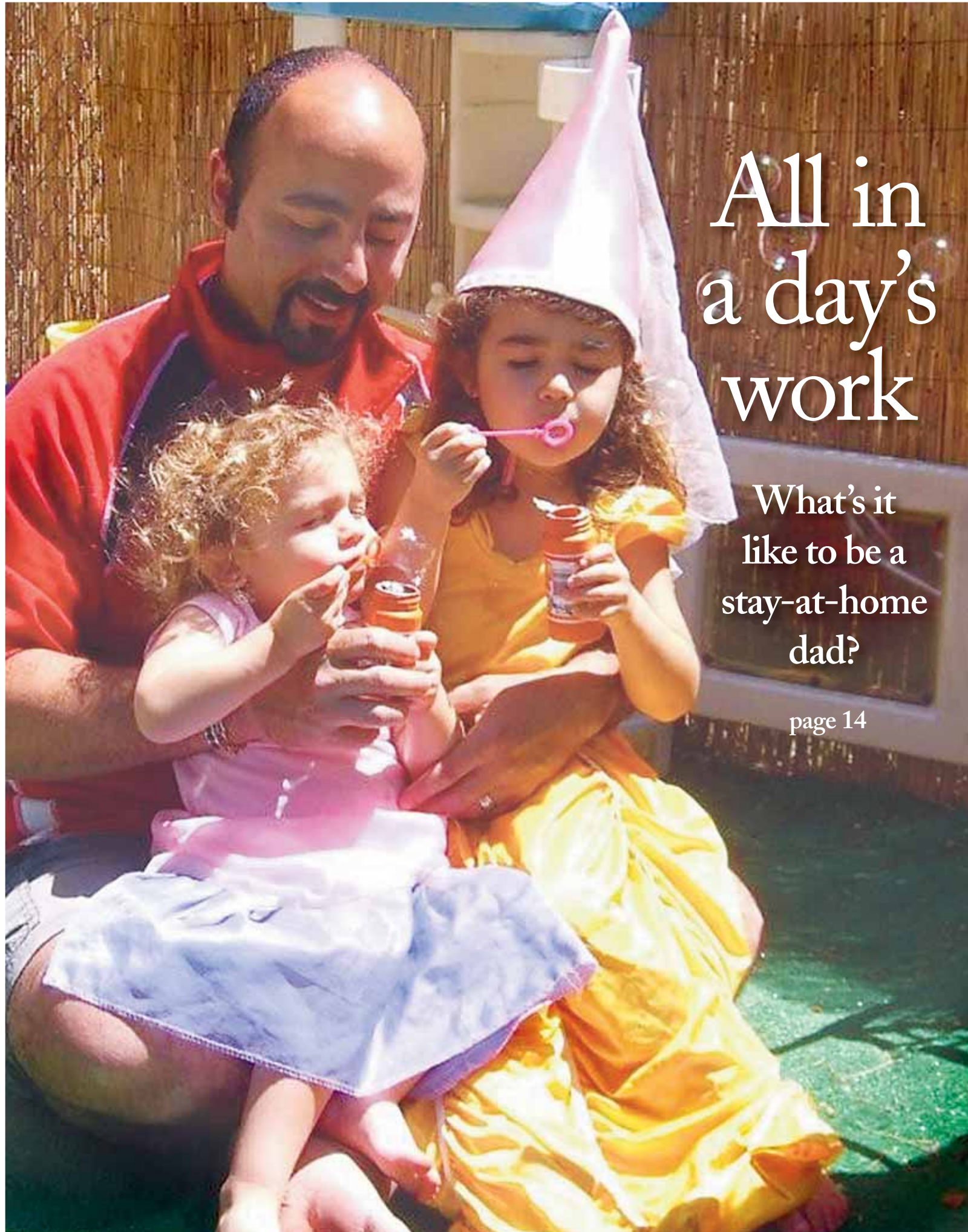


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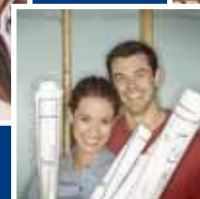
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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## After 18 years, popular crossing guard signs off

Look for some sad faces among the thousands around town who used to cross the busy Harvest Road-Black Avenue intersection on the way to Walnut Grove Elementary and Harvest Park Middle schools. Pleasanton's longest-serving crossing guard Sherrill Hamilton is stepping down today after 18-1/2 years on the job, the last 16 at the same corner. Married for 41 years to Roy Hamilton, the couple grew up in Pleasanton and lives in the same yellow-painted historic house on St. Mary Street which Roy moved into with his parents in 1949. The house was built in 1901 by the Orloff family, which owned the Orloff Dairy where Walnut Grove is now located. Grandson Tom Orloff, who is now Alameda County District Attorney, is Roy Hamilton's childhood friend.

Sherrill Hamilton answered a crossing guard ad in 1989 when her youngest child, Keith, was in high school. She wanted to do something outside the home, but not full time. She recalls starting for about \$6 an hour for five hours of work; most recently she earned \$9.90. It's not the money, though, that has kept her going. She truly loves the job and the children she serves. Some are now grown and married; others are in high school and college. Often they'll spot her on Main Street or even sitting on her porch and stop to talk.

She keeps tabs both on students and the adults they're with, stopping anyone whose guardian she doesn't recognize for an introduction. There's been only one "stranger danger" case, as the children called it. That was when she spotted a man sitting in his car for several hours in front of Walnut Grove. She notified police who found he was a drug dealer with a car filled with paraphernalia and pornography. He was led away in handcuffs never to be seen again. She has also joined parents in frantic—but always successful—searches for wayward children, most who sim-

ply got lost on their walk home. Others were back at Walnut Grove for an after-school function they forgot to tell their parents about.

Many of us remember being school crossing guards when we were in the upper grades, a sponsored student function. Sherrill said that became too risky as traffic and school enrollment increased. The school bus program ended shortly after she started, and the number of children walking to school more than tripled. Also doubling were the number of cars driven to and fro by parents. Sherrill likes all parents, but says some are the worst when it comes to obeying stop signs, including the one she holds, when they're driving to pick up their children.

Students also can be careless, but Sherrill always spent the first few days every school year telling kids who use her corner to pay attention to her or else. They have, and with much affection. She's honored every Christmas and Valentine's Day with gift baskets and thank you notes. Last Wednesday, Superintendent John Casey and many from the school board and district office and parents who had been alerted in advance paid a surprise visit to Sherrill as school let out, showering her with gifts, flowers and a special certificate from the district. Today will be less eventful, she said, but also sad, although she's looking forward to joining her husband Roy, who is retired, on more trips to see their daughters: Cynthia Jo Twiddy of Healdsburg and Nina Schrote of Williamston, Mich. Altogether, the Hamiltons now have eight grandchildren, including their son Keith's three who live in Pleasanton. Two of them already go to Walnut Grove and the youngest will start kindergarten there next August. So Sherrill says she'll still be stopping by the school regularly, although this time as one of the many drivers lined up in the school driveway to pick up their students when school lets out. ■

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# Streetwise

**Q:** What do you think about Virginia Tech's decision to re-open Norris Hall for office and lab use only?

Asked Downtown



**Connie Tracy**  
Travel Consultant

I think it's a great idea. People need to move on with their lives. Returning to some sense of normalcy on campus will increase confidence and closure. The students need to continue on with their education.

