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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Compton the right choice to lead Axis

When it comes to professions, nursing is still high on the list of those with glass ceilings that tend to block many from moving to high-level management positions. But not here in Pleasanton where long-time nurse Marci Feit was lifted out of the ranks of nursing 10 years ago and named chief executive officer of ValleyCare Health System. She's still there, highly compensated and credited with turning ValleyCare around from a financially struggling institution to a leading, award-winning, nonprofit hospital.

Now comes Sue Compton, associate executive director at Axis Community Health—also a nonprofit but one that primarily serves the underinsured or uninsured. Compton, 55, has just been named its new chief executive officer, effective Dec. 1. She will succeed Ronald Greenspan, who is retiring. Like Feit, she started as a nurse—in 1981—at the same institution she will now head. It was then called the Health Care Center, but still located in a row of old, small buildings on Railroad Avenue, between Spring and Neal streets.

Once on the nursing staff, Compton was promoted to family planning coordinator, then director of administrative services in 1983 and most recently in 1987 to assistant director. She held that position until 1999, leaving Axis at a time of in-fighting among board members and financial upheaval. She rejoined in 2001 after a new board of directors hired Greenspan to clean up the mess and make Axis viable again.

Compton is passionately dedicated to serving the thousands of patients Axis sees each year—22,000 medical visits, alone, and more than 60,000 for other services offered there. Axis' annual budget is \$4 million, which covers only a fraction of the total costs, so Axis relies on the generosity of communities it serves. The Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund early this year distributed checks totaling \$112,419 to six nonprofits in need, including Axis. Axis

also collects fees and some insurance payments for other services it performs, including mental health counseling, drug and alcohol recovery services, nutrition programs and community and school-based health education services.

Axis is a site to behold any weekday morning. Starting at 9 a.m. when the first patients arrive, it's not unusual to see the waiting rooms filled and some patients even waiting outside to be checked in. Patients are asked to make appointments in advance. But some can't wait, others have no phones, a majority speak Spanish and have difficulty communicating. Others, including the 62 percent of the patient base that lives in Livermore, are dropped off by a friend and have no way of rescheduling or going back home. Axis recently opened a satellite facility in Livermore to serve a surging need there, but its nine examining rooms are often filled.

Compton and the board of directors have created the Axis Community Health's Strategic Plan with a goal of raising \$2.6 million in support of the organization. Compton also believes that Axis has only 8-10 years before major reconstruction will be needed on the old buildings it uses, but she really favors building a new facility. She has worked with Human Services Commissions, Chambers of Commerce and was recently appointed to the Congressman Gerald McNERNEY's Health Advisory Board.

Compton lives in Pleasanton with her husband Joe, a human relations consultant who works in the Silicon Valley. They have two sons, Tim, 25, who is married, and just joined the mergers and acquisitions division of Google in Mountain View, and Matt, 18, who graduated from Amador Valley High School last June and now attends Las Positas College. A graduate of Duke University with a degree in Nursing and a Master's in Health System leadership from the University of San Francisco, Compton is the right choice to lead Axis and make it even better. ■

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Streetwise

Q: Do you think O.J. Simpson was set up or do you think he is guilty of the charges against him?

Asked Downtown



Pam Schtaklef
Stay-at-Home Mom

Knowing his record, he is a felon. Well, he was acquitted but we all know he did it. I don't think he is beyond doing something violent. He is very sneaky.

Simber Darabian
Customer Service

I think it's possible he was set up. The fact that he was declared innocent for a crime many people believed he committed makes people angry. I think someone might be out to get him.



Linda O'Hagan
Stay-at-Home Mom

I think he is completely guilty of the charges against him. He is a psycho and he should have been in jail long ago. The memorabilia was legally obtained. Even if it wasn't you can't just storm into someone's hotel room. He believes he is untouchable, above the law.



Jeremy Janas
Project Manager

Personally I think he is guilty. He is an idiot; he always has an excuse for everything. He's just a lost soul searching for attention. Maybe he thinks he can get away with anything he wants but third time's a charm.



Eddie Lopez
Meat Cutter

I think he was set up. Everyone hates him so much they want to see him in jail. I believe he killed his wife and people are so angry that he got away with it that they set him up. I bet he was upset about the stolen merchandise but I doubt he pulled a gun.







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Newsfront

News Digest

Concert to benefit Shepherd's Gate

Ronnie Montrose, P-Town Rocker and Quick and the Dead are in concert Oct. 6 to benefit Shepherd's Gate of Livermore.

The safe house for battered and homeless women and children will receive 100 percent of the proceeds from the concert and concession sales. The event will be held at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the concert starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www.ticketweb.com.

Major Exploration Faire held at LPC

Las Positias College hosts the ninth annual Major Exploration Faire from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 10 on the campus, 3000 Campus Hill Drive. The event is designed to allow students and potential students explore a variety of career and college major options. These range from immediate preparation for jobs in the medical field or a variety of other hands-on fields to transfer majors that will prepare students for advanced degrees. Law enforcement professionals from the FBI, the county sheriff's office as well as the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will be present as will representatives from the Cal State East Bay, San Jose State University and other colleges.

Animals blessed by friar

The Blessing of the Animals, benefiting the Valley Humane Society, is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at 3670 Nevada St. While there is no charge, all donations are appreciated. Animals of all shapes and sizes are welcome, but must be on a leash or in a carrier. Each animal blessed by the friar will receive a Saint Francis of Assisi medallion. Call 426-8656.

Corrections

The number of hours artist Cheryl Anthony spent on a mural at Mohr Elementary School ("Artist hard at work on Mohr ball wall," Sept. 14, page 11) was incorrect. Anthony has spent at least 325 hours on the ball wall.

The address for Best of Pleasanton Best Medical Spa ("Best of Pleasanton," Sept. 21, page 31) was incorrect. Essence MedSpa is located at 700 Main St.

School board continues parcel tax discussion

Feasibility study optimism seems to remain at the start of the school year

by Emily Atwood

At the close of last school year, a feasibility study showed residents in support of a parcel tax that would fund class size reduction, technology and modern vocational training. Classes are in full swing and the attitude hasn't seemed to change as the school board continues to feel out the idea of parcel tax.

District Superintendent John Casey said the next step is figuring out which item or which combination to be included in the

parcel tax. Ideally, the price per parcel would be \$100. According to staff reports, funding the three Excellence Committee recommendations would cost \$273 per parcel.

"We have got to sort those options out and see what we want to prioritize," he said.

While the parcel tax along with high school master plan updates was slated for discussion at the hour-long workshop before the regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday, the latter took up the

majority of the time. Casey said more discussion is needed and time will be made at either the Oct. 6 or Oct. 23 meetings.

Casey also said they will communicate the priorities with the community, by way of mailers and forums, before considering adding it to the ballot by August 2008.

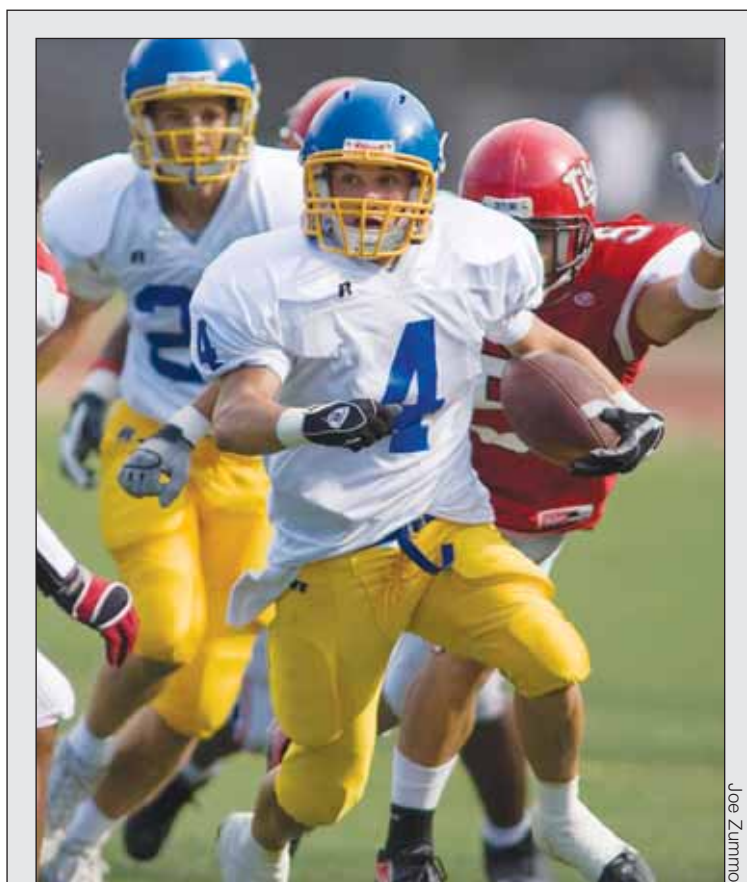
Julie Testa was the lone speaker from the public at last Tuesday night's workshop meeting. As a parent, she wanted to know whether the donated money she and other parents currently give to the district

would no longer be needed if a parcel tax were to be approved.

Casey said it depends on which items would be funded through the tax.

"Some of the items that have been prioritized by the parcel tax feasibility study are items where parent aren't contributing now," he said. "With class size reduction, donation requests would still be there. On the other hand, technology would be an item that would be covered through donations."

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Joe Zummo

The Foothill Falcons varsity football team blanked the Skyline High School Titans last Friday in Oakland, 31-0. Here, running back Ryan Walsworth carries the ball. The Falcons take on the California High Grizzlies tonight in San Ramon. Turn to page 19 for sports coverage.

Council could give final OK to Oak Grove on Tuesday

Project would give 496 hilltop acres to city for parks, trails

by Jeb Bing

For those who have been following a developer's bid to build homes high above Kottinger Ranch and Vintage Hills, the final debate of the two-year-long process is coming to an end.

The City Council, after hearing 3-1/2 hours of comments Sept. 4, has scheduled a continuation of that public meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday. If all moves forward as expected, the proposed Oak Grove development of 51 homes and dedication of nearly 500 acres of open space could be approved.

Oak Grove is a 562-acre hilltop at the end of Hearst Drive that is owned by Jennifer, Frederic and Kevin Lin. The Lins are proposing 51 home sites on 77 acres of their property with an offer based on that development approval of 496 acres as permanent public open space to

Pleasanton or another public entity. As part of the development agreement, they would also contribute \$1 million to the city for use in traffic, street and other infrastructure improvements outside of Oak Grove.

The 51-home development would contain large lots capable of holding homes as large as 12,500 square feet, although most of the homes would be in the 9,000-square-foot range.

Initially, the Lins asked to build 98 homes on the site, which is in accord with the city's 1996 General Plan that sets land use policy. If the council approves the 51-home plan, the Lins would have the right to build the remaining 47 homes, including 20 that would have to meet the city's affordable housing requirements, elsewhere in the city.

