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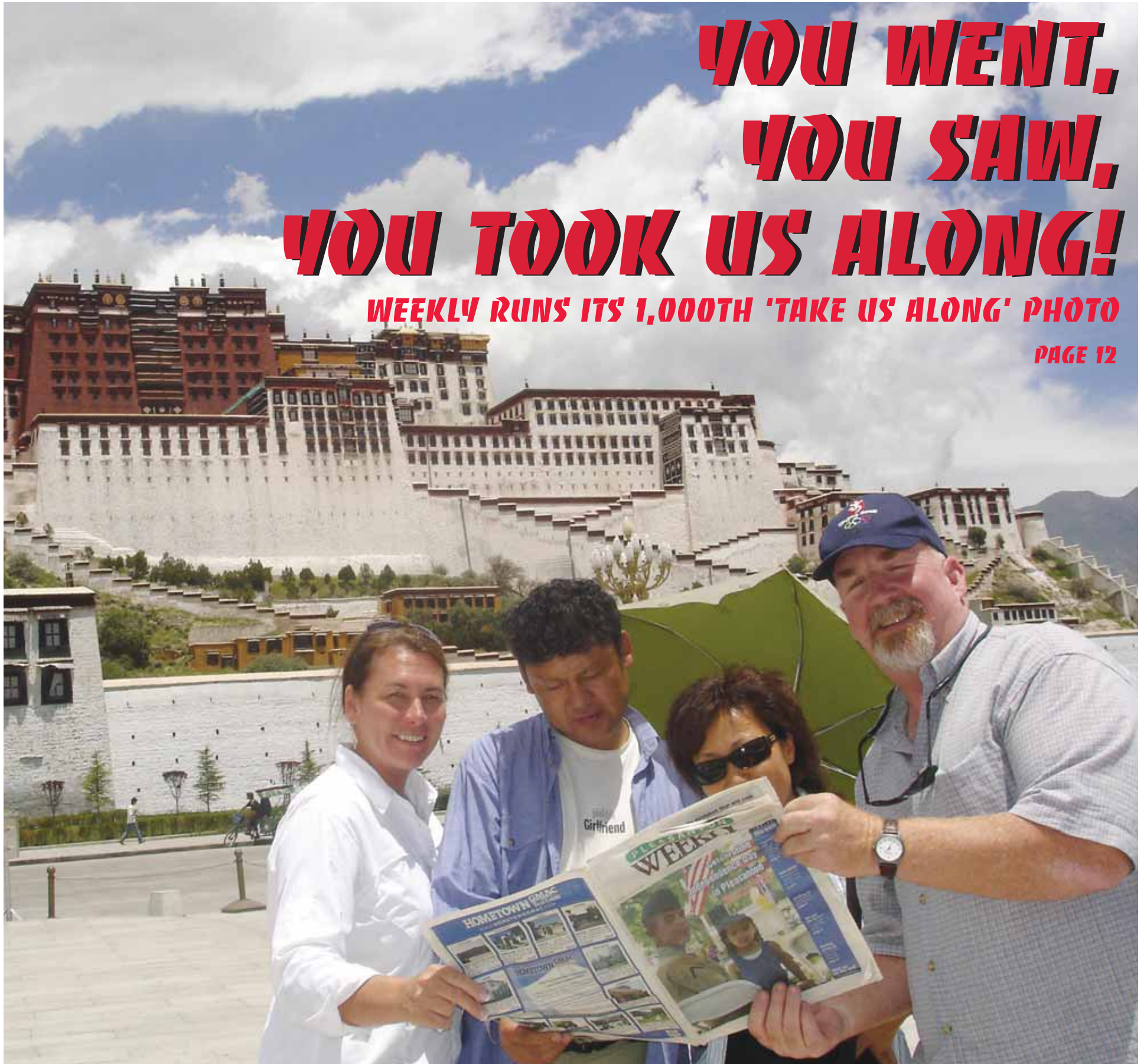
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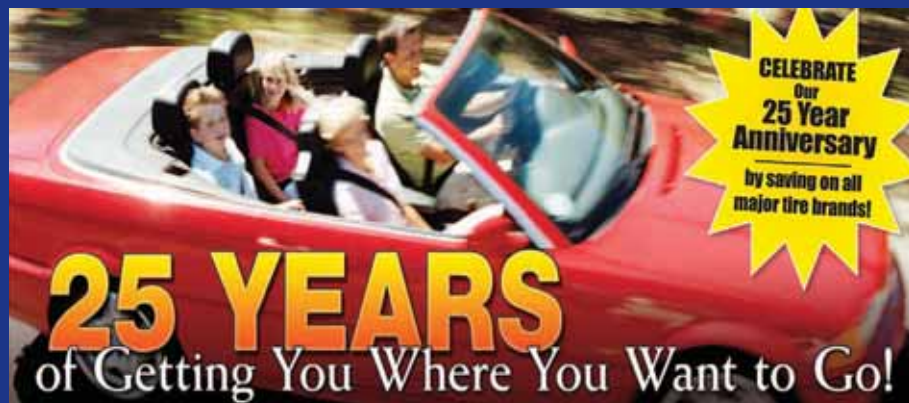
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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Piloting the Goodyear blimp—what a job!

Pilot John Conrad must have one of the best jobs in aviation. Trained for commercial jets and also a helicopter pilot, Conrad's lucky number came up a few years ago when he was selected among many applicants to pilot Goodyear blimps. That's no small achievement. He was the first uniformed pilot hired by Goodyear in nearly 35 years. Piloting the famed blimps is such a choice job that once you're hired, you stay on board. One Goodyear pilot in Florida has been with the company for 38 years; another here in the West has been a pilot for 36 years. With many of the old guard now retiring, younger pilots are taking over and planning to stay 30 or more years themselves.

Flying with Conrad last week, it's clear to see why. Offered a chance to fly in Goodyear's "Spirit of America" airship by my friend Bob Maas of Pleasanton, whose RyNck Tire stores throughout the area are among Goodyear's highest volume dealers, I sat just arm's length away from Conrad, who was at the controls. His is a day job. No more "red eye" passenger jets to fly to New York or multiple nights at out-of-town hotels awaiting another early morning flight assignment to some distant city. He has no weather worries either. If winds reach 25 mph, Conrad and the blimp don't fly. There are no hectic gate changes from Terminal A to B, either. The Goodyear blimp at Oakland is tethered to a stationary pole on the far south edge of Oakland International Terminal until Conrad and a ground crew come to work. There are no security lines or the obligatory black overnight bag to carry. Conrad hops aboard much like the rest of us do in climbing into our cars. With a push up from the 13-member ground crew—who are Goodyear accountants, receptionists, mechanics and more at the Oakland office—and we're off, with the motors kicking in and

quickly driving us forward at a 60-degree angle until we reach cruising altitude at 1,000 feet. We can see jets taking off to the north, passing us vertically as if we are standing still. Which we almost are. At a top speed of 35 mph, it takes us a good 20 minutes to cross the bay and hover over AT&T Park, as Conrad had done a few days earlier while covering the All-Star game.

That's another part of the job Conrad likes. He goes to most games up and down the state, although he ends up watching them on one of two monitors placed in the small gondola. One carries the game below live just as it's being broadcast locally. The other shows the pictures being taken by the small camera crew that fills the cabin. One of the thrills July 10 was watching Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners rounding the bases 800 feet below after he hit the first inside-the-park home run in All-Star baseball history. Game days are also some of Conrad's longest, with the All-Star game keeping him in the air for about eight hours from start to finish. On long trips, the Goodyear crew throws in a Porta-potty just in case.

The famed Goodyear blimps have been around for 80 years and adorn the skies from coast to coast as very visible corporate symbols of the tire and rubber company that began operations in Akron, Ohio in 1898. The blimps travel more than 100,000 miles across the U.S. each year, with automated flashing advertising signs that promote Goodyear sales and products as the airships fly along. Locally, RyNck frequently benefits when customers stop by after reading a sale promotion they saw while driving on I-580 or at one of the games. For Conrad, who leaves this week for a four-day-long flight to Portland, piloting the Goodyear blimp is a lifestyle that's hard to beat. ■

### About the Cover

Rhonda and Rick Hempy have the distinction of taking the 1,000th Take Us Along photo after they brought the Pleasanton Weekly with them on a 23-day trip to China and Tibet. In the past seven years, the Weekly has been to numerous exotic locales and popular tourist destinations, but still has yet to see North Dakota.