**Bob Farnam**

Mechanical Engineer

I think they should reopen it and keep it open. There is no reason why the shooting tragedy should keep a public building shut down. I think as good a memorial as anything is to continue to go on, use the building for good.



**Eric Vargas**

Heavy Equipment Operator

I think they should memorialize it to add closure for the families. It brings back bad memories for future students and students that lived through the tragedy. It should be torn down and something to honor those lost should be built in its place.

**Adrianna Villamar**

Pharmacy Clerk

It's not a good idea. It was such a tragic event. Reusing those school buildings is just a constant reminder of what happened. They should memorialize the victims in some way on that ground.



**Taylor Meyn**

Coffee Barista

These things seem to be happening more and more frequently and there is always conflict about what to do with the space. I understand the need to re-open it but it seems kind of sad and sudden—too soon to have people back in the buildings. I would rather see it torn down and a memorial be made.

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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Postmaster thanks public for food donations

Pleasanton Postmaster Gurjant Khosa thanks Pleasanton residents for their participation in the annual Letter Carriers "Stamp out Hunger" Food Drive. Locally, 13,600 pounds of food was collected by the Dublin and Pleasanton post offices to donate to the Alameda County Food Bank. Residents left dry food at their doorsteps last month for carriers to pick up as well as dropped off food at the post office. Nationwide, 70 million pounds of food was collected.

### Fifth-grader takes second in state writing contest

Fifth-grader at Quarry Lane School, Nisha Kale, won second place in the 21st annual California Writers Club Fifth-Grade Writing Contest for her short story, "Dimming Star." She will be honored at an awards ceremony June 9 at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Jack London Square in Oakland. Nisha's story will be published on the CWC Web site at [www.berkeleywriterclub.org](http://www.berkeleywriterclub.org).

### Free class on restoring photos

From noon to 1 p.m. June 28, Melanie James from Mel's Makin' Memories! comes to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave., to teach a free seminar open to the public on how to preserve old photographs, slides, albums, home videos and more. Anyone interested in preserving the past for future generations should come. Call Dawn at 846-8585 or visit [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org).

### Office hours changed to save power

To conserve energy during the peak power demand season and reduce utility costs, the Dublin San Ramon Services District administrative office, 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, will extend their daily hours and open 30 minutes early, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and close the office on alternate Fridays. Effective June 18, the office will be closed June 29; July 4, 13 and 27; August 10 and 24; and September 3, 7 and 21. This represents about 15 percent fewer hours that the district needs to cool and light up the building.

## Foothill High School names new principal

*Vice Principal John Dwyer to succeed Kevin Johnson, the school's longest-serving chief*

by Emily Atwood

Along with the Class of 2007, this is the last year at Foothill High School for Principal Kevin Johnson, who will become the senior director of pupil services for the school district.

His successor shouldn't need an orientation next school year, since the Pleasanton Unified School District announced Wednesday that Foothill Vice Principal John Dwyer will fill the post, pending the school

board's approval at the June 26 regular meeting.

Dwyer's administrative and 18-year teaching experience runs deep in the district, as he has been the vice principal at Foothill for the past three years, a vice principal at Harvest Park Middle and Fairlands Elementary schools, an English/history block teacher for sixth grade at Pleasanton Middle School, and has also served as a principal and vice



John Dwyer

principal for the district's summer school program over the past five years.

Dwyer received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Waikato in New Zealand and started his career in education in London before coming to Pleasanton.

His list of extra-curricular activities, according to the school's Web site, include: rugby,

surfing, snow skiing and raising his three small children.

Myla Grasso, district spokeswoman, said Dwyer looks forward to the opportunity to support the school's commitment to continuous improvement, an outstanding learning environment and Falcon tradition.

Johnson was the school's longest-serving principal, starting in 1996. His past district roles include teacher, student activities director, dean and assistant principal. ■



In his own bubble

Emily Atwood

Senior Mike Azevedo shows a Valley View Elementary School student what the inside of a bubble looks like at the Spring Science Extravaganza at Amador Valley High School. High school science students invited elementary students to take part in hands-on science learning. Amador's gym had everything from strawberry DNA extraction to a tent simulating the solar system.

## Drive launches against Staples Ranch initiative

*Proposed "open space" measure could cost city \$5 million*

by Jeb Bing

A citizens' group led by civic and business leaders has launched a campaign urging residents not to sign a proposed voter initiative that would block development on the 124-acre Staples Ranch site east of Pleasanton as currently planned by the city government.

"This is the first step toward a community-wide campaign to stop this petition drive in its tracks," said David Bouchard, president and CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. "Our goal is to do whatever is necessary to make sure this petition doesn't qualify for the ballot."

The petition is called the "Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative" and is sponsored by Anne Fox, who is chairwoman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, Matt Morrison, a tax research specialist and Bimal Sangari, a resi-

dent of a neighborhood near St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church who spoke out against the church's recent expansion plan, which was approved.

The three, along with former Planning Commission Chairman Brian Arkin, want the undeveloped Staples Ranch to be preserved for parks and open space.

"It is the intent of this initiative to amend the Aug. 6, 1996 General Plan to protect any undeveloped public lands within the (Pleasanton) Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) larger than 25 acres from development and urban sprawl," the proponents of the Open Space initiative reads. The initiative also seeks to provide a permanent green belt between Pleasanton and Livermore on publicly owned land.

City Attorney Michael Roush said the initiative proponents had met the guidelines set by law and could now start collecting signatures. At least 3,500 signatures from registered voters in Pleasanton are needed for the measure to qualify for the ballot. Those favoring the

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## Revenue from sales, property taxes boosts city budget

*Still, officials show concern for rising pension costs, municipal services*

The City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday on its new two-year budget, which shows city revenue continuing to climb as the local economy remains strong.

In a review this week of his proposed budget for fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09, City Finance Director Dave Culver said General Fund operating revenue are projected to total \$95.9 million in the fiscal year starting July 1, a 3.4 percent increase, and \$100.3 million in 2008-09, a 4.5 percent increase.

General Fund operating expenditures will total \$91 million in the coming fiscal year, a 4.6 percent increase, and \$94.7 million the follow-

ing year, a 4.1 percent increase over the 2006-07 adjusted budget.

Since general taxes are the driving financial component in the General Fund, Culver said these are also rising to Pleasanton's advantage.

Property taxes are expected to increase 5.4 percent in the coming fiscal year and by 5.8 percent in 2008-09. Sales tax revenues are projected to increase 1.6 percent and 2.5 percent in each of the next two years. Hotel and motel tax revenues are projected to increase 5 percent in each of the next two fiscal years.

"Pleasanton's economy remains strong," said City Manager Nelson Fialho. "The city's unem-

ployment rate at 2.2 percent is consistently below county and state averages."

He added that "the local real estate market is competitive, with home values typically above the median for the state and the region. And, commercial vacancy rates have stabilized around 11 percent over the past several quarters, and the rate remains very favorable compared to the 18 percent rates experienced during the economic downturn from 2001-2004."

