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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Callippe—A winning course thanks to Randy Lum

Randy Lum, Pleasanton's popular public works director who died five years ago next Wednesday, should be smiling. The city's municipal golf course he worked so hard to develop—which we named Callippe Preserve—is a resounding success. With total rounds for the fiscal year that ends tomorrow once projected at 58,000, the actual number for the course's first full year of operation is likely to be close to or over 73,000. Total earnings are expected to reach \$4 million, with \$900,000-\$1 million left over that can be applied to paying down the \$25 million in bonds used to partially fund the \$40-million course. The city's goal is to make the course self-sufficient in the coming years, but to come so close in its first year of operation is, as Finance Deputy Dave Iremonger told the City Council last week, "truly great news for our community."

Callippe wasn't Lum's idea. The City Council established a golf course committee 20 years ago when residents like Ed Churka lobbied for a public course. Over time, at least two other courses were proposed: San Francisco suggested building an 18-hole course as part of a 2,600-home development on the Bernal property, which the council nixed. The Lin family, developers of Kottinger Ranch and now the proposed Oak Grove properties at the end of Hearst Drive, received council approval for a golf course in the hills above Kottinger Ranch, but that was rejected in a voter referendum.

Callippe also seemed to die a thousands deaths as the proposal inched its way through the council and various regional, state and federal environmental groups, which often reject golf courses because of the heavy fertilizer and water uses that often go with those developments. The crushing blow came when residents of the Happy Valley community, where Callippe is located, turned down an annexation agreement that provided for the golf course. A visionary who always moved forward calmly and deliberately, Lum found 550 acres on east side of Alisal Street and assembled the few property owners there who agreed to have their lands annexed. Even as costs swelled

from an original \$20 million to more than \$40 million, Lum persuaded the council to stay the course, convincing them that this could be the last chance to button up forever the southeast hills of Pleasanton with a golf course and even large areas of open space, trails and hiker and equestrian paths.

Tragically, just as the golf course design was being finalized and earth movers were set to start contouring the hills, Lum died of a heart attack July 4, 2002, while playing the 16 green at Willow Park Golf Course in Castro Valley, just down the road from where he lived. A picture of Randy Lum and a small plaque dedicated to his service to our town hangs in the fireplace room next to the dining room of Callippe's clubhouse. Those are small but adequate reminders of the humble engineers and public friend who made a major impact in Pleasanton during the years he served here.

Callippe, true to the spirit of Lum, the city councils he worked with and the community as a whole, is considered one of the best municipal courses in the state, finishing sixth in a poll by one golf magazine in its first six months and labeled as one of the 10 best new municipal courses in the country by another. The steady stream of golfers also shows the strength of its design and beauty of its location, with a record 304 golfers playing the course one day earlier this month and never less than 200 all month. Iremonger predicts 7,000 will have played Callippe by the time June ends, with more players to come in July and August, the busiest months. Even last December, traditionally the slowest months for golf courses, 4,009 played Callippe.

And it's not just golf that brings in the revenue. Golfers spend an average of \$62 each time they play, far more than the green fees that are \$34 on weekdays for Pleasanton residents and \$51 on weekends (\$42 and \$60 for non-residents), with food becoming one of Callippe's favorite attractions, even for non-golfers. It's all more than Randy Lum had hoped for, which is a great legacy for the man who helped make it work. ■

About the Cover

Five-year-old Taylor Goolsby of Bay Point rides the carousel at the Alameda County Fair. The popular fair, in its 95th year, draws local residents as well as those across the Bay Area. The festivities continue through July 8. Cover by Manuel Valenzuela.

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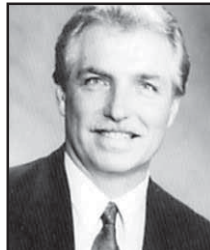
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Streetwise

Q: Interstate 580 was just named the second worst drive in the Bay Area. How do you deal with the traffic?

Asked Downtown



Tina Amber

Regional Operations Manager

As a regional manager, I am traveling I-580 quite often. I try to time my driving when traffic is not too heavy. I usually wait until 9 a.m. in the morning to head out and leave by 3:30 p.m. in order to miss the gridlock.

Andrew Zalewski

Tax Attorney

I deal with the traffic by riding my bike to work. I am able to avoid the early morning hassle by taking my bike up the Iron Horse Trail to San Ramon. It's a nice way to start the day, get some exercise and avoid the mess on the freeways.



Sue Liddell

Shipping

The reason I try to avoid I-580, especially going east, is that it's bumper to bumper, even on the weekends. I take the back roads as much as possible. Fortunately, I don't have to go that way to get to work. If I did I would probably relocate.

Jim Kruder

Sales

I am fortunate that I'm able to take side streets and surface streets. I live in Pleasanton but drive to Dublin for work. I drive fast, but not too fast, with the loud music on so that I still feel like I'm on the freeway without the stress.



Marijean Schulenburg

Retired

We don't have enough roads to accommodate the amount of people using them. Northern California needs to follow Southern California's suit and build more roads to support the population. Commuting up here is a nightmare, so much so that my husband took early retirement and we moved to Palm Desert.

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Newsfront

News Digest

Gonzales completes third Ironman

CBS 5 Weather Anchor and Pleasanton resident Roberta Gonzales completed her third Ironman Triathlon June 24 in Switzerland. She finished the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile marathon in 14 hours, 27 minutes and 41 seconds.

Raffle to support downtown, arts

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is coordinating a fundraiser to support both the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Mural Project and the Firehouse Arts Center. Alexander's Main Street Gallery has commissioned renowned artist Miguel Frietas to paint "The Best of San Francisco," a 26-inch by 48-inch acrylic on wood panel, to be raffled exclusively for this fundraiser. The drawing will be held 2 p.m. Aug. 4 at Alexander's Main Street Gallery, 610 Main St., with proceeds from the tickets to be split between the two organizations. Tickets are \$25 or two for \$45. Call Rosalinda 846-6015 for details.

'Ask the Doctor' moved to July 11

Learn how to know if your belly aches are serious by asking Gastroenterologist Dr. Jeffrey Mark and Dr. Philip Yee during TV30's live "Ask the Doctor" show from 7 to 8 p.m. July 11. Viewers can phone-in their medical questions for the doctors by calling TV30 at 462-3030. Typically the show is broadcast on the first Wednesday of the month, but was changed due to the holiday. For more information on this and other TV30 programs, visit www.tv30.org.

Musical Art Under the Oaks

From 2 to 4 p.m. July 15, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing at the Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, for the Musical Art Under the Oaks celebration. The band will be playing a variety of musical styles including selections from popular songs, oldies, pops and marches. Themes from major films will include "Pirates of the Caribbean," "James Bond Suite," and "The Theme from

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Everything is coming up roses for Pleasanton's new budget

Satisfaction survey also shows local residents like where they live

by Jeb Bing

Everything is coming up roses for Pleasanton with a city budget that shows favorable revenue for at least the next 10 years and a new voter survey that reports everyone is happy with where they live and the quality of life they're living.

Finance Director Dave Culver won City Council approval June 19 of his record-high two-year operating budgets for fiscal years 2007-08 starting July 1 and FY 2008-09 the following year. For the coming year, the city will work with a \$152-million budget, and \$156.7-

million starting July 1, 2008.

The operating budget includes the general operating fund, such as the costs of police, fire, building and planning, "things you see every day," Culver said. It also includes enterprise funds such as water, sewer and storm drain costs, and also the Callippe Preserve Golf Course and the city's newly acquired Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery on Sunol Boulevard.

"Our new budget is balanced and one that will provide the funds needed to complete the General Plan. The development of the Bernal property, strengthened youth services and funding of public safety programs, such as DARE

and 'Every 15 Minutes' for the schools and the Police Teen Academy," Culver said.

At the same City Council meeting, John Fairbank and his opinion research and public policy analysis firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates, reported the results of a survey that found those who live in Pleasanton think it's a great place to live, work, go to school, raise a family and just have fun.

His extensive "Community Satisfaction Survey," done in conjunction with the city's new General Plan and consideration being given

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Harry Aruda

23 firefighter recruits graduate

Twenty-three area recruit firefighters graduated last week in a special ceremony. The recruits attended the XAL Academy, which is produced by the Alameda County, Fremont and Livermore-Pleasanton fire departments. Earlier in the day, firefighters demonstrated their response to a fire and car accident and how to extricate a person to family members. The graduation marks the completion of a 16-week academy preparing the recruits to become entry-level firefighters.

School parcel tax study released

Feedback shows optimism, support from community

by Emily Atwood

Voters in the Pleasanton Unified School District rate the quality of education very highly, according to The Lew Edwards Group and EMC Research, which presented findings from a parcel tax feasibility study at last Tuesday's school board meeting.

The district requested the study to see if the community would support a tax that would help fund priorities listed by the Excellence Committee, a 55-member group comprised of community members and education professionals.

"There's a healthy tension in our organization," Superintendent John Casey said. "It's knowing what we do and on the other hand, knowing what we could do."

Casey added that while they have tried to whittle away at the committee's recommendations, including adding more counselors and adding science specialists, the bulk of the list would have to be funded from other sources.

Lew Edwards Group and EMC conducted a telephone survey of 400 randomly selected registered voters in Pleasanton from May 28-31. Alex Evans, president of EMC Research, said the district should be proud to have received such high overall ratings for whether things are going in the right direction.

"Pleasanton is generally the happiest place in the world right now," he said. "Seeing optimism grow in the Bay Area, I began to worry

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Veterans Hall accepting reservations Monday

Historic downtown building to open Nov. 1 after extensive renovations

by Janet Pelletier

The Veterans Memorial Hall, which is being restored to its former glory, will open to the public on Nov. 1, according to city community services manager Eileen Morley Hofstadt.

The city will start accepting reservations Monday, July 2.

"The public can come in and rent the facility for any use after Nov. 1," Hofstadt said.

The renovations have been anticipated for months since the popular Veterans Hall always books up fast for events.

"We only have two (city) facilities that are for rent that hold over 200 people. That would

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We need your photo

Weekly's contest rewards amateur photographers for capturing essence of Pleasanton

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BART OKs cutting nonstop connection from Pleasanton to SFO

Reconfiguration of trains part of BART's \$627 million fiscal budget

by Janet Pelletier

The board of directors for BART recently approved a \$627 million budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year, which begins July 1. Included in the approval was a plan to eliminate the connection of the Dublin-Pleasanton line all the way to San Francisco Airport.

It is an effort by the rail operator to improve overall service to SFO by adding trains in higher ridership areas and eliminating trains in low ridership areas.

One of the low ridership areas is the route going to the airport from the Dublin-Pleasanton station, according to BART spokesman Linton Johnson.

In the month of April, Johnson said an average of 726 people per day boarded at different stations along the Dublin-Pleasanton line (blue line) to go to SFO. In comparison, a total of 1,007 people per day boarded different stations along the Pittsburg/Bay Point line (yellow line) to the airport that same month.

"We're talking about a third more passengers per day who use the yellow line versus the blue line to get to the airport," Johnson said.

The Dublin-Pleasanton line will end in Daly City, instead of continuing on the blue line to SFO, which it does now. Pleasanton area passengers trying to get to the airport to catch a flight will have to get off at the Daly City station and board the yellow line to go the rest of the way. Another choice would be to board a train at the Walnut Creek station to take the yellow line to the airport.