For Attorney Marty Inderbitzen, who, along with developer and investor James Tong of Pleasanton represents the Lins, Tuesday night's

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Healthcare on wheels comes to Pleasanton

Mobile health unit serves under- and uninsured at school district office

by Emily Atwood

Doctors making house calls are a thing of the past, but mobile healthcare is the future. ValleyCare Health System and the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore teamed up to provide medical services to under- and uninsured Tri-Valley residents.

After finding that 30 percent

of children in Livermore schools are underinsured and the closest primary care provider for them is in Oakland, they got together and donated the mobile health unit. The vehicle, which has two clinical areas powered by a generator, was donated by the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. The clean, air-conditioned unit also has wheelchair access.

Serving mostly Livermore, it also parks at the Pleasanton Unified School District the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Emily Atwood

Catherine Arthur, a family nurse practitioner, stands inside one of two clinical rooms in the mobile health unit.



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Dublin church sets sights on the "underserved"

Non-denominational Living Bridge Fellowship comprised of growing Asian population

Living Bridge Fellowship in Dublin will hold an open house service on Sunday and when the doors swing open that day, there will be a decidedly unique crowd.

The evangelical fellowship, which formed in 2005, claims it's "definitely not your grandparents' church or the church you may have grown up in."

For one, the fellowship, which meets in Crosswinds Church, says it offers contemporary music and current topics in its Sunday service. Also, the congregation consists predominantly of English-speaking Asians in their 30s, many described as American-born people who no longer want traditional, single-ethnicity worship.

"We had a group of families who were not quite satisfied with any of the existing churches in the Tri-Valley area for reasons ranging from worship style to children's service or dependence on a first-generation church, to name a few," said Paul Hong, a founder and member of the steering committee for the church.

Catherine Kuo, another steering committee member, said the congregation size is between 30 and 40 people. She said the fellowship was started due to an increasing population of Asians in the Tri-Valley area, who had been traveling far distances for services such as Living Bridge's.

"Right now, all of our mem-

bers are predominantly Asian, but we really want to let everyone know they're welcome," Kuo said. "In this particular area, the demographic has changed so much in the last 10 years and there are big churches in the South Bay, the city (San Francisco) and Berkeley that provide a church for a more Asian-American, Pacific-Islander type community, but nothing in this area."

She said many attend LBF from surrounding cities such as Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon.

"In this particular area, the demographic has changed so much in the last 10 years..."

—Catherine Kuo

Pastor Rick Park joined LBF last November, becoming the church's first official pastor. Ordained with a Reformed-Presbyterian background, Park has decided along with the steering committee to leave the church non-denominational. Kuo said being non-denomination means the atmosphere is more casual and less strictly defined.

For more information on the church, visit www.livingbridge.org. An open house launch service, which is a sort of blessing for the fellowship, will be held in Crosswinds Church at 3 p.m. Sunday at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin.

—Janet Pelletier

All aboard the Cowboy Express

Amador Valley Assistance League event raises money for philanthropic activities and projects

A ride aboard a historic train this Saturday will help a local nonprofit raise money to clothe hundreds of students.

From 6 to 8 p.m., people can ride the Cowboy Express on a round-trip ticket from Sunol through Niles Canyon at the Niles Canyon Railway Station.

The ride is a fundraiser for the Amador Valley Assistance League and proceeds will help the organization's volunteers with Operation School Bell. The project clothes hundreds of students each year.


Last year, the group met with children at Mervyn's department store in Livermore and they were able to choose a jacket, pants, shirt, socks and undergarments. Items were packaged in a new backpack for each child. Operation School Bell also funds Book of My Own, a literacy proj-

ect that provides fall and spring distributions of new books to children in five local elementary schools.

The Cowboy Express train has 12 rail cars which can hold a total of 400 people, so seats are limited, but there will be plenty of room to move around in vintage indoor and outdoor cars. The train will depart at 6:30 p.m. and return at 8 p.m. Appetizers and a dessert will be served and guests will be treated to some live musical performances on the ride.


Raffle tickets will also be for sale for \$5 and prizes include an Alaskan cruise; a trip to San Antonio, Texas; a Gold Country trip to Jamestown; day tour with lunch in Old Sacramento and more. Tickets to ride cost \$25 and will be sold up until this evening. For information, call 846-0897.

—Janet Pelletier



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Alameda Creek Alliance celebrates milestone

Nonprofit has spent 10 years restoring creek watershed, fish populations

After 10 years, not only is the Alameda Creek watershed vastly improved, so are the fish populations that call it home.

The Alameda Creek Alliance, a nonprofit community watershed restoration group, now celebrates a decade of work. The group was formed in August 1997 after steelhead trout in the Central California coast were listed as a threatened species. Over the past 10 years, the organization has worked to restore runs of the trout and salmon to the Alameda Creek watershed, the largest tributary to southern San Francisco Bay.

According to the Alameda Creek Alliance, the watershed encompasses nearly 700 square miles and drains roughly the southern two-thirds of the East Bay. The southern portion includes wildlands along upper Alameda Creek within Sunol and Ohlone Regional Wilderness Preserves. The northern portion includes Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon along the Arroyo Mocho and Arroyo de la Laguna tributaries. The middle includes the Sinbad and Stonybrook Creek tributaries in Niles Canyon and the lower portion includes Fremont, Union City and Newark. The watershed also contains Mount Isabel and Mount Hamilton, Murrieta Falls, Little Yosemite in the Sunol Preserve and Coyote Hills.

“Over the next decade, we intend to make Alameda Creek one of the success stories in urban stream res-

toration,” said Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance.

The alliance continues to work with local, state and federal water supply and land management agencies in an effort to restore the native fish habitat in the creek. In the past 10 years, the group’s work has



Alameda Creek Alliance

Board members of the alliance cut the cake at a recent 10th anniversary celebration.

resulted in the removal of four dams and the construction of two fish ladders that allow fish to migrate to better habitats upstream. The removal of one more dam and the construction of four fish ladders are currently in the planning stages.

The organization now has 1,400 members and has organized more than 70 local and regional conservation and flyfishing groups in support of the creek restoration. For more information on the alliance, visit www.alamedacreek.org.

—Janet Pelletier

Oak Grove

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public hearing will mark the end of a series of community meetings and public hearings. Sensing the opposition to the original 98-home plan by city officials and particularly the Kottinger Ranch community, Inderbitzen and Tong worked with the Lins to downsize the planned development, increasing the size of

the 51 homes in their last offering to make the gift of the 496-acre forest preserve financially feasible.

“Although many people in Kottinger Ranch would probably like to see no homes built in these hills, we believe the compromise we’ve reached is agreeable to all,” Bing Hadley, president of the Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Association, told the council.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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Emily Atwood

Sister cities connect through equestrian therapy

During their visit to Pleasanton, sister city delegates from Tulancingo, Mexico made a stop at Robertson Park in Livermore to view an equestrian therapy demonstration. Hoofprints on the Heart Adoptive Riding Center focuses on fostering physical, academic, social and emotional growth for people with disabilities by completing various tasks atop a horse. A Tulancingo family was familiar with this practice, as their child participates in similar therapy. For more on this program, visit www.hotharc.org.

School

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Overall, since the study results were revealed to the board and after the Sept. 11 discussion at the board meeting, Casey said it's been "real quiet" in terms of parcel tax feedback.

Those wanting to approach the board with questions and comments regarding the parcel tax are invited to do so at any regularly scheduled board meeting, at future forum meetings, or by emailing or calling board members.

The feasibility study, conducted by Lew Edwards Group and EMC Research from May 28-31, showed many of the 400 registered voters in Pleasanton would support a tax that would help fund priorities listed by the Excellence Committee. The committee is a 55-member group comprised of community members and education professionals who made recommendations and cost estimates for the Pleasanton Unified School District to use in improving public education.

Vocational and career education had a mean score of 5.56 in the study (on a scale of 1-7, with one mean-

ing not important and seven meaning very important). The Excellence Committee recommends expanding class offerings to achieve this goal, which has a cost estimate of \$500,000 annually. An additional \$191,282 would cover hiring a teacher at each high school and a half time position to support the alternative education program. Estimates also show it costing \$29 per parcel.

Another area of support was class size reduction. Specifically, a 25:1 student to teacher ratio in fourth and fifth grades had a mean score of 5.3 and the same ratio for middle and high school core subjects had a mean score of 5.23. These reductions alone would cost \$162 per parcel, according to a staff report.

Keeping up with technology, which includes additional support staff, had a mean score of 5.36 and its estimated cost per parcel would be \$82.

There was also much support (mean score of 5.4) for an increased number of science specialists at the elementary school level that would enrich the teachings of regular classroom teachers. As of this year, district reports having hired one science specialist per elementary school. ■

Health

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Medical services available at the unit are tuberculosis screening (PPD), immunizations, cholesterol and diabetes testing, sick care and medications (limited services only), information and referral to other services, pediatrics, physical exams (limited services only) and services with Spanish-speaking staff. Drop-ins are welcome at the health unit, and patients are seen on a first come, first served basis. Staff asks that patients bring immunization cards, Medi-Cal cards, Medicare cards and any list of medications.

Bernie Revak, public health services coordinator for ValleyCare and manager of the unit, said the mobile healthcare would keep people from going to the emergency room for primary care or from

skipping health treatment altogether.

"We're helping fulfill a need and improving the community services available," she said.

While people coming in can receive basic treatment as they would in a doctor's office, Revak said the focus would be to connect to a provider like Axis Community Health Center, which has locations in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, or another primary care provider.

The mobile health unit also stops in Livermore at the following places: BPO Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive; May Nissen Community Park, 685 Rincon Ave.; Open Heart Kitchen-Vineyard, 460 N. Livermore Ave.; Open Heart Kitchen-Asbury, 4743 East Ave.; and St. Michael Church, 458 Maple St. For dates and times of service, call 373-4529. ■

Of Note

Nichole Hornig Receives U.S. Student Fulbright Award

Nichole Hornig is a Pleasanton resident who recently graduated from the University of Southern California with double major in Spanish and American Studies and a minor in Psychology and Law. She has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship that has allowed her to teach English in Spain. Hornig is one of over 1,300 U.S. citizens who traveled abroad for the 2007-08 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. They are among over 30,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year.

For further information about the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit <http://exchanges.state.gov>.

Disney makes local family's dreams come true

As the Sanchez family exited a Monsters Inc. ride at Disneyland on a recent trip, they were greeted by cast members informing them that 10-year-old Alexandra had been on the right ride, in the right car at the right time to win the title "Year of a Million Dreams Honorary Grand Marshal."



She and her family were honored in the Main Street Parade and given a night's stay in the exclusive Mickey Mouse Penthouse at the Disneyland Hotel. Alexandra is a student at Alisal Elementary School and her mother Sonia works at Kaiser Permanente.

Pleasanton cigar shop owners voice concerns to Congress

Ryan and Julie Brown, who own Mission Pipe Shop at 4001-4 Santa Rita Road, recently attended the International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers convention held in Houston, Texas.