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# Streetwise

**Q:** What do you think of the new underpass that will connect the newly-extended Valley Avenue to Sunol Boulevard?

Asked Downtown



**Rebecca Wheatman**  
Student

I will use it every time I go to Livermore because it is closer to my house.

**Manjot Grewal**  
Stay-at-home mom

I think it will be very convenient to get to that side of town.



**Laura Radovolsky**  
Student

I think it's a good idea to get over towards Sunol because it is always so congested. It will make it an easier drive and the parking is definitely a pro.

**Brady Walsh**  
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Anything to alleviate traffic, reduce congestion and allow children easier access to the sports park is a good idea.



**Francie Stone**  
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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Harry Potter fans unite tonight

Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., will host a Harry Potter party from 10:30 p.m. to midnight tonight. The event celebrates the long-awaited release of the last in the series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." It will be released for those who prepaid or those who want to purchase the \$35 book at 12:01 a.m. Sign up at the bookstore as big crowds are anticipated. Costumes or "house" colors are encouraged. Prizes and refreshments will be served. For information, call 846-8826 or visit [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com).

### Local wine wins big

The Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wineries took home seven awards, including three gold and three bronze, at the Best of the Bay Wine Competition June 15. The 2004 Stony Ridge Harriet's Merlot also won a double gold best of show. The wineries are located at 4948 Telsa Road in Livermore.

### Grills are go for sister city fundraiser

A Pleasanton/Tulancingo sister city barbecue fundraiser will be held from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Aug. 11 at the county fairgrounds. In addition to a menu of tri-tip, the event includes live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Reserved table for eight with a sponsor sign is \$240. Purchase tickets at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters St. Call Alice Pryor, 462-5786 or Jorge Victoria, 462-6723.

### Dogs to strut their stuff at parade

Pretty your pooch for the Aug. 1 Pooch Parade at 6 p.m. in Lyons Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets in Downtown Pleasanton. The fee is \$10 per category and registration begins at 5 p.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. The first 150 entries will receive goody bags. Call 846-6561 or visit [www.trivalleyguidedorogs.com](http://www.trivalleyguidedorogs.com).

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## Ice rink, hockey arena gets thumbs up from City Council

*Negotiations to start immediately with Shark's subsidiary that would build, operate facility*

by Jeb Bing

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to move forward on planning a 17-acre community park on Staples Ranch that could include an 8-acre ice skating and ice hockey arena proposed by a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks.

The action came despite several objections and the threat of an initiative that would ask city voters to ban all commercial and residential development on the 124-acre, undeveloped Staples Ranch property except for a proposed auto mall.

As initially proposed by the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, the new park would be one of the largest in Pleasanton outside of Sports Park and would include at least two all-weather lighted sports fields, six lighted tennis courts,

bocce ball courts, a dog exercise area and trails with a trail assembly area of restrooms and parking.

Staples Ranch is located just northeast of the Pleasanton city limits at the corner of I-580 and El Charro Road. It is unincorporated and owned by Alameda County, which has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Pleasanton officials to develop the property with a 40-acre auto mall, a retail center, a 600-800-unit senior living complex, the community park and a corridor reserved for the future extension of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro.

Although fielding public comments for much of the council meeting on the Greenbelt initiative, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman ruled that comments on the Staples Ranch park could not deviate to other concerns for the property, including the proposed initiative.

"I will not entertain those comments," she told a crowded council chamber.

A supporter of the ice arena, retired Parks and Community Services Director Dolores Bengtson, said the proposed park and all of its amenities "should enjoy broad public support."

"While I feel there is an elephant in this room that we can't talk about," Bengtson said, referring to the initiative, "I hope we get many in the community behind this. To those who question why we need four sheets of ice (ice rinks), I'd like to point out that we have more than 30 soccer fields and plenty of baseball and softball fields. I think our community will be well served by this."

Eight-year-old Nicholas Powers agreed. An avid hockey player, he said his parents drive him a minimum of 45 minutes to reach the nearest rink.

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## Union Jack no more

*New restaurant to replace 1880s business, building*

One of Pleasanton's oldest and last of the city's famed and sometimes notorious downtown bars gave way last weekend to the wrecker's scoop to make way for a more refined restaurant.

Crews showed up early Saturday morning. After closing off the sidewalk in front of Union Jack at 725 Main St., it took only a few hours for the jaws of a large wrecking crane to rip the 1880s building to scraps of wood. By Monday, the site was a vacant lot.

The old British pub attracted troops from both World Wars who came to Pleasanton, in those years known for its 13 "hard core" Main Street bars. In recent years, it also became a favorite of younger couples in their early 20s who found it one of the few downtown bars that they could afford and that welcomed younger customers. In 2004, the Union Jack was named the best place for "Boys' Night Out" in the Pleasanton Weekly's annual "Best



A wrecker's claws dig into the 1880s-era building, making short work of the once-famous downtown bar.

of Pleasanton" report.

But even then, Union Jack was gaining a reputation for a more rowdy crowd, with frequent reports of vandalism, noise, public drunkenness and public urination against the sides of adjoining businesses. With threats by the city's Planning Commission that it might seek to cancel the Union Jack's conditional use permit that allowed the sale of alcoholic beverages, owner Richard Ressler decided in February 2005 to close the establishment.

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## Injured teen home from hospital

*Investigation into party brawl to wrap up next week*

by Emily Atwood

The 17-year-old Foothill High School senior who suffered a fractured skull after being badly beaten at a house party July 2 is now home from the hospital, according to police.

Sgt. Jim Knox said a 17-year-old boy, who was arrested and charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandalism, did not appear to be intoxicated at the time.

No additional arrests or further developments had been released at press time, and Knox said police anticipate closing the investigation next week.

The brawl began when uninvited guests refused to leave a house party in the 1600 block of Whispering Oaks Way—the home of the victim's girlfriend whose parents were reportedly gone. The teen was beaten with a chair and a baseball bat wielded by a group of young adults, many of whom were on vacation from Southern California and Nevada. ■

## Valley Avenue underpass now open

*Extension cuts through Bernal property, connects to fairgrounds*

The city's new \$5.3-million underpass that connects a newly-extended Valley Avenue to Sunol Boulevard at Junipero Street opened to traffic Thursday morning, ending a three-month wait while flood control pumps were added to control unexpected ground water seepage.

The Valley Avenue extension and the underpass will allow traffic as well as school children walking to nearby Hearst Elementary and Pleasanton Middle schools to pass under the Union Pacific railroad tracks. It also could be the last major roadway extension in Pleasanton. The new road will cut through the Bernal public lands, giving cross-city traffic a new artery from Sunol Boulevard to the busy Bernal-Valley intersection at the fairgrounds. The new roadway will

also provide easier access to three new baseball fields planned for a sports park just west of the railroad tracks, with parking areas connected to the new Valley Avenue.

The road will include new traffic signals at Case Avenue, which have been installed and will be activated on a test basis starting Tuesday before fences and barricades are removed early Thursday morning.

At Sunol Boulevard, Junipero Street on the east side will keep its name. On the west side, the roadway will be renamed Valley Avenue. Three roundabouts already have been installed on Valley between the railroad tracks and the fairgrounds.

"We're very pleased to be opening this extension and offering nearby residents another

road by which to reach schools, shopping and other destination points," said Rob Wilson, Pleasanton's Director of Public Works.

The extension had been scheduled to open earlier in the year; however, a high groundwater condition was encountered during construction of the underpass. Working with the city, the developers installed back up systems that assure adequate storm water and groundwater pumping, Wilson said.

The project is being financed by a consortium of developers, including Greenbriar Homes, KB Home and South Bay Construction, which owns acreage along the west side of the new Valley Avenue and I-680.

