Theft:**
  - 1:46 p.m. in the 4300 block of Payne Road; from vehicle, worth over \$400
  - 5:30 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting, worth \$50-200
  - 5:56 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting, worth over \$400
- **Vehicular vandalism:**
  - 10:15 a.m. in the 4200 block of Fairlands Drive; worth \$1,000 or less
- **Vehicular burglary:**
  - 4:45 a.m. in the 5500 block of Spring House Drive; worth over \$400
  - 8:00 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive; worth less than \$50
- **Display/use of deadly weapon:**
  - 9:30 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- **Assault:**
  - 4:03 p.m. in the 2100 block of Eilene Drive
- **Vehicle tampering:**
  - 5:45 p.m. in the 6700 block of Menlo Court
- **Domestic animal bites:**
  - 9:38 p.m. in the 800 block of Angela Street

### December 25

- **Stolen truck:**
  - 9:26 a.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue
- **Assault:**
  - 1:04 p.m. in the 2300 block of Redberry Court
  - 8:35 p.m. in the 3800 block of Hot Springs Court

### December 26

- **Theft:**
  - 8:08 a.m. in the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue; stolen vehicle
  - 1:30 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting, worth \$50-200
  - 5:07 p.m. in the 2400 block of Via de los Milagros; identity theft
  - 6:10 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting, worth \$200-400
  - 10:22 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; identity theft
- **Vehicular burglary:**
  - 9:48 a.m. in the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive; worth over \$400
  - 2:55 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; worth \$200-400
- **Domestic animal bites:**
  - 2:24 p.m. in the 3000 block of Tonopah Circle
  - 3:39 p.m. in the 2000 block of Valley Oak Court
- **Paraphernalia possession:**
  - 4:11 p.m. in the 400 block of Angela Street
- **Assault:**
  - 5:11 p.m. in the 2700 block of Willowen Way
- **Vehicle tampering:**
  - 6:47 p.m. in the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue

### December 27

- **DUI: 2**
- **Found property: 1**
- **Threatening phone calls: 1**
- **Theft:**
  - 6:00 a.m. in the 70 block of Peters Avenue; from vehicle, worth \$50-200
  - 8:39 a.m. in the 60 block of Peters Avenue; from vehicle, worth \$200-400
  - 8:50 a.m. in the 3300 block of Norton Way; stolen vehicle
  - 9:53 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; credit card fraud
  - 11:45 a.m. in the 1100 block of Shady Pond Lane; identity theft
  - 3:57 p.m. in the 4300 block of Chapman Way; identity theft
  - 5:37 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; stolen vehicle
  - 8:45 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; stolen vehicle
- **Vandalism:**
  - 12:25 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; worth over \$1,000
  - 10:50 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Wells Street;

- vehicular, worth \$1,000 or less
- **Residential burglary:**
  - 6:41 p.m. in the 200 block of Angela Street
- **Marijuana possession while driving:**
  - 11:45 a.m. in the 5500 block of Spring House Drive
- **Vehicle tampering:**
  - 5:14 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- **Assault:**
  - 7:38 p.m. in the 60 block of Shore Drive
  - 7:39 p.m. in the 4000 block of Fairlands Drive
  - 8:51 p.m. in the 6700 block of Hansen Drive
  - 10:22 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue
  - 10:45 p.m. at the intersection of Graham Street and Santa Rita Road
- **Alcohol possession by a minor:**
  - 6:20 p.m. in the 3000 block of Mall Lot
- **Child neglect:**
  - 7:41 p.m. in the 4100 block of Dorman Road

### December 28

- **DUI: 3**
- **Found property: 3**
- **Theft:**
  - 1:22 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting, worth \$200-400
  - 12:15 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue; worth over \$400
  - 4:52 p.m. in the 2600 block of Camino Segura; identity theft
  - 9:30 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; from building, worth \$50-200
- **Vandalism:**
  - 8:20 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; public worth \$1,000 or less
  - 4:47 p.m. in the 400 block of Boulder Court; vehicular, worth over \$1,000
- **Burglary:**
  - 9:53 a.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 9:39 p.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- **Public drunkenness:**
  - 8:39 p.m. in the 4600 block of Augustine Street
- **Domestic violence:**
  - 11:54 p.m. in the 5500 block of Spring House Drive