While there, they joined more than 5,000 premium cigar retailers, manufacturers and guests from across the world to celebrate their

best year in sales since the mid-1990s. They also voiced their concerns over currently proposed federal legislation regarding taxes on cigar products.



According to a spokesman for the convention, the House and Senate have passed two different versions of a tax increase that "could add several dollars to the price of each hand-rolled cigar sold in America."

The spokesman added that the bills are slated to go to a compromise committee when Congress reconvenes this month.

"Hand-rolled cigars are different from other tobacco products because they are high quality adult products of choice, enjoyed around the world as symbols of celebration, satisfaction and socialization," Ryan Brown said in a statement.

Emmons named to Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation board

Victoria Emmons has been appointed to the board of directors of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF), according to



Greg Reznick, local businessman and president of the PCAF board.

Emmons is vice president of public affairs and marketing for Regional Medical Center of San Jose and has served on numerous nonprofit boards.

PCAF is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization incorporated in 2004 to take the lead role in advocating and securing private funding for the construction of a new performing and visual arts center on the site of a former firehouse in downtown Pleasanton and to fund ongoing arts activities at the new center and throughout the community. The Firehouse Arts Center is planned to have a 240-seat theater, art galleries and classrooms.

Pleasanton teen chosen as convention page

Rebecca Hucker, a senior at Foothill High School, was chosen to be a page at the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) held from Sept. 27-30 in Palm Springs.

The NFRW is one of the largest women's political organizations in the nation with a grassroots membership of 100,000 women and 1,800 local units. Rebecca is among 56 teenage girls from across the country who will assist the state delegations at the convention. Pages will also participate in the opening ceremonies and in a variety of workshops about the political process.

Rebecca is sponsored by the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, which meets the second Thursday of the month except during July and August. For information about the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, call Karen Wind at 925-846-2702.



Thinking pink for a cause

Some junior high school students were "thinking pink" when they set up a bake sale on the corner of Valley Avenue and Paseo Santa Cruz recently. Eighth-grader Julia Brunell, joined by her sister Gina and her friends Emily Helmer, Alex Rooney and Katie Beliles, who are all in seventh grade, wanted to raise money for breast cancer research. The girls offered pink frosted cookies and cupcakes and pink lemonade for sale. When they counted up their earnings at the end, they racked up \$150.85. All of the money will be donated. Julia reports that women donated as much as \$20 and many donors were ladies who had either been receiving treatment for or survived breast cancer.

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Business Briefs

Day Art Studio plans to relocate

Day Art Studio, a place where people can paint pottery creations, closed its store at 720 Main St., but plans to relocate.

Day Art closed on Aug. 24 due to high rents. A message on the store's Web site, www.dayartstudio.com, said "Alas, our costs in this location are just too high. We are currently looking for investors to allow us to reopen in our town as well as expand into others."

The message also said the owners hope to reopen in Pleasanton in mid-October.

Pure Girls closes its doors

'Tween and teen girl specialty shop and salon Pure Girls has closed its location downtown. The store was located at 660 Main St.

Pure Girls was a specialty boutique that catered to younger girls. It sold apparel and accessories and had a hair and nail salon and often hosted theme parties such as a New Year's Eve bash. The store opened in September 2005.

For more information, visit www.puregirlsclub.com.

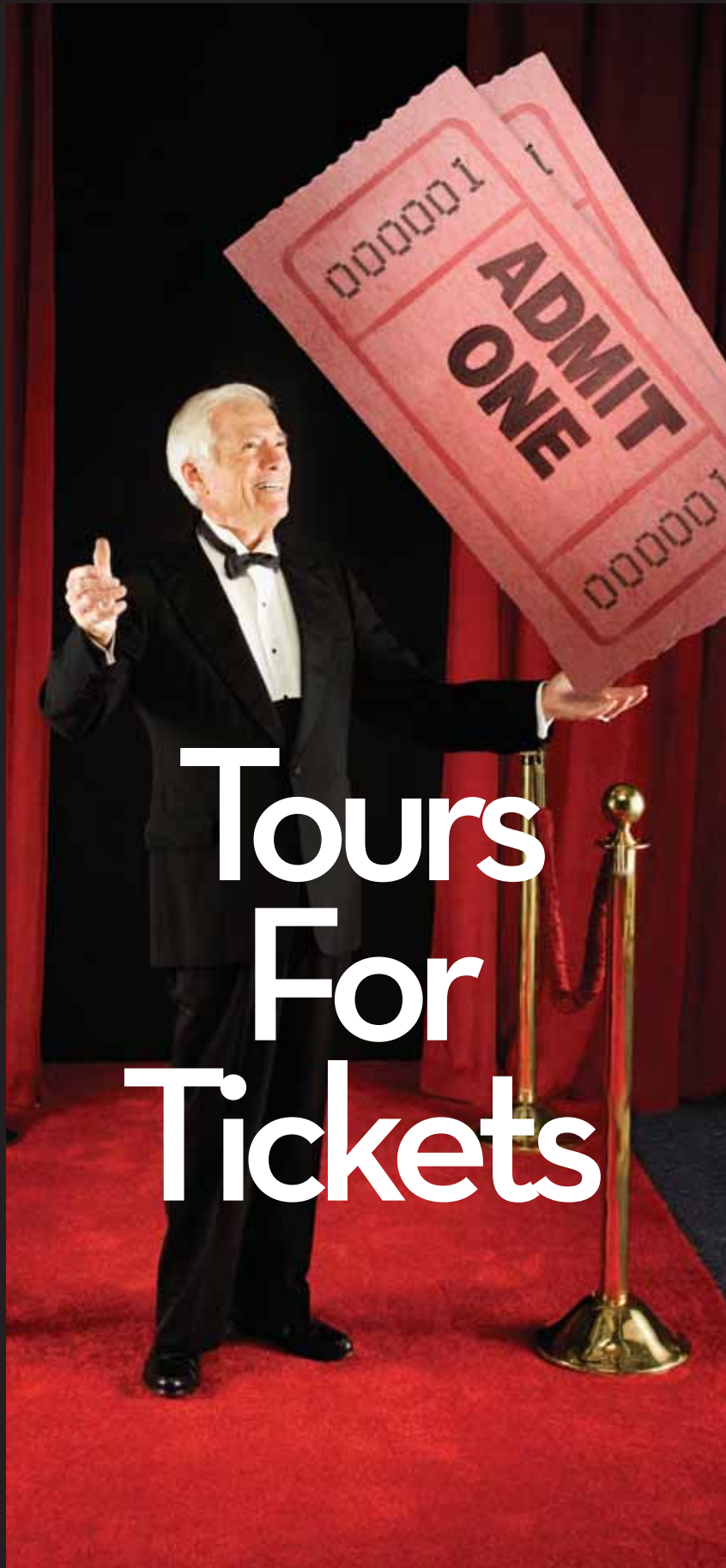
FDA Approves Roche West Nile Virus test

Roche Diagnostics, a leading provider of PCR-based nucleic acid tests for the international blood bank market, announced that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved its test for West Nile Virus in donated human blood and plasma.

West Nile virus, which can cause serious health issues, is transmitted to humans most often through mosquito bites, but can also less commonly be transmitted by transfusion of infected blood or blood products. The test, called the cobas TaqScreen West Nile Virus Test, enables detection of the virus earlier in the infection cycle in donors who may show no symptoms of disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control, blood screening centers across the United States identified 340 donors whose blood tested positive for West Nile Virus in 2006 and 23 to date in 2007.

ACCUSPLIT CEO to appear at conferences

W. Ron Sutton, CEO of stopwatch and pedometer manufacturer, ACCUSPLIT, and known as "Mr. Pedometer," will appear at two international wellness conferences this fall. From Oct. 18-20, his company will sponsor and exhibit at the The Cooper Institute's conference, Diversity in Physical Activity and Health: Measurement and Research Issues and Challenges, in Dallas, Texas. On Nov. 9, he will be one of the principal speakers at Taiwan's First National Walking Day in Taipei. Appearing with him will be Dr. Yoshiro Hatano, who popularized the 10,000 Steps-a-Day approach to lifetime wellness.



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Catholics to break ground Sunday on new youth center

Bishop of Oakland to join in ceremony for \$4.8-million gymnasium

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton will join in a groundbreaking this Sunday, Sept. 30, for its long-sought \$4.8-million activity center at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, which will add needed space for Catholic Youth Organization programs and others.

The Rev. Allen Vigneron, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland, will preside at the ceremony, which is scheduled to be at 2 p.m. at the church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr.

The Rev. Dan Danielson, senior pastor of the St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Augustine Catholic Church, said the new facility will include a full gymnasium, storage areas, showers and bathrooms. The complex will eventually include a large conference room, a dedicated Youth Room, as well as additional meeting rooms, a kitchen, and a childcare facility for young children while their parents are attending church functions.

—Jeb Bing



Janet Pelletier

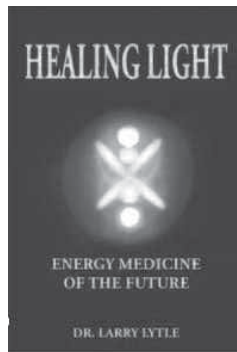
Support for the Firehouse

Guests gathered at the Pleasanton Hotel Monday for a glass of wine and a glimpse of plans for a future cultural arts center. The event was for the Firehouse Arts Center, which will feature a 240-seat theater, 2,000 square feet of gallery space, two classrooms and a grand lobby. It will be housed in the historic fire station on Railroad Avenue downtown. Here, Jaime Dowell, owner of Studio 7 Fine Arts, speaks with a couple of ladies.

Debbie Look, campaign coordinator for the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, said the event was put on not as a fundraiser, but more as a way to spread awareness about the future plans. Look said they are scheduled to break ground on the project in March. PCAF plans to hold fundraisers closer to that time, she said. For information, visit www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org.

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Opinion

Editorial

Yes on Oak Grove

With city leaders pushing for more open space and less housing along Pleasanton's southwest and southeast borders, the plan to be considered by the City Council Tuesday night is almost too good to be true. Jennifer, Frederic and Kevin Lin—largely absentee property owners who are now developing the thousands of acres their family long ago acquired in this region—are asking for approval to build 51 homes on a 562-acre hilltop above Kottinger Ranch. They would keep only 77 of those acres for the houses, giving the rest—a total of 496 acres to the city as permanent public open space. They would also pay for the construction of the major trails, a trailhead assembly area complete with a parking lot, restrooms and even a horse watering trough, and they would contribute \$1 million to the city for use in traffic, street and other infrastructure improvements outside of Oak Grove.