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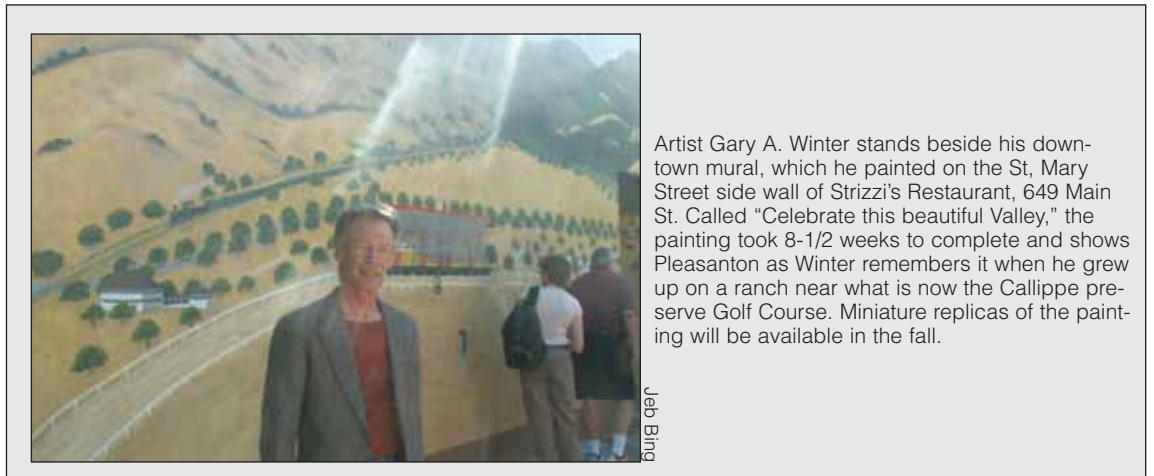
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## Union Jack

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In its place, developer Michael O'Callaghan, building owner Michael Periclis and architect Charles Huff will build a new, two-story, 4,800-square-foot, Monterey-

mission style structure. At 34-feet in height, it will be one of the tallest on Main Street. While the tenant of the building hasn't been determined, it's planned to house a single restaurant on both floors, with the second floor having an outdoor dining feel. O'Callaghan said it would be the

first of its kind in the downtown.

The structure will also have a 720-square-foot apartment to the rear of the second story.

Construction on the new building will begin this fall and will be completed next spring or summer.

—Jeb Bing

## Governor visits Safeway health center in Pleasanton

*Tour follows talk at AT&T in San Ramon on health care reform*

by Janet Pelletier

Calling the state's health care system "unacceptable and unsustainable," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told hundreds who gathered for his visit to San Ramon last week that he needs the Bay Area's support for reforms.

After his appearance July 12 at the AT&T offices in Bishop Ranch, Schwarzenegger headed over to the Tri-Valley to take a tour of the Safeway Health and Wellness Center in Pleasanton. Safeway CEO Steve Burd, led the governor around the fitness facility provided for the supermarket

chain's employees.

Schwarzenegger was in the East Bay to promote his plans for health care reform.

The governor is proposing a plan that would have individuals, the government, insurers, health care providers and employers all sharing the cost of health care. Previous plans have proposed that government pay while others have proposed individual businesses who don't offer health insurance pay into a pool.

Under his plan, individuals must have a minimum level of insurance so that the current system of those with insurance paying for the uninsured would go away. The government would return between \$10 billion and \$15 billion to doctors and hospitals, provide subsidies for

low-income families to buy coverage and expand Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs. Also in his plan, insurers would have to guarantee people access to coverage and spend 85 percent of every premium dollar on patient care. Health care providers will receive increased Medi-Cal reimbursement and contribute to funding a state purchasing pool. Lastly, businesses with 10 or more employees who don't offer health coverage will be required to contribute 4 percent of the payroll toward the cost of employee's coverage.

Schwarzenegger, who was invited to speak at the AT&T offices by the Bay Area Council, thanked the council's membership, which is

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## Ice Rink

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"Hockey is a fast, growing sport," he told the council. Many kids play baseball and soccer here, but they can't play hockey because there's no facility in town."

Businessman Brad Hirst cited hockey tournaments in the Lake Tahoe area where his grandchildren play, games that attract hundreds of players and their families who, in turn, spend thousands of dollars on fees, refreshments, restaurant food and hotels.

"This proposed arena would have a tremendous economic impact on Pleasanton," Hirst said.

Another resident, John Carroll, disagreed. He called the proposed facility "enormous," and said it would be a regional, not a Pleasanton-only, attraction.

Anne Fox, whose Greenbelt initiative would block the ice hockey arena proposal, said at one time all of Staples Ranch--and much of the Vineyard corridor and a part of the Bernal property--was to be zoned for agricultural uses. She said the proposed Sharks facility would be a commercial use on land intended for a public park.

Even so, the council voted 4-0 Councilman Matt Sullivan absent because he was on vacation, to adopt the recommendation by city staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to proceed with a conceptual plan for developing the 17-acre parcel, which could be expanded to 22 acres, for recreational uses and the ice arena.

City manager Nelson Fialho said negotiations will get under way immediately with San Jose Arena Management, the Sharks subsidiary.

In other action, the council:

- Voted to install radar speed-detection warning signs along Sycamore Road and Alisal Street as part of an \$80,000 traffic calming program sought by Traffic Engineer Michael Tassano and Happy Valley residents. The plan includes at least seven speed "lumps" to force motorists--many of them golfers headed for Callippe Preserve Golf Course--to keep close to the posted 25 mph speed limit on those streets. Some warned, however, that the lumps, similar to those installed on Crellin Road, could encourage motorists to use Happy Valley Road as an alternative.

- Agreed to join the new East Bay Joint Powers Authority to upgrade and coordinate regional communications systems among various Contra Costa and Alameda County police, fire and other emergency response systems.

- Voted to increase the speed limit on Vineyard Avenue between Pietronave Lane and Machado Place from 40 mph to 45 mph.

- Voted to give itself a 90 percent pay raise effective with the election and swearing in of the next City Council in December 2008. The council's action boosts the stipend for council members from \$500 to \$950 a month, and the mayor's from \$600 to \$1,050. The last time council salaries were raised was in 1990. ■

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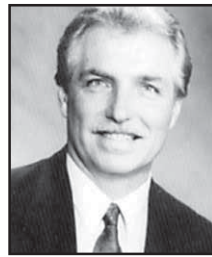
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# Teens open Airsoft gunfire on children

*Incident puts safety, toy gun regulation into the spotlight*

by Emily Atwood

Rathbone Way is not a main street with heavy traffic, so the Rhodes brothers often play basketball in the street. Combined with Huff Drive, the streets make a residential loop right near Mohr Elementary School.

Around 6:30 p.m. June 5, 13-year-old Tyler Rhodes yelled "car!" to stop game play as a red pickup truck came around the turn. His two brothers and some friends routinely cleared the street when the unfamiliar truck stopped in front of them and a passenger held a video camera out of the window. Tyler paused for a moment, trying to process the unusual scene. Then fear shot through his body as a male teen in a baseball cap and sunglasses, sitting in the rear cab, pointed what looked like a machine gun at him.

"It was the scariest moment in his life," said his mother, Robyn Rhodes. "He thought it was real. He said the guy just smiled at him."

As Tyler yelled at his brothers and friends to run into the house, several plastic pellets from an Airsoft gun flew through the air. But his brothers had already been hit: Conner, 9, in the stomach; and Justin, 11, just below the right eye.

As the truck sped off, one of the brothers chased it, knowing it would have to come out of the residential loop. He entered the license

plate number in his cell phone and Robyn called 911.

"It was all chaotic," Rhodes said. "The police were out here and caught them. [The teens] all went to Amador."

According to a police report, the unnamed 17-year-old driver had picked up his friends Stanley (Ryan) Berckmoes, 18, who recorded the incident, and Nicholas Chiaradia, 18, the shooter, to film themselves skateboarding at a church.

Chiaradia told police he thought the gun was empty as he pulled the trigger, but shot three to four times and again when they drove away and saw one of the kids by himself. The other two teens said five to eight shots were fired.

While these toy guns aren't illegal in Pleasanton, shooting them violates the municipal code prohibiting the use of a firearm or projectile, unless in self defense. Guns, real or fake, or any weapon that "emits a projectile" are not allowed to be used, unless allowed in writing by the chief of police.

