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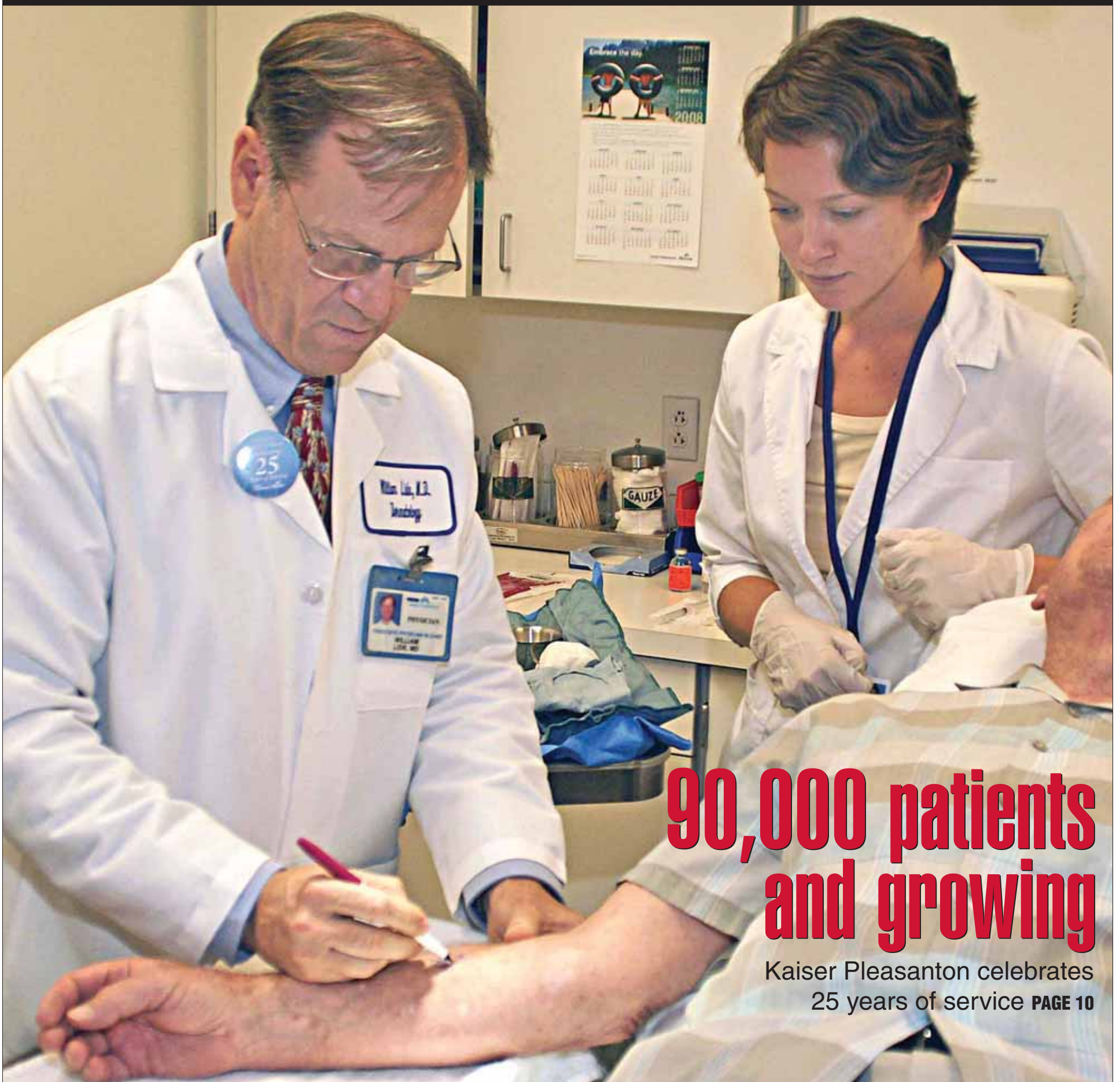
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Remembering Bob Thomas: 1951-2008

I first met Bob Thomas in the fall of 1999 over lunch at Stacey's restaurant in downtown Pleasanton. I had moved here in 1987 after 13 years with the Chicago Tribune to handle public relations for a Revlon-owned pharmaceutical and contact lens company in Sunnyvale. Within days of settling in, I started getting involved in Pleasanton non profits, community and school activities, finding that this is truly a great place to live and raise a family. Now the best of all worlds was at my doorstep (or lunch table) with Bob Thomas, vice president of business development of Palo Alto-based Embarcadero Publishing Company (EPC) and Bill Johnson, EPC's president, asking if I would like to join them in launching a new weekly newspaper in Pleasanton.

Bob had spent much of his career in commercial real estate until shifting gears to become general manager of the East Bay Express, where he worked for six years. In 1998, he joined EPC and for the next six months, he worked in sales and general management at Publishers Press, a printing facility in San Jose owned by EPC that also printed EPC's newspapers, the Palo Alto Weekly, Mountain View Voice and the Almanac in Menlo Park.

His key contribution, however, was the start-up of the Pleasanton Weekly. Over lunch, we found that we had the same passion for local news and newspapers. Combining my involvement in Pleasanton, it was a professional relationship that clicked from the start. Together, we started assembling a team, moved into a vacated dentist's office on First Street and began contacting sources and planning the paper. We held focus groups with city, civic and business leaders who urged us on. Bob and I spoke at Rotary Club and other organization meetings. I especial-

ly recall the meeting we had with then-Mayor Ben Tarver, who welcomed us but said he believed our venture would be short lived. "We're just a small town," Tarver told us, "and within six months you'll have nothing left to write." Bob and I set out to prove him wrong, and we did. The first edition of the new Pleasanton Weekly came out on Friday, Jan. 24, 2000 and it's been non-stop ever since.

Bob was a strong advocate of locally-focused journalism, always willing to leave regional and national stories to others while concentrating both the news and advertising columns on local readers. He had a heart for the needy and we launched the highly-successful Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund in 2002 with a goal of \$25,000 to give to local organizations that took care of those in need. Last year, we raised \$150,000 in contributions that went to eight nonprofits in the Tri-Valley. Despite health challenges that dogged him towards the end of his tenure in the East Bay, Bob was also an instrumental part of the decision to open up a second paper in Danville.

Mike Naar, EPC's vice president and chief financial officer, says it best about Bob: "For those who knew him, his accomplishments come as no surprise. Even so, they pale in comparison to the grace, good-naturedness and intelligent practicality he brought to work every day. His sense of humor, his incredible optimism, and his evenness defined the remarkable prince of a human being Bob was."

We will all deeply miss him. ■



Bob Thomas

Negative stories about real estate often miss the mark

On April 12, there was an article in the Wall Street Journal entitled, "Hot Homes Get Cold."

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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

DEFINING A BUYER'S MARKET

Attorney and columnist Robert Bruss believes that a buyer's market, generally, can be defined as a "normal" market. Over the forty years that he's been a real estate investor, he insists, only about 25% of the time was the market characterized by multiple offers and rapid sales and skyrocketing appreciation rates. It's been normal, he claims, to see homes on the market for two to six months and to see the annual appreciation rate hovering slightly below 5%—or, when higher, generally a bit above the rate of appreciation.

But it's crucial to add that what is happening in one market may differ from what is happening only a zip code away. You should check each market, rather than generalizing, when deciding on the price you can afford to pay today.

The "Bruss Rule" looks like this. First, check how long it has been taking on average for the houses that come to market in a particular area to sell. If it's above 60 days, it can be characterized as buyer's market in that area. Second, check the number of homes listed for sale in the area as against the number of sales that closed, and you will gain an idea of the number of months' worth of inventory coming to market. If it's more than six months, Bruss argues the area is experiencing a buyer's market—which is a "normal" market with its own strategies and opportunities. For help call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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About the Cover

Dr. Bill Lide, dermatologist and physician site leader for Kaiser Permanente's Pleasanton campus checks an abnormal growth on the arm of patient Robert Anderson of Livermore with UC San Francisco nurse practitioner student Ashley Schumacher assisting. Lide joined Kaiser Pleasanton when it opened 25 years ago and is now Physician-in-Chief for Kaiser's entire Diablo area of medical facilities. Photo by Jay Flachsbarth. Cover design by Rick Nobles.