At one time, in the 1990s, the Lin family was thought of as pariahs by Pleasanton voters who rejected their bid to build more than 100 homes clustered around a golf course on the ridge-top. Ten years later, they came back, represented by Attorney Marty Inderbitzen and local developer and investor James Tong. This time they reconfigured the acreage to accommodate 98 large size homes, as allowed under the city's 1996 General Plan that still governs land use in Pleasanton. The golf course was gone but the density of the project, size of the homes and likely traffic that would be added to Hearst Drive that cuts through Kottinger Creek and would serve the new development produced another round of opposition from neighbors and city officials. So Inderbitzen and Tong worked with the city, community, neighborhoods and finally the Lins to reconfigure the project even further, coming up with what we believe is a winning plan for Pleasanton. Sure the homes on the 51 super-sized lots will be large, with several that could stretch to 10,000 square feet or more, but they'll be largely out of sight. Some homes being built in the Vineyard Corridor look gigantic, though they're smaller than those planned for Oak Grove, but they're on smaller lots and highly visible. Plus, despite some concern that Pleasanton already has too many "monster" homes, there's a market for them even in these difficult real estate marketing times. The Lins' representatives believe the Oak Grove lots will be sold in a flash.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Matt Sullivan have been working with owners of large-acre parcels along the city's southern border to seek their commitment to providing more open space. Their goal is to have a 2,000-acre conservancy that would extend from the Callippe Preserve Golf Course on the city's far southwest side to Shadow Cliffs Regional Park on Stanley Boulevard. It would include trails in the Vineyard Corridor and then up and over the Oak Grove area through Lund Ranch 2 and the Spotorno property. At first blush, it seemed like an ambitious project that might deny landowners their development rights. It turns out, however, that the persuasive powers of those passionate about protecting the southern border worked, and then some. By approving the Lin/Oak Grove project Tuesday, the council will do much more than move forward on a unique land grant. It will also set into place a roadmap for negotiating with other developers up and down the south side hills with an open space and development formula that works best for all.

Your Turn

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Talking Points

by Gina Channell-Allen



Readers' choice: Your choice

Contest has no hanging chads, ballot box stuffing, but brings questions

"Tired of smug jerks" writes on the PleasantonWeekly.com's Town Square forum that he (or she) could not believe a particular business was again voted Best of Pleasanton. "Do you only give awards to shops that advertise in the Weekly???" asks "Tired."

No, it's not advertisers who win. My life would probably be easier if that were the case. But then what is the point of having a readers' choice contest?

Therein lies the point: It is the readers making the selection of winners, not the Weekly staff.

The Weekly staff implemented several measures to ensure the results of the Best of Pleasanton were untainted. First, all voting was done online. No hanging chads here! And only verified votes were used in the tallies. An email address could only be verified once, so ballot-box stuffing was thwarted.

But I am from Chicago, where the motto on Election Day is "Vote Early and Often." So, being somewhat jaded, I personally researched any anomalies, such as an inordinate amount of votes for one business. By listing all the verified email addresses and identifying any with duplicate or similar user names but different domain names I could tell if someone was trying to stuff the ballot box that way. Especially when I researched the votes made under the email addresses to see if they were the same under both email addresses. I found no ballot box stuffing.

The businesses on the drop-down selection boxes came from last year's contest and new entries as submitted by staffers. And, in case we missed any, we accepted write-ins. If the same organization was written in by two or three voters, I put it on the drop-down list, even if they were outside of our circulation area. I figured that if two or three people took time to write a business in, there was a good chance other folks from Pleasanton went outside our area.

The Weekly's advertisers were in fact on the dropdown lists, as were non-advertisers. Advertisers won in some categories while non-advertisers won others. During the three weeks between the end of the survey and the time the winners were announced, we extended invitations to the winners to tout their award. Nobody was excluded from that opportunity.

I am happy to see that so many readers took time to vote for their favorites. That was the point of all the time and effort that went into Best of Pleasanton.

Mea culpa. We will include the phrase "Readers' Choice" in the "Best of Pleasanton 2008." As well as wanting everyone to acknowledge that it's the readers making these selections, we in no way want anyone to think this was based on more than readers simply choosing their favorites. Many things beyond popularity go into being "The Best."

If you are curious about the rankings in a particular category, please email me. I appreciate that readers take ownership in their community newspaper enough to ask these questions. Transparency is imperative to integrity and ethics; integrity and ethics are imperative to a quality newspaper.

Gina Channell-Allen, a 20-year journalism veteran, is the president of the East Bay division of Embarcadero Publishing Company, president of the Pleasanton Weekly and publisher of the Danville Weekly. Send questions to gallen@pleasantonweekly.com.

Letters

Labor Day Streetwise lacking wisdom

Dear Editor,

Wow, only two out of three gave intelligent answers to "What is the significance of Labor Day for you?" (Streetwise, Aug. 31). Three cheers for the firefighter and the stay-at-home dad. I am so glad to read that we have an intelligent fireman and a dad who will be a knowledgeable example for his children.

*Paula Brown
Pleasanton*

City needs revenue from Staples Ranch

Dear Editor,

The initiative regarding Staples Ranch is not in the best interests of all the citizens of Pleasanton.

The housing cap is about to be met and the city must turn to other sources of revenue if it is to maintain the infrastructure that makes Pleasanton a great place to live and raise a family. The Staples Ranch annexation and development can be a major start in that direction. The county and the city have been working on a development plan for this 124-acre parcel that will benefit all of Pleasanton. The financial benefits will be substantial and help to maintain our parks, schools and other services provided by the city. Let us not lose the opportunity to control the development of this site. Alameda County owns this property and its position is that it will be developed, if not by Pleasanton then by Dublin or Livermore, both of which are vitally interested in acquiring this property for commercial use, not park land and open space.

Therefore I urge you not to sign

the petition "Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative."

*John F. Smyth
Pleasanton*

McNerney has no intentions of bringing troops home

Dear Editor,

I saw Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) for the fourth time Aug. 21 in Woodbridge, as part of his "meet-and-greet" tour.

McNerney spoke at length, expressing under no uncertain terms that our military service members will return home from the Iraqi war soon. I had in my hand House bill H.R. 2956, "Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act," which reads quite to the contrary. H.R. 2956 is "An Act...and for other purposes," and its only "requirement" is for presidential reporting. Thus McNerney has no intentions of bringing the troops home.

I made sure to check that he voted for it. He did. To McNerney, I read key excerpts from it. The title word, "redeployment" suggests an open door for the senate to redeploy our troops over to U.N. Security Council command, and Senate Amendment 2087 was such an attempt. That's another story. In a heated confrontation on the NAFTA Superhighway and a plan to establish a North American Union, I reminded the congressman of his oath of office to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution.

If nothing else good resulted from the meeting, he could see that his constituency is well-informed.

*Daniel Hutchins
Stockton*

Thank you from Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council wishes to thank you very much for the wonderful article and picture you printed publicizing our Mike Fennelly Piano Concert on Sept. 8. We had a good turn out and raised a substantial sum for our Renne Smith Young Artists Music Awards Fund.

The arts community could not survive without this kind of support.

*Charlotte Severin
Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council*

Impeachment would cost Democrats the election

Dear Editor,

In her recent letter, Cathe Norman criticized Nancy Pelosi for not attempting to impeach President Bush. Ms. Pelosi knows that succumbing to the mindless lies of the extreme left would cost the Democrats the 2008 election. Even now, Congress' ratings are far below the president's.

The voters understand that the Clinton administration's desultory responses to the repeated bombing of U.S. facilities and citizens, and the withdrawal from Somalia emboldened bin Laden. With flourishing terrorist training camps in Afghanistan, he believed he had a weak opponent and launched 9/11 and beyond.

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orous national security program which has kept us safe for six years despite the left's attempts to undermine it.

The Clinton administration and Congress supported regime change in Iraq, but did nothing while Saddam continuously flouted U.N. resolutions calling for WMD inspections. All major intelligence agencies believed he had these weapons. Although the Iraq Survey Group found no large accumulations of WMDs, they did find a network of Saddam's Secret Intelligence Service laboratories which were experimenting with, and producing small quantities of, biological and chemical weapons with improved delivery methods. The labs were increasingly funded by the U.N.'s Oil for Food program. This was a growing threat to Americans and everyone else. The labs were destroyed by our military.

In this light, the extreme left's hysterical howls of "war criminals in the White House" are pathetic.

*Ted Tully
Pleasanton*

Red light runners a concern at Archstone

Dear Editor,

I'm a resident of the Archstone Hacienda Apartment complex. There is a large intersection in front

of the complex which is located at Owens Drive and Rosewood Drive. Today I just witnessed about the fifth car I've seen in the past couple of months run right through the red light at that intersection.

I believe the problem is that there are large trees which cover up the stoplights so cars can't see the stoplights. It's the stoplights directly in front of the Archstone entrance as you are driving from Hacienda towards West Las Positas.

This really concerns me because so many people use that crosswalk to go across the street to Wal-Mart and/or the BART station (including my teenage son). I urge someone to please look into this matter. It's so dangerous and it's just a matter of time before there is a serious accident there.

*Lynda Strohallen
Pleasanton*

Response to red light runner concern

Dear Editor,

Lynda, I thank you for your comments. I have asked my signal technician to take a look at the intersection and the trees to ensure we have the needed sight distance.

I appreciate you taking the time to express your concern. Please continue to inform us of locations where you feel safety may be improved.

*Mike Tassano
deputy director of public works,
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, October 2, 2007
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Continued from September 4th – Public Hearing: PUD-33, James Tong/ Charter Properties, Jennifer Lin, Frederic Lin, and Kevin Lin – Consideration of: (1) the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Oak Grove development; (2) an application for a PUD development plan for the Oak Grove development to subdivide an approximately 562 acre site into 51 custom home sites and to designate the remaining area for permanent open space; and (3) the Development Agreement to vest the entitlements covered by this application. The property is located at 1400 Hearst Drive, near the present terminus of Hearst Drive on the southerly sides of the Vintage Hills and the Grey Eagle Estates developments and is zoned PUD RDR/OS (Planned Unit Development – Rural Density Residential/Open Space) District

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, October 1, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda for this meeting.

Livermore and Pleasanton Joint Human Services

Commission

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion of potential opportunities that could be developed to promote local non-profit organizations' services, needs and information

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 immediately following Joint meeting City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Draft FY 2008/09 City Grant applications packet and identification of funding priorities
- FY 2007/08 City Grant Program and Commissions Quarterly Report performance
- Discussion regarding compensation for commissioners

GENERAL INFORMATION

Notice of Commission/Committee Vacancies (Extended Recruitment)
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
 - (1) Telecommunications Representative

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Call for Applicants

The City of Pleasanton has vacant seats on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The BPAC is an informal working group, which provides advice and recommendations to City staff and consultants on all matters relating to bicycle and pedestrian facilities planning. The BPAC will oversee the development of the City of Pleasanton Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

The four vacant seats are designated for Pleasanton residents (including one representative of the youth community) who are interested in providing input on bicycle and pedestrian issues, and who are able to attend evening meetings.

BPAC meetings will be held at the City of Pleasanton offices located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. The appointment term is for two years. Additional information may be received by contacting Janis Stephen in the Traffic Engineering Division (925) 931-5671 or at jstephen@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Applications for commissions and committees are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at 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,

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Police Bulletin

Flat panel TV stolen from Wal-Mart

Shortly before 9 p.m. Sept. 18, a Wal-Mart employee noticed a white male pushing a shopping cart with a 32-inch flat panel LCD HD television. The employee later told police that he was keeping an eye on the man because he seemed suspicious because he was acting nervous.