Even so, while the city appears to be awash in revenue, with millions of dollars available to be

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# Water officials expect to make decision on Delta pumps today

Department of Water Resources currently pumping 4-5 percent of normal water levels

by Janet Pelletier

State water officials expect to make a decision today on whether to allow increased levels of Delta water pumping from the Tracy area.

The California Department of Water Resources began minimal pumping last Sunday after turning off the pumps May 31 at the Harvey O. Banks pumping facility near Tracy.

The shutdown was voluntary and due to Delta smelt, an endangered fish species, getting caught in the pumps and dying in large numbers. The small, silvery fish usually migrate north at this time of year, but for whatever reason, hadn't done so and as a result were being killed by the pumps.

The fish have long been thought to be indicators of the Delta ecosystem's overall health, according to the state department.

Zone 7 Water Agency receives about 80 percent of its water from the Delta region, which it then wholesales to the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Dougherty Valley. Pleasanton purchases about 80 percent of its water from Zone 7 and the rest is drawn

from city wells.

The DWR decided to first shut down the pumps and then put them back online at a low operating level to allow the smelt to migrate northward. About 2 percent was being pumped and Wednesday, that amount was increased to pump between 4 and 5 percent of capacity, according to DWR spokesman Ted Thomas.

of Zone 7. "Imported supplies from the Delta are critical to our operations during the summer months."

Zone 7 is the wholesaler to nearly 200,000 people in the Tri-Valley and receives 80 percent of its water from the Delta region. The city of Pleasanton purchases 80 percent of its water supply from Zone 7 and obtains the remaining 20 percent from its own city wells.

Since the shutdown, Zone 7 has been using reserves stored in a groundwater basin, supplies at Lake Del Valle and what was left of the supply from the State Water Project before the shutdown.

Because the DWR will begin pumping at very low levels, Zone 7 is asking residents to be mindful of that, and take measures to conserve water.

Some ways to conserve include: watering lawns less, repairing leaking sprinkler heads and household plumbing, turning off a hose when not needed while washing a car, turning off the tap while brushing teeth, taking shorter showers and waiting until dishwashers and clothes washers are full before running a cycle. ■



The Delta smelt is 2-3 inches long.

While the low-level pumping is helping water agencies such as Zone 7, since it has been using its reserves, officials are cautioning the public that they are not "out of the woods" yet.

"Without the minimal pumping from the Delta, we were looking at the possibility of a 40-55 percent mandatory water-use restriction in a portion of our service area, and the possibility of compromised fire suppression in eastern Livermore," said Jill Duerig, general manager

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## Initiative

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measure have six months to collect the signatures, with their goal to have the measure ready for a vote early next year.

Although 3,500 signatures would qualify the ballot on the basis of 10 percent of those who voted in the last election in Pleasanton, those who have submitted similar initiatives previously said at least another 1,000 signatures would probably be needed to meet the requirements.

"We had 4,500 signatures for the Bernal measure several years ago, and just squeaked through the county Registrar's office, which checks the names, addresses and voter registrations," said Councilman Jerry Thorne. "You always have some people who sign 'Mickey Mouse' or whatever and you don't catch all those names."

Thorne criticized the "Open Space" initiative effort. He said its backers are using the measure to keep Stoneridge Drive from being extended to El Charro Road and Livermore, as the City Council recently agreed to do.

"But Staples Ranch is unincorporated, not a part of Pleasanton, and so this group's anti-development move could backfire" he told a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce audience at their meeting Wednesday. "I think the residents of Stoneridge Drive who

oppose that extension might not like it if they awake one morning to see a city of Livermore sign where the Stoneridge Drive barricade stands now at the Pleasanton city limits. This land could be annexed to Livermore."

Land use planners say Pleasanton could be at a disadvantage if the proposed "Open Space" measure gains voter approval and development by Pleasanton stops. Both Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena are on the board of LAFCO, the Local Agency Formation Commission, which is in charge of annexations. Their colleague, Mayor Janet Lockhart of Dublin, chairs the commission. Pleasanton has no representation.

The "Do Not Sign" campaign is signed by school board members, former council members, chamber members, civic leaders and business people. More names will be added within the coming week, Bouchard said.

The group says that by blocking planned development on Staples Ranch, where an auto mall and senior retirement community are planned, the city could lose as much as \$5 million in lost tax revenue. Opportunities to develop other land parcels also would be blocked if the measure passes, with Livermore reaping any development gains that the county most likely would approve.

But Matt Morrison of the "Open Space" initiative said the intent of

his group's initiative is to preserve public lands for open space and park land, which could include sports fields and sports facilities.

He said the backers of his initiative plan to launch their campaign next week to collect the signatures needed to put their measure on a ballot.

"We've been waiting for schools to close for the summer before starting our drive," he said. ■

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# CarrAmerica Corporate Center plans expansion

*Project includes 3 six-story office buildings, three parking structures, 130-room hotel*

by Janet Pelletier

The CarrAmerica Corporate Center is poised to undergo an extensive expansion.

Plans include constructing three six-story office buildings, three parking structures and a 130-room hotel on the 60-acre site. One office building and the hotel would be located on the southern edge of the property, abutting Rosewood and Owens Drive. Two office structures will be gateway buildings to CarrAmerica, oriented to face interstate 580 on the northern side.

Matt Edwards, who is the director of development for CarrAmerica, said the expansion will help the corporate center attract more businesses.

"It's an underutilized business park," Edwards told the Pleasanton Planning Commission at a recent workshop session.

The new development, he said, "would have the potential to house the next big employer and would benefit the city economically."

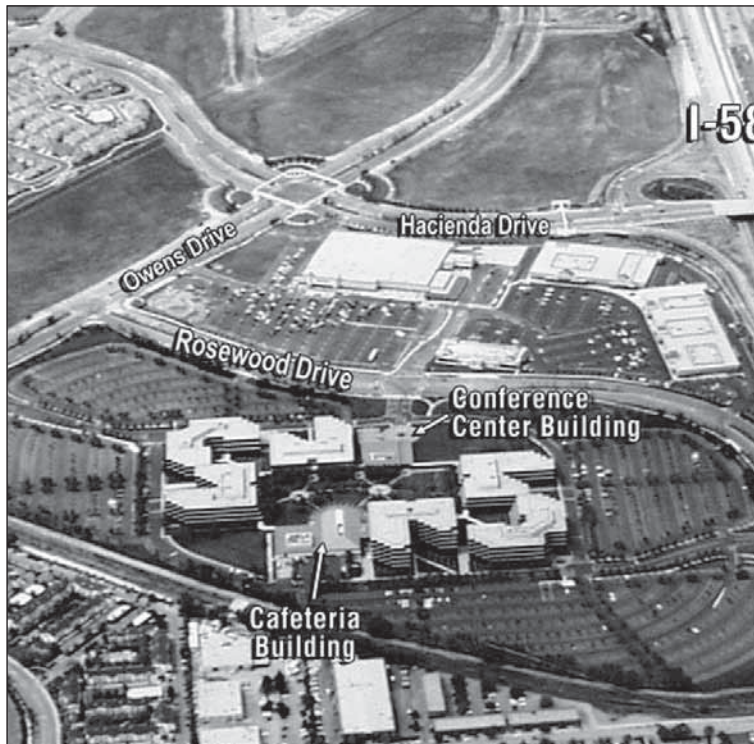
Edwards said the goal of the development would also be to offer a pedestrian-friendly and intimate setting in a campus-like atmosphere.