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Streetwise

Q: What do you like best about living in Pleasanton?

Asked Downtown



Chris Holroyd

Small Business Owner

I enjoy walking around the downtown and shopping at the Farmers' Market. We have two little ones so we don't go out to dinner much right now but we love to get ice cream at the dairy and sit on the grass watching the world go by.

Kaci Brioschi

Merchandiser

The No. 1 thing I enjoy is the Farmers' Market. Buying locally grown, organic food is important to me and I love the kettle corn. Secondly, I love our neighbors. People are so friendly. We have lots of barbecues and front porch wine tastings. The weather is great and encourages folks to be outside.



Jill Daniels

Registered Dietitian

I like the fact that I can walk pretty much everywhere I go. I can walk to the pool, the store. I can walk to work too, It's always a pleasant, safe walk and I usually run into someone I know.



Celeste Fetsch

Communications Manager

I like the fact that although there are many different religions and ideals, it is a very family-oriented town. That seems to be the priority for most—the family—focusing on sports, schools and building a community that really cares about family first.



Howard Miles

Software Engineer

One of my favorite things would be the schools and how the district takes care of teachers. When researching 16 years ago where I might like to live and raise a family, I came across a flyer from the district promising to pay teachers a highly competitive salary to attract the best. I knew then this was the place I wanted to live.



Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Compiled by Cybele Ryan

Newsfront

News Digest

Volunteers needed for vet event

Registration is now open for the East Bay Stand Down, a program that will provide four days of care and services for up to 500 veterans in a healthy, supportive environment. Up to 500 homeless, displaced and needy veterans in the East Bay are now being registered for the event, to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds Aug. 7-10. Services will include medical and dental services, counseling and assistance with adjudicating legal problems. To register, call Susan Ferguson at 914-0684.

Volunteers are still welcome to help. Those interested can sign up at www.eastbaystanddown.org. A complete list of volunteer areas and requirements is listed on the website. Training is provided.

Residential gardens sought for tour

The Bay-Friendly Gardening program is seeking gardens in the county to feature on its sixth annual spring garden tour. Those interested can apply at www.bay-friendly.org or call 510-444-SOIL. Applications are due by Aug. 4.

Dave Matthews Blues Band to perform

Coming out to the Friday Concerts in the Park for their very first time is the Dave Matthews Blues Band. Established in 2002, this group is a party band with a solid rhythm section, heartfelt lyrics and interesting musical arrangements. The group features the East Bay's own Dave Matthews on harmonica. The concert is from 7 to 8:30 tonight at Lions Wayside Park on the corner of First and Neal streets.

"Visionary Behavior" author signing books

Former Washington speechwriter Mike Goodenow Weber will sign copies of his book, "Visionary Behavior—Creative Intelligence in Action" and speak on "The Four Sources of Creative Genius" at two difference appearances July 26.

From 3 to 4:30 p.m., he will be at the grand opening of The Book Locker at You-B's Pizza, 6280 W. Las Positas Blvd. From 5 to 6 p.m., Weber will be at the grand opening of The Book Locker at PakMail, 5424 Sunol Blvd., Ste. 10. This is a charity event, with \$1 per book contributed to charity, so attendees are asked to bring either a can of food for a homeless person via the Salvation Army or a can of pet food for a homeless pet via the Humane Society. Call 510-796-4364.

Competing hillside initiatives head to ballot

Sullivan calls council majority's action 'a mistake, disillusioning'

by Jeb Bing

Councilman Matt Sullivan Tuesday criticized three of his colleagues on the council, including Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, for "going down the wrong road" by voting to place an initiative on the Nov. 4 ballot that would compete against an initiative already qualified. That measure would block most hillside development in Pleasanton and strengthen the city's 29,000-unit housing cap mandate.

Nevertheless, the three voted to place a council-sponsored initiative

on the ballot in an effort to gain voter approval of what they called a less strident measure.

Sullivan, with Councilwoman Cindy McGovern in support, sided with the Save Pleasanton's Hills citizens' coalition that is championed by former councilwoman Kay Ayala.

The group began collecting signatures after Thanksgiving to place their measure on the ballot to restrict construction on ridgelines, hillside with 25 percent slopes or greater and parcels within 100 feet of ridgeland.

At the same time, the group endorsed tighter controls over how

housing units are counted toward the city's voter-mandated cap, saying the some units were slipping through the system.

The council's initiative that was approved Tuesday is called the "Pleasanton Ridgelines and Growth Control Preservation Initiative." Its title and ballot language sound similar to the citizens' measure but it differs in that it calls for developing an ordinance that would restrict hillside development, a process that city staff and its proponents agree could take one or two years to complete.

"This is a mistake and it's disillusioning to me," Sullivan said. "This is a status quo thing to keep doing what you're doing. It's simply a plan to create a plan and undermines the citizens' initiative."

"This shows a dramatic lack of leadership on the council," he added. "It's a political trick. This is a trust issue."

One of the speakers at the public hearing, Richard Pugh, agreed.

"I'm concerned about the process we find ourselves in," he said. "I don't believe the City Council

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Nasim Yousefi pours dirt on the tree she and husband Jafar Edrisi named "Pleasant Peace".

Planting for peace

Iranian couple stops in Pleasanton as they cycle around the world for peace and the environment

by Elyssa Thome

In the name of "peace," a tree was planted by Iranian couple Nasim Yousefi and Jafar Edrisi in Pleasanton's Val Vista Park recently. The tree, which the couple named "Pleasant Peace", is part of their effort to ride their bikes around the world for peace and environmental conservation.

"This is our 43rd tree," Yousefi said as she stood by the new tree. "It's the first in California. We are so glad Pleasanton is part of our green belt for peace."

The tree Yousefi and Edrisi planted with the help of those in

attendance is on the first roundabout in the parking lot of Val Vista Park. There will not be a dedication plaque, but according to Yousefi, residents can hang a sign on it.

Yousefi and Edrisi left home on their bikes over a year ago and they still have a long way to go. Before arriving in the U.S., they had already traveled and planted trees in Iran, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Canada. After leaving the U.S., they plan to ride through several

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Grant seeks election to school board

Weaver stepping down along with Brozosky

Pleasanton school board member Chris Grant announced this week that he will seek election to a four-year term on the board in the Nov. 4 election, although two other board members—Steve Brozosky and Kris Weaver—plan to step down. That means three board seats will be filled in the election with only one candidate on the slate so far.

Grant was appointed to the board in January 2007 to fill the seat vacated by Steve Pulido, who was appointed as a Superior Court judge by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

Brozosky, who also was appointed to the board, said at the time that he would not seek election this year, and he plans to keep that commitment.

Weaver was first elected to the school board nine years ago. She is the only woman serving as a district trustee and also is the second longest serving member, behind board member Pat Kernan.

Grant said he was encouraged to seek election to the seat he has on the board by fellow board members and the teacher's union leadership. He has been a strong advocate for sparing the school reading specialists from proposed cuts in programs and faculty, although an increase in state education funds made those unnecessary.

He also supported the hiring of more counselors at the high schools, where the counselor to student ratio has improved from 1-600 to 1-400.

"We have made a lot of good progress and preserved our financial reserves while other districts have had to cut programs," Grant said. "But I believe there is a lot more work to be done so that we can continue to improve our schools and make them truly the best in the state. I want to be a part of that and I feel can contribute

meaningfully to the needs of the board."

Grant, 43, is senior vice president of corporate development and investments nationally for Kaiser Permanente with offices in Oakland.