James Paxson, president of the Hacienda Business Park Owners



Janet Pelletier

Pleasanton residents going to SFO will have two options: take Dublin-Pleasanton line to Daly City and switch over to yellow line or pick up yellow line in Walnut Creek.

Association said he doesn't believe the changes will have that big of an effect on business travelers coming to and from Pleasanton.

BART said the budget is a major improvement over past years, when it has been hit hard financially.

"This budget is all about improving the customer experience," Board of Directors President Lynette Sweet said. "After years of severe belt-tightening, the revenues are finally coming back and we are spending the extra money on our riders."

The board decided to move forward with a plan to cut the time between trains from 20 minutes to 15 minutes at night Monday through Saturday, all day Sunday and on holidays that operate on a Sunday schedule. The budget also promises to fund \$8.9 million for 24 new cleaning positions to make trains and stations cleaner as well as brighten stations with better

lighting.

"Our 2006 Customer Satisfaction Survey showed us that overwhelmingly riders love BART—giving us an 85 percent satisfaction rating," Sweet said. "While any public agency would envy this rating, riders did speak loudly and clearly on one thing—cleanliness. They want our trains to be tidier. This budget does exactly that."

On-time performance will also get a boost, as the board increased the goal from a 94 percent passenger on-time standard to a 96 percent standard. Part-time paramedics will be hired to address medical emergencies faster at key stations during commute hours, increasing train operator staffing and beefing up its preventative maintenance program to improve the reliability of train cars.

All of the changes will take effect starting Jan. 1. ■

Photo contest

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of photo, suitability of the content and how well the photo represents Pleasanton.

First place will be awarded \$25 and will be published in a future Pleasanton Weekly publication with the photographer credited.

Second- and third-place winners will also be awarded cash prizes and their photos published with a name credit.

Entries should be emailed to editor@pleasantonweekly.com as a JPEG file, no larger than 2MB. The text of the email should include the caption information such as names of the people in the photo and where it was taken, the entrant's name and a daytime

phone number.

Deadline for the entries is 5 p.m. Monday, July 16. Selected entries will be placed on PleasantonWeekly.com and winners will be contacted by July 20. Winners must be able to provide a full resolution image—A JPEG larger than 10MB, uncorrected and not cropped.

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Library to launch Big Read program this fall

Theme will be "The Maltese Falcon," program promotes citywide literature

by Janet Pelletier

The Pleasanton Library will launch its Big Read program this fall with the theme centered around popular book Dashiell Hammett's "The Maltese Falcon."

The citywide program aims to promote literature, according to Programs Librarian Penny Johnson.

"Our goal is that books will once again be discussed across all age groups, ethnicities and education levels with the same enthusiasm as popular TV shows or movies," she said.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), which in turn partners with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. Pleasanton is one of nearly 200 communities nationwide participating in the program this year.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is a sponsor of the program and announced last week that the library would be receiving a federal matching grant to create a reading and discussion program for the classic detective novel.

Johnson said the library chose "The Maltese Falcon" because "of Pleasanton's proximity to San Francisco and the abundance of opportunities that presented."

"We plan to have a lot of fun with this," Johnson said. "Pleasanton can't wait to celebrate the great American detective novel."

In addition to McNerney, other partners of the Big Read in Pleasanton include: Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Pleasanton PTA Council, the

Pleasanton Hotel, Calaveras Repertory Theater, the Pleasanton Weekly and Towne Center Books.

The library welcomes any additional partners who are interested.

Activities the library is planning in September and October include:

- Author presentations and book discussions, co-hosted by Towne Center Books and featuring mystery writers John Lescroart and Robert Dugoni and members of the Northern California Sisters in Crime writer's association

- Bringing participants to the book author's walking tour in San Francisco

- A theatrical performance of the book by the Calaveras Repertory Theater

- A film noir festival hosted by Dr. Candace Klaschus of Las Positas College

- A dinner theater production of "The Maltese Crow Murder" at the Pleasanton Hotel

- Bringing Bruce Hale, author of children's book "The Malted Falcon" to speak to families stationed at Camp Parks military base in Dublin

For more information, call Johnson at 931-3405. ■



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Tri-Valley has No. 2 worst congestion in Bay Area

Drive from Interstate 680/580 junction to El Charro ranks second in top 10

by Janet Pelletier

There is some truth to the complaints many Tri-Valley residents make about traffic, especially when they're idling in their cars along Interstate 580 around 5 o'clock on weekdays.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, with Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi, recently announced that the Tri-Valley area has the No. 2 worst congestion in the entire Bay Area. Garnering first place was the oft-gridlocked Interstate 80 from Hercules to the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza with an average of 12,230 daily vehicle hours of delay.

According to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which gathered the data along with Caltrans, the afternoon drive from the Interstate 680/580 junction east to El Charro Road in Livermore ranked second place for the second straight year. Between the hours of 2:50 and 7:30 p.m., that section of the freeway averaged 6,720 daily vehicle hours of delay.

No. 3 went to the morning drive westbound from Flynn Road at the top of the Altamont Pass to Airway Boulevard in Livermore. That route logged an average of 5,320 daily



Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty delivers the news that the Tri-Valley was again No. 2 on the list of worst congested freeways.

vehicle hours of delay.

"The eastbound and westbound 580 commutes have ranked two and three on the list for several years in a row," Haggerty, who is also vice chair of the MTC, said. "The good news is that help is on the way. Voters have spoken loud and clear—most recently last November, when they overwhelmingly approved the Proposition 1B transportation infrastructure bond—that they want relief.

"The first commitments from that bond money already have been made, and the funds will

help pay for improvements not just on 580 through the Tri-Valley, but on chronically congested corridors around the Bay Area."

Sartipi said that state Proposition 1B funds will pay for new carpool lanes in both directions of 580, among other projects.

Transportation officials attribute the increasingly worse traffic conditions to a rising economy. The expansion of the regional economy drove the creation of an estimated 61,000 jobs in 2006, according to the state Employment Development Department. ■

Veterans Hall

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be the Veterans building at 220 people and the senior center at 320 people," Hofstadt said.

Standard public uses for the hall are meetings, parties, weddings, anniversaries, special events and fundraisers.

Renovations began last August on the building at 301 Main St. The building was designed in 1932 by Henry H. Meyers, a renowned Bay Area architect. The hall, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, was operated by Alameda County for 60 years until it was transferred to city ownership in 1997.

Those looking to book the hall for special events won't be the only people benefiting from the

reopening. Many veterans groups meet at the building, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237 and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Since the renovations began, the groups relocated to the Regalia House.

The total cost for the work is \$4.5 million. The exterior was redone as well as the restrooms and lighting. Heating and air conditioning were added and the building was strengthened for earthquake safety. The roof was also repaired using existing tiles and the facility will be wheelchair accessible.

Rental rates vary. For more information, call Sue Reed at 931-5340. Also, the city's Web site has information about city facilities and other related information at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/facility-rentals.html. ■

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16 scouts earn prestigious honors

14 named eagle scouts, 2 receive gold award

After hours of hard work, 16 local scouts completed the leadership and service projects needed to earn them the scout organizations' highest honors.

A Boy Scout troop affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints saw five named eagle scouts. In order to earn the honor, they had to have a minimum of 21 merit badges in addition to the projects.

Nick Johansen arranged for the donation of computers to schools and charitable organizations; Brandon Barkdull worked with his troop and family to put together 100 72-hour emergency kits and then donated them to needy families; Bowman Bagley's project was comprised of building a safety cable rail along a hillside pathway; Mark Warren, along with 30 workers, repaired and refurbished the playground at Shepherd's Gate women's shelter; and Spencer Miller planned and conducted a canned foods drive for Open Heart Kitchen.

Michael Rodriguez, a senior at Foothill High School, received the Boy Scout Eagle Award, and his twin sister, Michelle, received the Girl Scout Gold Award at a joint ceremony June 9.

The Eagle Award is earned by carrying out a community project which utilizes leadership and organizational skills. The preparatory work required to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award also consolidates key program elements in senior girl scouting: career exploration, interest projects, leadership, service, and a challenge to apply all the principles and ideas of girl scouting. Only about one percent of all Girl Scouts and one percent of the Boy Scouts receive these prestigious awards.

Michael, a cub scout and Boy Scout for 12 years, completed his eagle project on Jan. 8. He designed, planned and obtained the materials and directed the building of three 4 by 5-inch bulletin boards for Hart Middle School. The boards were hung for the counseling and physical education departments and the cafeteria so each area would have a neat and organized way for the students to receive information.

Michelle, a Girl Scout of 12 years, completed her gold award project on Jan. 12. She organized a flag awareness fair attended by 320 elementary students from Pleasanton. The students played games and participated in activities to learn more about the United States flag, its history and the U.S. VFW Post 6298 and Daughters of the American Revolution supported booths at the event, and students had the opportunity to make valentines for the veterans in the community.

Fellow Pleasanton Girl Scout Kathleen Rosell recently unveiled her gold award project in front of Livermore City Hall. She chose to donate a flag retirement drop box to the city of Livermore. This project was the culmination of Rosell's desire to do something patriotic for

her community and the community's need for a place to deposit the many hundreds of flags which become worn and faded each year and too tattered for patriotic display.

Another group of Boy Scouts, each members of Troop 948, were honored June 23 at Congregation Beth Emek.

Mike Arndt's eagle project was for Kidango, an early interven-

ent weather conditions. He will be attending UC Riverside, studying biochemistry in the fall.

Matt Kwan, who was awarded the Arrow of Light in 1999, focused his project on constructing three barn owl shelters. They were donated to East Bay Regional Parks to be put up in the Del Valle area, to provide a home for barn owls and help reduce rodent populations.



Nick Johansen, Mark Warren, Bowman Bagley, Brandon Barkdull and Spencer Miller were also given the Eagle Award this month.



Eagle Scouts Mike Arndt, Vijay Kripalani, Matt Kwan, Rishi Kripalani, Kyle Williamson and Jonathan Portman were honored June 23 at Congregation Beth Emek.

tion program for developmentally delayed infants and toddlers. The agency's 18 therapists shared one flimsy rocker balance to help the children strengthen their sense of balance, but lacked the funding to purchase more. Arndt organized the funding and building of 18 rocker balances, so they could better meet the needs of the patients. Arndt is currently attending Duke University and is pursuing a biology major, a minor in sociology and a global health certificate.

For his eagle project, Rishi Kripalani built a set of cubbies for the nursery of the Pleasanton Presbyterian. The cubbies acted as both storage space and mobile walls to make the nursery supervisor's job more manageable. Mrs. Maher, the supervisor, was having trouble with the children running around, and the cubbies built sectioned off the room to help manage the traffic flow. Rishi Kripalani is currently attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in materials engineering.

Vijay Kripalani's eagle project was to construct a brick walkway connecting the Livermore Hindu Temple to the priest house, which had just been a large dirt field. His project involved digging out and leveling the clay, setting forms and laying the brick pavers. Once constructed, the path looked nice and allowed for easier access between buildings, especially during inclem-

ent weather conditions. He will be attending UC Riverside, studying biochemistry in the fall.

Jonathan Portman's eagle project consisted of the design and construction of a more sophisticated, yet completely secure donation box setup for the Museum on Main. The donation box had to incorporate a large decorative stand for a crafted acrylic top piece. Donations to the museum increased dramatically once the box was in place since the new case encouraged donations by allowing visitors to see donations given by previous visitors. Jonathan is currently a biochemistry and molecular biology major at UC Davis.