## ACCIDENTS

### December 26

- 3:47 p.m. - Injury accident involving a pedestrian in the 3000 block of Mall Lot

### December 27

- 6:07 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Neal and First streets

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Over the top with our 2006 Holiday Fund

Thank you Pleasanton for your generous contributions to our 2006 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. We achieved our \$100,000 goal and then some, with contributions and matching funds now totaling \$104,444. More contributions may still come in before we close our fourth annual campaign tonight. This means that each of the six nonprofits we targeted for this campaign can expect to receive more than \$17,000 to help them carry on community work. Not only is this well above the \$12,762, we were able to give to those who benefited from our 2005 campaign, the additional funds are desperately needed by these organizations that have greater needs and more ambitious programs than a year ago.

We are especially grateful to David Rice, director of Tri-Valley Community Foundation, who provided matching funds up to our \$100,000 goal. Every dollar contributed was doubled. In addition, the Pleasanton Weekly again handled all administrative expenses, overhead and promotions for this campaign to make sure that all of your contributions and the matching funds from the Tri-Valley Foundation go directly to the nonprofits. Plus, all funds have been held in trust by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

The organizations that will benefit from the 2006 campaign are Axis Community Health, the downtown Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center project, Open Heart Kitchen, Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center of ValleyCare, Tri-Valley Haven and the Valley Humane Society. Open Heart Kitchen served more than 130,000 meals to the hungry and those in need in 2006, up from 27,000 meals just two years ago. Last year, the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund's contributions fed more than 8,000 in the locations where Open Heart Kitchen provides meals, including Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton. This year, the generosity of our donors will feed many more.

Axis Community Health is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical care for the area's working families who do not have health insurance. More than 25 percent of its patients in 2006 were children under the age of 12. Support from the Holiday Fund last year allowed Axis to provide an additional 180 health care visits for local children. Because of greater giving to the Holiday Fund this year, more children will be helped.

Your contributions to the Holiday Fund a year ago helped pay the mounting administrative, utility and telephone expenses at Tri-Valley Haven, a shelter, rape, crisis and counseling center. The increased contributions in this campaign will also fund the shelter's 24-hour crisis line, with call forwarding provisions that will divert the line to volunteers' homes overnight so that no call goes unanswered.

A priority in the annual Holiday Fund campaign is to promote the arts in Pleasanton. That's why we chose the Cultural Arts Center Foundation as a recipient in its effort to raise an additional \$4 million in private and corporate contributions to complete its \$14-million fundraising campaign so that the arts center can be built.

The Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, located inside the ValleyCare Health Library, is again a targeted beneficiary of the 2006 campaign. The Holiday Fund's contribution will help fund the library's need for more and much-needed health information and education.

Just off Bernal Avenue on Nevada Street next to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department headquarters is the first of several temporary buildings being placed for the Valley Humane Society thanks to funding that included contributions from the 2005 Holiday Fund. With increased donations this year, your contributions will help complete the project and start the society on the road to a permanent facility for services that include rescuing, treating and finding homes for abandoned or injured animals.

## Letters

### Events center poses DUI dangers

Dear Editor,

How many times should Pleasanton approve a zone change in a residential area from low density residential to one which serves hard alcohol to 500 people, until 10 or 11 p.m., 365 nights per year? The City Council vote on Dec. 19 approved it. Decisions like this can increase the potential for injury or death from alcohol impaired drivers.

Studies show that 40 to 60 percent of intoxicated patrons drive after consuming alcohol in bars, clubs or restaurants; thus, there is a strong likelihood that the new Vineyard event center puts hundreds of impaired drivers onto the residential roads of the Vineyard Corridor and Pleasanton when many families and teenagers are driving home.

Is it possible to reduce the hours, days or size (less than 500) of alcoholic service? Or eliminate hard alcohol? I am not asking to eliminate the event center; I am asking that more restrictions be placed on the use of alcohol at this facility and that one or more of these changes could increase the safety of Pleasanton residents.