He and his wife Stephani have three children: Nicholas, who attends Walnut Grove Elementary School and Christopher and Katie, who attend Harvest Park Middle School.

Weaver said she is leaving the board reluctantly, but that with her youngest child, J.R., having just graduated from Amador Valley High School, it's time to move in a new direction.

"We have made a lot of good progress and preserved our financial reserves while other districts have had to cut programs."

—Chris Grant,
school board trustee

"I feel strongly that school board members should have children in the school system, so this is the year for me to leave," she said.

Among many accomplishments during her nine years on the board, Weaver cites the introduction of the Community of Character program and its successful impact as most noteworthy. She was also on the board when it selected Supt. John Casey to replace Mary Frances Callan in 2002.

Both Brozosky and Weaver urged those interested in public schools and education to consider service on the board. Both said they can be contacted through the district office to answer questions.

—Jeb Bing

Ironwood senior homes go to City Council

Project given OK by majority on Planning Commission

by Janet Pelletier

A collection of 110 single family homes for seniors will be forwarded to the City Council for its approval.

The project, proposed by Ponderosa Homes, is planned for the Ironwood community on Reimers Drive. The Planning Commission approved the project 4-1 at its July 9 meeting, with commissioner Anne Fox dissenting.

A majority of the commissioners spoke highly of the project, which would appeal to adults who are 55 years of age and older. The development would be gated and replaces an old plan for a school to be put on the site. Pleasanton Unified School District elected not to exercise its option on the site, clearing the way for Ponderosa to

pursue the senior residential community.

The homes in the development are proposed to be between 1,900 and 2,900 square feet, and as Pam Hardy, manager of land planning for Ponderosa, explained, will be alluring to seniors who are looking to downsize from a 4,000-square-foot home, but don't want to go as far as live in a condominium complex.

At a work session held in May, commissioner Phil Blank said while he liked the proposal, he disliked the fact that it would be gated, something that the city's General Plan discourages. But Blank changed his tune when it came time for approval, saying he could get past the gates and see the positives in the project.

"I think it's worth maybe an experiment to see how successful it is," he said.

Others agreed, including commissioner Arne Olson, who said "This is a project that's needed in town."

But lone dissenter Fox said there were a number of reasons she couldn't vote in favor of the project, including that she would have liked smaller sized and less expensive homes, an East Side Specific Plan for the region to be completed in sync with the Ironwood homes, no gates and less density. There isn't enough parking and traffic is already bad in that area, she added, and new development would only further contribute to that. City planners have not yet set a date for the project to go before the council. ■



Job Bling

More money for Firehouse

This check won't go through the ATM but a real one will follow a promise by (from left) Pat Smith, Charlotte Severin and John Loll of the Firehouse Arts Center fundraising campaign who made this \$25,000 contribution to the project at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. The money was raised by the Pleasanton Art League. The council gave final approval to the construction project, which was scheduled to get under way with a groundbreaking and reception at the old historic firehouse at 444 Railroad Ave. The firehouse will be restored and expanded to accommodate the \$10-million-plus arts center.

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Peace

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Asian countries before returning to Iran.

According to Yousefi, the couple chose to travel in order to learn about other cultures, and they decided to ride bikes because they do not pollute the environment. In addition, the slow pace of bike riding allows them to meet a lot of people and talk about peace.

As they travel, the couple makes an effort to stay with local people instead of in hotels, according to Yousefi. For the most part, they stay in homes of family and friends who invite them through e-mail correspondence and plan their trips around the places they can stay. In Pleasanton, they stayed with Pouri Naraghi-Salem. Naraghi-Salem heard about the couple's adventure through her cousin Lida Zarrabi, who hosted them in Virginia and recently moved to Benicia.

"I just offered 'if you want to stay you're welcome,'" said Naraghi-Salem, a Pleasanton resident since 1990. "I'm so happy and honored stayed with me."

Yousefi and Edrisi arrived in Pleasanton Sunday, June 29 and left for Santa Cruz, their next stop, Saturday, July 5. "It's a good nice peaceful place," Yousefi said when asked her opinion of Pleasanton. "I love the nature. Everything is clean and beautiful. People are nice."

Yousefi said "Pleasant Peace" was chosen because of the name and the environment of Pleasanton. She also said it's one of the best names they have chosen.

"It really matches our city," Naraghi-Salem said about the name.

According to Naraghi-Salem, the tree planting in Pleasanton came into being on very short notice.

"Mina Behnam and Marzi Tehranian helped me get in touch with the city and the mayor and make everything happen," Naraghi-Salem said. "It all happened Sunday night."

While the strenuous schedule of long distance biking and the stress of finding a place to sleep and eat on short notice with a small budget have made the trip difficult, these are not the most daunting challenges the Iranian couple has faced.

"The hardest part of this trip for us is the visa process," Yousefi said. "We have a certain plan of what countries we want to visit but everything depends on the visa."

Kiumars Zarrabi, a San Ramon resident and cousin of Naraghi-Salem, was impressed by the couple's ability to face this particular challenge. Zarrabi said that travel was relatively easy when he came to the U.S. in 1977, but that is not the case today.

"You really have to be mentally prepared," Zarrabi said. "They have to face this challenge while keeping noble with minds on peace. That takes its own kind of stamina. It's more than just the pedaling."

According to Yousefi the challenge is worth it. She said they want to teach people to be kind to one another and care for the environment. They try to accomplish this by giving presentations at schools and other venues as the travel.

"We want to share our experience with other people," she said. "I think it's good to think about our similarities, not our differences."

While they still have about another year of traveling ahead of them, Yousefi said the trip has been amazing so far and already anticipates some sadness upon returning home.

"It's a wonderful experience," she said. "When we get back to Iran I think the hardest part will be missing the friends we've made." ■

Best of the worst

I-580 is No. 2 on Bay Area's worst commutes

by Janet Pelletier

In most instances, it's good to be No. 2, but not when it's on a list of the worst traffic commutes.

Interstate 580, often mistaken for a parking lot on weekday afternoons, has garnered the second spot of the Bay Area's most heavily congested freeway corridors. The list stems from an annual report produced by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Caltrans.

The transportation agencies reported that while traffic delays were actually down on several freeways, regionwide congestion has reached its highest level since 2000.

"While this year's congestion numbers may drop under the weight of \$4 a gallon gasoline, rising car-pool and transit use, a weak real estate market and other factors, the region experienced 161,700 vehicle

hours of delay during the morning and afternoon commute periods on an average weekday during 2007," according to the report.

That number of vehicle hours of delay is second only to those recorded in 2000—177,600 hours—at the height of the dot.com boom.

A decrease was recorded on the morning trip on westbound 580, across the Altamont Pass from Interstate 205 to Hacienda Drive, which was listed as No. 4 on the Top 10 list for 2007. On that stretch, average vehicle hours of delay dropped 4 percent to 5,120 hours last year.

County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who is vice chair for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, said while many of the bottlenecks are concentrated in the 580 corridor, they are seeing results from new traffic strategies.

"Afternoon traffic flow on east-

bound 580 between Pleasanton and Livermore is already much better since ramp-metering was expanded this past January," Haggerty said.

More metering lights are planned to be activated on 580 this fall, which is expected to further improve delays. Construction on an eastbound car-pool lane, funded by Proposition 1B and approved by voters in 2006, is scheduled to begin this summer.

Officials believe the rise in congestion for 2007 is due to economic growth. Last year, 53,000 jobs were added in the nine-county Bay Area, according to the California Employment Development Department.

On a local level, Alameda County had the most traffic with 63,900 daily vehicle hours of delay. Congestion is defined by average speeds below 35 miles per hour for 15 minutes or longer. ■

Of Note



Harikrishna Rallapalli

Amador student earns prizes at national science competition

After winning the senior sweepstakes at the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Amador Valley High sophomore Harikrishna Rallapalli received awards for his project at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta.