Upon briefly turning his back, the employee heard the emergency exit alarm sound and reportedly saw the man go towards the parking lot adjacent to the auto

service area. According to a police report, the employee ran after the man, hoping to stop him, but the man put the TV into a van and jumped in. A man with light colored hair allegedly sped off, but not before the employee wrote down the license plate number. The employee was able to describe the van and the suspect, but not the driver, according to police.

The TV was worth \$624.

Police tracked down the license holder's address in an unincorporated part of San Leandro. A county sheriff's deputy drove by the residence and didn't find the van.

Police Report

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

Sept. 14

- Theft:**
 - 4:26 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
 - 6:09 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; forged checks
- Vehicular burglary:**
 - 7:23 a.m. in the 6000 block of Kolb Ranch Drive
 - 9:43 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Alcohol violations:**
 - 9:06 p.m. in the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard; public drunkenness
- Graffiti:**
 - 3:16 p.m. at the intersection of Calle Santa Ana and Golden Road
 - 3:21 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 16

- Vehicular burglary:**
 - 6:36 a.m. in the 8300 block of Regency Drive
- Drug/alcohol violations:**
 - 1:11 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive; DUI
 - 2:48 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Trails and Hot Springs drives; public drunkenness
 - 5:27 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; public drunkenness
 - 5:00 p.m. at the intersection of North Valley Trails and National Park Road; under influence of drugs
- Other:**
 - 4:43 a.m. in the 2200 block of Oakland Avenue; animal nuisance

- sance
- 3:24 p.m. in the 5200 block of Parkside Drive; found property
- 6:28 p.m. in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive; mental health danger

Sept. 17

- Theft:**
 - 8:28 a.m. in the 5600 block of Sunol Boulevard; stolen vehicle
 - 11:09 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; identity theft
 - 7:22 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- Vandalism:**
 - 7:35 a.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court; worth less than \$400
- Mental health danger:**
 - 8:49 a.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue

Sept. 18

- Theft:**
 - 12:17 p.m. in the 5100 block of Golden Road; identity theft
 - 12:22 p.m. at the intersection of Gibraltar and Stoneridge drives
 - 8:45 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- Burglary:**
 - 6:18 a.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane
 - 6:22 a.m. in the 1200 block of Concord Street
 - 7:57 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Sept. 19

- Assault:**
 - 12:58 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street, with a weapon
 - 5:11 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Theft:**
 - 2:24 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
 - 6:50 a.m. in the 8200 block of

- Regency Drive; identity theft
- 3:10 p.m. in the 1300 block of Bordeaux Street; grand theft

Burglary:

- 11:57 p.m. in the 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway

Public drunkenness:

- 9:13 p.m. in the 4100 block of Alvarado Street

Other:

- 8:13 a.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; mental health danger
- 8:58 p.m. in the 1500 block of Calle Santiago; assault

Sept. 20

- Theft:**
 - 8:16 a.m. in the 3300 block of Arbor Drive; petty theft
 - 9:13 a.m. in the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; petty theft
 - 10:07 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; forgery
 - 10:10 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; grand theft
 - 11:03 a.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; forgery
 - 2:20 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
 - 3:03 p.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive; grand theft
 - 4:14 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
 - 5:25 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft
 - 5:31 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- Vandalism:**
 - 9:47 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; worth over \$400

DUI:

- 10:54 p.m. at the intersection of Sutter Gate Avenue and Santa Rita Road

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First Responders

Fire, police together

by Jeb Bing



Fire Chief Bill Cody stands in lobby of new Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department headquarters building on Nevada Street at Bernal Avenue. Horse-drawn hose cart was used by Pleasanton volunteer firefighters before motorized vehicles came to town. It will become part of an exhibit at the new Firehouse Arts Theater, to be built on Railroad Avenue within the next few years.

Police Chief Mike Fraser checks messages on dispatch screen facing A

Some might say that the stars were in perfect alignment when Police Chief Mike Fraser and Fire Chief Bill Cody first met. They found themselves together as participants at the 2005-06 annual Pleasanton Leadership class, an intensive nine-month program sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the city of Pleasanton to give public, civic and business leaders an in-depth look at what makes this city work. Seated together, they became good friends—a personal and professional relationship that continues today.

At that September meeting, Cody, a 28-year fire department veteran, had just been sworn in at the new chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in June. He had served 25 years as a firefighter and officer with the Los Angeles Fire Department before retiring, and then for three years as assistant fire chief in Newark. Here, he succeeded Fire Chief Stewart Gary, who retired after 13 years of service.

Fraser, a 26-year police veteran, was a captain in the department when he joined Leadership and met Cody. He was named police chief early this year when Chief Tim Neal retired.

It wasn't long before Cody and Fraser found they had much in common. Both came from families that had experience in the work they now do, and both planned careers while in high school and college far afield from firefighting and police.

Cody's father Joseph had been a firefighter with the Los Angeles Fire Department for years. Still, Bill Cody, a star high school athlete, went on to earn a bachelor's degree in physical education and planned to teach. The problem was that in the 1970s, there was a glut of teachers in Southern California. Cody shopped around for different jobs, taking one with the Chevron refinery in El Segundo. Assigned to the fire brigade, he liked the challenge and started taking tests at various municipal fire departments up and down the South Coast before Los Angeles hired him.

Police Chief Mike Fraser

Fraser's uncle had been a lieutenant with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, but he was more interested in

chemistry and math. He recalls mixing up baths of pesticides and weed killers in his parents' kitchen, only to find that his ingredients killed all the grass, not just the bugs and weeds.

There was no CSI television show at the time, but it's that kind of crime lab and forensic work that Fraser wanted to pursue. Criminal law and administration were the closest courses Chabot College offered when he started college, moving on for a degree in public administration at the University of San Francisco and later a master's degree in management from Cal Poly Pomona. Police work seems the logical way to combine all of these interests, which led to Fraser signing on with the Pleasanton Police Department in 1980.

When Fraser joined the force, the police department was still on Main Street in the building the Museum On Main now occupies. Stoneridge Mall was being built, Hacienda Business Park was in the planning stage and the homes in Vintage Hills had recently been completed.

"Even then, though, the 29 of us who were on the police force were told that traffic was the No. 1 concern in Pleasanton and patrolling the streets would be our prime responsibility," Fraser said. "So while almost everything else in Pleasanton has changed over these past 27 years, that hasn't. It's still traffic, traffic, traffic."

As more people moved to Pleasanton, increasing the populations from about 20,000 when Fraser started to about 67,000 now, police work also expanded to keep pace with new concerns. While red light runners and speeders, particularly in residential neighborhoods, are ongoing problems, police today also deal with more crime, including drugs, gangs, armed robberies, burglaries and even homicides. Fortunately, no Pleasanton officer has ever been killed in the line of duty, but several have been shot at and injured.

"Although we really don't have organized gangs in town, there are gang members here, and we watch them," Fraser said. "It's sad to sometimes find a parent who moves a child here to escape the gangs they faced in other cities only to find those 'friends' following the child here. We work with parents to let their uninvited visitors know that they're not welcome here."

Speeding motorists are also on the increase, Fraser said, mostly because the city has so much cut-through traffic.

Sure, some of those caught speeding live here or work here, but a growing number are rushing through town to bypass congestion on I-580, particularly in the evening rush hour. Fraser has toughened enforcement by placing more cops in squad cars and on motorcycles with radar guns and has also cut the number of courtesy citations that police have liberally given in the past.

"It makes no sense to give a pass to a motorist who just got one a week or so ago," Fraser said. "A real ticket makes the penalty real."

Rush hour patrols and more citations have reduced the mid-intersection congestion that not long ago frequently tied up traffic in all directions at the busy Bernal-First Street-Sunol Boulevard intersection. The same intensified patrols are now watching the Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue intersection, considered one of the most dangerous in Pleasanton.

But Fraser is opposed to the so-called red-light cameras other cities are using, such as Fremont. Some now combine those with speed detection radar cameras. Both are designed to free up police while catching traffic violators.

"Cities use them in many states, but I like the hands-on approach we have," Fraser said. "If a motorist shows remorse and that he clearly thought he still had the green light, we might give him a pass. A red-light camera doesn't."

The red-light cameras also are not labor free. Fraser said cities that use them must hire aides to carefully look at the photographs, make sure they are clear enough to pass court muster, and then police officers have to be in court more often because of the increased frequency that camera-issued tickets are challenged.

Next to speeding motorists, drug use is the fastest growing problem in Pleasanton.

"While we don't see the crack houses in Pleasanton or drug dealers standing on the corner to make a sale, drugs are here and available," he said. "In fact, marijuana is coming back in fashion. It's something we all need to be aware of."

"Even if someone just uses drugs at home out of sight from the public," he explained, "there's always that one time when the user needs to drive down to the store. He's

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Linda Nash, the department's senior dispatcher.

angering all of us and we can't let that happen." Though Fraser has put more police on the roads, the department is still understaffed. Of the 88 sworn officers on the force, not all are on duty. Three officers are in a training program, two others are away at a police academy training program and Fraser has three openings. Continued recruitment is also necessary because a number of officers expected to retire soon. At age 50, with 30 years of service anywhere in the state, police officers can retire.

In my interviews with potential officers, I sometimes run candidates who might want more excitement," Fraser said. "I know several who have opted for job offers in Oakland and Richmond because of the challenge of working there."

"When I'm interviewing someone, I'm frank," he said. "If they are turned off by having to check on a barking dog or ticket a car parked on the wrong side of the street, then they're not for Pleasanton. Here we are part of the community we serve, we participate in activities on the sports fields. We'll wave back and smile to the people who do the same because they're happy to see police presence in our city."

For those who think police work sometimes lacks excitement, I always tell them that working for the Pleasanton Police has one big advantage," he added. "You'll likely walk home to your family each night. Cops in the more dangerous jobs can't always be sure of that."

Fire Chief Bill Cody

Bill Cody, who became chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department two years ago, commands 131 firefighters and administrators who serve nearly 150,000 residents. It's a tight knit department after a merger of two very loyal city departments that occasionally saw a reluctance to give up their identities. Today, fire administrators and retirees often lament that the LPFD might be even stronger and more effective had Dublin joined in, as it was asked to do. Fire departments are often on the front line of greater Tri-Valley and regional fires, and it's Cody's job to work with Police Chief Fraser to make sure Pleasanton backups are in place if part of his department is sent elsewhere.

As it is, Cody meets frequently with Fraser and with Livermore police to coordinate coverage of care, ranging from having paramedics at the scene of heart attack or stroke victims within minutes to blocking traffic so that fire vehicles can move quickly to fires here and in the Tri-Valley as needed.