Kyle Williamson's eagle project involved restoring four stations of exercise equipment located throughout the grounds of Kolb Park in Dublin. Over the course of a month, Williamson and a dedicated group of volunteers stripped down and refurbished all the wooden equipment, then set up forms and established a gravel base for each set. The venture has helped create a safer and more accessible area for exercise. Williamson is currently majoring in computer science at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

—Emily Atwood

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Budget

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to developing the Bernal property, found residents giving high marks to almost every aspect of life in Pleasanton. In fact, Fairbank, whose firm has conducted these kinds of surveys and focus groups across the country since 1991, said many of the favorable responses to questions about life in Pleasanton were "off the chart." In all the years he has been doing these types of surveys for cities, he's never seen higher numbers in terms of satisfaction.

The survey was conducted

between March 15 and March 19 with 400 willingly participating in the 20-minute phone calls. All had to be registered voters and they were randomly selected based on demographics, including different age groups, housing situations, income levels and marital status. Fairbank said a surprisingly small number begged off when told how long the survey would take; most agreed to answer the questions when they heard Fairbank's surveyors weren't selling anything and were asking about Pleasanton. The results also were measured against similar surveys conducted in 1995 and 2001.

In analyzing the city's new bud-

get, Finance Director Culver projected overall growth in General Fund revenues for the city of 3.4 percent in the coming fiscal year, and 4.5 percent in the second. Property tax revenue is expected to rise 5.4 percent in fiscal year 2007-08 and 5.8 percent next year. Hotel occupancy taxes will remain the same: up 5 percent both years.

Only sales tax revenue appears soft, projected to rise 1.6 percent in the coming fiscal year and 2.5 percent next year.

"We've taken a conservative approach with regard to sales tax revenue because this current year has not been all that impressive," Culver said. "We simply are not going gangbusters in FY 2006-07. There's a lot of retail competition out there."

On the expenditure side, Culver's budget calls for the city spending \$91 million in the coming year and \$94.7 million the next.

The budget also provides a rise in the reserve fund, totaling \$20.5 million in the coming fiscal year and \$17.4 million next year. The decrease is because the council agreed to move some of the reserves into the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) fund for major projects under way.

Culver also will move an additional \$2 million to the ongoing \$5 million transfer of revenue to the CIP, and another \$3 million next year.

The city also maintains a 10 percent reserve cushion in the event of severe changes in the economy.

Culver said his department is preparing a 10-year forecast that will coincide with the completion of the General Plan update early next year.

"It looks very positive for at least the next 10 years," Culver said.

Still, Culver warned of financial concerns, including the possibility that the state will again "borrow" funds from cities throughout California, including Pleasanton, to handle deficit spending in Sacramento. A new law limits state take-aways to twice in any 10-year period, unlike several years ago when Sacramento borrowed repeatedly from cities. City Manager Nelson Fialho said the take-aways, which were never repaid, cost Pleasanton about \$40 million.

Culver said a major concern is the city's unfunded health and pension fund for retired employees. That liability is now about \$100 million with only \$45 million in reserves to fund it. He said more employees are reaching retirement age, more are retiring early and health care costs, which the city government pays, keep rising—between 12-1/2 percent this year and another 22 percent in the second year.

"We are in better condition than most other agencies, but we have to do better to catch up," he said. "The city is in a good position, but the future is not without significant challenges," Culver added. "We're seeing only moderate growth in sales tax because of growing retail competition. State take-aways are still a threat. And we have to contend with continued increases in our health and pension fund obligations." ■

Summer Safety for Your Kids



This summer help protect your children and teach them safety. May through August are peak accident and injury months for children. The most frequent injuries are drowning, falls, and bicycle, car and pedestrian accidents, according to Safe Kids Worldwide, 2007. We want your whole family to have a fun, safe summer.

Water Safety

- Never leave children unattended around a pool or water – not even for one minute. Accidents occur fast.
- Flotation devices are not drown-proof.
- Children should always wear a life vest while boating and near open water.
- Always lock your pool gate. Double-check the gate after people have been in the pool area.
- Review your pool rules and safety with family, friends and babysitters.
- Learn CPR. You could save a life.

Sun Safety

- Always use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.
- Make sure youngsters drink enough water.
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke: dizziness, nausea, rapid pulse.

Safety tips are brought to you by the Pediatrics Department at San Ramon Regional Medical Center:

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Prevent Burns

- Watch toddlers closely near barbecues, campfires or outdoor fireplaces. Burns are common injuries.
- Install screens or some type of barrier where appropriate.
- Metal playground equipment can be hot and cause burns.

Prevent Falls

- Move beds and chairs away from windows. Children may jump and play, and could fall through open windows.
- Make sure low windows are closed to prevent young children from falling out.
- Install gates at the top of stairs or decks to prevent falls.

Road Safety

- Always wear helmets and protective gear while biking, skating or skateboarding.
- Discuss bicycle and road safety with your children.
- Review pedestrian safety with children as well as adolescents.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. Temperatures quickly reach over 100 degrees.
- Drive cautiously. Children move quickly and may be difficult to see, especially when backing up. You may not see toddlers and older children playing behind a car.
- Always put your children in car seats or seat belts.



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Weekly makes the climb At the summit of Throng-La in Nepal, Robert Smith reads the Weekly, apparently unfazed by the 17,830-foot altitude.



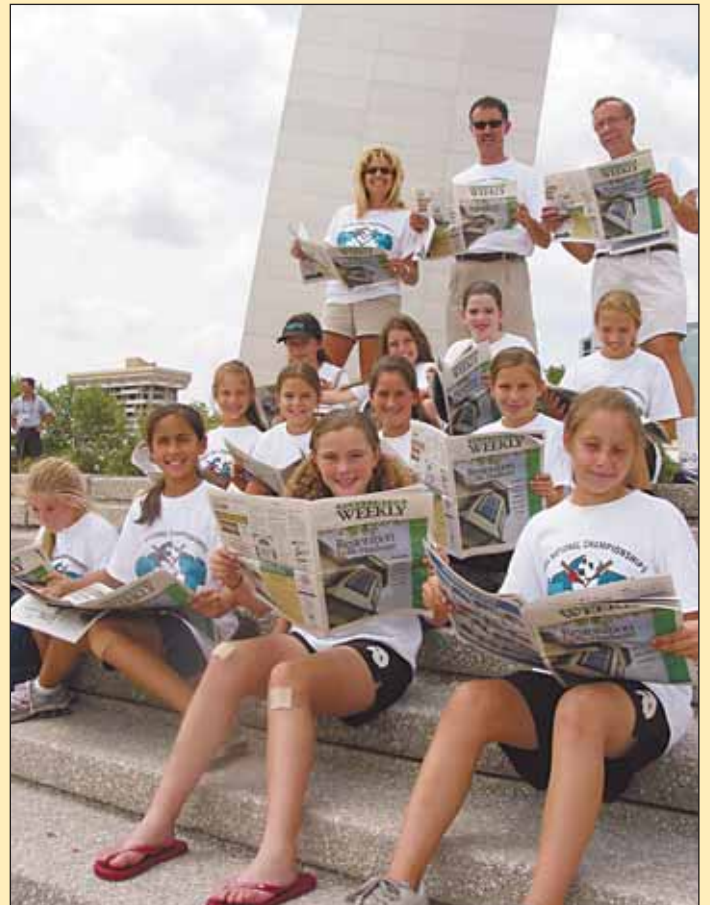
Running for a cause

After finishing the San Francisco Nike Half Marathon, raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, friends Donna DeVincenzi, Jennifer Lowe and Rose Damlani celebrate by reading the Weekly.



Lounging by the lake

Cousins Tina and Cody Keller and their friends Michelle and Jonathan French take time to read the Weekly during their houseboat vacation on Lake Shasta.



St. Louis softball Fortunately, all the members of the Pleasanton Phantom 10 and under traveling softball team remembered to bring a copy of the Weekly with them during a trip to St. Louis, Mo. for the ASA Western Nationals. Here (back row, L-R) coaches Jenny and Mike Williams and Tom Roush and players (second row) Corinne Veldix, Johanna Grauer, Molly Phillips, Aubry Wolff, (third row) Malory Masajlo, Julia Petros, Krista Williams, Kennedy Poplawski, (front row) Kendall Moore, Victoria Molina, Jana Johnson and Ashley Lotoszynski read the Weekly by the St. Louis Arch.

School tax

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that Pleasanton could top some of those numbers. I've never seen 81 percent of voters anywhere in the world who thought things were going in the right direction."

Asked an open ended question about their top three biggest concerns, voters named traffic and congestion (52 percent), growth and development (23 percent), and affordable housing (15 percent), with education ranking fourth at 9 percent.

Forty-five percent of those polled rated the quality of education as

excellent, Evans said. Ideally, voters said they would support a tax that would address class size reduction, vocational education and upgraded technology.

But are residents ready to pay more to achieve the Excellence Committee's goals? Evans said that while the perception shows more money is needed, "it's not a super majority."

In other words, 59 percent who answered that there was "great to some need" for more money versus 32 percent who answered there was "little to no need" doesn't make a two-thirds majority the parcel tax would need to win.

Trustee Jim Ott mentioned an article that said residents in cities

such as Palo Alto and Moraga pay upwards of \$490 annually, while Piedmont residents pay an average of \$1,800 a year. Jessica Reynolds of The Lew Edwards Group reminded the board that these taxes have built up over time and did not start out that high.

Voters' highest rated education priorities were not specific, rather it was a desire for continued improvement that would place Pleasanton schools among the top in the state.

Trustee Kris Weaver saw this as an opportunity to educate the community about what it would take.

"I see from this that people don't want or have the knowledge to pick and choose, but they want to be at the top," she said at the meeting.

Ott said residents must ask themselves what kind of community they want to have and then look to other communities to see what they are doing.

"Piedmont is a high-ranking district with a high parcel tax," he said. "It's a lot of money, but it shows that it's a priority."

Balancing the priorities, desires to improve and the cost is what Reynolds said will be the process between the district and the community in presenting the possibility of the parcel tax. The community seems optimistic, with Reynolds adding that there was not a huge gap in the responses from parents and non-parents or young voters to the elderly.

With last Tuesday's meeting being the last before the summer break, the district will analyze the data through the summer. Casey said if the numbers show a tax less than \$190/year, the district would stand a chance in getting the tax approved.

"We'll be looking at those things that tested fairly high and seeing what the actual costs would be, divided by parcels, and the level of tax that might require," said district spokeswoman Myla Grasso. "Certainly, if it turned out to be \$50 per parcel or \$400 per parcel, it would be a different issue."

The board is expected to hear the parcel tax issue at its next meeting Aug. 21. ■

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

- The July 3 City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, July 2, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda

Human Services Commission

- The Human Services Commission meeting for July has been cancelled due to the Independence Day holiday. The next Human Services Commission meeting is scheduled for August 8th.

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>.
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- 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, July 13, 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

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/>

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**The above represents a sampling of upcoming
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Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Two arrested after train-dodging, high speed chase

Ronald Edward Duncan, a 35-year-old Pleasanton resident, and Kristal Ann Delong, a 19-year-old Castro Valley resident, were arrested last Saturday after leading police on a high speed chase from downtown to Foothill Road.

Police were called to the Walgreens parking lot at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue after a 911 call saying Duncan allegedly had a gun in a 1999 White Dodge Intrepid driven by Delong. As officers tried to stop the car on Santa Rita Road approaching Main Street, it sped away and crashed

through the lowered railroad crossing arm, narrowly missing being hit by the train, according to police.