The project was called "Low-Cost Total Internal Reflection Microscopy and won a \$1,000 cash prize and third place in the physics category; a special award of \$1,500 from the International Society for Optical Engineering; and the sole award of \$10,000 given by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

Amador student is Presidential Scholar

Corinne Tu, a student at Amador Valley High School, received the distinct honor of being named one of



Bryant Dante, left, recently completed his Eagle Scout project.

this year's 141 Presidential Scholars. Tu was one of just eight students in California to win the award, which is based on the student's academic excellence, artistic accomplishments, and civic contributions.

Tu, who was Miss Teen San Francisco 2007, will attend Harvard this fall. She regularly spends at least 10 hours a week volunteering in the Bay Area, doing community service and helping with public benefit activities. Tu was also a member of this year's Amador "We the People" team.

Established by Executive Order in 1964, the Presidential Scholar award recognizes high school seniors who have displayed outstanding achievements in academics as well as artistic excellence. Each year the program invites more than 2,800 students to apply for recognition based on outstanding scores on the College Board SAT or ACT assessments. Applicants are further evaluated on the basis of school reports and transcripts, leadership activities, and contributions to family, school and community. The scholars will visit Washington, D.C. from June 21-24 to participate in a series of events that will culminate in a White House award ceremony.

Eagle Scout helps middle school go greener

Foothill High School senior Bryant Dante recently completed his Eagle Scout project, giving back to his former middle school, Pleasanton Middle School.

Bryant spent three months soliciting funds and was finally able to pay for the project from money donated by Pleasanton Garbage Services and Adobe Systems in San Jose, where his mother works. He worked for four weekends, designing with his father, buying materials and building the sturdy bins with his friends, fellow scouts and other family members.

"I've recycled cans and bottles at my home for as long as I can remember, so an ecologically-minded project seemed to fit me perfectly," Dante said.

PMS displays all four bins for can and bottle collection in their outdoor lunch area next to the food scrapping bins. Their collection of plastic has increase 155 percent since January and Bryant's bins are filled to the top regularly.

Dante said his parents' support was important to him in completing this project.

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Initiative

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should be in a rush to respond to a citizens' initiative. By creating an opposing measure, you're sending a message that every time a group of citizens wants to challenge something of public importance on the ballot that they will now face the possibility of having it nullified."

The Save Pleasanton's Hills group is already facing major expenses as it appeals in state court a Superior Court ruling on the Oak Grove project. That's a 51-custom home project planned for the southeast hills above Kottinger Ranch and Vintage Hills. The developers and longtime owners of the land—Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic—signed an agreement with the council as part of its project approval that gives nearly 600 acres of the heavily wooded land to the city free of charge.

The Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition obtained a sufficient number of signatures from registered voters to call for a voter referendum to overturn the council decision, but a judge tossed out their petitions for being improperly circulated. The Oak Grove project is on hold pending the outcome of the appeal.

It's also that project that spurred Ayala and several others to write the hillside protection initiative that is now on the Nov. 4 ballot. Even if it's approved, however, it would not affect Oak Grove unless the state Court of Appeal reverses the lower court ruling and eventually voters approve the citizens' coalition's initiative to overturn the council decision.

The three councilmembers who supported the council's new initiative Tuesday argued that the Ayala group had not sufficiently explained the ramification of the measure the coalition is now advancing. Hosterman said that because it would impose strict land use rules without ever giving property owners or the public a chance to review the proposal in a public hearing, and without any environmental review, "it would just be bad law."

"This initiative contains language that is set in stone so we

Take Us Along

The Weekly rocks

The Kyer family: Jeff, Maureen and kids Chris and Courtney take a trip to Europe, celebrating Chris' graduation from Foothill High School. Here they are at Stonehenge in Salisbury, England.

can't change it," she said. "It would define a housing unit to include assisted living facilities and even extended stay hotels, such as a Residence Inn. It would hamper this council from moving forward on senior housing projects and affordable housing.

"For that reason, the council majority wants to give the community a chance to consider an ordinance with strong language to protect our hillsides forever but also written to implement it and safeguard our community with balance."

The outcome of Tuesday's vote on fielding so-called competing measures on the Nov. 4 ballot was well known going in, so there were no surprises when Sullivan and McGovern sided with the citizens' coalition and Hosterman, Thorne and Cook-Kallio supported a similar-sounding measure for the same ballot.

The initiatives also will be debated during what is expected to be a hotly-contested City Council election. Sullivan has announced that he will seek reelection to a second term; McGovern, who is also eligible to seek reelection, has yet to announce her intentions.

Two others—businessman Jerry Pentin and former Parks and

Recreation Commissioner Howard Neely—have said they will run for the council. So far, no one has filed papers to run against Hosterman, who has launched her campaign for a third two-year term of office.

Although McGovern spoke out against the council majority's support of a competing initiative, it was Sullivan who was most critical.

"In the last few months, we've seen two examples of citizens petitioning their government," he said. "One of their efforts is now stuck in the Appeals Court and now the City Council is taking action to overturn their other petition. These are the people we represent, who put us in office. What message does that send to the citizens of our community?"

Despite the urging of Sullivan and McGovern, the majority vote prevailed against their requests that the council at least impose a development moratorium until all of the hillside issues are resolved and an ordinance is in place, and also that a "poison pill" provision be removed from the council-supported initiative that would make it effective and cancel out the citizens' initiative if it wins voter approval in November by even one vote. ■

Zone 7 joins others to launch "Water Saving Hero" campaign

Bay Area Water Agencies hope to educate residents about water use

As concerns about the state's water supply increase, Zone 7 Water Agency has joined other Bay Area water agencies in a campaign to encourage water conservation. The regional public education campaign is aimed at reminding residents and businesses to curb water use this summer and fall.

The "Water Saving Hero" campaign will soon appear on radio and television airwaves, billboards, transit stations, buses, trains and websites throughout the Bay Area.

"After two of the driest winters in our state's history and with climate

change upon us, a regional campaign is a powerful way to remind us all in the Bay Area that water is not an infinite resource and that we all must do what we can to conserve as much as we can and avoid wasting water," said Jill Duerig, general manager of Zone 7. "Fighting this drought is a job for every Bay Area resident and business."

The campaign also includes a website (www.WaterSavingHero.com) where Bay Area residents can find their local water agency's conservation tips and cash rebate information. Zone 7 is the local water wholesaler

for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Dougherty Valley in San Ramon, and it has requested that customers voluntarily reduce usage this year by at least 10 percent.

The campaign will cost more than \$1 million and is funded by Bay Area water agencies, but the money will be reimbursed by a grant from the California Department of Water Resources. The campaign is a partnership among eleven Bay Area water agencies and organizations from the nine Bay Area Counties.

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• **PUD 72, Jerome and Laura Raney**

Application for Planned Unit Development rezoning of two parcels totaling approximately .51 acres from the RM 1,500 (Multiple Family Residential) District to the PUD HDR (Planned Unit Development – High Density Residential) District and development plan approval to construct three new residences at 4715 and 4693 Augustine Street

• **PCUP 227, Gabriel Archaederra, 24-Hour Fitness**

Application for a conditional use permit to operate a fitness facility at 4770 Willow Road

• **PRZ-41, City of Pleasanton**

Review and consideration of an amendment to Chapter 18.68, PUD Planned Unit Development District, of the Pleasanton Municipal Code

• **PRZ-42, City of Pleasanton**

Application to pre zone a 13.26 acre site to the Agriculture (A) District for the proposed Annexation No. 152 (Martin Avenue Buffer Zone) located on the east side of Martin Avenue.

• **PDR 772, Paul Larson, Vision West Development, LLC**

Application for design review approval to construct two, two-story buildings, measuring 18,855 square feet and 15,128 square feet, on an approximately 85,813 square foot site located at the end of Boulder Court (Lot 3, PM 9014).