Nearly 10,000 residents and 5,000 children, plus dozens of walkers, joggers and bike riders use the Vineyard Corridor (from Isabel Avenue down through the Vintage Hills area, to the Vineyard and Bernal avenues intersection) each day and night; and it's nearly all residential, with mostly undivided and poorly-lit roads.

I hope the city considers a modification to the currently approved conditional use permit.

Craig Gieringer  
Pleasanton

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## Pleasanton Real Estate News



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### DOES REAL ESTATE LOSE VALUE?

This is a rather touchy issue for some of us. Many financial advisors have for years warned that real estate could be on the verge of drastic price decreases. You could wake up one morning soon, one such advisor has warned repeatedly, and discover that your home lost half of its value overnight.

This kind of Chicken Little declaration sells a lot of books and magazines and newsletters apparently. (Remember the dire warnings in a best-seller about another great depression theoretically approaching in the 1980s? Disaster never quite hit shore.) History proves such predictions wrong, though—not because we can do nothing but repeat the past, but because real estate is so much more than a commodity like silver or tulip bulbs.

Based on national data, there has never been a year in the past 100 years when real estate lost value. Factor in the ravages of inflation, and you will find value losses as high as 3.8% (in 1982) and add in the destructive effects of severe changes in our economic infrastructure like the deconstruction of our defense industries and you will find losses as high as 4.4% (in 1989). And if you look in specific communities, especially in Southern California, you will find rather severe losses of value in 1991-1996. These years were later termed a local real estate depression.

So it is true that real estate values in certain areas have even fallen below the balances on the loans used to purchase the homes. But look again. Those very homes were among the ones that have gained the most value in recent years, and real estate has again proven itself to be the strongest support for personal wealth during uncertain financial times. We—and our financial futures—are best served if we pay little heed to the ever-present Chicken Littles and base our financial planning on provable reality. For more information call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

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## Obituaries

### Harold George Simmons Jr.

Harold George Simmons Jr. died Dec. 25 in his Pleasanton home at the age of 82.

Mr. Simmons was born in his grandmother's front parlor in Oakland. He attended schools there until WWII interrupted his education at the end of the 11th grade in 1942. He worked for Melrose Building Materials Company in Oakland while waiting for his induction in the army. He served in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He was awarded the American Campaign, the European African Middle East Campaign, the Good Conduct and WWII Victory medals. He served until the end of 1945. He was very proud of his army service and of his General, George S. Patton. Mr. Simmons served in the 199th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

He was reunited with the love of his life, Anita Heuer. They married on his birthday, Nov. 6, 1946 and moved to Hayward where they raised three daughters. He

returned to the working world, first as a tile setter then as a bus driver, and spent the remainder of his working life as a journeyman mechanic. He had many interests ranging from model airplanes, NASCAR, jewelry making, rock hounding, CB radio, scanners and making contact with old friends. He loved to watch TV infomercials and reality TV. Some of his favorite shows were "How it's Made," "Engineering Marvels" and any "real" police show.

He is survived by his daughters Leslie Simmons of Pleasanton, Susan Kerr (Mark) of Coarsegold, Calif., and Cheryl Llewellyn (David) of Pleasanton; grandchildren Tony and Joe Frates of Fresno, Jennifer and Michael Rogers of Livermore and Kevin Kerr of Castaic, Calif.; great-grandchildren Brad, Nolan, Hanna and Haley of Fresno, and Shane and Justin Kerr of Castaic, Calif.

He was preceded by his wife of over 57 years, Anita, and his parents, Harold and Maude Simmons.

Services were held Jan. 2 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at (800) 822-6344, or Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation at 256-1273.

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### Playhouse West Academy Winter Session

The Playhouse West Academy is holding interviews for the winter quarter of acting classes which begins the week of Jan. 24. The Academy will be offering professional in-depth training for beginning, intermediate and advanced students in stage and film acting for adults ages 15 and older. Playhouse West Kids, ages 7-13 will also be holding its winter session. Tuition for an 8-week session is \$235 for adults, \$295 for children. Classes are held at Playhouse West Theatre, 1345 Locust St., Walnut Creek. Call 943-6464.