Other police were able to pick up the chase on Foothill Road where apparently the suspect exceeded 85 mph. Officers said Duncan and Delong threw two handguns from the car, a 40 caliber automatic pistol and a BB pistol, which were later recovered. The vehicle spun out around Muirwood Drive.

Police said the car and the license plate were stolen. Duncan, who was also wanted for parole violations, was charged with allegedly recklessly evading police, auto theft, possession of burglary tools, possession of a firearm in a vehicle and

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Police Report

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

June 15

- Theft:
 - 2:37 p.m. in the 400 block of Mavis Drive
- Lost property:
 - 12:11 a.m. in the 2100 block of Ellene Drive
 - 2:14 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue
- Alcohol violations:
 - 8:17 p.m. in the 100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; public drunkenness
 - 10:06 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Coronado Lane; DUI

June 16

- Burglary:
 - 12:56 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; vehicular
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 1:37 a.m. in the 1800 block of Harms Drive; drug possession, marijuana possession, under the influence of a controlled substance
 - 2:18 a.m. at the intersection of Milani Avenue and Stoneridge Drive; DUI
- Assault:
 - 1:46 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

June 17

- Theft:
 - 2:35 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; grand theft, worth over \$400
- Battery:
 - 2:35 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 1:34 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; under the influence of drugs
 - 1:43 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
 - 2:22 p.m. at the intersection of Abbie and First streets; minor transporting alcohol

June 18

- Theft:
 - 8:08 a.m. in the 5200 block of Crestline Way; petty theft, grand

- theft worth over \$400
- 11:34 a.m. in the 7800 block of Flagstone Drive; grand theft, petty theft
- 2:22 p.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 3:28 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- 5:15 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 7:04 a.m. in the 4900 block of Forest Hill Drive
 - 11:30 a.m. in the 1100 block of Hearst Drive
 - 1:48 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 3:05 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Threats:
 - 10:15 a.m. in the 2200 block of Segundo Court

June 19

- Theft:
 - 7:31 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; grand theft auto
 - 10:00 a.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road; petty theft
 - 11:26 a.m. in the 3200 block of Bernal Avenue; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:37 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; worth over \$400
 - 8:52 a.m. in the 5900 block of Via De Cielo Road; worth over \$400
 - 9:23 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; worth over \$400
 - 11:14 a.m. at the intersection of Johnson and Owens drives; worth less than \$400
- Assault:
 - 5:38 p.m. in the 400 block of Boulder Court

June 20

- Theft:
 - 7:18 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue; identity theft
 - 9:14 a.m. in the 800 block of Division Street
 - 10:30 a.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road; petty theft
 - 12:14 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 3:04 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; grand theft

- 6:16 p.m. in the 50 block of West Angela Street; grand theft

• Vandalism:

- 1:28 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue; worth over \$400

• Burglary:

- 6:59 a.m. in the 3100 block of Saginaw Court; vehicle break-in
- 1:10 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

• Assault:

- 1:10 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

• Drug/alcohol violations:

- 12:09 a.m. at the intersection of Owens and Hacienda Drives; DUI
- 6:59 a.m. in the 3100 block of Saginaw Court; public drunkenness

• Threats:

- 1:10 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

• Found property:

- 5:35 p.m. at the intersection of Kamp Drive and Mohr Avenue

• Lost Property:

- 5:34 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

• Animal incident:

- 10:06 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Ruby Hill Boulevard

June 21

• Theft:

- 9:15 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 10:31 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; grand theft
- 1:58 p.m. in the 5200 block of Crestline Way; grand theft
- 3:39 p.m. in the 7500 block of Stoneridge Drive; identity theft

• Burglary:

- 9:45 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

• Forgery:

- 3:29 p.m. in the 5900 block of Gibraltar Drive
- 4:02 p.m. in the 2100 block of Santa Rita Road; forged checks

• Mental health danger:

- 8:49 a.m. in the 1500 block of Kolln Street

Transitions

Obituaries

Robert John Burton



Robert John Burton died June 11 at the age of 83.

Born in Brush, Colo., he spent his formative years in Manitou Springs, Colo. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he married Florabelle Edwards and graduated from Oklahoma University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Robert worked for Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque and Livermore until retirement.

He is survived by his wife Flora; daughter Karen Burton-Lind and husband Steve Lind; grandsons Corey and Jason Lind; granddaughter Robin Lee; and grandson Ryan Lee.

A memorial was held June 23 at Chapel of the Redwoods, Comptche, Calif.

Agueda Mallari Enriquez

Agueda Mallari Enriquez died June 15 in Pleasanton at the age of 78.

Born Feb. 5, 1929 in the Philippines, Mrs. Enriquez lived in San Leandro for 12 years before moving to Pleasanton four months ago. A high school graduate, she also worked as a seamstress for 12 years. Her hobbies included cooking and sewing.

She is survived by husband of 54 years, Medardo; parents Guillermo and Cecilia Mallari; daughters Ramona Dizon of Pleasanton, Maria Grande of San Leandro, Josefina Pantig of Walnut Creek; son Joselito Enriquez of Pleasanton; sisters Victoria, Guillermina and Marcelina; brothers Hermenegildo and Librado; grandchildren Angela, Dane, AJ, Diana, Patrick and Ryan; and great-grandchild Alyssa.

Mrs. Enriquez was preceded in death by her son Crisanto Enriquez.

A visitation service was scheduled June 17 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary and a mass scheduled June 19 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. A burial service was held at St. Michael Cemetery in Livermore.

Elma Evangeline Groth

Elma Evangeline Groth died June 19 in Pleasanton at the age of 93.

Mrs. Groth was born Aug. 17, 1913 in Empire, Calif. A resident of Pleasanton for the past 20 years, she previously lived in Merced for 35 years. She worked as an admin-

istrative assistant for 40 years.

She is survived by son Edward Groth of Pleasanton and granddaughter Kelly Groth of Pleasanton.

Mrs. Groth was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Groth Sr., who died June 10, 2000.

Visitation was scheduled for June 25 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Ralph N. Cline Jr.

Ralph N. Cline Jr. died June 25 at the age of 60.

Mr. Cline was a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., moving to Fremont as an adolescent with his parents Ralph Sr. and Peggy Cline. Ralph has lived in Pleasanton for a number of years.

Ralph was a sheet metal fabricator with Nieco Corporation for the past 24 years. He will be remembered by his family as a dedicated, loyal son, brother and uncle.

He is survived by his brother Bill; sisters Sandy Swofford, Nancy Strange, Mary Rose and Shirley Cline; numerous nieces and nephews; along with his longtime companion Arlene Martin.

A graveside interment service will be held at 3 p.m. July 7 in Whispering Pines Cemetery in Portola, Calif. Services under the direction of Manni Funeral Home, Portola.

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Police Bulletin

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possession of a firearm by a parolee. Delong was charged with possession of a firearm in a vehicle and possession of burglary tools.

Pleasanton police officer arrested

Residents in the Pleasanton Meadows neighborhood were evacuated out of their homes around 3 a.m. June 14 as a Pleasanton police officer refused to leave his home and threatened to use firearms against police. Pleasanton police and a SWAT team were called in for negotiations that lasted nine hours.

The SWAT team communicated with 38-year-old Officer Kenneth Baxter through a closed front door, even though Lt. Darrin Davis said

police had the authority to gain forced entry.

Around 7 a.m. the SWAT team was able to get the man out of the house. According to the report, the 38-year-old suspect was arrested for felony threats against peace officers.

Antique coins stolen from Cattelan's

The owner of Cattelan's Antique Furniture Market at 719 Main Street reported 23 U.S. silver coins stolen between 5 p.m. June 21 and noon June 24. The coins date back from 1878 to 1921 and are worth about \$18,000. The owner told police that the thief had to have unlocked the rented display case with a key from behind the register. The report also said an employee recalls speaking with two men on different days regarding the coins. The coins are not insured.

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The Sounds of Summer

There's still time to enjoy the annual Alameda County Fair

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There are still 10 days left of fun at the Alameda County Fair. Families are flocking to catch the racing pigs, view Pleasanton from atop the ferris wheel, cheer for a favorite horse at the races, and taste delectable funnel cakes and cotton candy.

There are plenty of events and displays to keep first-time and repeat fairgoers busy, including tonight's dance contest. From 4 to 6 p.m. on the outdoor patio, DJs will spin favorite songs and one lucky crazy dance winner will receive \$200. For those more musically inclined, July 7 is the finals of the big karaoke competition with kid sign-ups from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and adult sign-ups from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Con Funk Shun will take the stage tomorrow night while the much-anticipated return of the Village People will rock the amphitheater stage Sunday.

Families can save some money today and July 6 as kids get in for free all day. July 3 is \$2 Tuesday, where adult admission is just \$2 and seniors 62 and over get into the fairgrounds free July 4. Another way to save on fair fare is bringing an Oakland A's ticket stub or a Pepsi can to save \$2 (not valid on \$2 Tuesdays).

—Emily Atwood



What would a fair be without goat races?

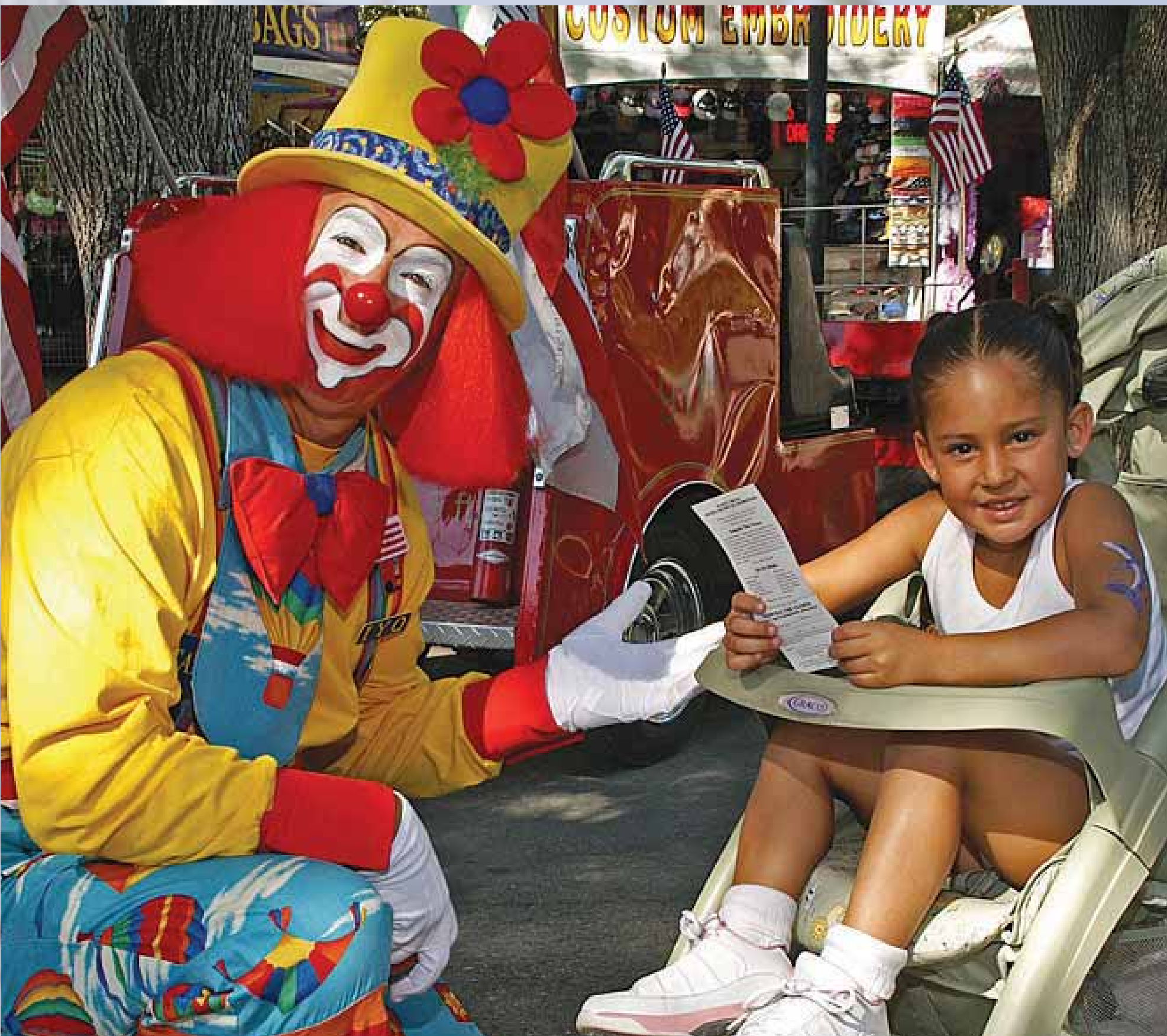


Five-year-old Madelynn Crimi of Pleasanton rides the popular horse carousel at the county fair.