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

- The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory committee meeting of July 21, 2008 has been moved to July 28, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

Job Announcements

The City of Pleasanton is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

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- Lifeguards – Part-Time, Temporary
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ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

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

Police Bulletin

Beating victim returns home

A Pleasanton woman who was allegedly severely beaten by her husband has been released from the hospital, according to police.

The woman was taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and listed in critical condition on June 28. She was treated for a bi-lateral nasal fracture, a fractured left cheekbone, a fractured left eye socket, a fractured jawbone and a large subdural hematoma, and she is now recovering at home. She

was released earlier this month, police said.

The victim's husband, Jose Zimic, was scheduled to be in court, but his hearing was continued, said Det. Dana Stout of the Pleasanton Police Department. The 51-year-old has been charged with attempted murder and is currently being held at Santa Rita Jail, Stout said. Bail is set at \$1 million and his next trial will be held at 2 p.m. July 22 at the Pleasanton courthouse.

The couple's son is currently staying with family, Stout said. During the alleged assault, the 8-year-old boy went to his neighbor's house for help in the 6000 block of Corte Nuevo, police said. The neighbor called the police and Zimic was arrested when the police arrived.

Police Report

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

July 5

- Theft:
 - 1:30 a.m. in the 2200 block of Greenwood Road; petty theft
 - 8:11 a.m. in the 2400 block of Tanager Drive; petty theft
 - 12:37 p.m. in the 5500 block of Corte Sonora; grand theft
 - 5:53 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; grand theft
- Vandalism:
 - 1:30 a.m. in the 2200 block of Greenwood Road; worth more than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 1:30 a.m. in the 2400 block of Skylark Way; burglary; vehicular burglary
 - 1:30 a.m. in the 2200 block of Greenwood Road
- Alcohol violations:
 - 2:56 a.m. in the 6900 block of Corte Barcelona; public drunkenness
 - 9:44 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
 - 10:45 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road; DUI
 - 11:01 p.m. at the intersection of First and Ray streets; DUI

July 6

- Theft:
 - 11:50 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; grand theft auto
 - 2:02 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
 - 2:19 p.m. in the 800 block of Rose Avenue
 - 3:50 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
 - 3:55 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:38 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; worth more than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 12:15 p.m. in the 7400 block of Ironwood Court
- Drug/ alcohol violations:
 - 9:23 p.m. in the 4800 block of Arlene Place; marijuana possession

July 7

- Theft:
 - 1:28 p.m. in the 4300 block of

- Rosewood Drive; grand theft
- 4:32 p.m. in the 6100 block of Hansen drive; identity theft
- Vandalism:
 - 9:10 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Greenwood Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 2:19 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue; worth less than \$400
 - 2:55 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 2:12 a.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- DUI:
 - 11:00 p.m. at the intersection of Willow Road and Stoneridge Drive

July 8

- Theft:
 - 1:52 a.m. in the 2900 block of Chardonnay Drive; petty theft
 - 5:38 a.m. in the 500 block of Burger Court; theft; grand theft
 - 7:18 a.m. in the 3200 block of Chardonnay Place; petty theft
 - 7:59 a.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive; identity theft
 - 11:33 a.m. in Cali Court; identity theft
 - 12:11 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; identity theft
- Vandalism:
 - 11:40 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
 - 9:31 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road; worth more than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 4:07 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Public drunkenness:
 - 10:12 p.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

July 9

- Theft:
 - 10:38 a.m. in the 5400 block of Black Avenue; identity theft
 - 11:37 a.m. in the 3800 block of Old Santa Rita Road; petty theft
 - 4:55 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 6:47 p.m. in the 400 block of Rose Avenue; grand theft
 - 8:07 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; grand theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:47 a.m. in the 600 block of Palomino Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 11:21 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway; worth less than \$400

- 9:56 p.m. in the 600 block of Peters Avenue; worth more than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 2:54 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; vehicular burglary
 - 4:55 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
 - 7:16 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- DUI:
 - 4:49 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

July 10

- Grand Theft:
 - 7:05 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 8:42 p.m. in the 4200 block of Jensen Street
- Vandalism:
 - 8:34 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway; worth less than \$400
 - 11:37 a.m. in the 100 block of Ray Street; worth less than \$400
 - 11:38 a.m. at the intersection of First Street and Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$400

- Burglary:
 - 3:34 p.m. in the 2600 block of Laramie Gate Circle
- Drug violation:
 - 11:19 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; under the influence of controlled substances

July 11

- Theft:
 - 10:12 a.m. in the 400 block of Division Street; petty theft
 - 6:55 p.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court; identity theft
- Vandalism:
 - 9:01 a.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas and Muirwood Drive; worth more than \$400
 - 5:37 p.m. in the 5100 block of Golden Road
- Marijuana possession:
 - 12:01 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stanley Boulevard
- Assault:
 - 10:12 a.m. in the 400 block of Division Street
 - 11:54 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; assault with a deadly weapon

Kaiser Pleasanton celebrates 25 years of service



PHOTOS BY JAY FLACHSBARTH

At left, work nears completion on construction of Kaiser Permanente's Pleasanton clinic in 1983 while photo at right, taken this week, shows the entryway no worse for wear after thousands of patients have passed through. Because of rapid growth of Kaiser members in the Tri-Valley, a second building was added in 1990 behind this entrance.

90,000 patients and growing

by Jeb Bing

Kaiser Permanente, the country's largest health care organization, is marking the 25th anniversary of its Pleasanton facility – itself one of the largest of its kind that serves the estimated 40 percent of Tri-Valley patients who have health care insurance.

Kaiser opened its Pleasanton clinic in 1983 in response to a growing number of members who wanted a Tri-Valley facility. Later, as area membership grew, it added a second building, filling the site it owns on Stoneridge Drive near Foothill Road.

Kaiser Permanente now has five of these outpatient sites – Pleasanton, Livermore, Antioch, Walnut Creek and Martinez – and two full-service inpatient hospitals at Walnut Creek and its newest, Kaiser Medical Center in Antioch. A third hospital is planned for a 58-acre site Kaiser recently purchased in Dublin, although no funds have yet been budgeted for that facility which is likely 10 years out.

"In Pleasanton, we don't have quite A to Z in terms of services compared to a full-fledged hospital, but we come close," said Dr. Bill Lide, a dermatologist and physician site leader for Pleasanton as well as physician-in-chief for Kaiser's Diablo area.

"We have services in Pleasanton from allergies, anesthesia and ambulatory surgery all the way to urology, with a lot in between," he said. "That includes optometry, ophthalmology, head and neck surgery and orthopedic surgery, women's health, occupational health, mental health and physical therapy."

"And, of course, as thousands of parents and their children know, we offer extensive pediatric services," he added. "Although we don't deliver babies here, we are likely to see them soon after they're born and then through their growth years."

With five major hospitals serving the Tri-Valley besides Kaiser – ValleyCare Health System, Eden Medical Center, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir in Walnut Creek – Kaiser would appear to be competing for patients in an area somewhat saturated with medical services.

But the area's leading integrated health care organization, founded in 1945 and headquartered in Oakland, Kaiser is a membership-based provider serving nine



Dr. Lide heads up a surgical staff of four dermatologists who see hundreds of patients for conditions ranging from routine checkups and treatment to basal cell melanomas and other skin cancers.

states. As of May 2007, Kaiser had 8.7 million members, most of them members through their employers who pay part or all of the monthly dues. Of those, 3.3 million are in Northern California, with about the same number in Southern California, and then smaller number of members in the other western states and Hawaii.

Kaiser Permanente also serves members in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including Baltimore.

Lide said the Pleasanton clinic has been in the forefront of Kaiser's move into the digital age. He remembers coming here in 1983 as a young dermatologist when Kaiser first opened, which was before "information age" was even a buzz word. Prescriptions, patient records and appointments were all written out or typed. Although boasting the latest in medical technologies and equipment at the time, the Pleasanton facility still lacked what major medical facilities take for granted today, such as a CT scanner.