The Dahlin Group, which designed the Dublin Senior Center, is providing the architecture for the project. President Doug Dahlin said the proposed buildings will fit well on the site, and will be developed on the acres of current surface parking. The parking structures will replace the lost surface spaces.

About 10,000 square feet will also be included for retail shops such as a dry cleaners, convenience store and other service-oriented stores that will be used by employees of the business park.

Edwards told the commission that CarrAmerica has been approached by current tenants about the proposed office buildings who "need this type of space."

The center, which faces Interstate 580 in the Hacienda Business Park, leases space to AT&T, Safeway,



This is an aerial shot of the CarrAmerica Corporate Center, which faces Interstate 580 between Hacienda Drive and Santa Rita Road.

Cingular Wireless and Ross Stores. Portions of the center can also be rented for business conferences, seminars and other events.

"We are all really excited about this project. We think this is going to be a great opportunity," said James Paxson, who heads the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association.

The development would "fit with the maturation of the business park" and the park is getting back to higher staffing levels after some big companies left in recent years, he added.

Paxson and commissioners felt the five-story hotel was a vital piece of the project.

"I think we're going to find we need or have a use for this hotel," Paxson said.

Currently, there are four hotels in the business park: two Extended

Stay hotels, a Sheraton Four Points Hotel and a Marriot Courtyard.

"A hotel is sorely needed in this area," said Commissioner Jennifer Pearce.

Commissioner Arne Olson agreed, adding that the applicants may want to consider building the hotel first before the other portions of the project.

Some commissioners advised the applicants that they may want to revise their plans to set the gateway buildings back a little from the freeway in case there's a right-of-way issue in the future.

The meeting with the Planning Commission was just a work session. The project will go back before the commission with more details in the coming months, although an exact timeline is not known, according to city planner Jenny Soo. ■

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placed in reserve, officials are worried about:

- \* Moderating revenue once the city reaches buildout and residential development stops in the next decade;

- \* The cost of providing services for the many amenities Pleasanton has are rising faster than the rate of inflation. Staffing and programming for new facilities could significantly hike the cost of maintaining these facilities, including an expanded library, downtown Firehouse Arts Center and Theater and the new Alviso Adobe Community Park.

- \* A dramatic escalation of employee pension costs brought about by changes in benefit levels, including a policy that has the city paying all health costs for current and retired employees. Health insurance costs to the city are expected to rise 11 to 17 percent,

- \* Concerns that the state government may again seek to "borrow" funds from cities and counties, as it did several years ago, to meet a looming budget crisis in Sacramento.

"I am concerned that the state's fiscal situation is not good, is not stable and that there may be another effort to grab money from cities," Culver said. "That could impact our budget quickly."

Increased competition from retail

centers outside of Pleasanton could also lower the growth potential for local sales tax revenue, officials said.

Culver has allocated 10 percent of annual revenues to a "Reserve for Economic uncertainties" fund in each of the next two fiscal years. At the same time, the city's "Temporary Recession Reserve" will remain intact with a balance of \$5.1 million.

As part of the new budget, the city also plans to move forward on building the Alviso Adobe Community Park, the Firehouse Arts Theater and the first phase of improvements to the Bernal property, which include three lighted baseball fields.

—Jeb Bing

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## Las Positas College names a new chancellor

*Joel Kinnamon youngest in state community college system*

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District recently named Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon to the position of chancellor. This announcement follows a six-month national search in which Kinnamon was one of three finalists.

Starting July 1, he will replace Dr. Susan Cota, who is retiring after six years as chancellor and more than 30 years in higher education. At 45, Kinnamon is the youngest chancellor to in the California Community College system. He previously served as the district's vice chancellor of educational services and planning for the past five years.

As chancellor he will fill the top vacancy in the district which operates Chabot



Melinda Garcia

College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. The two colleges together serve more than 21,000 students in the East Bay. He will become the fourth chancellor to lead the district.

"Dr. Kinnamon has demonstrated excellent leadership skills through all he has accomplished in our district. Throughout his tenure in the district he has developed a keen sense of the colleges and the directions in which they need to move. The board feels strongly that he will continue to build on the district's reputation as a leader in higher education," said Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo, board president.

Also joining the Chabot-Las Positas administration is Pleasanton attorney Melinda Garcia. She will be the 19th member of the college foundation board of directors which supports and advances the college and its students through active resource development and effective community partnerships.

"Giving back to the community by serving on nonprofit boards is a central principle in our practice," Garcia said. "My entire family has benefited from having Las Positas College as a nearby resource and has lived richer, fuller lives because of our experiences there. Because of that, I am especially proud to join the Las Positas College Foundation board as both it and the college continue to

grow and expand services to the Tri-Valley."

Garcia founded the Garcia Law Group in Pleasanton and focuses her practice in the areas of real estate and business. A Bay Area native, Garcia graduated with honors from UC Berkeley with a degree in political science. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from Santa Clara University where she was selected to participate in various honors activities including Honors Moot Court, Hispanic National Moot Court, Santa Clara University Law School Trial Team and the American Bar Association Negotiation Team. In 1999 she received a Santa Clara Alumni Award.

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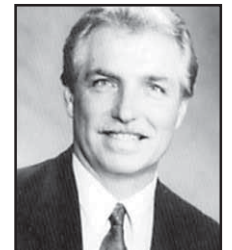
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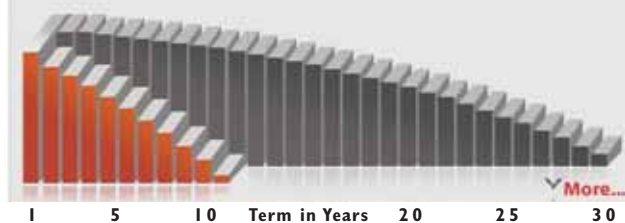
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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Everyone gets a chance to see today's graduations

Once again, school Superintendent John Casey and the Pleasanton school district are stepping to the plate, paying the cost of equipping the fairgrounds' Exhibition Hall with a closed-circuit, large screen television monitor to make sure that all the parents, grandparents, siblings and friends heading to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for commencement exercises today will have a place to sit. This year's senior class stands at a record high of 563 graduates from Amador and 562 from Foothill. With just four tickets allocated to each graduate—down one from last year—all the 3,000 available seats were quickly being filled by not only the graduates and their four-ticketed guests, but also by teachers, the choir, the band and honored guests who weren't sitting on stage. With seniors clamoring for a change in location so that relatives traveling here from out-of-town could see them graduate, the school district had to find more room.