### 'Survivor' Casting Call

CBS 5 is holding an open casting call for the reality TV show "Survivor" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 20 at Metro PCS, 900 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. Call (415) 765-8788 or visit [www.cbs5.com](http://www.cbs5.com) for more information.

### Valley Concert Chorale

Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions by appointment for experienced singers Jan. 15 and Jan. 29. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, folk to jazz. Call 426-4205 to schedule an appointment.

### Youth Music Festival

Auditions for the Fifth Annual Youth Music Festival are scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m., Jan. 25 and 30 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Solo vocalists, instrumentalists and vocal and instrumental ensembles age 18 or younger may audition. Rock bands are not included in the festival. Auditions are by appointment only. Contact Mark Duncanson at 931-3481 or e-mail at [mduncanson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mduncanson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) for more information.

## Book Clubs

### Great Books of Pleasanton

The Great Books of Pleasanton Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie, 846-1658.

### Political Book Club

The Political Book Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. Call 462-7495 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com](http://www.trivalleydems.com) for more information.

## 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 Jan. 16.

### 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 Jan. 18.

### 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 Feb. 7.

### 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 Jan. 11.

## Weekend Preview



### Ward Connerly to speak in Pleasanton

Author Ward Connerly will speak 6:30 p.m., Jan. 11 at the dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, held at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. Connerly wrote the autobiography "Creating Equal: My Fight Against Race Preferences" and is the founder of the American Civil Rights Institute, a national nonprofit organization aimed at educating the public about the need to move beyond race and gender preferences. Reservation deadline for the event is Jan. 8. Call Marilyn, 485-9869.

### 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 Jan. 11.

### 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 Jan. 11.

### School Board

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Jan. 9.

### Youth Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The next meeting is Jan. 10.

## Classes

### Fruit Tree Pruning Class

Western Garden Nursery is hosting free pruning classes in January. The first are 10 a.m. Jan. 6 and 1 p.m. Jan. 7 and will focus on pruning fruit trees. Western Garden Nursery is located at 2756 Vineyard Ave. Call 462-1760.

### 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.

### Widow/Widowers Grief Recovery Class

This 10-week class for widows and widowers focuses on finding hope and providing support for successful ways to process this significant life event. The course is open to all widows and widowers. Winter enrollments are now being accepted. Pre-Registration required. The workbook is \$5. Classes are held at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Call Linda Husted, 833-9013.

## Clubs

### Amador Valley Toastmasters

Amador Valley Toastmasters meets every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe Restaurant in the

Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center, Dublin Blvd. and Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Contact Mark Triska, [mtriska@colliersparish.com](mailto:mtriska@colliersparish.com) or 227-6210 for more information.

### American Legion Post 237

American Legion Post 237 meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday monthly at the Regalia House, 4133 Regalia. Call Rene, 846-7532, or Dan, 846-7320.

### Boutique Textile Art

Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins. Call 935-8972.

### Crossroads Business Network

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

### Diablo Valley Soaring Society

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

### Everything Poetry

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

### Express to Success Network

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

### Fly Fishers

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

### Foothill Kiwanis Key Club

Foothill Kiwanis Key Club meets from noon to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Call Irv, 556-1177 or visit [www.kiwanis-pleasanton-sunrise.com](http://www.kiwanis-pleasanton-sunrise.com).

### Genealogical Society

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the second

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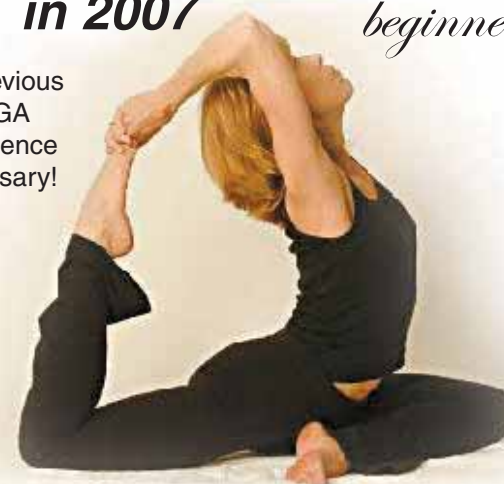
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**Pet of the Week**