Chiaradia was given a notice to appear in court for violation of battery. The case was sent to the district attorney. Police did not return calls to update the status of the situation or say if the teens were to face any other punishment.

Rhodes said she hasn't been told how the teens would be punished.

Since they were not on school property or on school time, the teens weren't barred from graduation ceremonies nor could they be suspended.

Surprised that this could happen in Pleasanton, Rhodes said she's concerned for other homeowners and parents in the Stoneridge neighborhood less than a mile from an elementary school. She said parents should think before allowing their children to have these toys.

"The guns can injure," she said. "I'm not trying to make more trouble; I just want people to be aware before they purchase these things for kids. I'm just hoping to have increased awareness."

Adding to the grief, Robyn also said that, besides a written apology by the shooter given to the police, she has yet to hear from the teens or their parents to check up on her children.

The whole incident was shocking, she said, especially in light of the Virginia Tech shootings. In what she suspects the teens did as a YouTube stunt for thrills, her children were traumatized.

"It's one thing to shoot at each other on private property. It's stupid," she said. "But it's another thing to go on a hunt for kids. They drove down the street and terrorized these kids for no reason." ■

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## Governor

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made up of business leaders in the nine-county Bay Area, for its contributions to other recently passed legislation.

"And now my friends, I'm back again. I need your help and California needs your help," he told about 300 attendees. "Just as we did with work-

er's compensation, we need to fix our broken health care system once and for all because it is the poison of our economy and is hurting everybody."

Schwarzenegger said the discussion of universal health care is long overdue. A total of 6.5 million California residents are uninsured and California rates 39th in the nation in its level of health care, he said.

The statistics he shared are part of a report that was released a day earlier by researchers at the UCLA Center for Policy Research. The study shows the percentage of people who have health care coverage is decreasing and more employees are turning down health care benefits because they're too expensive.

Schwarzenegger criticized a proposal that would have the government provide health care to all Californians in a single-payer form. He also said he was against a proposal that would have businesses paying premiums of up to 7.5 percent.

"I do not believe that health care reform is about extracting 7.5 percent from the business community rather than spreading out the responsibility," he said. "And I don't think that we should have it government run. We have tried that before. I mean, as you know, our prison health care system is government run. Well, they ran it into the ground so the federal judge had to take over 13 years ago, so that's not a direction to go either."

The proposal regarding businesses was passed by the state Senate Health Committee July 11 along party lines--Democrats in support, Republicans against.

Schwarzenegger ended his remarks by urging the audience to contact their local legislators to tell them that a shared responsibility to the health care crisis is the right choice.

Jim Wunderman, president of the Bay Area Council, told the governor that "it's going to be a tough political battle, but we're in it with you." ■

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## Valley Avenue

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Valley Avenue is now one of the longest thoroughfares in Pleasanton.

The underpass is the first of three major construction projects that are part of multi-million-dollar improvements to the city's street and traffic network. The other two are two land bridges to be built on Bernal, the first across the Arroyo de la Laguna near Foothill Road, and the second across the Arroyo del Valle just south of Stanley Boulevard near the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department headquarters on Nevada Street.

The new bridge over the Arroyo de la Laguna will add sidewalks, bike lanes and two new eastbound traffic lanes, with one marked for left turns only into Meadowlark Lane in the Windsor development. A traffic light at that intersection has already been installed and is functioning for traffic leaving Meadowlark Lane and for motorists using West Laguna Road.

In the planning stage for the last 16 years, it will be built next to the old Bernal Avenue steel bridge that was built in 1941 over the creek. When first planned, city officials and neighborhood groups wanted the second bridge to replicate the steel trusses of the one now standing. But as costs escalated against fixed pledges by Greenbriar Homes and the De Silva Group, which developed the neighborhoods to the north, the city settled on a concrete design which will cost less.

Even that bridge, which will resemble the 1930s design of the Division Street Bridge, has soared in cost along with escalating prices for steel and concrete,



Tyler Bierbover

Worker installs lighted "Valley Avenue" sign on post over west side of Sunol Boulevard to make name change official.

with the most recent estimate pegging the cost at more than \$1 million.

The second Bernal Avenue bridge east of Stanley is on hold pending settlement of environmental issues with the U.S. Department of Fish and Game which claims it has found a frog habitat there. Wilson told the City Council recently construction probably would not start before 2008 at the earliest.

The new bridge will add two northbound lanes for Bernal traffic heading from Vineyard Avenue and Vintage Hills to Stanley, with the two existing lanes on the two-way bridge roadway converted to southbound lanes.

—Jeb Bing

## Open Heart names new board president

*Other town residents move up on board*

The Open Heart Kitchen Board of Directors recently elected Nancy Richardson of Pleasanton as board president, succeeding Barbara Gilmartin of Livermore. Two other Pleasanton residents, Shelece Draper and Linda McKeever, were also elected to board positions, taking vice president and treasurer, respectively.

Open Heart Kitchen is a non-profit organization that provides free hot meals to low-income residents of the Tri-Valley, with one location in Pleasanton at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The nonprofit is one of the beneficiaries of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

Richardson has been a member of the Open Heart Kitchen board since 2001 and most recently served as the organization's vice president. She works as a marketing consultant to environmental, geotechnical and civil engineering firms. Draper, a board member since 2005, is director of communications for Lennar Homes in San Ramon. McKeever has been a board member since 2003 and recently retired from the financial services industry.

The board made other changes, including the addition of new members Helen Meier and Waseem Sufi, both of Livermore. Meier is executive director of Hope Hospice and Sufi is plant manager for W.R. Grace. They replace Jane Staehle and Audrey Hornig, both of Livermore, who retired from the board after six years of service.

—Rebecca Guyon

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by  
Gerarda  
Stocking

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Museum expertise to strengthen Alviso Adobe

The financially-struggling Museum On Main, one of Pleasanton's valued assets, has a new lease on life thanks to an agreement its board of directors has negotiated with City Manager Nelson Fialho. The contract, approved this week by the City Council, allocates \$138,805 to the Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society for programming and administrative services associated with the new Alviso Adobe Community Park, now under construction off Foothill Road. In consideration of the city's financial support, the society, which is the same as the Museum On Main, will design an annual interpretive plan for Alviso Adobe.

This agreement enables the museum to expand its staff and make better use of its broad expertise in the development of an annual interpretive plan, school visitation program, teacher guides and docent coordination. It puts the resources of the museum, which is known for its displays and lectures at its historic building on Main Street, to greater use in developing the programs we all will enjoy in walk-through presentations on the Native Americans, early settlers, dairy farmers and 21st century society at the restored adobe starting next year. It looks like the perfect marriage of two essential resources: the city's financial support and the historical expertise of the Museum On Main. ■

## Letters

### Fourth celebration was a big hit

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publicizing our all-volunteer, ninth annual Fourth of July celebration. Despite scorching temperatures, hundreds of people came out to join in "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution Since the Revolution." We thank Rebecca Guyon for the article and photograph on the front page of the Living section (June 29). And thanks to Publisher Jeb Bing for taking photos at the event that were posted to the online edition!

We appreciated your mention of the 2007 recipients of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards, Charlotte Severin (Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council) and Ron Hyde (Pleasanton North Rotary), both exemplifying community service for which our former Master of Ceremonies (and mayor), Ed Kinney, was known.

Our event sponsors, First Republic Bank and Hacienda Business Park Association, enabled us to distribute fans to help audience members beat the heat. A Wal-Mart grant allowed us to erect shade canopies for audience members. American flags were distributed by Pleasanton Lions Club, whose members teamed up with Raley's Supermarket to provide hotdog lunches.

This year's theme, "Jefferson: A Vision for America," was enacted by our community band (directed by Bob Williams), vocalist Ward Belding, poet Kirk Ridgeway and members of the Amador Valley High School Championship Civics Team. Thirty-one members of Boy Scout Troop #908, led by Steve Yeffa, cheerfully assisted with set-up and clean-up. Our program also saluted

those in military service, past and present, plus their families.

We invite your readers to join us next Fourth of July.