Cody came well prepared for his new role as a first responder for any disasters affecting Pleasanton and Livermore. These can range from fires in the hills to earthquakes and even to flooding. As a battalion chief in Los Angeles, he was part of a 3,500-firefighter force with 10 fire stations. Besides the skyscrapers in downtown Los Angeles and several outlying business districts, Cody's responsibilities included two airports, a harbor and hundreds of miles of open brush. There were few times when Cody had uninterrupted nights at home, as he can now.

After 25 years and eligible for retirement benefits under the Los Angeles department's separate pension plan, Cody wanted to cap his career as a chief. That was not likely to happen in Los Angeles where many were also vying for the job and where appointments are likely to be political. Finding an opening in Newark as assistant fire chief, Cody accepted the offer.

"That proved to be a good transition for me after Los Angeles," Cody said. "Even with constant moves to different areas and 30 different assignments in my career there, Los Angeles didn't offer the broad sweep of firefighting and administration experience I found in a smaller city. It also gave me a different perspective on the culture of a smaller fire department, a culture that is strong and very community-focused here in Pleasanton."

Like Fraser, Cody is often at City Council meetings if there's anything on the agenda or public presentations to be made that affect his department. He's much involved now in the decision that is likely to be made next Tuesday over whether to allow 51 large estate homes to be built above Kottlinger Hills, where the fire department is also insisting on emergency access roads besides the main street.

He's also on the front line of evaluating the merits of bidding to provide fire safety services to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The lab, under its new management team directed by the University of California and Bechtel Corp., has decided to contract out the firefighting services its own facility has long handled.

Fire training, one of Cody's responsibilities in Los Angeles, is a major component of the Livermore-Pleasanton Department, with fire departments from throughout the area coming here for training and tests. These include instruction in how to fight house fires, especially at Christmas time when trees, candles and wrapping paper pose major risks for both the homeowners and firefighters.

Cody said his department offers free home inspections and also has self-inspection in materials homeowners can obtain at any fire station.

Leadership Pleasanton and his introduction then to Police Chief Fraser gave him a better insight on Pleasanton and Fraser's department.

"It quickly turned into a personal relationship that built a foundation that allows us to work together at the professional level," Cody said. "That's not the type of relationship police and fire had in Los Angeles."

Building on the community's friendship that he has found in meetings with the Chamber of Commerce, city agencies and other groups, Cody works with his firefighting team to participate in parades, downtown events and at school functions.

"The bottom line is that there's a tremendous amount of camaraderie in both police and fire," Cody said. "These are very healthy professions where we are in them to help people."

"Firefighters tend to be the friendly guys on the street, and you'll often see kids congregating around a fire truck and firefighters holding babies that are passed over to them," he added. "That's especially true here in our community where people see us—and we see ourselves—as big brothers, very friendly, very welcoming, very friendly, but also very well trained to handle any emergency on a moments notice." ■

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Obituaries

Larry E. Camp

Larry Eugene Camp passed away on Sept. 8 in Livermore. Born on Dec. 30, 1942 in Lodi, Mr. Camp was 64 years old.

He enjoyed all sports, including car racing, hunting, fishing and dancing. Mr. Camp loved watching football and especially his favorite team, the '49ers. He is survived by his loving companion Nancy Knight of Livermore and grandson Trenton Matthews of Pleasanton. Inurnment services were held Sept. 18 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Henri (Heinrich) Lindhurst

Henri Lindhurst died in Walnut Creek on Sept. 12 after a long-term illness. He was 83.

Mr. Lindhurst, a native of Germany, was born Oct. 19, 1923. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Lindhurst retired from the Navy, Department of Defense, Naval Air, where he was a planner and estimator, retiring after 28 years of dedicated service. He was a graduate of Owego Free Academy in Owego, N.Y. He was a member of VFW 6298 of Pleasanton, American Legion No. 237, Fleet Reserve No. 297, NARFE (National Association of Federal Retirees) No. 397 of Livermore and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hayward.

Mr. Lindhurst resided in Pleasanton for the past 36 years, and before made his home in Hayward for 16 years.

He is survived by his loving family, beloved wife of 55 years, Ruth H. Lindhurst of Pleasanton, brothers Walter (Betty) Lindhorst, Robert (Rose) Lindhorst, Marvin (Janet) Lindhorst, sisters Louise (Harlin) McEwen and Esther

(Stanley) Winnick and sisters-in-law Carol and June Lindurst. He also leaves behind adored grandchildren Jeryl Marcus Lindhurst, Michael Joseph Elward, and Jennifer Michelle Elward; two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was loved by all, enjoyed gardening and loved being with his family.

He was predeceased by his only child, daughter Raenelle Elward and son-in-law John Elward.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 166 W. Harder Road, Hayward. Family requests donations be made to: Family Emergency Shelter Coalition, 21455 Birch St. #5, Hayward, CA 94541 or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 166 W. Harder Road, Hayward, CA 94544.

Alice Margaret Wallace

Alice Margaret Wallace, a resident of San Jose, died Sept. 11 after a brief illness. She was 66.

Born July 19, 1941 in Washington, D.C., Ms. Wallace had a love of laughter and life. She was loved by her family, friends and caregivers and will be greatly missed.

Ms. Wallace was born with Down's Syndrome and lived most of her life in various board and care homes. When she was 6 years old, she became a resident of Sonoma State Hospital in Sonoma. After 15 years she moved to San Francisco and later lived in Hayward. The happiest years of her life were her final 16 years, which she spent in Agnews Developmental Center in San Jose.

Ms. Wallace is survived by her sisters Harriet Smith and husband Bob of Pleasanton, Nancy Saxton and husband Les of Ridgecrest; aunt Arah Dawson of Fayetteville, N.C.; uncle and aunt Luther and Irene Dawson of Greensboro, N.C.; nephews Robert Smith and his wife Nancy, of Guerneville; Stuart Smith and his wife Wendy of Pleasanton; Scott Saxton of Ridgecrest; nieces Christina De Jesus of Portland; Heather Hire and husband Don, of Portland; nine great-nieces and nephews, and her special friends and caregivers at Agnews Developmental Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents William Hugh and Margaret Geraldine Wallace.

Ms. Wallace's family would like to thank the caregivers and medical staff of Agnews for their dedicated and loving care and attention given to her during her years at Agnews and particularly during the last weeks of her life.

The family will hold a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to: Christian Encounter Ministries, P.O. Box 1022, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

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Alcatraz Boyz post 7-2 record at Cooperstown

Boyz hits 72 home runs; seeded 18 out of 96 teams

by Lisa and Don Camello

The Alcatraz Boyz recently traveled to Cooperstown, N.Y. to play in a week long baseball tournament at the Cooperstown Dreams Park.

With 96 teams from all over the country participating in the tournament, the Boyz lived in barracks with their coaches the entire week, where they traded pins and met a lot of kids from the other teams. The called it "an experience of a lifetime."

The Alcatraz Boyz finished the tournament with a 7-2 record and

seeded 18 out of 96 teams. The team hit 27 home runs.

Raymond Hudson and Brent Bockover had six home runs, each with a grand slam. Brendan Jenkins and Cody Shields also had grand slams. Jonathan Camello had four home runs and 20 RBIs for the tournament. TJ Friedl was the lead-off hitter at age 11 and had an on-base percentage of over 700. Jimmy Doyle, Chad Martin, Spencer Andora, Ryan Ibanez also pounded home runs.

The entire team played great

defense. That was led by Jimmy Doyle who pitched a 5-0 record for the team, which included a shut out, backed up by defensive stand-out plays by Chase Hennings and Tyler Trinidad who both received injuries and bounced back to help their team with its success. Donald Camello Jr., 10, showed great support for the team.

The Alcatraz Boyz will return to Cooperstown next July, holding tryouts starting next month to put another Under 12 team together. ■

League opener tonight for Foothill

Falcons readying for California High

by Jeb Bing

The Foothill Falcons head to San Ramon tonight to play the California High Grizzlies at 7 p.m. in San Ramon.

The game follows Foothill's 31-0 clobbering of the Skyline High Titans of Oakland last Friday afternoon.

In their opening game in the East Bay Athletic League next Friday, Foothill hopes to repeat their victories both over Skyline and a week earlier over Berkeley, a game they won 30-7.

The Falcons also are hoping to repeat the outstanding rushing performances of both 200-pound senior running back Rob

Andrews two weeks ago against the Berkeley Yellowjackets and last week's rushing performance by Austin Day, who had 44 rushing yards against Skyline.

The Grizzlies have had just two winning seasons in the last 30 years, and lost to Foothill 8-3 in the North Coast Section playoffs in 2005. ■

Amador faces SRV tonight

Game follows Don's crushing of Stockton's Bear Creek High 61-12

by Jeb Bing

The Amador Valley Dons, fresh on the heels of their 61-12 win last week over the Bear Creek Bruins of Stockton, take on San Ramon Valley High in Danville starting at 7 p.m. tonight.

It will be the two teams' opening game in their tough East Bay

Athletic League.

Going into EBAL play, Amador is 3-0. San Ramon is 2-0-1, with a 35-35 tie in its game last week against Washington.

Seven different Dons scored touchdowns in a late afternoon game, played early last Friday against the Stockton because of

the Yom Kippur Jewish High Holy Days that began at sundown.

By the end of the first quarter, the Dons were ahead 19-0, taking on three second quarter touchdowns to take a 40-0 halftime lead as they cruised to their 61-12 victory over the visiting Bear Creek Bruins of Stockton. ■

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Book Clubs

Great Books of Pleasanton The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie 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.

Managing elections The local LWW and AAUW offer members and the public a hot topic at a luncheon meeting with speaker Dave Macdonald, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, who will manage how we vote and how to count and verify the ballots given the last minute restrictions announced by the Secretary of State. It will take place at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 28 at Girasole Grille, 3128 Santa Rita Road. There is a luncheon cost. Call 846-9739.

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.


Classes

ADAS Art Demonstration: Bill Cone At 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9, award-winning painter Bill Cone will share his insights and techniques at Social Hall, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. This free class is open to the public and includes dessert and refreshments. This monthly program is hosted by the Alamo-Danville Artists Society. Call 691-5030 or visit www.adas4art.org.

Basic Yoga Class Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, will teach a yoga basics class in Lynnwood United Methodist Church's multipurpose room, 4444 Black Ave. The class is \$10, open to the public and is appropriate for all levels of experience. Call 846-0221 or visit www.lynnwood.org.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent "Creating A Happy Family and Responsible Kids from Elementary Age to Young Adults" is a class meeting Wednesdays starting Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. Learn practical tips, powerful tools and see immediate results. Free children's programs too. The cost is \$25. Call 560-6234 or visit www.dublinvcc.org.

Weekend Preview



Books for sale at the library

The Pleasanton Public Library is hosting a book sale this weekend to support projects requested by librarians and patrons. Most paperback books cost 50 cents and most hardback books are \$1. There are several types of books for sale, including science fiction, travel, mystery, home and garden, cookbooks, textbooks, classics, sports, non-fiction, romance, spiritual, self-help, fiction best sellers, children's books and more. A Friend of the Library membership is necessary for tonight's sale from 7 to 9. Otherwise, the general public is welcome from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Call 931-3400.