**Star gazing**

Meet "Star," a gorgeous female housecat. When you look into Star's cage at the East County Animal Shelter, all you see are huge gold eyes gazing back at you. Star's fur has that beautiful, shiny quality that resists matting even though she has medium-length fur and she loves to be brushed and pampered. Huge gold eyes and beautiful black fur are only two of Star's attributes. She is friendly, playful and affectionate. Star is searching for a loving home that will keep her as an indoor pet. Visit Star (pet # 66923), and her many friends, at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin, open daily 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 803-7040 for more information.



Tuesday monthly at Congregation Beth Emek, 13400 Nevada Ct. Call Jane, 447-3898 or visit [www.1-ags.org](http://www.1-ags.org).

**Hacienda Park Toastmasters**  
Hacienda Park Toastmasters meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday at Tyco, 4280 Hacienda Dr. Call Brett, 737-1000.

**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 at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. 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](http://www.pleasantonmothersclub.org).

**Mt. Diablo Rose Society**  
Mt. Diablo Rose Society meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the sec-

ond Wednesday monthly, except in December, at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Call Pat, 846-4913.

**P-Town Street Rods**  
Truck or car enthusiasts club meets from 6 to 9 p.m. the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday monthly at Chicago's Metropolitan Deli, 6003 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call George, 846-5550.

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

**Pleasanton Amador Valley Lions Club**  
Meets at noon on the first and third Thursday monthly at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Tom, 846-4749.

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

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

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

**Pleasanton Lions Club**  
Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday monthly for dinner at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Rick 462-1062.

**Pleasanton Newcomers**  
Newcomers Club meets at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday monthly for coffee and at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly for lunch. Call 215-8405 or visit [www.pleasanton-newcomers.com](http://www.pleasanton-newcomers.com).

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group**  
TMUG meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday monthly and at 9 a.m. the Saturday following the third Thursday, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Call Izak, 830-8838 or visit [www.clubtmug.com](http://www.clubtmug.com).

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

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

**Events**

**Funeral for a Gangster**  
The Pleasanton Hotel is hosting "Funeral for a Gangster," a mystery dinner theater event where participants attend a "memorial service" for Vito "The Gut" Marzetti and attempt to solve the mystery. Cost is \$60 and includes a three course dinner and four course act. Jan. 19 and 26. Call 846-8106.

**Sabbath Pizza Dinner**  
The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold a family Sabbath pizza dinner 6 p.m., Jan. 5 in Castro Valley. The event will include a short secular humanistic ceremony of singing, candle lighting and sharing of challah and grape juice. Cost is \$6 per adult. Children are free. Reservations are required. Call (510) 888-1404 or e-mail [CulturalJews@aol.com](mailto:CulturalJews@aol.com).

**Quilter Meeting**  
The Amador Valley Quilters will meet 1:30 p.m., Jan. 13 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. where they will learn from featured speaker Cathie Hoover, an internationally recognized quilt artist. Hoover will also hold a workshop the following day. Visit <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>.

**Ward Connerly Speaks**  
Author Ward Connerly will be the guest speaker at the Jan. 11 dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated. Connerly is the author of the autobiography, "Creating Equal: My Fight Against Race Preferences" and is founder and chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, a national nonprofit organization aimed at educating the public about the need to move beyond racial and gender preferences. The event will be 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel), 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. New members and visitors are welcome. Call Marilyn, 485-9869 for reservations.

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## Exhibits

### Dee Haag at WaMu

Local artist Dee Haag's work is on display now through the end of January at Washington Mutual Bank, 561 Main Street. Haag's work is a variety of original landscape watercolor paintings. The public is invited to view her work during regular bank business hours.

### Local Artists Display Work

The Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit has made its fall rotation. New pieces by local artists can be viewed at the Pleasanton branch of Bank of America, Keller Williams Realty and Towne Center Books, all on Main Street; the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce on Peters Avenue; and R.E. Realty Experts on Hopyard Road. For additional locations, call Lisa Davis, 518-4436.