By contrast, almost everything at Kaiser Pleasanton today is digital, with patients able to go to any Kaiser facility where doctors can call up their records as needed with no need to make phone calls or wait for facsimiles to come in. The clinic's new secure website at www.kp.org also allows patients to access their records on their own computers and to chat electronically with their doctors and others at Kaiser.

"We're investing very heavily in a paperless future by building medical records as state of the art and making them available throughout our facilities," Lide said. "In fact, our new Antioch Medical Center is also our first paperless hospital."

Kaiser, which owns two large buildings in Hacienda Business Park for its IT division, is a leader in pioneer-



Kathy Flannigan, receptionist in Kaiser Pleasanton's Dermatology Department, handles schedules for four dermatologists and their assistants in a second floor exam and surgical center.

ing electronic records. Doctors create electronic records on every patient they serve, and hospital staff also quickly scans into Kaiser's digital system paper records that new member patients have sent from their former doctor or medical group. If a patient forgets a prescription while on vacation, that document is now available digitally at any Kaiser facility.

Lide said the digital age has had special appeal in Pleasanton, where so many patients are skilled in computer technology. A total of 37 percent of patients here have now signed up to communicate with the clinic and their doctor at kp.org, making it easier to obtain counseling for a sick child or even a severe headache. By using email, there's no waiting for a phone call and skilled advice can be obtained even if the doctor is busy with another patient.

"Particularly in this area that is technologically savvy, a lot of people find that communicating with us electronically is their first choice," he said.

Lide, who lives in Pleasanton, received his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and his medical degree at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He did his residency work and post-graduate training in dermatology at Duke University, where he met his wife Janet, who was a nurse at Duke's medical center. Lide was recruited by Kaiser, which was just opening its Pleasanton facility, and the couple moved here after their marriage. Like Kaiser Pleasanton, the Lides also are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

Janet Lide, a baseball enthusiast, works for the Oakland A's, where she heads up the team's stadium events programming division. The couple has two children, Laura, 23, a UCLA graduate, and Brad, 19, who attends UC Santa Cruz. Both are graduates of Foothill High School.

If there's an ideal place for a hard-working dermatologist, Lide says he's found it in California and Pleasanton. Along with three other dermatologists in his department, the doctors and their staffs see a steady stream of patients who are there for skin cancer and other sun-related treatments, with

melanoma the most serious. A health enthusiast who bikes regularly in the Valley, Lide also takes time out to talk in schools and other forums about the risks of sunburns and how these diseases can be prevented with adequate sunscreen, clothing and shade.

"Dermatology is certainly a medical field with a lot of demand in this area," Lide said. "It's also a field where risks could be reduced if people would be more careful. We have a lot of sun here, a lot of opportunities for outdoor recreation and a population with a lot of fair-skin people. It's encouraging, though, to see that sun protection has become more the norm than the exception."

"We have services in Pleasanton from allergies, anesthesia and ambulatory surgery all the way to urology, with a lot in between."

*Dr. Bill Lide,
physician in chief for
Kaiser's Diablo area*

In his talks to school children, Lide uses every opportunity and message format to persuade children to protect their skin from harmful sun rays.

"I even collaborated with Kaiser's educational theater to develop a short piece for promoting sun protection," he added.

Under Lide's leadership, Kaiser Pleasanton has grown both in terms of its technology systems and innovation as well as in direct patient care. The medical clinic now has 63 full-time physicians and a staff of 457, serving more than 90,000 Kaiser members in the greater Tri-Valley.

He's also added evening hours, the first Kaiser clinic to do so, developed a computer system for sending laboratory results to physicians, and with Dr. Scott Gee,

a pediatrician, developed a system for identifying preventive health care and screening points for children as soon as they first visit a Kaiser pediatrician.

"In 1983 when I came to Kaiser at the time it opened in Pleasanton, we were just getting into computers," Lide said. "We've gone from a paper-record system being moved around through pneumatic tubes to all-electronic records available at every office, every exam room, instantly. They're even available in large part from home and on the Internet."

"In planning a major medical hospital in Dublin, Kaiser remains committed to the Tri-Valley and the growing number of patient members we serve," he added. ■

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Opinion

Editorial

As Nov. 4 ballot fills up, absentee may be way to vote

Dave Macdonald, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, is looking for a few good people to handle polling places on Nov. 4, and with good reason. With scores of candidates running for public office—from president to Congress to State Assembly and to the Pleasanton City Council and school board—this General Election could see the biggest voter turnout in Pleasanton and California ever. Add to that judgeships, BART and Dublin-San Ramon Services District boards of directors and an East Bay Regional Park District bond issue, poll workers will face challenges from voters who may think the only race is between Senators Barack Obama and John McCain. Consider state issues where 11 propositions have now qualified for the ballot, including a proposed ban on same sex marriages and a fast-track initiative to require utilities to significantly increase their reliance on renewable energy sources for power generation. Last Tuesday, the Pleasanton City Council added two more local initiatives, both aimed at protecting hillsides from development and both reading much the same.

Confused? That's where poll workers can help and they'll be needed more than ever this November. Any registered voter in Alameda County can sign up for training classes. Precinct workers earn between \$95 and \$150 for the one day of work and generally they can choose a polling place near their home. There's also an opportunity through the county's Student Poll Workers Program for students as young as 16 and with at least a 2.5 grade point average to serve at the polls. Online applications and more information are available at the county's official website, www.acgov.org.

This also might be the election for voting absentee. You can mark your ballot in the comfort of your own home when you have time to carefully evaluate each issue and candidate. You won't have to schedule time to get to the polls or wait in line to cast your ballot. Plus voting by mail reduces expenses at the polling places, with fewer staff and less equipment required. In California, any voter can vote by mail. Once you apply, you'll be permanently registered and you'll automatically receive ballots in the mail within 29 days of each election in which you are eligible to vote. An added benefit for those who still like voting at their precinct: You can still vote at your polling station simply turn in your ballot and envelope at the polls and then vote on a regular ballot.

Ballot-by-mail requests must be received by the Registrar of Voters seven days before, which means they have to be received by Oct. 28. Mail a letter of application to the Registrar of Voters, P.O. Box 24224, Oakland CA 94623 or download and printout the official Vote By Mail application form through the county's official website. It has to be mailed to the registrar to qualify because your actual signature is required.

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Letters

AG: listen to McNerney

Dear Editor,

With a single gallon of gas quickly approaching the price of a decent meal, it is reassuring to see someone fighting the problem from all angles. In a recent letter to Attorney General Brown, Congressman Jerry McNerney urged an investigation into gas station exploitation, following on reports from New Jersey revealing gross price inaccuracies, incorrect octane levels, and inefficient equipment throughout the state's pumping stations.

In a time when every cent counts, it becomes increasingly important that the advertised price of fuel is the same as what's on the receipt. Entire websites and news stories are dedicated to helping consumers find the cheapest gas in their area. Is this all for nothing? McNerney also insists that stations must provide the correct octane ratings, particularly when consumers specifically choose one octane level over another. With gas prices quickly emptying the pockets of Americans everywhere, particularly here in our district, it is appalling to hear that irresponsibility and abuse are playing major roles in what we pay at the pump.

Hopefully New Jersey will not be the only state to inspect the unjust and unnecessary price dis-

crepancies citizens are forced to face, and our Attorney General listens to Congressman McNerney and his constituents when we say "enough is enough."

Maryam Taeb, Pleasanton

Shakespeare show unforgettable

Dear Editor,

I wish to publicly thank the Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission for one of my family's most treasured summertime experiences—Free Shakespeare in the Park.

We have been attending the SF Shakes performances since my now 12-year-old son Mark was 5. Seven years later, we cannot imagine a summer without taking in at least one of their delightful performances. This year was no exception. We saw "Pericles" on the first Sunday before opening night and were so delighted, we returned last Saturday for a second look. We walked away once again so thrilled and impressed with the quality and delivery of "Pericles", we plan on returning this Sunday for their last performance in Pleasanton. Each time we brought a different set of friends to share the experience with us.