*W. Ron Sutton  
& Jerri Pantages Long  
Co-Producers*

### Driver in collision thanks locals for helping

Dear Editor,

I had a car accident on the night of June 28 after coming out of the I-580 east Hacienda exit. I'd like to thank the two unknown car drivers for helping so I could get help fast. It's hard to see such large-hearted and priceless love in this material world nowadays. Thanks so much for their help. I came out of the hospital that night because of no broken bones, just minor bruises. Many thanks to the police, firemen, ambulance driver, nurses and doctors. God bless you all.

*Anna Sin, Pleasanton*

### Just say no to initiatives

Dear Editor,

I am writing out of concern for north Pleasanton residents. Two initiatives were recently filed which, if enacted, will result in massive commercial development on Staples Ranch. Unfortunately, this isn't apparent from reading the initiatives, but would be the inevitable consequence. Here's why:

Staples Ranch isn't part of Pleasanton. After years of neighborhood discussion and public review, the City Council approved a plan for Staples Ranch agreeable to Alameda County so the property will annex and develop under Pleasanton's control. These misguided initiatives require

Pleasanton to reduce or eliminate these approved plans. If passed, they will drive the County to develop Staples Ranch on its own, in Livermore or Dublin.

This would be terrible for north Pleasanton residents. Even if you aren't overjoyed with the current plan, the Council did successfully negotiate for development that minimized impacts. For instance, the plan locates senior housing next to the existing neighborhood and includes a 17 acre park.

The County, Dublin and Livermore have no obligation to protect Pleasanton neighborhoods. The prime commercial location of Staples Ranch means they would develop it as intensely as possible. Given that Dublin, Livermore and the County have no neighborhoods nearby, their residents won't complain about development that generates maximum sales and property tax revenue for their communities. Meanwhile, Pleasanton loses revenue and our residents bear most of the impacts. Imagine Hacienda Crossing at the end of Stoneridge Drive!

If you are asked to sign a petition to put these initiatives on the ballot, just say "No."

*Becky Dennis, Pleasanton*

### Trouble recycling? Go to the city dumps

Dear Editor,

Cathie Feiler ("Recycling shouldn't be so difficult," June 29, Letters to the Editor) should go to the city dumps. It's easy. Newspapers, cardboard and they pay you for glass and plastic bottles. Give it a try.

*Judie Vidal, Pleasanton*

Gina Channell-Allen's "Talking Points" column will return next week.

# Guest Opinion

## Hendrick Auto's position on Staples Ranch initiative

by Kirk Heppler

This year the Pleasanton Auto Mall, owned and operated by Hendrick Automotive Group, celebrates 20 years as part of the Pleasanton community. Our company employs over 325 people in Pleasanton and generates millions of dollars each year in revenue for the city.



In addition, we are active in our support of the community and its residents through our sponsorships of the First Wednesday Street Parties, Pleasanton Police Officers Association, Kiwanis Club, Toys for Tots, Children's Hospital, Taylor Family Foundation, Amador and Foothill High School athletic programs and more. We like this community and we want to continue do business here.

There's been a lot of talk recently about our plans for the future and I want to use this opportunity to set the record straight. We have outgrown our current location on Rosewood Drive and hope to expand our operations by moving to a portion of the Staples Ranch property at Interstate 580 and El Charro Road.

Unfortunately, some obstacles have arisen to our move as planned which could affect our ability to remain in the city of Pleasanton.

Only about 1 percent of the Staples Ranch property is now within the city limits of Pleasanton. All the rest is in unincorporated Alameda County. Currently, the city of Pleasanton and Alameda County have an agreement, called a Memorandum of Understanding or "MOU," with regard to Staples Ranch.

If all parties live up to this agreement, it would lead to the incorporation of the whole property into the city of Pleasanton. But, if any part of the agreement is broken, the

bulk of the property could remain in the county, or even be added to another city. We may still be able to move to Staples Ranch; Pleasanton, however, would lose the revenue generated by our business.

A couple of weeks ago, at the request of Friends of Pleasanton, I met with two representatives from that group. There have been conflicting reports about that meeting and I want to make sure that our position on their "Eastern Gateway Initiative" is clear.

Even though the latest version of the initiative allows for our expansion, we believe the initiative as a whole violates the agreement now in place between Pleasanton and the county and would essentially stop the development as planned on the Staples Ranch property. For that reason, we firmly oppose this initiative.

We are committed to the process that Pleasanton and Alameda County have underway. We support the current plan of development and we remain patient as they complete the remaining negotiations. We cannot support any efforts to jeopardize the development, through the initiative process or any other means.

We realize that this is a complicated issue and we urge any residents concerned with our expansion to contact us so that we may answer any questions that you have. You can contact us by email at [questions@pleasantonauto.com](mailto:questions@pleasantonauto.com). We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing to serve you as business owners in the city of Pleasanton.

*Kirk Heppler is based in Pleasanton as the Senior Vice President and Western Division Chief Operating Officer for Hendrick Automotive Group and manages operations in the West. Hendrick Automotive Group owns and operates the Pleasanton Auto Mall, currently located on Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton.*

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**5684 Stoneridge Drive**

by Rebecca Guyon

When Rhonda and Rick Hempy left for their 23-day trip through China and Tibet last July, they made sure to pack a copy of the Pleasanton Weekly. Rhonda, a secretary for the special projects office of the Pleasanton Unified School District, and Rick, a real estate agent with Valley Brokers, are both avid readers of the Weekly and looked forward to the chance to make it into the paper by submitting their photo to our "Take Us Along" section. Now, a year later, their photo has made it to press and is the 1,000th "Take Us Along" photo published in the paper since the feature's inception in 2000.

In their photo, the Hemphys are standing at Liberation Square in front of Potala Palace, located in Lhasa, Tibet at an elevation of 12,000 feet. The couple knew they wanted to take their photo at this location even before they arrived because, of all the sites on the scheduled tour, this site intrigued them the most and carried the greatest historical significance, Rhonda said.

"It's very ancient and very different," Rhonda said of the palace, which was originally built in the 7th century, but renovated in the 17th century. "It's where the Dalai Lama lived for generations and was the last place the current Dalai Lama lived before he was exiled. The square is also an important piece of history; it's where the Chinese came and, in their opinion, liberated Tibet, but to the Tibetan people, that's where the Chinese invaded. It's a point in history that is very interesting."

Pictured with the Hemphys is their Tibetan guides, Beti and Tashi, who were happy to help with the photo, Rhonda said. In fact, there were other visitors in the tour group who wanted a photo taken with their local paper, as well.

"There were other people who brought magazines or newsletters from their cities, like one couple from Michigan had an auto magazine they wanted to be pictured

with," Rhonda said.

Both Rhonda and Rick said their four-day journey through Tibet was the highlight of their trip, which also included visits to the Terracotta Army and the Yangtze River, both in China.

"Tibet is an incredibly beautiful, unspoiled area," Rick said, adding that the couple was particularly interested in seeing the region now, in its unspoiled form, before developments and increased traffic due to the new railroad line connecting people direct from Beijing to Lhasa change the area forever.

Wanting to be the first Weekly reader to take the paper to Tibet was also a side motivation for the trip, Rick joked. Rick had been to our office before and noticed the large board posted in the front that catalogues all the places the Weekly has traveled with pins on a world map.

"When I was in the office, I saw that there was no flag on Tibet and I said, 'I'll be the first to get a flag in Tibet. I want to go somewhere where I'll be the first,'" Rick said.

Indeed, the Hemphys are the first readers to take the paper to Tibet. And taking the paper somewhere new is no small feat at this point. Since starting the feature July 19, 2000 by running a photo of former Police Chief Tim Neal reading the paper in front of the Statue of Liberty, the Weekly has circumnavigated the globe many times over, traveling to far off lands and favorite family vacation spots alike.

Just like the Weekly, the Hemphys aren't done traveling yet. The couple is already on their way to Peru where they plan to visit many other high-altitude locations, such as the famous Machu Picchu ruins and Lake Titicaca. This trip will be just one more in their collection of adventures, which have taken them all over the world to places such as Europe, Thailand and Mexico, not to mention many stops in the United States.

"We're travelers," Rick said. "We love it, and we both feel same way. We would travel all the time if we could." ■

# YOU WENT, YOU SAW

## WEEKLY RUNS ITS 1,000



### 'Sites'-seeing

Richard and Mary Sites read the Weekly during their honeymoon in Maui.