### Up Close and Far Away

Worthington Gallery West opens its new exhibit, "Up Close and Far Away" Jan. 27 and it runs through Mar. 3. There will be an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m., Jan. 27. This group show features landscapes and still lifes by regional and international artists. The gallery is located at 739 J. Main St. Call 485-1183 for more information.

## Film

### 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.

## Fundraisers

### Bingo

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

### Dictionary Project

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

### Gently Read Book Sale

The ValleyCare Auxiliary will be holding a "Gently Read" book sale from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 8 and 9 in the lobby of the LifeStyleRX building, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd. in Livermore.

### Recycle for Breast Cancer

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

## Health

### Axis Immunization Clinic

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. The first winter clinic will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 6. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Ave. The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family income and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. Call 462-1755.

### Dublin Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 20 at St. Raymond's Church, 11557 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Call the Parish office, 828-2460 or Bob Rawlings, 828-7727 to schedule an appointment.

### Exercise Class

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

### Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Workshop

This 16-week workshop is for women who have just been diagnosed and are either in treatment or starting treatment. Guest medical experts will present information to assist in understanding the disease and the group assists in finding the tools for coping and provides support of others who sharing similar experiences. Meetings are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday from Jan. 10 through April 25 at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. The class is free. Registration is required. Call 933-0107.

### Reiki Workshop

Reiki is a gentle and non-invasive Eastern tradition used to channel energy for self-care, stress reduction and healing. This class teaches how to give Reiki to yourself and to others. This is a four-session class facilitated by Gisela Mehta that meets Jan. 16 and 30 and Feb. 13 and 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This class is specifically for cancer patients, their families and friends and is free. Reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

## Holiday

### Christmas Tree Pick Up

Boy Scout Troops 941 and 943 are picking up old Christmas trees Jan. 6. There is a minimum donation of \$5 for residential trees, \$10 for residential trees over 8 feet, businesses or flocked trees of any size. This service is only available for trees in the city of Pleasanton. Requests for tree pick up must be received by Jan. 4. Call 417-5177 or register online at www.troop943.org or www.troop941.org.

### Outdoor Ice Rink

Downtown Walnut Creek opened its annual outdoor ice skating rink, scheduled to run through Jan. 15, 2007. The rink is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Mon.-Thu.; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun. Cost is \$11, including skate rental, Mon.-Thu. and Fri. until 5:30 p.m.; weekends are \$10, plus \$5 skate rental. Call 935-SNOW or visit www.iceskatewalnutcreek.com for more information.

## Kids & Teens

### Movies at the Library

The Pleasanton Public Library will show movies for preschool-age children starting at 11 a.m., Dec. 29. "Ice Age II: The Meltdown" will be shown at 2 p.m., Jan. 5. Call the children's desk, 931-3400, ext. 8 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library for more information.

## Lectures/Workshops

### Art Collecting 101

Claudia Hess, owner of Worthington Gallery West, will teach "Art Collecting

101," a workshop for those trying to get into art collecting, from 3-4 p.m., Jan. 20. Topics covered include where to start, art as an investment, getting children to start collecting and how to sell your old collection. Admission is free. Worthington Gallery West is located at 739-J Main St. Call 485-1183.

### Child Care Initiative Project

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

### Entering the Entrepreneurial World

Technology Ventures Corporation is hosting "Entering the Entrepreneurial World," a workshop to learn what it takes to start a technology company, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jan. 17 at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. The event is free. Call 960-1600 or e-mail tv.c@techventures.org. Visit www.techventures.org.

### Free Employee Training for Tri-Valley Businesses

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

### Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation

Dr. Marshall Zaslove, a Board certified psychiatrist, author and meditation practitioner for over 30 years, will offer simple meditation techniques and demonstrate practical methods of controlling and befriending the mind for better meditations and health benefits 2 p.m., Jan. 14 in the Pleasanton Public Library meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. No registration required. Call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

### Japanese Maple Pruning Classes

Western Garden Nursery is offering free Japanese Maple pruning workshops 10 a.m., Jan. 27 and 1 p.m., Jan. 28. Classes are held at Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave. Call 462-1760.