I cannot adequately express how much joy and fun memories we have accumulated over the last seven years of Free Shakespeare in the Park. Know that our hearts are grateful, our minds expanded and even our souls have been touched. Thank you Civic Arts for

bringing SF Shakes to our park every summer. Looking for many more years of joy.

Cie Probst, Pleasanton

Stick to small town news

Dear Editor,

I don't get it. We live here in this beautiful community with so much good going on and all you can slap on the cover of our small town community newspaper is a molestation story, ("Stronger Now," Cover Story, page 8, July 11).

My heart hurts for the families that had to go through what they did but I cannot believe this is what I had laying on my coffee table when I came home. I was packing up the Weekly to take on our vacation to snap our family picture holding the paper. Yeah...this is what I want my three children holding in our photo. I know you took a lashing after you put the "Murder in Castlewood" story on your cover a few months back. One would have thought you have realized that this kind of stuff is not what people are looking forward to reading in our small town community paper.

My visiting friends who are looking to move to Pleasanton did not find this very welcoming. Thank goodness we were able to take them to Concerts in The Park last night to leave them with a much better feeling about Pleasanton than your paper.

Kristin McAfee, Pleasanton

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Obituaries

Francis Rogue

Francis "Frank" Rogue died July 9 at his home. He was 76.

Mr. Rogue was born April 29, 1932, in Falls River, Mass., to the late Joseph and Rose Pabial Rogue. He moved to California in January 1950 and joined the Navy that same year, during the early days of the Korean War. He served for four years as a machinist mate on the U.S.S. Oberon.

Mr. Rogue was employed by the U.S. Navy at the Alameda Naval Air Station for four years before leaving in 1954. He was then employed by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and went to school under the G.I. Bill to study electrical engineering. He worked and continued to study during the first 19 years with the laboratory before retiring as a division superintendent with a career spanning 36 years.

Mr. Rogue moved to North Carolina in March of 2004. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Stoneville, and a member of the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, call sign WB6IIV.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Heffinger Rogue; two stepdaughters, Denise R. Hirst of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Michelle L. Adkins of Raleigh, N.C.; two step-grandsons, Alex and Ean Hirst; several nieces and nephews and special friend, Carolyn Buskey.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Eddie Rogue; and sister, Irene Rose.

Services were held July 12 in Stoneville, N.C.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Rockingham County, P.O. Box 281, Wentworth, NC 27375 or First Baptist Church, 300 E. Main Street, Stoneville, NC 27048. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.fair-funeralhome.com.

Marjorie Lucille Hansen

Marjorie Lucille Hansen died July 9 at Bancroft Convalescent Hospital in San Leandro. She was 91.

Mrs. Hansen was born to parents Marcella and Charles Parker June 14, 1917 in Oakland and lived in Pleasanton. She attended St. Anthony grade school and Roosevelt High School. She loved shopping for great deals, entertaining friends and family, dancing in

the kitchen with her husband Bob and traveling.

She was a founding member of the St. Paschal Baylon Parish in Oakland. She was also a member of the Friends of the Dragon at Bishop O'Dowd High School as well as St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert M. Hansen; daughter, Sue Hansen and son-in-law Al Heeg. She was preceded in death her brother, Charles Parker.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. today at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity or Building Futures with Women and Children, 1395 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro CA 94577.

Births

Kevin James Zachlod

Kevin James Zachlod was born April 15 to parents Jill and Noah Zachlod at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Baby Kevin joins big sister Diana, 5.



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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.

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

Free Voice Lessons Pride of the Pacific, a women's a cappella chorus, is offering this free program for six Wednesday evenings, starting July 16. The sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Lynewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Included are voice lessons, vocal education, and an opportunity to sing with the chorus. For information, call Emily Johnson at 426-0266 and visit www.prideofthepacific.org.

Make a Mag Time Frame Create a nag time frame with Sandra Kay from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 19 at California Stampin and Scrapbooks. Custom personalized magnetic home decor frames which hold 5x7 or 4x6 photo/quote horizontal or vertical. Free. California Stampin and Scrapbooks is located at 5480-2 Sunol Blvd. For information, call 417-8420.

Clubs

'Witness to a Crime' author speaks The TriValley Democratic Club presents Dr. Richard Hayes Phillips author of "Witness to a Crime," at 7 p.m. July 21 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. The book follows the 2004 Ohio Election recount, challenge and investigation, where Hayes determined it was stolen. John Conyers in challenging the Ohio electors relied on his account. Q&A/discussion following and the event is wheelchair accessible. Visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Communication Arts Network The East Bay's Communications Arts Network (CommArt) meets from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Forli Ristorante in Alamo. Tickets are \$20 cash, includes lunch. Call Terry, 462-8083, or visit www.commartnet.org.

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 Grille, 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.

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.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network At 7 p.m. July 21 at 4725 First St., Ste. 270, the Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network will host Dr. Ward Eccles for a discussion on holistic dentistry. He has been serving the East Bay and Tri-Valley with mercury free, holistic dentistry for 27 years. There is no charge for first-time visitors or for Chapter members. Call 922-7615 or visit www.holisticmoms.org.

Tri-Valley Rotary Club Meeting The Tri-Valley Rotary Club is one of the newest and most diverse Rotary Clubs. Club members meet Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Road. The cost is \$20. Email info@trivalleyrotary.org.

Tri-Valley Wood Carvers Tri-Valley Wood Carvers meet each Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, wood shop room, from 12 to 4 p.m. The regular business meeting is held the second Saturday of the month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call Ken Morgan, 462-6586.

Widowed Men and Women Dinner This social group will meet for an early bird special dinner at 5 p.m. July 23 the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Make entree choice and pay for reservation July 19. Cost is \$25.75. Call Barbara, 426-8876.

Widowed Men and Women Social The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California meets for a happy hour gathering at 5 p.m. the third Friday of the month at the Sheraton Hotel across from JC Penney's at Stoneridge Mall. Guests welcome. RSVP prior to event. Call Lorraine, 846-5695.


Events

ACS Discovery Shop sale The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop is having a summertime sale of 25 percent off all men's, women's and children's clothing on July 19 and 20. Support of sales and events help cancer patients in the local community. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1987-A Santa Rita Road. For information, call Monda Wiseman at 462-7374 or email monda.wiseman@cancer.org.

Fremont Art Assoc. Art-in-Action Fremont Art Association and Regan's Nursery will hold an Art in Action event in the nursery where 16 artists will paint and display art for sale to include all types of art, jewelry, photography, ceramic pieces and textile art. FAA will donate at least \$200 from sales to the Cultural Arts in the Schools. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19 and 20 at Regan's Nursery, 4268 Decoto Road, Fremont. For information, visit www.fremontartassociation.org or call Simone Archer at 510-676-3938.

Tri Valley Indian Assoc. Summer Picnic The Tri Valley Indian Association will hold a summer picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 27 at

Calendar Spotlight



Dr. Seuss for president

Coinciding with this year's presidential election, Dr. Seuss is "throwing his hat into the ring" by releasing the first-ever political print editions to the public. Featuring imagery from politically charged artworks, books and editorial cartoons, the Dr. Seuss for President art exhibition offers an unusual glimpse into the sociopolitical-minded imagination from the world's most celebrated icon of popular culture. The campaign kicks off locally at Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St., with an opening reception at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 19. One of Dr. Seuss' most poignant political cartoons, "The Knotty Problem of Capitol Hill," will be unveiled for the first time. The exhibit runs through Aug. 3. For information, call 846-4322.

Emerald Glen Park. The event will feature music, food, games and crafts for children. Held in the group picnic area off of Camino Tassajara and Glynnis Rose, the picnic is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-13 and free for those under 5. Tickets may be purchased by July 20 in Pleasanton at Kamal Spices, 6700 Santa Rita Road. For more information, email trivalleyindianassociation@gmamil.com or call Vijay at 234-3373 or Sandi at 200-9540.