### Reading warriors

Christine Steiner was so impressed with China when she visited seven years ago that she brought the Weekly on her trip and this time brought the Weekly.

### Climbing through Peru

Although we hope the Hemphys will bring the Weekly with them again on their trip to Machu Picchu, this time they won't be treading new ground; the Weekly has already traveled to the ancient city three times.



### Weekly under water

Jody Ward reads the Weekly on the island of Roatan, which is part of Honduras.

### Part of the family

Some readers feel so close to the Weekly they bring it along for major life events. Case in point: The Weekly has been to four different weddings and was even taken into the hospital room after one Pleasanton couple gave birth to their first child.

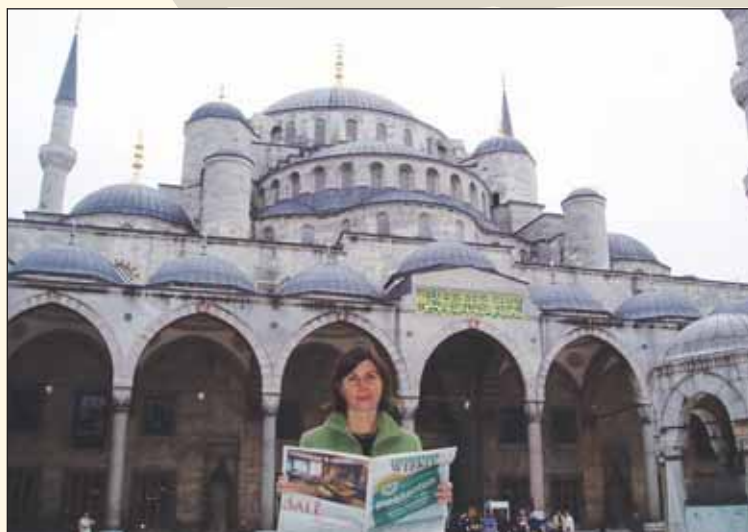
### Hot spots

By far the most popular sites are Hawaii and California, with many readers traveling to both.

### Signatures

The Weekly has been to many interesting locations.

- 6 visits to the Tower of London, England
- 5 visits to the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre Museum in Paris
- 4 visits to the Grand Canyon and the Hoover Dam
- 3 visits to the Egyptian Pyramids and the Sphinx
- 2 visits to Mt. Rushmore and the Lincoln Memorial
- 1 visit to the Taj Mahal and Niagara Falls



### The Kalb report

Kathleen Kalb reads the Weekly in front of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey. Kalb and husband Jon made the stop as part of a Mediterranean cruise, visiting six countries on three different continents.



### Discovering Morocco

Paul and Denise Del Piano enjoy the Weekly while lounging in the lobby of the Hotel Continental in Morocco.

# I, YOU TOOK US ALONG!

## WITH 'TAKE US ALONG' PHOTO

1,001, 1,002, 1,003...  
With almost 100 "Take Us Along" submissions lined up to run and more coming in each day, it looks like the counting won't be stopping any time soon.



...essed with the Terracotta Army in Xian, ...ears ago that she scheduled another ...ekly to share.



### Friendly Frosty

Nick Lacayo shares the Weekly with his new friend Frosty after an early snow storm in Lake Tahoe.



### Cover boy

When most readers send their "Take Us Along" photo, they aren't also on the cover of the Weekly they're reading. But clearly, that's not the case for Ben Foos as he reads the February 2006 issue featuring a cover story on him and his family while he recovers from leg surgery in Delaware.



er  
65 feet under water off the coast of the Honduras.

**Take that Borat!**  
Well before Kazakhstan became a household name thanks to the antics of Borat, the Weekly had already traveled to the Central Asia country twice.

**No North Dakota**  
After seven years, you'd think someone would make it up north, but alas, the Weekly has yet to travel to North Dakota, despite having been to every other state.

**Exotic locales**  
The Weekly has been to quite a few unique international spots including...

- Antarctica
- Azores
- Bhutan
- Bratislava
- Cambodia
- Colombia
- Croatia
- Ecuador
- Iceland
- Kiribati
- Laos
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Malaysia
- Marquesas
- Mauritius
- Monrovia
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Tanzania
- Tasmania
- Thailand
- Tonga
- Ushuaia
- United Arab Emirates
- Vietnam

**ts**  
r, the most popular vacation ...ii and Mexico, with the Weekly ...th more than 50 times each.

**ht Seeing**  
International landmarks including...  
Leaning Tower of Pisa and Great Wall of China  
atican City  
the White House  
, Stonehenge and Yellowstone Park  
Statue of Liberty  
ara Falls



### The buck stops here

Kathryn Henry personally delivers a copy of the Weekly to the White House while on vacation in Washington, D.C.

## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Review and consideration of the Introduction and Draft Land Use Element of the General Plan**
- **PUD 05-02M, James Happ, Northstar Realty Services, Inc./Kenneth and Pamela Chrisman**  
Application for a major modification to an approved PUD development plan to replace the approved production home designs with design guidelines for the property located at 1944 Vineyard Avenue, in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.
- **PUD-64, 4238 First Street, LLC**  
Work Session to review and receive comments on an application for Planned Unit Development rezoning and development plan approval to: (1) rezone an the existing 13,161 square foot parcel from RM 25 (Multiple Family Residential) to PUD HDR (Planned Unit Development—High Density Residential); (2) renovate the existing home and construct a 223 square foot detached garage with a second unit above it; and (3) construct four single family homes at the property located at 4238 First Street.

### Home Depot/Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center Workgroup Meeting

Thursday, July 26, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

The City of Pleasanton has formed a work group to respond to questions and issues regarding the proposed Home Depot/Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center proposed by Regency Centers at the corner of Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue. The work group has scheduled a meeting to review the scope of work for this information-gathering phase of the review process. You are invited to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Iserson, Director of Planning and Community Development, at (925) 931-5600 ([jiserson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:jiserson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us)).

### Trails Ad Hoc Committee

- The July 23rd Trails Ad Hoc Committee has been cancelled. The next regular scheduled committee meeting August 27, 2007.

### Employment Opportunity Community Relations Manager/Public Information Officer

The City of Pleasanton is currently recruiting for a Community Relations Manager/Public Information Officer to administer the City's marketing, public information and media communications programs, and may act as a public spokesperson for the City. This position reports directly to the Director of Economic Development and works in close cooperation with the City Manager. The Economic Development Department is responsible for programs that promote a positive business climate to support a stable economic base for the City. The deadline to apply is August 3, 2007. For more information or to apply online, visit our website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

### NOTICE OF COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

#### VACANCIES

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

- Civic Arts Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Economic Vitality Committee
  - (1) Biomedical Business Representation
  - (1) Environmental Community Representative
  - (1) Commercial Services Firm Representative

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us). For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than **5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2007**. Postmarks are not accepted.

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

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Car vandals strike Staples Ranch Road

According to Pleasanton Police Officer Penelope Tamm, nine cars were vandalized by people throwing river rocks at parked cars last Monday night in the area by Staples Ranch Road. The cars sustained body damage as well as damage to the paint, windows and mirrors. No arrests have been made.