Fairgrounds General Manager Rick Pickering was contacted, who agreed to empty out the Exhibition Hall near the amphitheater for the added space needed. Jerry Pentin of Spring Street Studios cleared his crowded work sheets of business videos his firm was scheduled to shoot and set up camera crews that are providing closed-circuit broadcasts of both graduation exercises—2 p.m. for Amador and 6 p.m. for Foothill—to a 10x15-foot screen in the Exhibition Hall. The school district ordered 500 chairs for the hall, and will provide water and refreshments for those unable to sit in the amphitheater or who, by choice, may choose the air-conditioned comfort of the fairgrounds facility. Spring Street also will have at least one stationary camera in the center of the amphitheater and another roving cameraman to provide close-ups and crowd shots. An added benefit is that the firm will provide DVDs of the graduations for each of the high schools, which will sell them at a nominal fee to help recoup some of the costs of the \$7,000 video broadcast work and related expenses.

This system worked last year and we can expect the same overflow crowds for the amphitheater in the next few years as graduating classes at both comprehensive high schools continue to have more students. It'll be at least 2012 before those numbers start to drop, and it could be a decade or more, if ever, when all graduates and their invited guests can once again sit together in the amphitheater. The school district looked at other locations, but the fairgrounds racetrack, with its 5,000-6,000 seats, is apparently the only location that can accommodate a larger crowd. But it lacks the ambiance and built-in stage that the amphitheater offers. Even though watching your family's graduating senior on the big screen TV is not the same as being there in person, it's better than watching from a racetrack grandstand seat hundreds of yards away. We applaud the school district for making the right decision again to handle the crowds on graduation day.

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# Guest Opinion

## A decade of opportunities squandered

by Julie Testa

Pleasanton Unified School District has squandered a decade of opportunities. They now want the community to fund a parcel tax and are hinting at another bond measure as well.



In 1999 the parent community stepped forward and proved both the need for another high school and the district's ability to fund it. Pleasanton city leaders and planners strongly supported the need. PUSD had recently sold land intended for Pleasanton's final high school so city leaders suggested a gift of 40 acres plus assistance maintaining gyms and fields. PUSD was unwilling to commit to build the high school and so lost that opportunity. The city then required a developer to set aside land for a school site. Last month, PUSD sold its option on that site without any public discussion.

Many Pleasanton parents are under the illusion that our school standards are higher than the state requires. The truth is that PUSD allows enrollments to exceed State of California maximum enrollments; by state standards our high schools are seriously overcrowded. Each of our campuses is less than 40 acres and by state standards should not

exceed 1,400 students. Amador now holds more than 2,500 and there will be 2,772 or more by 2009. The state recommends 60 acres for such "very large schools."

The State of California Department of Education clearly opposes large schools (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/sf/guideschoolsite.asp>). The State Guide to School Site Analysis supports their recommendations with research:

"Educators have learned that very large schools have disadvantages. The impersonal character makes it difficult for students and staff to know one another well enough to create a sense of belonging. In very large schools many students find it difficult to participate in student government, sports, and other activities. In smaller schools more students participate in activities, and close relationships between students and staff can be more easily achieved. Very large schools may cost more per student to operate. Student's circulation patterns and congestion in areas such as libraries, cafeterias, and hallways are a problem in very large schools."

Don't be misled by the "bubble of enrollment theory" which would have us believe we might need to close schools soon. If the demographer's projections are accurate, high school enrollments could drop by several hundred students after peak. There will still be enough

high school students to sustain three, large high schools or the two, very large, overcrowded schools we now have.

In 1999 the cost to build a new high school was \$32 million. Since then, PUSD has spent millions of state and local tax dollars on additions and renovations to our crowded high schools. Last month they brought forward a new plan to spend another \$51 million to squeeze more construction onto our already crowded campuses.

How can our school board support \$51 million to pay for a plan that actually increases congestion at our campuses? Since 1988, Pleasanton taxpayers have paid for two capital improvement bonds totaling \$155 million and our developer mitigation fees are three times the state mandate.

I challenge our new board to show better stewardship and leadership than past boards. After so many opportunities squandered, it is time for the district to consider solutions without coming to the community for more money.

*Julie Testa has been on a number of PUSD committees and is a founder of ROCA (Reduce Overcrowded Campuses Alliance). She has lived in Pleasanton since 1989 with her husband Nick and their three sons, Amador graduates of 2003, 2006 and a freshman at Foothill.*

# Letters

## Home Depot based on bad information

Dear Editor,

After the recent council meeting where four of five council members approved the Home Depot project, critical information the council and other groups relied on to make a decision was found to be in error.

Specifically, the city staff said it was feasible for Home Depot to have two stores in a city our size. Their research found 11 cities with a population less than 75,000 who did. The truth is that only two cities our size (over 400 cities examined) have two Home Depot stores for consumers. There is not one store in Northern California that has two consumer-oriented Home Depots. The flaws included, Mountain View had no store, several cities only had one store, and several cities were much larger, with Santa Ana over five times our size. Bottom line is we do not need a second Home Depot or a relocation of the existing Home Depot to the middle of the city, three miles from any freeway, and all its traffic.

Another example of discrepancies was revenue projections which were initially \$1 million. At the council meeting, however, revenues had suddenly diminished to only \$300,000. Where is the business case?

How can the council justify building another Home Depot based on bad information? Bad information leads to bad decisions!

I urge the council to reconsider their vote and help ensure that crucial information is validated before critical decisions are made. Making the staff information available to the public before decisions are made would facilitate the decision making process.

*Hank Jones, Pleasanton*

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Stay-at-home dad, Bob Belichak plays Legos with his three children—9-year-old Michael, 7-year-old Laura and 4-year-old John.

# All in a day's work

Four Pleasanton fathers tell their experiences being stay-at-home dads

Story and photos by Elizabeth Campos Rajs

**W**hen Bob Belichak changed careers nine years ago, he traded his neckties, sales quotas and a long commute for diaper bags, baby bottles and strollers.

"I don't miss it even a little," Belichak said of his former job in sales. "This is way more gratifying."

Today, he's a full-time dad to Michael, 9, Laura, 7, and John, 4, and couldn't be happier.

"I enjoy it. It suits us very well," he said.

While countless books, articles and reports have long debated the merits of mothers working full time versus staying home with children, little is said about dads who take care of their children full time. A chief reason may be because they are such a minority.

Although the number of stay-at-home fathers has increased steadily over the past few years, it still is a non-traditional role in most of American society. The U.S. Census Bureau reported in March that of the estimated 5.8 million stay-at-home parents in the country in 2006, 5.6 million were mothers and 159,000 fathers. A previous report in 2004 had estimated the number of stay-at-home dads at 98,000.

Despite their minority status, the stay-home dads interviewed for this article said there seems to be little stigma attached anymore. They're rarely called "Mr. Mom," although people do assume initially that they are filling in for mom when they're out running errands with the kids or volunteering in the classroom.

"I say, 'No, this is my job all the time. Not only moms stay home with their kids,'" David Hanna explained.

In honor of Father's Day this Sunday, here's a look at four



At the Cross household, dad Peter supervises homework and packs his children's lunches for school.

Pleasanton fathers who have chosen to stay home as the primary caregivers for their children.

For Bob and Meg Belichak, the decision on who would stay home with the kids was easy. When their first son was born, Meg had a job as a physical therapist she loved and Bob had a sales job he was looking to leave. When they calculated how they could live on one salary, Bob was the one to quit his job. "It seemed like a good idea. It was going to be temporary," Belichak recalled. "I remember walking around with one

baby at the time and I thought I was the busiest person in the world."