You're On the Air—How to Really Make it in Voice-Overs Professional voice-over instructor and talent Heather Costa will discuss the industry, technique, and how to get your new career started. The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 3 at Amador Valley Adult and Continuing Education, 215 Abbie St. The class costs \$19. Call 426-4283 or visit www.suchavoice.com/sanfrancisco.

Clubs

Local Writers Meet for Support and Learning The California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch meets the at 11:30 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Oasis Grill, 780 Main St., to support experienced and aspiring writers in learning about their craft and sharing their work. Anyone who is curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Call Kathy Urban, 296-0447 or visit www.trivalleywriters.com.

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.

eBig Re-launch Party From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11, eBig, the East Bay Innovation Group (formerly known as the East Bay I.T. Group) is celebrating a re-launching at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive. Email info@ebig.org.

Everything Poetry This poetry work-group 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@webbearings.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.

Pleasanton Newcomers October Luncheon Join us at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at Pastas Trattoria, 405 Main St., as Linda Wyner, co-owner of Pans On Fire as well as a local attorney and food columnist, discusses her new book, Food for Thought: Musings on the History and Uses of Food. The cost is \$23. Reservations are required, by Oct. 6. Call Mary, 846-3625.

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast at Marie Callendar's 1101 S. Calif Blvd., Walnut Creek and at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Strizzi's 3456 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Visit www.pca.org/dia.

Retired Public Employees' Association The Tri-Valley Area, Chapter 075, of the Retired Public Employees' Association will meet at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 4 at the Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Ada Schoch will speak

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on the Ombudsman program: What volunteers do and how important ombudsmen are to the community. Friends are welcome. RSVP by Oct. 1. Call Bob, 846-6563 or June, 461-0315.

Toastmasters Pleasanton Community Toastmasters holds meetings Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 4530 Sandlewood Drive. Learn the art of public speaking in a fun-filled supportive environment. Call Bobbi at 846-8654 or visit pleasantontoastmasters.com.

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.madzymurgists.org for more info and location of the next meeting.

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.tvmtc.com.

Concerts

Boost Mobile Nightshift Featuring dazzling displays of modified cars/bikes, drift demos, freestyle MotoX, bike stunts, live concert by Pitbull, giveaways and more. The event is from 3 to 10 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501

Pleasanton Ave. Tickets are \$30. Visit hotimportnights.com.

Piano Recital A piano recital will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. The annual recital is co-sponsored by Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury. MTAC Young Artist Guild member Ashley Hsu of Fremont, student of Hans Boepple of Santa Clara University, will perform Beethoven, Chopin and Ives. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Call 443-2514.

Romanian Orphan Choir Performance Pleasanton Presbyterian Church invites the public to enjoy a special performance by the Caminul Felix choir at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. The choir, comprised of orphans from Romania, is a branch of the Caminul Felix Villages, which is home to more than 200 children. Call 846-4436 or visit www.pleasantonpres.org.

Events

Annual Blessing of the Animals Blessing of the Animals will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. Animals of all shapes and sizes are welcome, but must be on a leash or in a carrier. Each animal blessed by the friar receives a Saint Francis of Assisi medallion. Visit www.valleyhumane.org.

Oktoberfest in Pleasanton From 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Old Cheese Factory Parking Lot, 830 Main St., the Pleasanton Downtown Association hosts an afternoon filled with the sounds of the Public Eye Band, Harmony Fusion Chorus and the Polka Music of the Oompah Quartet. Enjoy food, fun, a variety of beers, and arts and crafts booths.

Toastmasters Speech Contest From 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 4, five local Toastmasters clubs will compete for Best Evaluator and Best Humorous Speaker titles. The event will be held at the WaMu Building, 4900 Johnson Drive. Call Brenda Jackson, 823-6445.

Exhibits

Cat In The Hat Turns 50 View rare, new limited-edition prints by Theodor Seuss Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss, at this 50th anniversary exhibition from Sept. 15-30 at Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St. Cupcakes and a Seuss-character coloring contest are the festivities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 15. Seuss story readings at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Free Talk on Textiles of Eastern Asia Claudia Hess, owner of Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., will give a free talk on the amazing textiles of East Asia at 3 p.m. Sept. 29. The gallery features handmade items that safeguard local and global culture and the environment.

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.

The Essential Landscape An exhibit, "The Essential Landscape: A Tribute to Nature's Bounty and Beauty" will be presented at the grand opening of Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. The exhibit runs Aug. 30 to Oct. 28 with a wine and cheese reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 29. The exhibit features two prominent California oil painters, Stephen Sanfilippo and Tom Taneyhill. Call curator Shelley Barry, 683-4804.

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The sale benefits Twin Valley Mothers of Multiples Club and local charities. Find clothing and equipment for children from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Sept. 29 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. The cover is \$1 and selling is open to the public. Items include clothing, costumes, strollers, toys, videos, Pak 'n' Plays, layettes, books, high chairs, swings, gates, cribs and more. Call 556-9379 or visit www.tvmotc.com.

Cook for a Cause In September, GourMade Cookery, 7060 Koll Center Pkwy. Ste. 320, will be donating proceeds of its sales to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Five percent of sales of every Cook for a Cause menu item sold will be donated to the charity. To register for a session or place an order visit www.gourmadecookery.com or call 846-4774.

Day of Golf and Fun The Tri-Valley Special Needs Fund is hosting the inaugural Day of Golf and Fun Oct. 8 at Las Positas Golf Club in Livermore. The nonprofit organization, formerly the Morelli Charitable Fund, provides support for Tri-Valley residents with developmental disabilities. Included in the event is a putting contest, skills clinics, lunch, prizes, dinner and auctions. To participate and/or to be a sponsor, call Sharon at 225-1135.

Food Drive Dinner My Way has extended its food drive for Tri-Valley Haven through September. Donate non-perishable foods will be accepted at the store 1989 Santa Rita Road. Call 485-4286.

Hope Sees a Star Memorial Auction ZNEart.com presents the Hope Sees a Star Fundraising Auction, online at www.HopeSeesaStar.com from Oct. 1-15. The international group of independent artists plans to create a permanent installation in memory of two local teenage girls, Stevie McMoyler and Brianna Grant, who died from fatal diseases in April and June, respectively. Call 249-0979.

Parking Lot Sale Lynnewood United Methodist Church hosts a parking lot sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29 at 4444 Black Ave. It will benefit Wesley Youth Home, a non-profit since 1997, to provide on-going care for disadvantaged youth. Donations of unwanted goods gratefully accepted. For more information please call 426-8861.

Seventh Annual East Bay Traditional Jazz Festival The Seventh Annual East Bay Traditional Jazz Festival will take place from 10:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Swiss Park Dance Hall, 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark. Several local bands, including youth bands, will play in a fundraiser to send students to summer music camps. There is also vintage clothes, contests, food and a scholarship raffle. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at event; school-aged children are free.

That's Amore Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's biggest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for Oct. 6 at the Robert Livermore Center Courtyard, 4444 East Ave. This upscale event takes place from 6-10 p.m. with carnival booth games, dinner, raffle drawing, silent and Live Auction with something for everyone. Tickets are \$60. Call 456-0529 or visit www.tv.ar.org.

The Mother Bear Project Knit This, Purl That owner Beth Spisak has a goal of sending 100 teddy bears to needy children by December. She seeks knitters and crocheters who want to participate by purchasing an inexpensive pattern from The Mother Bear Project and completing a bear by December. The first meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 8 at 205A Main St. Call 249-9276 or visit www.yourknittingplace.com.

Valley Dance Theatre Fusion Gala 2007 Join the Valley Dance Theatre for a fun evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, dancing, live music and silent auction, and classical ballet at 5 p.m. Sept. 29 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., Livermore. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 8. Call 243-0925 or visit www.valleydance-theatre.com.

VFW Crab Feed Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pleasanton is hosting its annual crab feed at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$34. Proceeds will go to Military Assistance Program (MAP), which assists military families in a time of crisis. No tickets at the door. Email james.lyon@L-3com.com or call 417-0252.

Walk to the Water, Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser Walk to the Water, a walk-a-thon fundraiser, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 7 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. The event will benefit underprivileged women and children in developing countries. Suggested Donations are \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, \$40 per family and includes lunch. Sponsored by Sisters In Service, Tri-Valley and East Bay Chapters. Call 998-3785 or visit www.walktothewater.org.

Health

Diabetes Seminar A free seminar on diabetes will take place at 10 a.m. Sept. 29 at the Mercy Retirement and Care Center, 3431 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. Presented by Carol Choy of Alta-Bates Summit Diabetes Center. Choy will discuss the latest treatments to combat diabetes. Visit mercyretirementcenter.org.

Free Health Fair Check up on your health with free health screenings at a free health fair, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 6 at the San Ramon Regional Health Center's South Conference Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Fasting is recommended but not required. No reservations. Screening on a first come, first served basis. Call 800-284-2878.

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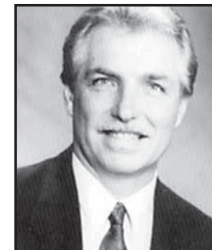
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WHAT'S A FIRST- TIME BUYER?

It turns out that there are special programs available to first-time buyers, loans that meet their needs more economically, and some that allow funds for fixing up a starter home in need of repair, to name just two possibilities. These programs are constantly changing and differ from area to area, so it is advisable to work with a savvy real estate professional and mortgage advisor in searching them out.

Notice, though, that the definition of "first-time buyer" may not be as simple as you think it is. Does it mean "someone who has never owned a home"? No.

Usually, a first-time buyer is defined as someone who hasn't owned his or her own home at any time during the past three (or sometimes five) years. You may have owned three homes in prior decades but still qualify as a first-time buyer today.

This is one of many reasons why you should sit down with a trusted real estate professional and mortgage advisor before assuming that you can't afford a home in today's marketplace. Chances are, there's help available for you that you weren't aware of. To get more information call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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Miscellaneous

Free Presentation on Taking Control of Your Health

The Pleasanton Chamber is hosting a presentation by Dave Becker at noon Oct. 11 at 777 Peters Ave. "Take Control of Your Health," will cover ways to bring about well being through simple exercise, clean and healthy drinking water, quality sleep, whole food nutrition, and fresh air in the home. Call 846-5858 or visit www.pleasanton.org.

Kids & Teens

James & the Giant Peach This 10-week drama program for kids in third through sixth grade meets 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. Visit www.TriValleyYPA.org to register. Tuition is \$225 tuition; receive a \$25 discount for referral.

Lizard Detective at the Library?

Bruce Hale, author of the best-selling Chet Gecko Mysteries for Children, visits the Pleasanton Library at 7 p.m. Oct. 9. An award-winning author/illustrator and storyteller, Hale will feature his book The Malted Falcon, tongue-in-cheek takeoff on the detective classic The Maltese Falcon. Call 931-3400 ext. 8.