## Police Report

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

### July 6

- Theft:
  - 11:41 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft
  - 1:10 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Vandalism:
  - 10:12 a.m. in the 8200 block of Golden Eagle Way; worth less than \$400
  - 2:28 p.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; worth less than \$400
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 2:44 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness
- Found property:
  - 10:51 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

### July 7

- Theft:
  - 8:18 a.m. in the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle
- Vandalism:
  - 7:00 a.m. in the 3500 block of Whitehall Court; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 3:09 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 12:19 a.m. at the intersection of Busch Road and Ironwood Drive; public drunkenness
  - 1:01 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive; DUI
  - 1:26 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Paseo Santa Cruz; public drunkenness
  - 1:47 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; DUI

- 3:59 a.m. at the intersection of Serpentine and Quarry lanes; DUI
- 3:31 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; DUI

### July 8

- Theft:
  - 12:04 p.m. in the 3600 block of Cambridge Court; identity theft
- Vandalism:
  - 10:50 a.m. in the 3600 block of Pontina Court; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 12:43 a.m. in the 7500 block of Ivy Court; car burglary
  - 2:19 p.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; car burglary
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 1:38 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
  - 1:45 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Road and Tom Burnett Lane; DUI
  - 7:52 p.m. in the 2900 block of Hopyard Road; possession of marijuana

### July 9

- Theft:
  - 11:36 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; petty theft
- Burglary:
  - 1:13 p.m. in the 3800 block of Kamp Drive
- Forgery:
  - 10:13 a.m. in the 1100 block of Quarry Lane
  - 10:43 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- Mental health danger:
  - 11:31 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- Lost property:
  - 11:43 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

### July 10

- Other:
  - 5:39 p.m. in the 4300 block of Second Street; verbal harassment

### July 11

- Theft:
  - 4:57 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 6:35 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 6:53 p.m. in the 6900 block of Corte Verde; grand theft
  - 6:57 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- Vandalism:
  - 9:19 a.m. at the intersection of Longview Drive and Gloria Court; worth less than \$400
  - 11:02 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 7:22 a.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Drive
  - 6:49 p.m. in the 3700 block of Kamp Drive
- Domestic Violence:
  - 11:02 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; battery
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 11:38 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Vineyard Avenues; public drunkenness

### •Lost Property:

- 10:55 a.m. in the 5100 block of Mount Tam Circle

### July 12

- Theft:
  - 9:49 a.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; grand theft
  - 12:58 p.m. in the 6100 block of Johnson Court
  - 1:06 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; petty theft
  - 5:04 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 5:29 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
  - 6:19 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 7:52 a.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive; worth more than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 9:19 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue; automotive burglary
- Battery:
  - 7:51 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 11:37 a.m. in the 2900 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
  - 5:04 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of marijuana
- Lost Property:
  - 4:45 p.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

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# Transitions

## Obituaries

### Helen Replogle

Helen Replogle died July 2 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Replogle was born March 12, 1922 in Clinton County, Ind. to Frank and Edith Cohee Whiteman. She graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Ind., and later received a degree in registered nursing from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Replogle worked as a public health nurse, a county librarian and also served on the Welfare Board in her hometown of Jesup, Ga. During World War II, she moved to the Panama Canal Zone to work at the Gorgas Army Hospital.

She married childhood friend James Replogle in 1944 and lived in Florida and Tennessee before settling in Jesup, Ga. for 50 years. In 2005, she moved to Pleasanton.

Her many interests included sailing, bridge, sewing (Tapestry Guild of Pleasanton), traveling, painting,

reading and cooking. She was also an avid Atlanta Braves fan. Mrs. Replogle was a member of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church as well as the Jesup First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by children, Jim Replogle of St. Charles, Ill., Randy Replogle of Renton, Wash., and Janis Kvaternik of Pleasanton; sisters Louise Huffer, Frances Towe and Marjorie Rude; sister-in-law Helen Smathers of Orlando, Fla.; brother-in-law Jim Salmons of Indiana; granddaughters Lynn Replogle and Logan Kvaternik; and grandson Carson Kvaternik.

Mrs. Replogle was preceded in death by her husband James Replogle, brother Ralph Whiteman and sister Betty Jo Salmons.

Arrangements are by Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home, Jesup, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial gifts be donated to the Jesup First United Methodist Church memorial fund, the Pleasanton Presbyterian building fund, or the charity of your choice.

## Births

### Hayden Kaleb Maas

Hayden Kaleb Maas was born to parents Nick and Jennie Maas June 27. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches. Nick is an inventory/assets control manager of RyNck Tire and Jennie is a registered nurse at ValleyCare Hospital, where Hayden was born.



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Send all inquiries to:  
**Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority**  
1333 Broadway, Suite 300  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Anees Azad

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the ACTIA offices on **Friday, July 20, 2007, at 10:00 A.M.**

Deadline for submitting a response to the RFP is **Friday, August 10, 2007, at 4:00 P.M.**

Any contract to be awarded as a result of this Notice will be awarded without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin.

# Calendar

## Auditions

**Cantabella Children's Chorus Auditions** Cantabella Children's Chorus is currently taking applications for auditions for their training choirs. The training choirs are for children grades K-fifth grade. Application deadline is July 27. For more information please visit [www.cantabella.org](http://www.cantabella.org) or contact Bee Chow at 292-2663.

## Author Visits

**Horse Racing Coast to Coast** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents a lively afternoon of horse tales, live music and refreshments with local travel writer Marlene Smith-Baranzini and professional musician Ken Alan Logsdon at 2 p.m. July 29. Call Janice at 931-3400 ext. 37.

## Civic Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

**School Board** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

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

## Clubs

**Loni Hancock Speaks To Democrats** Assembly Member Loni Hancock will address the Tri-Valley Democratic Club about what is happening in Sacramento and what we can expect to happen. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. July 23 at IBEW 595 Union Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Q&A follows her address. She will run for Perata's senate seat if his term limits out. His district includes Livermore. Wheelchair accessible and the public invited. Call 831-8355 or visit [www.TriValleyDems.com](http://www.TriValleyDems.com).

**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.

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**TwinValley 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.tvmotc.com](http://www.tvmotc.com).

## Concerts

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## Events

**Art in the Garden** Fremont Art Association and Regan's Nursery have teamed up for an art-in-action weekend July 21 and 22 at the nursery, 4268 Decoto Road, Fremont, where 25 artist will be working among the brilliant flowers and splashing fountains. Free, fun projects for children to express their artistic interests will be provided. Visit [www.FremontArtAssociation.com](http://www.FremontArtAssociation.com).

**Belly Dance Fantasy Festival** The Sixth Annual Belly Dance Fantasy Festival is going on at the San Leandro Marina Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro. Tatseena and the Dancers are back with a day of cultur-

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**Design4Living Conference** The Design4Living Conference will be held from 6:30 to 4 p.m. July 20 and 21 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore. The cost is \$78 for both days. Featured speakers are Jennifer Rothschild, Nancy Stafford, Sheri Rose Shepherd and Debbie Alsdorf. Chonda Pierce as special guest comedian and Bethany Dillon will perform in concert Friday night. Register online at [www.cornerstoneweb.org](http://www.cornerstoneweb.org).

**Five Poets Laureate to Read** Pleasanton's new Poet Laureate, Martha Meltzer, will host an afternoon of poetry reading from 1 to 3 Aug. 5 at the Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road. Guest poets will include previous Pleasanton poets Jim Ott (2001-2003), Kirk Ridgeway (2003-2005) and Cynthia Bryant (2005-2007) as well as Livermore poet Connie Post (2005-2009). An open mic segment will follow their readings. Tickets are \$5.00 or free for students with ID. Call 931-5350.

**GOP Hoedown** From 5 to 10 p.m. July 28, the San Ramon Valley Republican Women are hosting a hoedown at the Wiedemann Ranch, 6500 Highland Road. Meet and greet elected GOP officials and 2008 Congressional and Assembly candidates. Games, chuck wagon dinner, and square dancing. Western attire optional. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call 838-2908 or visit [www.srvrwf.org](http://www.srvrwf.org).

**Meet Me at The Arch—75 Years** Enjoy the 1st Wednesday Street Party and Pooch Parade from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 1 in downtown Pleasanton. Shop, visit the beer and wine garden, enjoy great food and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Pleasanton Arch over Main Street.

## Exhibits

**Kaiper & Schnitter: "Go Figure!"** Gina Kaiper and Jim Schnitter will exhibit figurative paintings in the "Go Figure!" exhibit from July 18 to Aug. 25 at the Tri-Valley SPCA Art Gallery, 4651 Gleason Drive. The reception, open to the public, will be from 2 to 5 p.m. July 21. Sponsored by Las Positas College Art Club, the exhibit is open from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Email [gkaiper@comcast.net](mailto:gkaiper@comcast.net).

**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](http://www.museumonmain.org).

**Three-Dimensional Sculpture Exhibit** See work by Jack Storms, who sculpts cold glass—a process known by only a handful of artisans around the world—at Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St. Also on display are a large selection of bronze sculptures by Nano Lopez, including his charming Nanimals collection. Exhibit runs through July 22.