As their family has grown, so have the demands of being home. Belichak does all of the cooking, yard work and handy work around the house, as well as much of the cleaning.

"I really enjoy cooking," he said. "Other moms are jealous of my wife because I cook. Other dads say, 'Oh, you're so lucky,' until they do it for a week while their wives are out of town."

He and the kids ride their bikes to school every day and he chauffeurs them to their various after-school activities.

"I love being with the kids, and so does my wife," he said, noting that his wife is able to schedule her own hours so that she also is available to volunteer in the kids' classrooms, and attend their activities.

Like many families, the arrival of their second baby and the subsequent juggling of two full-time jobs with the logistics of two daycare centers, commuting and work-related travel prompted Garry and Sue Bardakos to look for alternatives.

When they realized they could live on one salary, they also evaluated who would have a harder time re-entering the workforce after a prolonged absence. Sue works in the high tech industry and, at the time, Garry was in warehouse distribution management.

"In high tech, it's very hard to go back after being out for a couple of years. Garry could go back to his job (after a few years) and not miss a step," Sue Bardakos explained.

So, Garry was on deck as the stay-at-home parent for Nicole, who is now 12, and Alyssa, who is now 7.

Like the Belichaks, it was intended to be a short-term solution, but seven years later, it's a lifestyle that continues to work well for them.

Now that the girls are older and he has more time, Bardakos works out at the health club daily, does all of the yard work, home maintenance and much of the laundry, shopping and cooking. He's also done extensive remodeling on their home and is now planning an addition.

"When you have someone at home who is really handy, it's great," said Sue Bardakos, who works from a home office. "He doesn't do a ton of cooking, but our yards are impeccable. We play off of his strengths."

Garry Bardakos also volunteers in his daughters' classrooms and is a long-time soccer and softball coach for both girls.

He gets an occasional "Mr. Mom" comment, but what surprises him more are the number of fathers who don't think they could do it.

"I've been congratulated for having the fortitude to take it on," Bardakos said, adding that he doesn't consider it hard work at all.

When David and Lisa Hanna were ready to begin their family, both were adamant that one parent should stay home. Because his wife had not only a higher income, but also greater earning potential, David Hanna became the primary caregiver for their daughters, Emily, 4, and Madeline, 2,

"My wife works in the marketing department in a Silicon Valley firm. I worked in restaurant management. We realized if we're going to live in the Bay Area, she's going to have to work full time," David said.

He handles most of the family's laundry, cooking and yard work, but spends much of his day playing with the girls. They read books, go on walks to the park and spend a lot of time playing outside. At times, it is a lot more work than he thought it would be, he admitted, and some days are definitely harder than others.

"Two is definitely a lot more work than one. I can't imagine having three," he said. "I'm having fun hanging out with the kids, playing."

Staying home with the girls has given him a lot more respect for his mother, Hanna said, adding that his mother is proud of the work he's doing. "For awhile, my father kept asking me when I was really going to go back to work."

He recently returned to outside work part time and is now balancing staying home with the girls all day with managing a local restaurant several evenings a week.

Economics also played a part in Peter and Michele Oross' decision on who would stay home caring for their children, Micah, 13 and Katie, 11. And because



David Hanna said while there isn't much of a stigma being a stay-at-home dad, people often think he's just filling in for his wife.

Michele was earning more money in her job as a registered nurse and community college teacher, Peter became a stay-at-home dad when their son was born.

Michele Oross recalled that a co-worker once was asked how much her baby weighed at a certain age and when she couldn't readily remember, the co-worker joked that she would have to call Peter to find out.

In a typical day, Peter Oross is up early making breakfast for the kids and packing their lunches. He and his daughters head off to school early because he supervises the playground before school.

Once school begins, he fits in a daily workout before returning by 11 a.m. to work on campus at Lydiksen Elementary School supervising the lunch break. After school, he supervises homework time while getting dinner started, although he and his wife share cooking responsibilities.

"The kids are older now so they can do a lot for themselves," he said, recalling how much more work it was before the kids went to school.

A former Teamsters truck driver, Oross said he occasionally misses having a full-time career.

"I don't think my kids think any differently of me. I have a lot of time to give them. When I meet older people and they find out what I'm doing, they say I'm doing the most wonderful thing in the world," Oross said. "There really is no greater thing in the world. Even if you had a hundred million dollars, there is nothing more rewarding." ■



Garry Bardakos not only coaches his two daughters' softball teams, he also has been a stay-at-home dad for seven years, doing laundry, grocery shopping, cooking and yard work.

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council**

Tuesday, June 19, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Presentation of the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey
- Public Hearing: Consider a resolution approving the 2007-08/2008-09 Operating Budget and the 2007-08 Community Development Block Grant Program
- Public Hearing: Consider a resolution approving the 2007/08 though 2010/11 Capital Improvement Program Budget
- Review and consider the Draft Subregional Planning Element of the General Plan

**Housing Commission**

Thursday, June 21, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave

**Employment Opportunity**

Paratransit Drivers (part-time, temporary) – The City of Pleasanton is currently looking for drivers to transport seniors and disabled persons around Pleasanton. Drivers must be able to work Tuesdays-Fridays (10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) The City is also looking for fill-in drivers. Class B CDL with endorsements required. CPR and First Aid certification required within 6 months of hire. \$14.15 - \$17.63 per hour. For more information, visit <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/employment/opportunities/>

Submit City application with DMV pull sheet to: Parks and Community Services, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566, attention: P. Deaton.

**Notice of Vacancies on Trails Ad Hoc Committee**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking two (2) volunteers to serve as members of the Trails Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee advises the Commission on trails and trail-related issues, and generally meets on the fourth Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue (adjacent to the City Council Chamber).

These positions will be vacant due to term expirations. Appointments are three-year terms (October 2007 to September 2010). The Commission is seeking the following: 1 person to represent non-motorized transportation interests; 1 person to represent the community-at-large.

For additional information about the Committee's purpose, or to see its list of priority projects, visit our website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/government/representatives/city-commissions.html#tah>.

If you are interested in serving, please complete an "Application to Serve on a Commission, Committee or Board" which can be obtained by visiting the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or by visiting our website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>.

Please indicate the position for which you are applying (non-motorized transportation or community-at-large) on the application and submit to the City of Pleasanton, City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, June 22, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Interviews, if required, will be scheduled after all applications have been reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or you need additional assistance, please contact Fan Ventura, Management Analyst at (925) 931-5348 or by e-mail at [fventura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:fventura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us)

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

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Bank on Hopyard robbed

A lone suspect robbed the Wells Fargo Bank at 4767 Hopyard Road around 10:24 a.m. Saturday. According to police, the suspect approached a teller with a note that demanded cash and said "this is a robbery." No weapon was seen.

Bank surveillance cameras obtained several photos of the subject, described as a black male, 25 to 30 years old, about 6-feet tall and weighing 175 pounds. He had short, dark hair and a full beard with about a half inch growth. He was wearing a white polo shirt with dark horizontal stripes, a dark leather jacket, dark jeans and white tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

### 6 drivers arrested, 15 cars impounded at checkpoint

Pleasanton police conducted a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint June 8 and arrested six drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol. Fifteen vehicles were also impounded for DUI or license violations.