Ian Granger, 11, and Chris Hagerty, 12, both of Livermore, use a potato sack to ride down a gigantic slide.

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Tadpole the Clown and Trina Pangelina of Ripon share a moment together in the children's area at the fair.

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Opinion

Editorial

Pleasanton skips out on Staples Ranch threat

The Pleasanton City Council missed an opportunity last week to decide if Planning Commission Chairwoman Anne Fox is out of step with the rules governing council-appointed members to its commission and committees with regard to setting policy for key municipal measures. Fox, who for more than a year has headed the commission, second only to the council itself in terms of land use policy and influence, is also the co-sponsor of the “Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative.” It has a feel-good name but poses a serious financial and land use threat to Pleasanton that the council failed to address in its review and discussion of complaints by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman over Fox’s role as the commission chairman. The Green Belt Initiative could result in Pleasanton losing any chance of developing the 124-acre unincorporated Staples Ranch site at the southwest corner of I-580 and El Charro Road. The council has already committed to that development in a Memorandum of Understanding signed with Supervisor Scott Haggerty and other county officials. It commits to developing Staples with a new auto mall, a 600-800-unit senior residential and assisted living project, and to allow the extension of Stoneridge Drive—now barricaded at the city’s eastern boundary—to El Charro Road and Livermore in conjunction with other regional transportation improvements. The Green Belt Initiative, on the other hand, would undo that agreement if the land was annexed into Pleasanton by restricting any uses of it to open space, parkland, sports fields and hiking trails.

Although its stated purpose is to “to create a green belt between Pleasanton and Livermore,” the primary goal of the initiative is to permanently block the Stoneridge extension. It would take away Pleasanton’s right to develop the property as the City Council has planned along with an estimated \$5 million in annual municipal tax revenue that the city is counting on to meet future needs, such as expanding and rebuilding the public library. But those who live in the Stoneridge/Mohr-Martin neighborhoods, as Fox and many of her supporters do, would probably not see green space on Staples even if their measure wins at the polls. A more likely scenario would have the land annexed into Livermore instead, which would proceed with the development plan endorsed by Alameda County with the revenue stream and housing benefits going to Livermore. After all, Staples Ranch is designated as surplus land by the county, which wants to sell it off, not give it away for parks and trails. Mayor Marshall Kamena of Livermore and his colleagues are already standing in the wings waiting to pounce on the parcel if Pleasanton cancels its MOU agreement. The site would tie in perfectly with Livermore’s already aggressive plans for a 180-store outlet mall just across El Charro from Staples and a major expansion of Livermore Airport nearby.

Livermore has an edge in acquiring Staples if Fox’s initiative cancels results in Pleasanton, voiding its agreement with Alameda County. Kamena serves on the board of LAFCO, which decides annexation bids by cities, along with Haggerty. Chairing that group is Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, who also wants Stoneridge Drive extended as part of a long-standing regional transportation plan and would likely support Livermore’s bid. Pleasanton has no representation on LAFCO. Remember, Staples is county land, not Pleasanton’s, so Fox’s “Greenbelt” initiative, even if approved by voters, would have no effect until and unless Staples is annexed to Pleasanton.

We’re puzzled as to why the City Council danced around this issue at last week’s meeting, focusing instead on other concerns. It’s the talk of the town, the Chamber of Commerce and others have campaigns under way to urge Pleasanton residents not to sign the initiative, and yet the council talked instead about how or whether to discipline a commissioner whose appointment by the mayor was ratified by the council. The issue was bounced to City Manager Nelson Fialho for a report back in the fall.

Meanwhile, Fox is forging ahead as chairwoman of the Planning Commission, voting on major land use issues such as the Oak Grove housing development and open space project and at the same leading the citizens’ group that is collecting signatures to qualify the Staples Ranch initiative for a public vote. For the council to ignore this conflict of interest makes no sense unless a majority of them actually like what she’s doing. To be silent and then see Staples Ranch go to Livermore would be a terrible legacy in this council’s history book.

Talking Points

by Gina Channell-Allen



Why did they do that?

New column addresses reader questions

Newsflash! We are living in an ever-changing, evolving media climate. How we get our news, when we get our news and who provides our news has morphed into something completely different from what we knew five years ago.

"News consumers," which used to be called readers, and "news gatherers," which used to be called staffers, are finding this new information era somewhat confusing, sometimes frustrating and always challenging. These challenges, coupled with a few issues raised recently, led to the creation of this column; its purpose is to answer questions Pleasanton residents have about their newspaper and how it operates.

Have you ever wondered why the editors choose to cover one event but not another? Or why you never saw a report on the incident down the street, the one with all the police cars and people in handcuffs?

Last week, the Pleasanton Weekly's policy on identifying writers of Letters to the Editor was challenged during a City Council meeting. Anne Fox, chairwoman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, submitted a letter to the editor and our editorial staff included her title when it was published. This is a standard policy. We would do the same if the super-

intendent of schools, chamber president or mayor wrote a letter to the editor. Individuals, especially those in public positions, cannot expect detachment from their titles by simply omitting them.

As journalists, we are committed to seeking the truth and reporting it as fully as possible. Just as we are obligated to correct an error or omission on our part, we are obligated to withhold, correct or note errors or omissions on the part of letter writers if we are aware of them. We would not publish something we knew was not factual. Omitting the fact that the writer of that particular letter to the editor was in fact the chairperson of the planning commission would have been a known error of omission.

I welcome your comments and questions about the Pleasanton Weekly, its Web site, the coverage and how the newspaper operates, and will tackle these and other issues weekly.

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Letters

Overcrowding an issue for high schools

Dear Editor,

For many years I was a strong supporter of the "bubble enrollment theory." Today I believe this path the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) has chosen for the high schools has jeopardized students right to a positive experience. As a parent whose son graduated from a bubble enrollment class, the large school experience for him was a failure. The repeated failures of the district to recognize the needs of students and staff have reached a critical state.

Research by the State of California Department of Education is clear. Critical factors of overcrowding produce higher stress levels in students and staff. Interpersonal relationships suffer. Bullying and theft is more

frequent. An attitude of apathy and low self esteem frequently occurs in students who attend large schools.

The PUSD Excellence Report in its entirety speaks clearly to the needs of our overcrowded high schools. The PUSD Excellence Report included the following recommendations: Class size reduction in academic classrooms to 25-28 students across the district; Hire an onsite manager or VP at the high schools; Counselors work with students at a 350:1 ratio.

Solutions to the overcrowding do not lie in building more walls around students or with a price tag of \$51 million. Pleasanton students deserve quality not quantity for their high school experience.

*Paula Plunk
Pleasanton*

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Letters

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Norman not alone in war outrage

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Norman's letter ("Pleasanton under a 'cloud of silence' in supporting troops," Letters to the Editor, May 4), I agree wholeheartedly and wonder also. Unfortunately, I think many in Pleasanton suffer from the notion that the war has nothing to do with them since we're "fighting them over there so we don't have to fight them over here." Perhaps it is outrage fatigue? Perhaps it's a lack of awareness about the facts of our occupation of Iraq. They may not know that many of the reasons we are over there were falsified and cherry-picked by the administration.

Perhaps they've not heard of PNAC or the Downing Street Memos? Perhaps they do not know that there were never WMDs; nor did Iraq have anything to do with 9/11? Perhaps they're unaware of the billions of dollars in no-bid contracts granted to Halliburton and it's subsidiaries to support this war, while still our troops go without necessities? Perhaps they're unaware of the billions of dollars spent on this war while citizens of our country suffer and our democracy is in crisis? Perhaps they watch Fox News and so they cannot pos-

sibly know? Perhaps they believe that the almost 3,400 dead soldiers, tens of thousands of people disabled for life, and 655,000 plus Iraqi civilians killed are justified in this horrible occupation? Perhaps they really believe the propaganda being "catapulted" by this administration?

Sadly, those who are not paying attention will never ask any of these questions. Mr. Norman, I just wanted you to know you are not the only one outraged in Pleasanton.

Janna Collins
Pleasanton

Maybe Dr. Strangelove had it right

Dear Editor,

Stanley Kubrick's character Colonel Jack D. Ripper only drank rainwater because fluoridation was a communist plot. His paranoia and authority under Plan R sent Major Kong on his wild ride. That was the time of the Cold War and MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) with the Russians was America's biggest fear. Since the Soviet Union's collapse, the experts have warned us that the "end of days" is now near due to overpopulation, acid rain, ozone depletion, Alar, electromagnetic fields, NutraSweet, Y2K, food irradiation and now the latest dire prediction, global warming. Oscar winner Al Gore tells us in "An Inconvenient Truth" that crops will be destroyed, Category 5 hurricanes will be commonplace

and sea levels will rise 20 feet, hence The Doomsday Clock was moved two minutes closer to midnight.

Maybe Dr. Strangelove had it right. He proposed that we could live underground for over a hundred years in mine shafts. Of course, only the smartest and strongest of us would be chosen and there would be a ratio of say 10 women to one man. The women would be young, attractive and fertile and the men would have to offer their prodigious service. Personally, I find this a much more satisfying alternative than changing to fluorescent bulbs, only using one sheet of toilet paper per visit, driving a Prius or becoming a Carbon Neutral Metrosexual. I'm now convinced that the answer to global warming lies with the Military Industrial Complex. As General Buck Turgidson proclaimed, "Mr. President, we must not allow a mine shaft gap!"

Judy J.L. Emmons
Pleasanton

Trail access not up to advertised standards

Dear Editor,

This letter is regarding the equine/hiking trail above the golf course on Westbridge, off of Alisal Street and Happy Valley Road.

I walk with my dog along these roads and I consider the swiftly moving traffic to be very dangerous. I also have taken my horse up to the trail. It would be great to trailer up, however, there is no way that a trailer could use that access road, neither to park and rise nor to even drop horses off and seek parking elsewhere. There is not even room for hikers to park at the trail entrance.