## Film

**Blue Vinyl** Blue Vinyl is an often humorous expose' of the vinyl indus-

try. It's a part of Movie Night at the IBEW, a non-partisan event from 7 to 9 p.m. July 21 at 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. It's open to the public, wheelchair accessible and refreshments are provided. Meet and greet begins at 6:30 p.m. and a short discussion follows the film. Free or \$3 donation. Call 462-3459.

## Fundraisers

**Pooch Parade** Pretty your pooch for the Aug. 1 Pooch Parade at 6 p.m. in Lion's Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets in Downtown Pleasanton. The fee is \$10 per category and registration begins at 5 p.m. All proceeds from this event will bene-

fit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. The first 150 entries will receive goody bags. Call 846-6561 or visit [www.trivalleyguidedogs.com](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.com).

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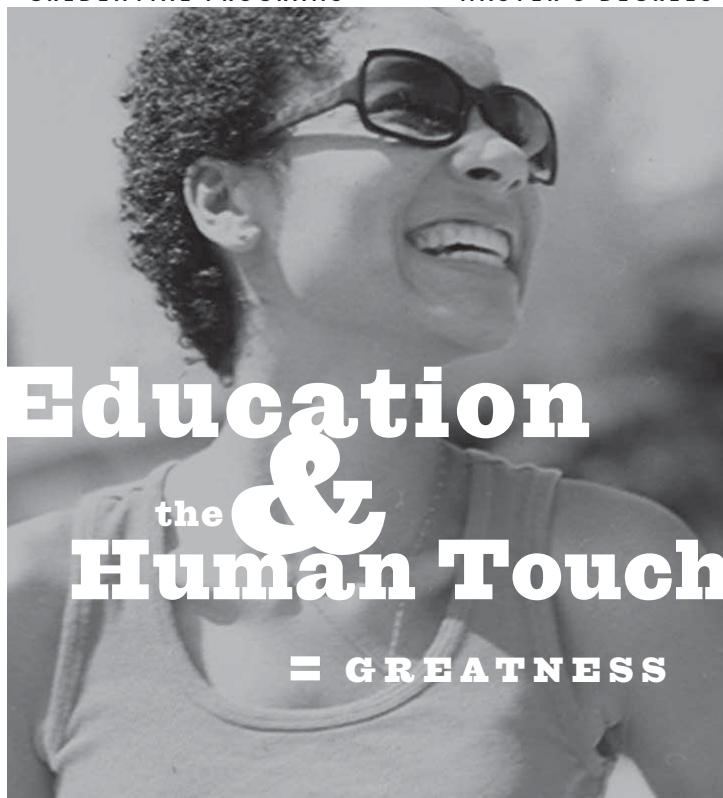
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**Introduction to Orchids** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents experienced orchid grower and author Steve Klitzing from 2 to 3 p.m. July 22. Come and learn proper growing techniques and get information on all types of orchids. Call 931-3405.

**Laughter Playshop** Laughter has numerous health benefits, especially for the immune system. Share the benefits of laughter and participate in simple improvisation exercises from 10 a.m. to noon July 21 at Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suites 240 A & B. For cancer patients, their families and friends. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twc-bayarea.org](http://www.twc-bayarea.org).

## On Stage

**Grease** Diablo Light Opera Company's Stars 200, teen theater troupe, celebrates its 17th year with "Grease," the rock 'n' roll musical about Rydell High with its rebellious hot rod loving boys and wise cracking girls in pedal pushers and bobby sox. Show are held at the Diablo Valley College Performing Arts Center, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasanton Hill at 8 p.m. July 27 and 28, Aug. 2, 3 and 4; and 2:30 p.m. July 29, Aug. 4 and 5. Tickets (\$10-15) are available at the box office, 1425 Gasoline Alley, Concord. Call 798-1300.

## Seniors

**Chabot Space & Science Center** Plan on a wonderful afternoon of space adventure. We will explore the many interactive exhibits on display and view a scheduled show from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 25. Meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$43 for residents and \$46 for non-resident. Lunch is included. Call 931-5365.

## Sports

**Junior Football Place Kicking Camp** Hosted by Coach Steve Jordan, former All-Pac 10 and NFL Place Kicker, currently Varsity Kicking Coach at Amador Valley, at Junior Football Place Kicking Camp, participants will learn the fundamental concept of kicking a football with accuracy and power. The camp, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 30 to Aug. 1, is offered to third through ninth graders. Beginners are welcome. Jordan Kicking Services (licensed and insured). The cost is \$95. Email [BayAreaKicking@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BayAreaKicking@sbcglobal.net) or call 200-8661.

## 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](http://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.

**East Bay Cancer Support Group** The East Bay Cancer Support group is an independent, non-profit, non-sectarian organization serving cancer patients, caregivers and the bereaved at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. All services are provided free of charge. For scheduled meeting times, please call (510) 889-8766 or visit [www.ebcancersupport.org](http://www.ebcancersupport.org).

**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](http://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 gen-

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**Lose It For Life** The group process supports hope and change for men and women suffering from compulsive over-eating. 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](http://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](http://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.

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**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

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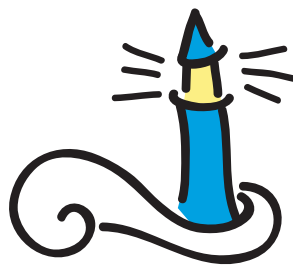
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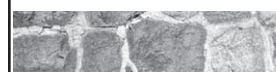
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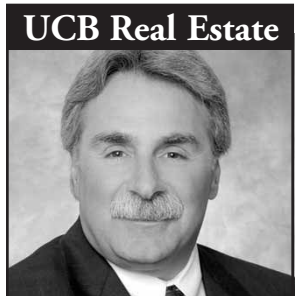
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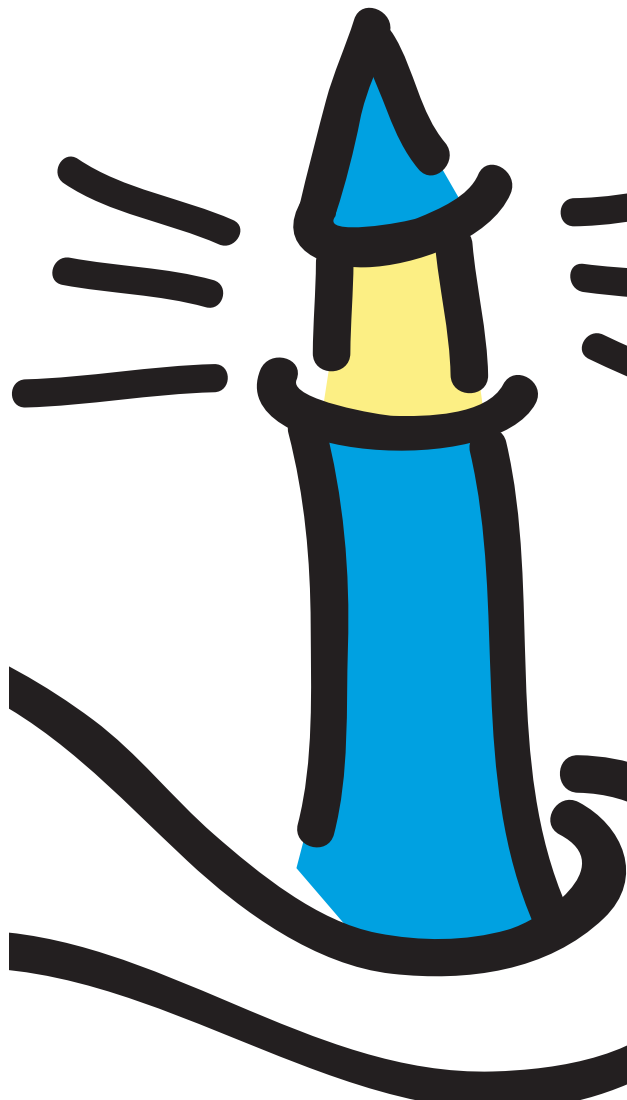
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## Asian-Pacific

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Pleasanton, Stacey's is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, serving fresh California cuisine. Come as you are and enjoy our dining room, banquet room, outdoor patios and full bar. Visit [www.staceyscafe.com](http://www.staceyscafe.com).

## Catering

### Fontina's Catering

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## Chinese

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### Panda Mandarin Cuisine

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## California Cuisine

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