### Roadmap for Startups

eBIG presents "Crafting the Financial Roadmap of your Startup" from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Jan. 8 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. Cost is \$10 pre-registered, \$20 at the door. E-mail info@ebig.org or visit www.ebig.org.

### Rose Pruning Classes

Western Garden Nursery is offering free rose pruning workshops 10 a.m., Jan. 13 and 1 p.m., Jan. 14. Classes are held at Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave. Call 462-1760.

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**Application Availability**

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**Civic Arts, Human Services and Youth Commissions**

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- ✓ Request packets to be mailed by calling (925) 931-5346
- ✓ Packets available through the City website: www.ci.Pleasanton.ca.us.

**Application Deadline**  
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**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.

**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.

**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 streets and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. at Dublin PetsMart and the Dublin Pet Food Express. There are no adoptions on the fourth Saturday of the month at Dublin Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit [www.tvlar.org](http://www.tvlar.org) for more information.

**Enrichment Classes**

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

**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.

**Day Trippers Oakland Tour**

Day Trippers is leading an Oakland outing for seniors, traveling to Jack London Square for lunch, then on to the USS Potomac and the Pardee Home of Oakland for docent led tours. The tour is from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jan. 24 and leaves from the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$33 for residents, \$36 for non-residents. Lunch is not included in cost. Call 931-5365 for more information.

**Emotional Wellness Group**

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

**Friday Night Dance**

Join the crowd for ballroom dancing once a month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Advanced tickets are \$7 for residents, \$8 non-residents, and \$8 for residents, \$9 non-residents at the door.

Singles welcome. Reservations recommended. Call 931-5365.

**Internet Access Workstation**

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

**Luncheons**

The Dublin Senior Center hosts special themed luncheons on the second Thursday monthly at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The luncheon fee is \$6.50 for residents and \$7.50 for non-residents and includes special entertainment. Call 556-4511 or visit [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us). Reservations needed by the Friday prior to the luncheon.

**Movie Madness**

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

**Paratransit Service**

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

**Personal Computers Group**

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

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### Senior Lunch

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### 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

### 12 Steps Through Psalm 23

This 12 Step group discusses how Psalm 23 can help with codependency, addiction and other problem behaviors. This on-going women's group meets Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at R-Quest, 40 California Ave., Ste. B. Visit [www.rquest.org](http://www.rquest.org) or call 426-0501, ext. 21 for more information.

### 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. Singles & Young Married Home Bible Study meets at 7:30 p.m., Mondays. Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m., Wednesday evening programs; Choir Practice, Boys and Girls Mission Crusade Club (grades K-5th grade) 7 p.m. Call the church office, 846-8650 for information on any ministry.

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

## Sports

### Sea Devils

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

## Support Groups

### Al-Anon and Al-a-teen

Al-Anon is a Tri-Valley support group for family and friends of alcoholics that meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at San Ramon Presbyterian Church, 12943 Alcosta Blvd., upstairs

in the Kindergarten room. Call 277-7661 or visit [www.ncwsa.org](http://www.ncwsa.org).

### Auto Immune Support

The group meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call 848-5020.

### Bereavement Support Group

This group of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton meets at 7:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursdays monthly, and is for anyone of any faith at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Mary, 846-5377.

### Bipolar Support Group

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

### Breast Cancer Prayer & Support

The Breast Cancer and Support Group of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., room B. Call 461-8411. All are welcome.

### Cancer Support

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

### Cancer Support Group

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

### Caregiver Support Group

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

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

### Catholic Community Bereavement Support

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton Bereavement Support Ministry will be offering meetings 7:30 p.m., Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22, March 8 and 22 and April 12 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call Kim, 735-3741.

### CHADD

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

### ClutterLess Self Help Group

If clutter is stressing you out, come to the Presbyterian Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at 4300 Mirador Dr., room 7. Call 297-9246 or 426-5311. No meeting Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

### Diabetes Support Group

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

### Divorce Care

A nonjudgmental, caring, support group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays at Valley Christian Junior High School, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin. Cost is \$35 for 13 weeks.