For this reason, I have ridden to the trail, which entails walking on the road and being passed by cars going well above the speed limit. These cars are a danger to both driver and rider, as there is no safe path on which the horse can travel. I have watched these cars fly up on me without slowing down, then cross the double yellow line to get around me and continue up on Westbridge without pause.

The equine/hiking path above the golf course is very well advertised to the public, but is almost inaccessible to most people. I think it is a shame, because the trail could, and should, be a jewel for the city. With a place to park, a trailer turnaround area and a path along the side of the road for local riders and/or hikers, the trail could live up to its advertised expectations.

Laura Linfoot
Pleasanton

Carbon dioxide in, oxygen out

Dear Editor,

I want to inform the Weekly about an error in last week's issue ("Artificial grass growing in popularity," Home & Garden, June 15). On the pros and cons of fake grass article, the author said that a pro was the fake grass didn't use any oxygen. As any fourth grader can tell you, grass makes oxygen

and takes carbon dioxide out of the air.

Thanks and keep up the good work!

Bill Stephens
Pleasanton

Recycling shouldn't be so difficult

Dear Editor,

The recycling center on the corner of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road is always full, broken or too crowded, and you must wait while people bring in car loads. Recycling is good for our planet; three different trips to attempt to recycle is not!

Cathie Feiler
Pleasanton

Living in Pleasanton is an unattainable dream

Dear Editor,

I was in the middle of packing and I was looking for another piece of newspaper to wrap a fragile treasure, when I came across the Pleasanton Weekly. As I opened it, my eyes scanned the Opinion section. I read the editorial "We like living here, and here's why" and a painful feeling hit the pit of my stomach.

My family and I loved living here, but we cannot afford to stay. Both my husband and I are professionals, I am in the healthcare field and our incomes would suffice almost anywhere else but our dreams of owning a home here are a fantasy. We have always been homeowners until we arrived here. My dreams were quickly extinguished upon arrival.

We tried to keep our hopes up because my children loved it here. They had great schools, made friends and were involved in many community activities. But we decided to return to our home state and began the painful process of ripping the roots out that we had lovingly planted.

Pleasanton is a great place, but how many other families have been in our place? They are grateful to find a wonderful place but realize that with the median home price of \$800,000, it is an unattainable dream.

By the time this is published, we will be on our way to a place where dreams are possible. Maybe this letter can make a difference and more affordable homes can be available so other families do not have to leave.

Elena M. Ortiz
Pleasanton

State leaders could tackle immigration problems

Dear Editor,

I am concerned with the current wrangling over our nation's immigration situation.

I would request that either the president or a congressional committee convene a meeting with the governors of the border states—Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California; and ask these governors for their recommendations as to resolving the irritating dilemma.

I recommend governors, since they not only have been dealing with this problem for many years, but they head a large state organization and represent a large population of voters. They are involved daily with our illegal immigration.

Perhaps their education and expertise on this problem can be of benefit to us all.

Howard Seebach
Pleasanton

Retired teachers' Social Security is unfair

Dear Editor,

Please add my voice to those who point out the "unfairness" of the Social Security laws for retired California teachers.

Before receiving my teaching credential, I worked in the private sector for years and qualified for Social Security. Imagine my surprise when I retired from teaching and learned that I would get only a fraction of my Social Security benefits and would be unable to collect spousal benefits if my husband were to die.

Since the Social Security system is a federal program, the rules should be the same for all states, but California is one of 15 states that have different laws. How can we expect mathematicians or scientists to choose teaching as a second career if their Social Security benefits are reduced by more than half when they retire from teaching?

These laws are called the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). As any third grader would say, "it's not fair," and it isn't! Please ask your senators and representatives to vote for Senate Bill 206 (Feinstein) and HR 82 (Berman & McKeon).

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Sports

Striving for greatness

Amador Valley student overcomes obstacles, now Junior Olympic-bound

by Tyler Bierbower

Katie Gellerman is far from your average 17-year-old high school junior. She will be heading to Minnesota next Thursday to compete in the Junior Olympics for womens volleyball. Katie has been a member of the Amador Valley High School volleyball team for the past three years, and was selected to the all-league team each consecutive year. Last season she served as a co-captain of the Dons, along with fellow teammates Janelle Larson and Sophia Dunsworth.

Katie has also been a member of a private volleyball team called the NorCal Volleyball Club for the past four years. She was recently awarded the "All-Star" award by the NorCal team, which is based upon an athlete's attitude, skill level, and commitment to their team, and was also placed on the "All NorCal Team." The club team has been traveling to tournaments the entire year to places such as Reno, Las Vegas, Spokane, and many other areas within California.

After a long, hard-fought season, the NorCal 17 Black squad finished second in their Los Angeles qualifier. The second place finish was good enough to win them a bid to the 2007 USA Junior Volleyball Championships in Minneapolis, Minn., which will take place July 5-8. There will be about 80 teams from across the United States and Puerto Rico competing for medals. In the NorCal Volleyball Club's first bracket they will face teams from Nebraska, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and even a team from La Verne, Ca.

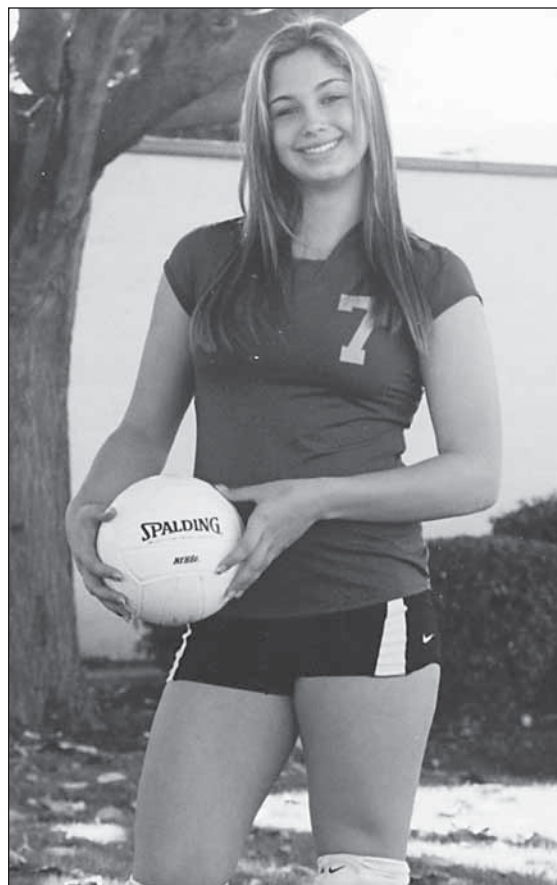
Katie and 11 others will be representing the Bay Area, including four of whom are from Pleasanton. Christi Payne, Betsy Sedlak, and Alaynah Seidler from Foothill High, and Katie's fellow co-captain Janelle Larson will join her.

When Katie realized she would compete in the Junior Olympics she said her first thought to herself was, "Wow, I can call myself a Junior Olympian!"

Yet all this success did not come easy. At the beginning of last year Katie was diagnosed with chronic gastrointestinal disease that prevented her from attending the first week of tryouts. Most adolescent athletes would have thrown in the towel and just concentrated on their well-being, but Katie strived for greatness. She fought hard using prayer, medication and her coach's guidance to help her fight through the disease.

Katie said she repeatedly told herself "It's going to take something greater than this disease to stop me from achieving my goals and dreams."

Despite her setbacks and obstacles, Katie prevailed. Amador Valley High School womens volleyball coach Rich Cortez said he has had fun coaching Katie through the years.



"It's exciting to be in the gym with her because you know she's going to do everything she can physically to make a play or make her team better," Cortez said.

Katie will graduate next year with the class of 2008 from Amador Valley and, although high school graduation is a special occasion for everyone, it is especially extraordinary for Katie and her family. The Gellerman-Hansen legacy is quite unique. Katie will become the fourth generation in her family to graduate from Amador Valley High School. The legacy began with her great-grandfather George Hansen, who was one of the eight students in Amador's first graduating class of 1923.

"It's really cool, and it just gives me that much more school spirit," she said.

She hopes to attend college on a volleyball scholarship, preferably somewhere on the East Coast. She plans to utilize the leadership skills she's learned from volleyball throughout her life's future endeavors such as her studies, athletics and her current career interest of library science. ■

Sports Digest

Play lacrosse this summer

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Summer Program is open for registration. Programs are available for all boys entering grades 1-12. No experience is required, but full equipment is necessary for all participants. The program begins on July 9 and runs for six weeks.

Boys' grades 1-8 program includes one clinic-style practice per week, and pickup games on Saturday mornings. Boys' grades 9-12 play pick-up games only, on Thursday evenings. Registration costs \$50 per player.

All games and practices take place at Thomas Hart

Middle School in Pleasanton. To register and/or obtain more information on the program see the website at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or contact Bryon Hay at 998-5550 or byron.hay@comcast.net

—Byron Hay

Wrestling camp open for registration

Summer Wrestling Camp is currently open for registration, and will take place Monday through Friday, July 16-20. The camp is for both boys and girls,

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Sports

Sports digest

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and will offer three separate sessions for the different age groups. Harvest Park Middle School wrestling coach Dale Hazen will be hosting the camp. No experience is needed. Session one is for grades 3-5 and will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. with a fee of \$50 for Pleasanton residents and \$55 for non-residents. Session two is for grades 5-6 and will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Session three is for grades 6-9 and will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The fees for both session two and three are \$70 for Pleasanton residents and \$77 for non-residents. All sessions will be held in the Harvest Park Middle School multi-purpose room. Grades are based as of Fall 2007. Registration forms are available at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave. in Pleasanton. For more information, call 931-3447.

—Ian Anderson

Ruby Hill Killer Whales prevail

The Ruby Hill Killer Whales swim team just beat the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks by a score of 491-461. It was an extremely close competition, and several swimmers posted excellent individual times. Blake Tucker (free, back), Emily Tincher (fly, breast), Nicholas Tucker (fly, IM), and Drake Southern (fly, breast) all posted

two first place finishes.

In addition to the double winners, the Sharks also got first place finishes from Perry Cheney (free), Luke Pinney (fly), Meghan Pickett (breast), Joey Geasa (breast), Aldin Dallos (breast), Joey Silva (IM), Kevin Driver (IM), Shari Nishijima (back), Kailyn Coleman (back), Colin Burke (back), and Parker Brown (back).

PALL Yankees finish 13-11 despite difficult schedule

The Pleasanton American Little League Junior 80 Yankees defeated the San Ramon Bandits in a quarterfinal victory of 7-2. The game took place in the District 57 Tournament of Champions play. Pitcher Blake Shultz was the talk of the game, allowing only two runs while hitting 2 for 3. Shultz also allowed just three hits, and struck out eight players in his six inning start. The 7-2 victory was enough to send the Yankees to the semi-finals to play the Los Altos Little League Giants. After the Yankees' Jason Silva hit a clutch single in the third inning the Giants jumped out to a 3-2 lead. After the Giants big fourth inning, the Yankees could not recuperate from the 5-3 deficit.

The Yankees ended up losing in the semi-finals of the tournament to the Giants 7-4. Although they lost the Junior 80 Yankees finished the season 13-11, despite having one of the more difficult schedules in the league.

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Calendar

Weekend Preview



‘Ratatouille’ feeds food bank

Those attending screenings of the new Pixar movie “Ratatouille” tomorrow at Regal Hacienda Crossings 20, 5000 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, will receive gifts for bringing canned goods to be donated to the Alameda County Food Bank. With two cans, patrons will receive a pack of “Ratatouille” trading cards and with eight cans, a T-shirt. The event lasts from noon to 4 p.m. while supplies last. Regal Cinemas Jack London Square in Oakland and Regal Cinemas Berkeley will also take part in the event from 1 to 5 p.m.