Opening Day Celebration—Program for Jewish Teens

Comes to Pleasanton Midrasha Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities, a program for Jewish teens in grades 8 through 12 to learn about their religion and heritage in a fun environment, is hosting an opening day celebration on Sunday, September 30 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. There will be a student program and a reception for parents. Call 549-1664.

Competition for Young Musicians The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association hosts the 35th annual Competition for Young Musicians. Applications, a \$5 fee and a tape, CD or DVD is due by Oct. 7. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon (through grade 12) are eligible. Each winner will be awarded \$250. Call 447-1947 or visit www.livam-symph.org.

Free The Cat Campaign For a limited time, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will offer no-fee adoptions of all adult cats. Strict adoption criteria will still apply. Adoptions are held at Pleasanton Farmers Market (9:30 to 1 p.m. Saturdays), Dublin Pet Food Express (2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays) and Dublin PetSmart (weekdays during regular business hours and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays). Call 803-7043 or visit www.tv-ar.org.

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

Alice In Wonderland Alice in Wonderland is a musical put on by Creekside Community Church's Kids Theater. The sixth, seventh and eighth graders will perform at 7 p.m. Oct. 5-6 at the church, 951 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro. Tickets are \$3; ages 2 and under are free. Call Jenny, (510) 430-0607, or visit www.creekside-community.org.

Seniors

Computer Tutoring One-on-one computer tutoring is available every day at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The tutor works with you on topics where you need help. No formal program to follow, just help where you need it. Internet, Office applications, picture editing, etc. Call 931-5365 to set up an appointment. The cost is \$1.50 for residents and \$2 for non-residents.

Dublin Senior Center Extends Hours Live at the Senior Center! It's Wednesday Night! Do you yoga? Have a question about computers? Enjoy playing games? Sign the interest list and we will try to organize new activities on Wednesday nights at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Starting Sept. 12, the Senior Center will extend its Wednesday hours to 8 p.m. Call 556-4511.

Gujarati Dinner Tri Valley Gujarati Seniors holds monthly meetings with varied themes. Interested Gujarati Seniors are welcome to attend as guests. For additional information, call 846-3521. 6:30-9:30 p.m. None

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. The cost is \$1.50 or \$2.00.

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 remi-

Lectures/ Workshops

Dealing with Hearing Loss Hard of hearing? Know someone who is? Learn how hearing loss is measured and detected, how to cope, and who to turn to for solutions at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The cost is \$1.50 for residents; \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

End-of-Life Community Training Hope Hospice hosts the Hospice Community Training Course, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays from Sept. 10 to Oct. 29. This 8-week, evening course is for those who want to learn about end-of-life care. It is designed for future hospice volunteers and CEU's are available for health professionals. The cost is \$75 general; \$120 with CEUs. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

Getting It All Done in a 24/7 World Join Eve Abbott, the Organizer Extraordinaire to master the art of real time management from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at Las Positas College, 3303 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Boost your effectiveness no matter what software you use. The cost is \$49 plus text, total cost \$69. Call 424-1467.

Live Music

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band Chris Bradley's Jazz Band plays live at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. No cover charge.

Perla Batalla Grammy nominee Perla Batalla will perform at 8 p.m. Oct. 6 at Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Ave., Tracy. She celebrates the vibrant Latin-American culture with music filled with imagery and mysticism. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50. Call 209-831-6858.

nise? 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

Care for the World St. Clare's Episcopal Church Chancel Choir presents this inspirational festival service focusing on the environment and our responsibility as stewards of God's creation at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 14 at 3350 Hopyard Road. Published by the Royal School of Church Music. Call 462-4802.

Peace Meditation A one-hour silent meditation on peace will take place on the second Saturday of the month at Downtown Yoga, 220B Division St. No talking—just sitting. No political affiliation or religious denomination. Free to all. Call 819-9983.

Tri-Valley Unity Church Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Women's Precept Bible Study Women's Precept Bible Study, an in-depth, inductive study meets Wednesday mornings at 9:15 starting Sept. 12 at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Drive. This study of I and II Samuel is a life-changing look at the life of David, a man after God's own heart. Child care available. For child care reservations or questions contact Marily Ludt, 485-0417.

Sports

Lake Chabot Mountain Ride Join cyclists of all levels for this friendly, no-drop mountain ride at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in October. Meet the Cyclepath group at the Ranger station. Most rides last approximately two hours. Riders should be in good fitness; have a well-adjusted, safe mountain bike (with a light); and general knowledge of bike handling skills. Call 485-3218.

Sunday Morning Group Ride Join cyclists of all levels for this friendly, no-drop ride. Routes vary weekly (25-55 miles) and last approximately two hours. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at Cyclepath, 337-B Main St., to determine our route and fill tires for a 9:00 a.m. departure. Riders warm up together and split into smaller groups based on skill level. Call 485-3218.

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.

ClutterLess Self Help Group Is clutter stressing you out? We are a Self Help support group for those with difficulty disposing of stuff. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not just an organizing issue. The group meets Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church Rm 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 846-5060 or visit www.clutterless.org. The group is free and \$2 to \$5 donation appreciated.

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.

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 Support Group The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Tuesdays of the month at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Call 443-4098 or 447-6158 or email ral-aye@comcast.net.

Overeaters Anonymous Is Food Controlling Your Life? This group meets every Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lynewood United Methodist Church, Room C-5, 4444 Black Ave. This is a 12-step study and discussion meeting and newcomers are welcome. Call Georganne at 361-7224.

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 bettyrunnels@earthlink.net.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group This group provides peer support for those affected by Parkinson's disease and for their caregivers, families and friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 831-9940 or email jackiebard@pacbell.net.

Volunteering

Blankets for Kids Blankets For Kids, founded by Pleasanton resident Jo Molz, makes and distributes soft fleece blankets to at-risk, abused and neglected children in the Tri-Valley, Alameda County and even Los Angeles. The easy-to-make blankets are constructed of a soft fleece material with pleasant designs. Volunteers have made more than 10,000 blankets for distribution since the organization began. Those interested in volunteering, or donating money or fleece to the nonprofit organization call Jo, 846-6155.

Meals on Wheels Drivers are needed to deliver meals to seniors in Pleasanton from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. once a week. Call Julie, 931-5385.

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.tv-ar.org.

TV30

Ask the Doctor Headaches and Migraines are the topics for "Ask the Doctor" TV30's live call-in show at 7 p.m. Oct. 3. Viewers can phone-in questions for guests Neil Okamura, D.O., internal medicine specialist and Kulveen Sachdeva, M.D., neurologist by calling Channel 30 at 462-3030.

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 every weekday from Sept. 14-28 at 6:30 a.m., 9:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m..

In a Word Join hosts Jim Ott and Kathy Cordova during the month of October with Lisa See, author of Peony in Love. Bookclub discussion of The Maltese Falcon with guests and authors Hailey Lind and Mark Coggins. On Channel 30 every day at 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. weekdays. Sponsored by Towne Center Books.

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The Weekly has an audience

The news in the Weekly is so juicy, five locals from Luanda, Angola in Africa, look over Barbara Jackson's shoulder. Actually, it's just a painting, but sure looks real.



Shop till you drop

Neethi and Lakshmi Bangalore bring the Weekly on their shopping trip in Beijing, China.



Say hello and Dubai

On a recent trip to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, John and Bonnie Stoker visit their friend Michelle and took a little piece of home with them--our paper.



When in Rome, bring the Weekly

Bill and Carol Higgins, with Lillian Fraser and Mary Giuliacci, take a short break from their travels to read the Weekly at St. Peter's Square in Rome, Italy.



The traveling Weekly

Tierney Haupt, who is studying abroad in Granada, Spain and Laura-Dawn Rader, who is studying in Turin, Italy, met up in Girona, Spain to share a copy of the Weekly and some new travel experiences.



A Whale of a Weekly

The Ristow family brought their trusty copy of the Weekly with them on a trip to Maui that included whale watching and snorkeling.



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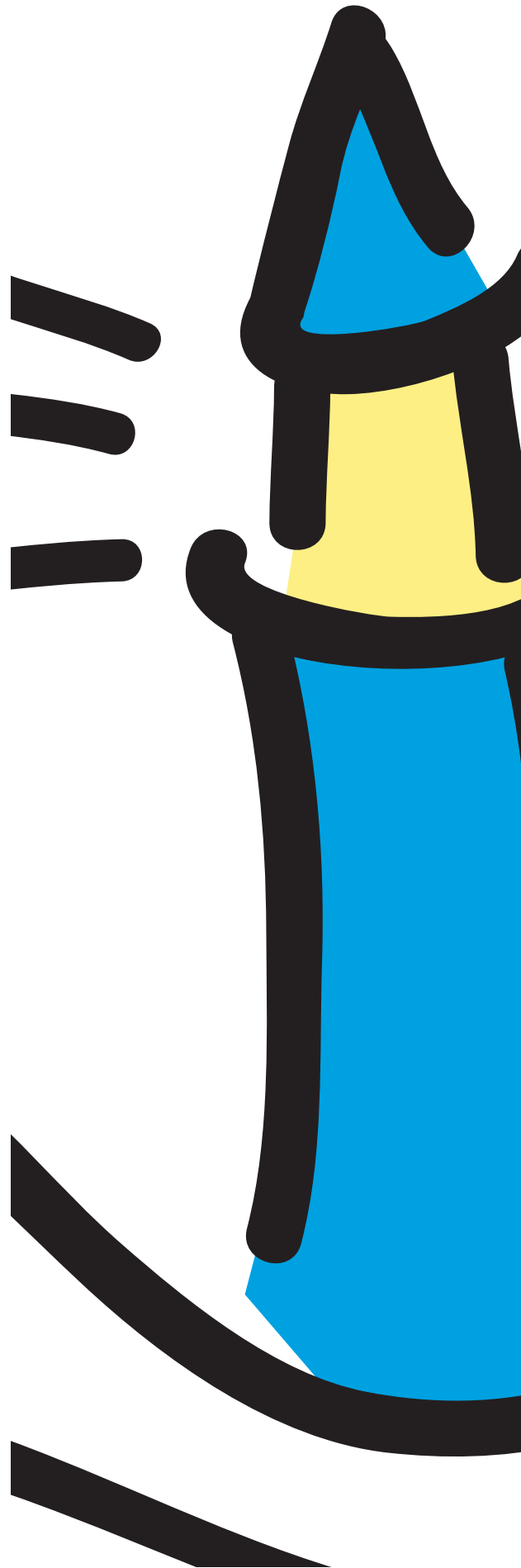
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Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant

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Catering

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California Cuisine

Stacey's at Waterford

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Chinese Szechuan

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Continental

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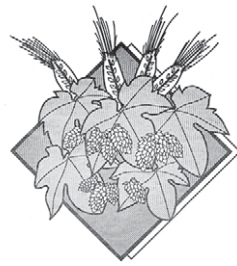
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