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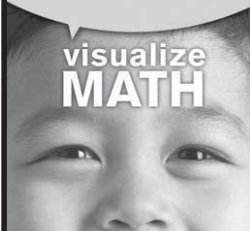
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Meet other men and women in their early stages of Alzheimer's disease or any other memory loss related diseases from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For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

**East Bay Cancer Support Group**

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

**Fibromyalgia, Arthritis Chronic Pain**

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

**Forty Plus of Northern California**

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

**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., Ste. 270. Call 734-3300.

**Independent Living**

If you or your loved one need a personal assistant to help maintain independent living, Community Resources

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**Jobs Networking Group**

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

**League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen**

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

**Live Beat Dads**

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

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group**

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**Men at Work**

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

**Men's Support Group**

Anthropos Counseling Center provides support for men to improve personal growth and change and become aware of emotional habits and attitude. Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday, 326 S. L St., Livermore. Call 449-7925.

**Military Group**

Pleasanton Military Families, a support group for families of service members, meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday

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**Newcomers to Al-Anon**

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

**Operation SAM**

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

**Overeaters Anonymous**

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

**Parents of Alcoholics**

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

**Parents of Children with Autism**

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

**Parents of Diabetics**

The POD Squad, a support group

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

**Parents of Special Needs Children**

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**Parkinson's Support Group**

The Parkinson's Network of Mount Diablo and the city of Pleasanton co-sponsor a support group for the Tri-Valley area from 10 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday monthly at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5366.

**Pleasanton Senior Grief Group**

Not limited to seniors, this group is open to all grief issues. It meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5366.

**Prostate Cancer Support Group**

Men with prostate cancer and their families are welcome to Man to Man, a support group that meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m., on the second Tuesday monthly in the West Day Room in the south building at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Call 933-0107.

**Prostate Cancer Survivors**

Tri-Valley Us Too, a support group for prostate cancer survivors, invites husbands and wives to its meetings

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R-Quest is a counseling agency for early recover education that serves to help teens and adults overcome addiction to alcohol, drugs, eating disorders or mental health issues. Youth and adult intervention is available. Located at 40 California Ave., Suite B. Walk-in's are welcome. Free alcohol screening. Call 426-0501 or visit [www.rquest.org](http://www.rquest.org).

#### Survival to Recovery

The focus of these meetings is for persons who grew up in an alcoholic home or who were affected by the drinking of one or both parents. The group, a

part of Al-Anon, meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the St. Philips Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona Dr., Room 10-A., Dublin. Call 277-7661.

#### Temporary Restraining Order Clinic

This clinic is for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and meets 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays at 4471 Stoneridge Dr., Ste. A and 2 to 4 p.m., Thursdays at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Call Michael, 449-5845, ext. 110.

#### 'When Mom or Dad Has Cancer' Workshop

This workshop is open to school-age and teens. Parents meet concurrently. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 13 at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. The workshop is free but reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

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Volunteers are needed to staff the Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Food sorters are needed to sort, screen, box and shelve donated food from 8 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individual volunteers need to attend a 50 minute orientation held 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the food bank. Call (510) 834-3663 or visit [www.acffb.org](http://www.acffb.org).

#### Community Service for Teens

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

#### Foster Homes Needed

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

#### Jewish Community Federation

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

#### Open Heart Kitchen

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

#### Saturday Food Sorting

The Alameda County Community Food Bank needs volunteers to screen, sort, box and shelve donated food from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Jan. 6 and 10, Feb. 3 and 24 and March 10 and 24. Call (510) 635-3663, ext. 308 to sign up.

#### Shepherd's Gate

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

#### The American Cancer Discovery Shop

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

#### Tri-Valley Haven

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

#### TVAR Volunteer Orientation

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue offers volunteer orientations on the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of every month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. For more information, contact Cathy Bergren at [calicocathyb@yahoo.com](mailto:calicocathyb@yahoo.com) or 426-2472.

#### Volunteers Needed at RCJL

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

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