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.

Class Reunions

Amador Class of 1977 Reunion Looking for AVHS 1977 alumni! It is time for the 30-year reunion for the class of 1977, and we are looking for alumni contact information. Please contact Rob Cook, at robcook@mcdermottcosta.com or (510) 599-8525, so we can send you details. Save the dates of Sept. 14 (mixer) and 15 (dinner/dancing).

Classes

Construction Financing Seminar A seminar on construction financing will be presented from 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 18 at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. The class will cover financing methods for new build, remodel or reconstruction. The cost is \$19. To register visit www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed. Call 449-1275.

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilters Lemonade Social Bring lunch and join us at 12:30 prior to the meeting July 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Lemonade and cookies will be served, and we will hold an Americana Quiz. Our guest speaker will be noted author and teacher Nora McMeeking, who will also hold a workshop the following day. Visit www.amadorvalley-quilters.org.

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.

Everything Poetry This poetry workgroup meets from 9 to 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month to critique poetry and the third Saturday for a workshop pertaining to an aspect of

poetry business at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Bring 10 copies of a poem.

Good News Bears Be a part of providing comfort to children and adults by giving stuffed animals. Good News Bears meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station, 1110 S. Livermore Ave. Join us on the third Thursday of the month to see how you can provide “stuffed love” in our community. Club dues are \$30 per year. Contact Jeanie Haigh at jhaigh@webbears.com or 373-7982.

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.

New Tri-Valley Homebrewing Club Want to meet other brewers and advance your brewing techniques? Mad Zymurgists of the Tri-Valley meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. We welcome brewers of all levels of expertise, and have sponsorship from Hoptech in Dublin. See www.madzymburgists.org for more info and location of the next meeting.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Meeting Join us for our monthly Twin Valley Mother of Twins meeting, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. Membership is a mix of residents in and surrounding San Ramon/Dublin/Pleasanton. Our goal is to provide support, information and friendship to Mothers of Multiples. Roundtable question and answer time is at 6:30 p.m.; dads are encouraged to attend the roundtable. Call DeAnna at 948-0004 or visit www.tvmtc.com.

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.

Events

7th Annual Downtown Summer Wine Stroll The Wine Stroll will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. July 19. Over 25 members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will showcase their wines at up to 35 locations. Only 1,000 tickets are available for \$25 per person and will be sold in advance June 18 to July 18. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Art Collecting 101 Learn to display and light art and collectibles with style and flair from 3 to 4 p.m. June 30 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St. RSVP by calling 485-1183 or emailing wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net.

Local Fourth of July Celebration Pleasanton volunteers plan the ninth local Fourth of July celebration from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Lion’s Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets. This year’s theme is “Jefferson: A vision for America.” Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic blankets or lawn chairs, and wear red, white and blue. The Lion’s Club will offer “A Dog & a Drink for a Dollar” and will also give away hand-held American flags to the first 500 guests.

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.

Exhibits

Art Under The Oaks More than 35 Bay Area artists will display paintings, prints, pottery, jewelry, baskets, woodwork, fiber arts, photography and porcelain painting at the 21st Annual Art Under the Oaks from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 14 and 15 at beautiful Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Call Gail at 846-8960 or visit www.livermoreartassociation.com.

Local Yet Global Worthington Gallery West, 739J Main St., presents the second annual Locals Only group art show through August 4. The artist’s reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. July 6. Artists include Nicole Cameron-Diosdado, Sue Evans, Sally Haig, Kim Jagger, Julie Johnson, Gina Kaiper, Kevin Wright and more.

Pieces In Time: 90 Years of Quilts “Pieces In Time: 90 years of Quilts,” at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., runs through Sept. 30. The display of 24 quilts made from 1885 to 1975 includes historic and patterned quilts owned by local residents. Museum

hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. through Sat. and 1 to 4 p.m. Sun. Tickets are \$2 per person. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Pieces of Time The Museum on Main Street will be hosting the quilting class from The Berry Patch in a demonstration to visitors to the museum from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. July 8. This will be a process of paper piecing in preparation for a quilt. The event will take place in the History Room, 603 Main St. Visitors will also be able to hand tie a quilt. There is a donation of \$2.00 for individuals and \$5.00 for family. Call 462-2766 or email valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net.

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Health

"Foot Freedom!" World School will offer a free seminar for the general public from 4:30 to 6 p.m. July 12 at 699 Peters Ave. The school presents "Foot Freedom: A Free 90-Minute Foot Health Clinic." Attendees will learn daily self-care and specialized foot self-massage techniques. Call 461-2533 or visit www.worldschool-massage.com.

Free Summer Immunization Clinics Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Avenue, offers free immunization clinics for children on July 7, August 4 and September 8. They are open to all Tri-Valley families who have a low income, are uninsured or on Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and income and insurance information. Some immunizations require fees. Call 462-1755.

Gentle Yoga for Partners Beth Fox, a certified yoga instructor, will teach yoga for partners in Lynnewood United Methodist Church's multipurpose room, 4444 Black Ave. Partners can be anyone--a friend or loved one, including children 13 years and older. The class is open to the public and is appropriate for all levels of experience. The cost is \$10 for general public; \$5 for people 55 and older. Call 846-0221 or visit www.lynnwood.org.

Kundalini Yoga and Meditation with ilahi Yoga Priestesses of the Bay Area present an eight-week introductory series of Kundalini Yoga and Meditation with ilahi at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays from May 17 through July 5 at World

School, 699 Peters Ave. The course is free for World School Staff and students otherwise \$12 drop-in fee or \$30.00 for the series. Call 461-2533 or visit www.worldschoolmassage.com.

Meditation and Stress Reduction Do you want to learn and put into practice relaxation techniques and stress reduction methods proven to be successful in hundreds of cultures for millions of people? Las Positas College is offering a class for meditation and stress reduction from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays from June 30 to July 7. The cost is \$39. Call 424-1467 or register online: www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed.

Kids & Teens

5th Annual Teen Citizens' Police Academy The Pleasanton Police Department will again host the teen academy from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from July 10 to 31 at 4833 Bernal Ave. The academy is open to residents of Pleasanton, ages 14-18. The students will learn about many police functions. For an application call 931-5100.

Camp Kadima Camp Kadima, a Jewish community summer day camp for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade held at the Sunol Glen School in Sunol, is accepting registrations for its fourteenth year of operation. Camp Kadima, the only Jewish day camp in the East Bay, offers a range of activities from sports and outdoor programs to crafts and drama. For a detailed schedule of sessions and rates, go to www.campkadima.org.

Medieval Adventure at the Library The actors of CLAP! (Creative Learning through Arts Program) bring knights, dragons and princesses to the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., on at 1 and 2:30 p.m. July 11. Children (ages 5+) in the audience will

help enact a comical tale of medieval adventure! Free tickets given out 1/2 hour ahead of each show. Call 931-3400 ext. 8.

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. Extended care OK.

The Hipwaders at Livermore's Family First Night Award-winning band, The Hipwaders, will be performing "Hip Music for Kids" at Family First Night from 5 to 8 p.m. July 5 at Carnegie Park at 3rd & J streets, Livermore. Visit www.hipwaders.net for music and videos.

Wizard Training School! Master magician Brian Scott presents an afternoon of Harry Potter-inspired dazzling, interactive magic for kids ages 5 and older at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free tickets for the hour-long 2:00 p.m. show will be given out at the children's desk 1/2 hour before doors open. Call 931-3400 ext. 8.

Lectures/ Workshops

Be Smart Buy Smart Join the Joaquin Murphy of the California Department of Consumer Affairs identifies various scams and how to avoid them from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 10 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Find out what smart shoppers know about phone, mailorder, door-to-door and Internet sales; prizes; gifts; sweepstakes, lotteries, and contests. Tickets are \$1.25 for residents; \$1.75 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Get Free Wealth Education on Wealth Classes Extravaganza Day This free wealth education class is part of Wealth Classes Extravaganza Day from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 7 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Classes are limited. Call 855-3205 or visit www.wealthclasses.com to register.

How to Become a Remarkable Leader What does it take to be a remarkable leader? Come learn and understand the essential ingredients that make up great leadership from 6:30 to 9 p.m. July 9 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Tickets are \$10 for pre-registered or \$15 early; or \$20 at the door; free for members. Email info@ebig.org or visit www.ebig.org.

Live Music

Muir Station Jazz Band The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents live jazz music by The Muir Station Jazz Band at 2 p.m. July 8. This band brings a variety of musical pleasures from early Dixieland to swing and easy listening for the enjoyment of all. Call 931-3405 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library.

Miscellaneous

Free The Cat Campaign For a limited time, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will offer no-fee adoptions of all adult cats.

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Kittens Seek Foster Homes The East Bay SPCA's Foster Care Program seeks foster homes for the upcoming kitten season. For more information, contact the East Bay SPCA at (510) 563-4632 or visit www.eastbayspca.org/foster.

On Stage

Comedy of Errors The Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents "Comedy of Errors" July 12 to August 4 at the Retzlaff Estate Winery, 1356 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. Tickets go on sale May 15; call (800) 838-3006. Visit www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Free Shakespeare in the Park "A Midsummer's Night Dream," directed by Kenneth Kelleher, provides an excellent introduction to Shakespeare for the first time theatergoers and continues to enthrall seasoned audiences. Performances are every Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. June 30 to July 15, with a July 6 (instead of July 7) showing at Amador Valley Community Park, the corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road.

Seniors

Computer Classes for Seniors 55+ The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers computer classes from 9 to 10 a.m. for mature adults. Join us to learn to surf the Internet and send email. Absolute beginners welcome. The second Tuesday of month is Beginning Internet, the third Tuesday of month is Beginning Email, and the fourth Tuesday of month is Advanced Email. Email mcorpora@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or call 931-3400 ext. 21 for details.

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.

Lunch in Downtown Pleasanton Enjoy lunch at Casa Madrid from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 12. This is a Mediterranean style restaurant located on Main Street. Meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center and we will be transported via Paratransit. The cost is \$15 for residents or \$18 for non-residents. Call Lisa at 931-5372.

Pleasanton PC Users Group The PC User Group meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. You don't need to be an expert to attend, we have all skills levels in our meetings. The usual Senior Center charges apply, \$1.25 for Pleasanton Residents, \$1.75 for all others. Call 931-5365 or email pleasensor@yahoo.com for details.

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.

Spiritual

Open Christian 12 Step Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at 40 California Ave., Ste. B. Call 426-0501 or visit www.rquest.org.

Peace Time Meditate upon peace from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of every month beginning June 9 at Downtown Yoga, 220-B Division St. The time of silent meditation will allow you to meditate upon your own peace of mind, peace in your home or peace in your world. All are welcome. Call 819-9983 or visit www.pleasantonyoga.com.

Women's Christian 12 Step Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at noon every Friday and Saturday at Shepherd's Gate, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore. Call 443-4283.

Sports

Aloha Golf Classic Sign up now to attend the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 16 at the Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. There will be fun, food, networking, and Raiderette and 49er Gold Rush cheerleaders. The cost is \$195 per golfer, \$1,000 for 4-some, or \$50 for dinner/auction only. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillecchamber.com.