The checkpoint was held between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. on westbound Stoneridge Drive at Johnson Drive. Officers from the California Highway Patrol were also on hand to assist in the screenings.

Officers screened 886 vehicles, with 22 drivers given a field sobriety test, 27 drivers investigated for license violations and 12 drivers given citations for license violations.

## Police Report

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

### June 1

- Theft:
  - 12:52 a.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane; grand theft
  - 1:02 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- Paraphernalia possession:
  - 4:35 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

### June 2

- Found property: 1
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 2:30 a.m. at the intersection of First and Ray streets; DUI
  - 6:17 p.m. at the intersection of Whiting and E. Angela streets
- Mental health dangers:
  - 1:30 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
  - 8:38 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue

### June 3

- Vandalism:
  - 9:33 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; worth less than \$400

### •Drug/alcohol violations:

- 6:20 p.m. in the 6800 block of Corte de Flores; marijuana possession
- 7:24 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- Littering:
  - 7:17 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

### June 4

- Theft:
  - 10:08 a.m. in the 3000 block of E. Ruby Hill Drive; credit card fraud
  - 10:42 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft, worth over \$400
  - 4:22 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- Vandalism:
  - 8:09 a.m. in the 400 Tawny Drive; vandalism, worth over \$400
- Drug violations:
  - 4:22 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; marijuana possession for sale
  - 9:05 p.m. at the intersection of Gibraltar and Hacienda drives; DUI

### June 5

- Theft:
  - 2:21 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- Vandalism:
  - 9:56 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400
- Battery:
  - 4:13 a.m. in the 200 block of Rocky Creek Place
- Mental health danger:
  - 8:42 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- Traffic violations:
  - 3:28 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; suspended license, property damage

### June 6

- Theft:
  - 11:06 a.m. in the 4000 block of Sutherland Court; identity theft
  - 12:59 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft, worth less than \$400
  - 4:25 p.m. in the 800 block of Madeira Drive
- Vandalism:
  - 7:44 a.m. in the 3600 block of Chocolate Street; worth less than \$400
  - 2:41 p.m. in the 2000 block of Ruby Hill Boulevard; worth over \$400
- Other:
  - 12:44 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Ensenada Drive; switchblade possession

### June 7

- Theft:
  - 9:57 a.m. in the 400 block o Rose Avenue; identity theft
  - 4:53 p.m. in the 100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle
- Vandalism:
  - 9:14 a.m. in the 800 block of Palomino Drive; worth over \$400
  - 11:30 a.m. in the 8200 block of Golden Eagle Way; worth less than \$400
- Minor transporting alcohol:
  - 12:26 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge and Chabot drives

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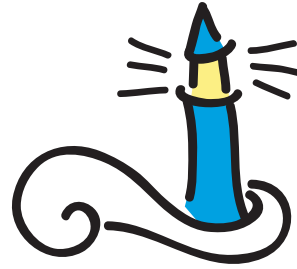
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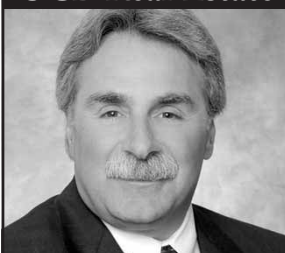
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## Author Visits

### Author Lunch with Amanda Ward

Amanda Eyre Ward is the featured author at the Read It and Eat Luncheon Series at noon June 25 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Her newest book is "Forgive Me." The cost is \$30.00 for book and lunch, or \$15.00 for lunch only. Reservations are required; call 846-8826.

### California Writers Club, Tri Valley

Please join CWC, Tri-Valley to hear author Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff speak on "Writing Humor: You CAN Be Funny" from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 16 at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Road. Elizabeth has several humorous children's books and has over 300 writing credits. The cost is \$18 for members, \$25 for non-members. Call Fred Norman at 462-7495.

### Kid's Detective Author, Dave Keane

Dave Keane, author/illustrator of the Joe Sherlock Detective Series for kids will visit Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., at 12:30 p.m. June 23. This is especially appropriate for grades 2 to 5. He'll share stories about making his books and answer questions. No reservations are needed. free

## Book Clubs

### Detective Club Summer Reading Program

Join the Detective Club Summer Reading Program at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Clues and activities happen in the store weekly.

Induction begins June 15. Read each week and come in and share what you've been reading. For ages 5 to 95. A party for participants will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 5.

**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 at 846-1658.

## Civic Meetings

**City Council** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Housing Commission** The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Human Services Commission** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Planning Commission** The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**School Board** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday

monthly in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

### Youth Commission

The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Clubs

### Architect Re-examines 911 High Rise Collapses

The Tri Valley Democratic Club presents Richard Gage, AIA of Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 18 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy, Dublin. He has been a practicing architect for 20 years and has designed numerous fire protected steel framed buildings. He is employed with a SF Bay Area architecture firm. There will be snacks and the facility is wheelchair accessible. Visit <http://tri-valleydems.com/Calendar.htm>.

**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.

### Good News Bears Open House

Good News Bears hosts its annual Open House at 6:30 p.m. June 21 at the Livermore Police Station, 1110 S. Livermore Ave. Learn more about what this non-profit group does to provide caring and comfort in the way of stuffed

## Weekend Preview



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## Free Shakespeare in the Park returns

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's annual Free Shakespeare in the Park from June 30 to July 15. This summer's production will be "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and is directed by Kenneth Kelleher who returns for his fifth season with the Festival. Performances will take place 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday evenings, with the exception of July 7. Instead, the play will be performed Friday, July 6. All performances will take place at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. Admission is free.

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**Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers** B2B Power Exchange is a leads group for people who sell to corporate decision makers meeting at 8 a.m. June 21 at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. Pre-register because attendance is limited to 25 people. Non-members pay \$40 which includes the cost of breakfast, or \$35 by Tuesday prior to the event. Members are free. Visit [www.b2bpowerechange.com/fees.htm](http://www.b2bpowerechange.com/fees.htm) for membership info.

**NARFE** The Livermore Chapter 0397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at Emil Villa's Restaurant at the corner of Pacific and S. Livermore avenues in Livermore. Call 484-0813 or 846-7167.

**Something Old, Something New** Join us at 5:30 p.m. June 21 for the NCHRA Third Annual East Bay and Greater Tri-Valley Networking Social Event at San Ramon Valley Conference Center, 3301 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. Tickets are \$20 NCHRA for members or \$30 for non-members. Call (415) 291-1992 or visit [www.nchra.org](http://www.nchra.org).

**Women's Stock Investment Club** Women's Stock Investment club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month in Livermore. The club follows Better Investing principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term while having fun. For details, call Eleanor at 846-6911 or Barbara at 484-1319.

## Concerts

**Celebrate America Dessert Theater Production** Tickets are available

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**ABWA Express to Success Networking (E2S)** The E2S Network will be presenting Nannette Carroll, founder of Corporate Education, at 6 p.m. June 19 at Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. She will speak on communication and its impact on business relationships. Learn to better relate to difficult people with whom you must do business, identify communication problems and solve them. Tickets are \$5 for non-members. Call 788-3037 or visit [www.expresstosuccess.org](http://www.expresstosuccess.org). Pleasanton.