Cross Country Training Camp Registration is now open for a new cross country training camp for high school-age athletes. The Tri-Valley Cross Country Pre-Season Training Camp will be held from 8-11 a.m. Aug. 13 through 17 at the Foothill High School track. The cost is \$120. The five-day camp—open to all interested athletes—will include training, conditioning, goal setting, time trials and racing tactics, as well as off-site running sessions on local Pleasanton trails. The coaching staff includes Rik Richardson, president of Athenian Athletics and assistant coach of Foothill's cross country and track teams, and Shannon Sos, Foothill's head cross country coach and assistant track and field coach. For more information, contact Rik Richardson at

518-9356.

EastBay Colt.45s Baseball-Fall Tryouts Update EastBay Colt.45s will conduct tryouts for their 13U and 14U competitive fall travel teams July 11 and July 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Diablo Vista Park in Danville. Cost is \$25. Download registration form at www.eastbaycolt45s.com or call Jason Brosnan at (510)551-6866.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. By invitation only, boys and girls ages 10 to 19 are eligible to apply. Players from 50 states and 17 countries attended the 2006 camp. There is also a summer camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 18 of all skill levels. Call (704) 373-0873.

Support Groups

Cancer Support Group A free support group for people with cancer and their loved ones. Facilitated by The Wellness Community. The group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twc-bayarea.org.

Domestic Violence A Domestic Violence support group is held 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, for Women in Livermore every Wednesday evening. Survivors will be able to address issues of abuse in relationships. The cost is \$40 for every eight weeks, or based on a sliding scale. Call 449-5845 ext. 202 for details.

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Grief Share Are you looking for community, understanding and support? If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. The grief support group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. It is \$35.00, with scholarships available. Call 560-6202 or register at www.dublinvcc.org.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy support group's meets 10 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Peripheral Neuropathy generally presents itself as tingling, pain or numbness in the feet or hands. It is hard to diagnose and is common. All are invited to learn more about this disease. Call Lorene at 447-6158 or Ann at 443-4098.

Lose It For Life The group process supports hope and change for men and women suffering from compulsive overeating. Group members meet at 12:30 every Monday and Thursday at 40 California Ave., Ste. B, and are encouraged to honestly express their thoughts and feelings in a supportive atmosphere facilitated by a licensed therapist. Call 426-0501 or visit www.rquest.org.

Manspeak This weekly men's group meets 8 to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights at Kiva Counseling Group, 11740 Dublin Blvd., Suite 202 in Dublin, and is designed to create a community between men to resolve problems, form friendships, and understand and improve relationships. It provides a source of support for personal growth and change in a safe environment so

we can become aware of our own emotional habits and attitudes. The cost is \$30 per session or \$100 per month. Call 485-9370 or visit www.kivaspirit.org for details.

Overeaters Anonymous Is Food Controlling Your Life? This group meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month on the second floor of the ValleyCare Medical Plaza, at the corner of Stoneridge Drive and W. Las Positas Blvd. This is a 12-step study and discussion meeting and newcomers are welcome. Call Kim at 640-9313.

Stress and Pain Management Strategies and Support Learn how to use visualization, relaxation techniques and new ways of thinking (cognitive restructuring) to help reduce stress levels and down-regulate pain. Share experiences and ideas in a supportive, caring environment. Free classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of each month at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Facilitated by Betty Runnels, M.A., Counseling Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy. Call 734-3315 or email betty-runnels@earthlink.net.

Vision Support Group Individuals with low vision, and their loved ones, are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us for low vision information, speakers, resources, discussions, and day trips. No reservations are required. Nominal fees may apply. Call 931-5369.

Volunteering

Assistance League of Amador Valley The Assistance League of Amador Valley is looking for volunteers to assist with ongoing philanthropic projects. We are nonprofit organization enriching the lives of children, men and women in need through the strength of our volunteers. Email alamadorvalley@yahoo.com or visit www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

Meals on Wheels Drivers needed to deliver meals to seniors in Pleasanton. The time commitment is two hours, once a week. Call Julie Antonelli at 931-5385.

Reading Volunteers Needed The Barton Reading Program needs reading volunteers are needed and a new group is set to train in the fall. No experience is necessary and training is free. We will match you to a student who needs your help and will provide the materials needed to bring the student's reading and spelling up to grade level or above. There are currently over 80 volunteer tutors making a difference for over 135 Pleasanton students. An optional information meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. May 23 at Valley View Elementary School, 480 Adams Way. Call Christina Clark at 426-4231 ext. 2638 or e-mail cclark@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. Registration is not required to attend the orientation. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvvar.org.

TV30

Ask the Doctor Belly aches and digestive problems are topics for "Ask the Doctor," TV30's live call-in show at 7 p.m. July 11. Viewers can phone-in questions for guests Gastroenterologist Jeffrey Mark, M.D., and Philip Yee, M.D., by calling 462-3030. Sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

In A Word Join hosts Jim Ott and Kathy Cordova for interviews with authors and the TV30 Book Club on Channel 30. This show airs Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m., 9:30 p.m. and also at 3 p.m.

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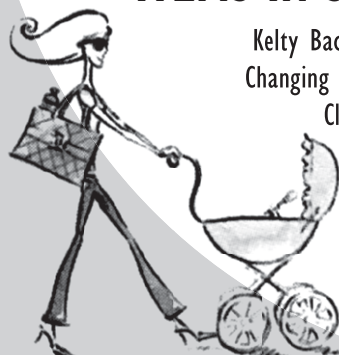
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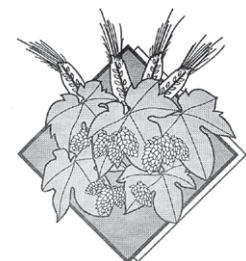
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Dining Out

La Vite Ristorante

3037-G Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 485-4500. La Vite Ristorante was rated "A" by the Contra Costa Times restaurant critic and voted the best Italian restaurant by the readers of the Tri-Valley Herald. We're located off the beaten path of downtown Pleasanton in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center.

Girasole Grill

3180 Santa Rita Road at West Las Positas Boulevard, Pleasanton, 484-1001. Girasole, a locally owned family business, is an award winning California style Italian restaurant. We feature signature cuisine such as Scoozzi, Absolut! prawns, chicken gorgi, ppinach for Veronica, Tuscan pork and signature fresh seafood...just to name a few. We are upscale, but California casual with friendly prices. **Pastas Trattoria** 405 Main St., Pleasanton, 417-2222. Pastas Trattoria has an elegant atmosphere and a one-of-a-kind menu. We feature steaks, seafood and our famous pasta, plus a superb selection of spirits and fine wines. Live music will jazz up your Friday and Saturday evenings. The banquet facilities have wireless Internet for large parties, up to 70 guests.

Japanese

Ume Sushi

4855 Hopyard Road #7 in

Gateway Square, 734-0996. Acclaimed chef David Win brings delicious Japanese cuisine to Pleasanton at an affordable price! We have a daily fresh fish delivery, teriyaki and tempura. We are open Monday-Saturday, with lunch from 11:30-2:30 and dinner from 4:30-9:30, Saturday until 10 p.m. Party platters are available. Visit our Web site: www.umesushi.com.

Sato Japanese Cuisine

3105-K Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 462-3131. Makoto Sato, Owner Operator has been serving traditional Japanese cuisine for over 25 years in Pleasanton. Enjoy the variety of our sushi bar and Japanese tempura and teriyaki sushi. We are open for lunch and dinner. We also do catering. Open Tuesday through Sunday and closed Monday.

Mexican

Blue Agave Club

Main St., Pleasanton, 417-1224. Come downtown for fine dining and casual lunches in our outdoor patio. Our menu includes a variety of selections from classic tortilla soup and mole poblano to grilled salmon (a house specialty) and filet mignon with a spicy Chipotle Chile sauce. We also specialize in premium "sipping" tequilas and carry over 200 different varieties. Visit www.blueagave-club.com.

Pizza

Gay Nineties Pizza Co.

288 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-2520. Gay Nineties is family-oriented with an extensive menu, including our renowned pizza, Italian dishes, salads and sandwiches. We also have wine, beer, patio dining and games for kids. Come for groups, take out and call-ahead lunch orders. We're open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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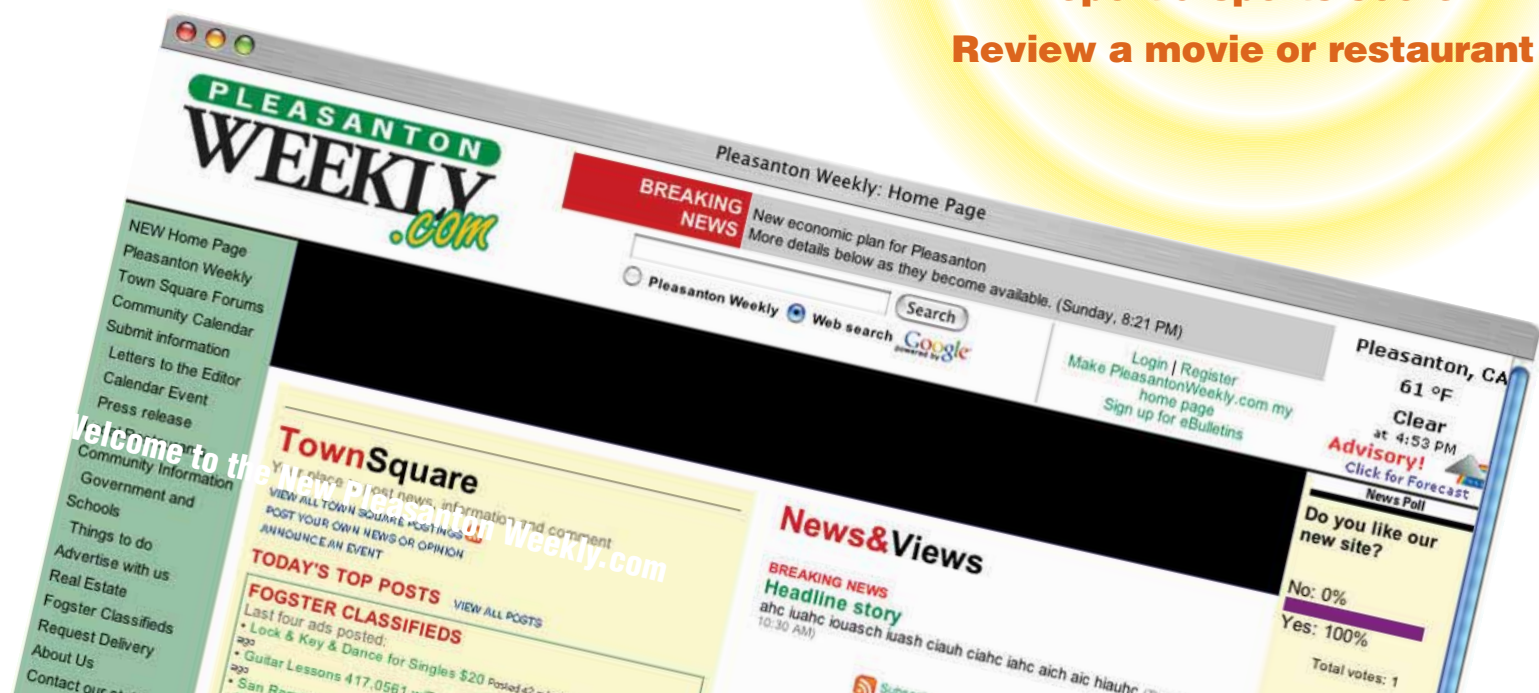
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