**March in the Fair Parade** Join the Towne Center Books Detective Club and march in the Fair Parade at 9:30 a.m. June 23. Come dressed as your favorite detective. Reservations and parental permission required. Sat. Call 846-8826 or email [infor@townecenter-books.com](mailto:infor@townecenter-books.com).

**Pleasanton VIP Club Annual Barbecue** The Pleasanton VIP Club is hosting its annual barbecue from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 25 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The event includes a barbecue chicken lunch, live music and dancing. Tickets are \$6 and are available for purchase at the senior center. Call 931-5365.

**Steve "The WOZ" Wozniak Speaks at Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group** As the co-founder of Apple, the "WOZ" will be making a rare appearance at 7 p.m. June 21 at the

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group (TMUG) meeting at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. In cooperation with the Amador Valley Adult Education Organization, the WOZ will cover all aspects of personal computer technology and its phenomenal growth. He will also be signing his new book "iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon: How I Invented the Personal Computer, Co-Founded Apple and Had Fun Doing It." The book is on sale at the event for \$10. There will also be door prizes. Email [imutlu@comcast.net](mailto:imutlu@comcast.net).

**Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash** Valley Humane Society's Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. June 30. The public is invited to bring their dogs for a wash. Proceeds benefit the Society. Call 426-8656 or visit [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).

## Exhibits

**Pieces of Time** The Museum on Main Street will be hosting the Diablo Valley Quilters in a demonstration of quilting and piecing for the visitors to the museum. This will be held from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. June 30 in the History Room, 603 Main St. There is a donation of \$2.00 for individuals and \$5.00 for family. Call 462-2766 or email [valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net).

## Film

**Teen Film at the Library** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" at 2 p.m. June 22. Teens 13 to 19 are invited for

the beginning of the Teen Summer Program. Join us for refreshments, prizes and the movie. Call 931-3404 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library).

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## Fundraisers

**Elegant Evening of Fashion, Wine & Music** The Tri-Valley community will converge at an event June 29 to raise funds for Valley Children's Museum. The event includes a silent auction, food and drink from the area's top restaurants and wineries, entertainment, and the official unveiling of Valley Children's Museum's new museum-on-wheels. Tickets range from \$50 to \$125 and reception tickets are \$50.00 (\$15.00 tax deductible). To order tickets, go to [www.valleychildrensmuseum.org](http://www.valleychildrensmuseum.org) or mail a check made out to Valley Children's Museum to P.O. Box 305, San Ramon, CA 94583, attn: Elegant Evening.

**Golf Tournament** The School of Imagination and Happy Talkers presents the first Golf Tournament Fundraiser June 25 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. It costs \$175 per player and \$30 for non-golfers attending the dinner and auction. For more information visit [\[olofimagination.org/events\]\(http://olofimagination.org/events\) or call \(877\) KIDS-TLC.](http://www.scho-</a></p>
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## Kids & Teens

**Kid Power Training** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., needs students entering sixth to ninth grades next school year to become summer Kid Power volunteers. KP volunteers assist children of all ages to register for and play the library's summer reading game. Call Children's Services at 931-3400 ext. 8 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html).

**Performing Shakespeare Summer Academy** An intimate workshop for high school students, the Performing Shakespeare Summer Academy runs from noon to 3 p.m. July 2 to July 13 12:00 in Livermore, with performances the weekend of July 14. Tuition is

\$275. Meet the director and select your scene/monologue from noon to 3 p.m. June 19. Visit [www.TriValleyYPA.org](http://www.TriValleyYPA.org). Extended care OK.

**Poky Little Puppy Event** Join Poky Little Puppy and walk to Three Dog Bakery to ice a cupcake for your dog, then head to Towne Center Books for a story and human treat. All ages are welcome, dogs must be on a leash and with an adult. Meet at Veteran's Park 550 Peters Ave at 2:00 p.m. June 22.

**Shakespeare Camps in the East Bay** Camps for children and teens are available at several locations and instruction includes: acting, improvisation, voice projection, Shakespearean language, set and costume design. The cost is \$395 and aftercare is \$125. Call John at (415) 865-4422 or visit <http://sfshakes.org> for dates, times and locations.

**Storytime with author Oliver Chin** Author Oliver Chin will celebrate railroads and creativity with his new book "Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought" at 11 a.m. June 27 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Especially for ages 3-6, plus siblings. A free event.

## Seniors

**Computer Tutoring** One-on-one computer tutoring is available every

day at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The tutor works with you on topics where you need help. No formal program to follow, just help where you need it. Internet, Office applications, picture editing, etc. Call 931-5365 to set up an appointment. The cost is \$1.25 for residents.

**Transitions Support Group** Are you or someone you know: 60 or older and living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore or Sunol? Looking for a warm and supportive environment to connect with others? In need of a place to share, support and reminisce? Join the Transitions Support Group meeting 2:30 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5379 for info.

## Sports

**East Bay Colt.45s Summer Baseball Camp** East Bay Colt.45s Summer Baseball Camp is for players ages 12 to 14 and is developed to prepare players for high school. Our club offers year-round baseball for ages 12 to 15. Former pros Jason Brosnan and Kyle Gross will coach this summer's clinic from June 18 to 22 at Osage Park, baseball diamond 2, Danville. The cost is \$250. Spaces are limited. Download a registration form at [www.eastbay-colt45s.com](http://www.eastbay-colt45s.com).

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By far the most important issue is to know exactly what you need your new (or remodeled) home to provide you. The second issue is sheer economics. Not only do you need to see whether you can get the money back out of your house that you put into it in a remodel, but you also need to look at market conditions. Is it reasonably easy to sell this home today? How easy or difficult is it to buy another? What would the differences be between financing your remodel and financing the purchase of another home? Again, be sure to talk with your real estate advisor about these questions. Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

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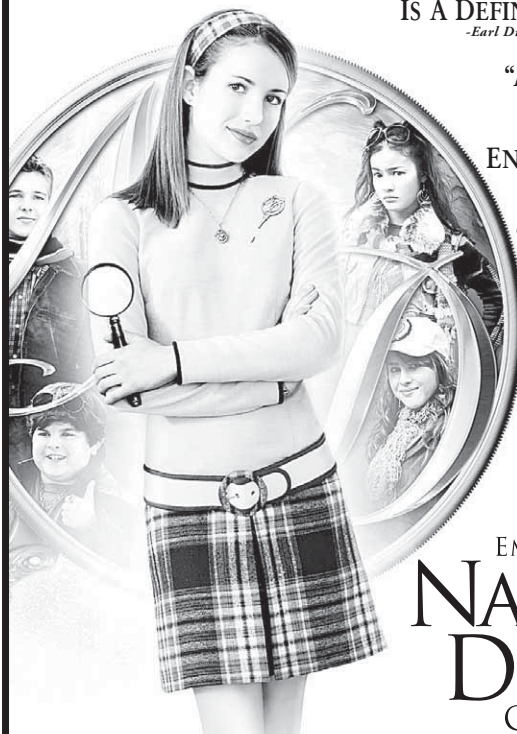
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