Tri-Valley United Democratic Club bbq Join the Tri-Valley United Democratic Club for its 14th annual barbecue. The event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. July 20 at the Pleasanton Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive. Proceeds go toward funding a campaign office in Pleasanton. Event features Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and 15th Assembly District candidate Joan Buchanan. Admission is \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at door, \$5 discount for seniors/students. Children 12 and under are free. See www.trivalleydems.com for more information and an invitation.

Exhibits

Pleasanton Art League Circuit Change The Pleasanton Art League's Public Art Circuit will mount exhibits from through July 18 at Bank of America, Keller Williams Realty, Towne Center Books, Me & Mai Friend's Cafe, Vogue Hair Studio, Realty Express & Sallman, and Yang & Alameda CPAs. A portion of sales supports PAL's community programs. Call Lisa, 518-4436. Pleasanton.

Fundraisers

Boys and Girls Car Campaign Now that the price of scrap metal has sharply risen, the Boys and Girls Car Campaign will accept most any car with no restrictions. Cars will be picked up anywhere in California, usually within a week, and are sold at auction. To donate, call 800-246-0493. Funds obtained by the sales go directly to help the California clubs.

Health

Summer Immunization Clinics for Children Saturday clinics, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. July 12, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6 at Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave., are open to Tri-Valley families who are low income or unin-

sured, including Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records, information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

Kids & Teens

Livermore Shakespeare Festival High School Class This 10-day course meets weekdays from July 21 to Aug. 1 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore, is for incoming freshmen to incoming seniors in high school. With an emphasis on acting and performance, this course will broaden a student's perspective on Shakespeare by utilizing improvisation, theatre games and stage combat techniques. Call 443-2273. 2-4 p.m. \$250 per student

Write Now! Summer Writing Camps Hacienda School, 3800 Stoneridge Drive, is hosting a three-week summer writing program starting in July, for grades 2-8. Classes include expository writing, creative writing and presentation techniques. The cost is \$500 to \$1,350. Visit www.headsup.org.

Live Music

Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Listen and dance to the live, traditional jazz every second and fourth Tuesday at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St.

Summer Escape at Plaza Rubino Live band, Formula Ford race car, free bocce lessons from the National Bronze Medal team, wine tasting, food and prizes. Free. Event is from noon to 4 p.m. July 19. For information, call 461-6379. The Plaza Rubino Center is located at 101 E. Vineyard Ave. in Livermore.

Miscellaneous


Adopt a Kitten for Half Price Month at TVAR During July, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue adoption fee for kittens two to three months old will be \$50, which is half off. Kittens four to 11 months of age will be \$37.50. All kittens are raised in foster homes, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and wormed, tested for Leukemia and FIV and microchipped. Call 961-0260 or visit www.tvvar.org.

Host Gardeners Needed for Garden Tour The Bay-Friendly Gardening program seeks residential gardeners in Alameda County to feature on the sixth annual spring garden tour. Apply at www.bayfriendly.org or by

calling 510-444-SOIL. Applications are due Aug. 4. To learn more, contact Jeanne at jnader@stopwaste.org or 510-891-6500.

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'From Up Here' The Epic Drama of God's Greatest Hits An actor, an 8-foot ladder, a glass of water and a scrap of paper. Join acclaimed actor McNair Wilson at 7 p.m. July 25 at Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Road, for a wildly entertaining journey through the Bible you'll not soon forget. Childcare is provided for this free event. Call 580-4083.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival The Livermore Shakespeare Festival will hold regular performances of "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare and "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" (abridged) (revised) by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield July 12 through Aug. 2 at Concannon Vineyard in Livermore. "Twelfth Night" will be performed July 18, 19, 25, 27, 31 and Aug. 2. Complete Works will be performed July 12, 24, 26 and Aug. 1. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. and general admission is \$30 with discounts for seniors, educators and others. For more information on the festival, visit www.livermoreshakes.org. For tickets, call 800-838-3006.

Seniors

8th annual country western barbecue The Pleasanton Senior Center VIP Club is having its eighth annual Country Western Barbecue at 11:30 a.m. July 28. Good food and country western entertainment. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the travel desk until July 23. The senior center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Health Chat Health Chat takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. This group setting informs and educates seniors about various health issues. It is open forum and an interactive session. Sponsored by Amador Valley Adult School and the senior center. Call 426-4280.

Lunch Downtown Meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., and ride with us via Paratransit to enjoy lunch at Rising Loafer Cafe Bakery in downtown Pleasanton. This is a great way to get out and make new friends. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 24. Cost is \$15 for residents; \$18 for non-residents. For information, call 931-5372.

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

Seniors Computer Tutoring One-on-one computer tutoring is available every day at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. 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 appt.

Wise Water Use Conserving water saves money. Discover water saving tips and devices that can significantly reduce water consumption. The Dublin San Ramon Services District will teach on this topic from 10 to 11:30 a.m. July 22 at the senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.50 for residents or \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

Faith Chapel Assembly of God Sunday services include: All ages Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., and children's church (ages 3 to 12) at 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study meetings 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 846-8650. The church is located at 6656 Alisal St.

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

Sports

California Spirit Elite All-Star Cheerleading CSE has recreation tumbling classes and competition cheerleading teams for girls and boys ages 5 to 18 from the Tri-Valley area. Sign ups for the 2008-09 season run through the end of July. Call 462-5877.

Callippe Niners Callippe Niners is a fun group of nine-hole women golfers. We are currently welcoming new members into our group. Our play days are Tuesday mornings. Call Joan, 462-1054.

Mountain Rides Join cyclists of all levels for this friendly, no-drop mountain ride which lasts approximately two hours. Riders should be in good fitness, have a well-adjusted, safe

mountain bike and general knowledge of bike handling skills. Odd-numbered months, the Cyclepath group goes to the Pleasanton Ridge and even-numbered months, they go to Lake Chabot. For the ridge rides, meet the Cyclepath group at the Foothill staging area. Rides are from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact rides@cyclepath.com or call 485-3218.

Pleasanton Summer Lacrosse Programs Pleasanton Lacrosse Club's three summer programs, for grades 1 to 12, have both PLC coaches as well as local high school coaches and players there to teach players. All summer programs below will be held at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road. Cost is \$50 to \$75. Visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

Saturday Morning Beginner Ride This weekly no-drop ride from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturdays is for those new to cycling, who haven't been on their bike for a while or just want to ride at a slower pace. Rides depart from Cyclepath Pleasanton and will generally be 12 to 15 mph, 20 to 25 miles and no more than two hours. E-mail rides@cyclepath.com if you plan to attend.

Sunday Morning Group Ride Join cyclists of all levels from 8 to 11 a.m. Sundays for this friendly, no-drop road ride. Routes vary weekly and last approximately two to three hours. Riders warm up together and split into smaller groups based on skill level (A—60 miles, B—35 to 40 miles, C—20 to 25 miles). Bring water and a snack. Rides depart from Cyclepath, 337-B Main St. (in the Bank of America building).

Support Groups

Cancer Support Group A free support group for people with cancer and their caregivers meets at 2 p.m. every Tuesday at the ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. Sponsored by The Wellness

Community. Call 933-0107.

Domestic Violence Support Group On-going support for women dealing with conflict issues is available at Tri-Valley Haven, Livermore, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. A fee of \$40 for every eight weeks or based on a sliding scale. Call Elizabeth, 667-2799.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Contact Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Prostate Cancer Support Group The Man to Man American Cancer Society program is designed to help men cope with prostate cancer by providing community based education and support to patients and their family members. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at San Ramon Regional Medical Center's south conference room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Men at any stage of prostate cancer and their family members are welcome. Michael Stephens, MST, facilitates. Call 933-0107.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group The group meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., to provide information and support for Parkinson's patients and caregivers. Call 831-9940.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club General meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Drive. and include round table discussion and dinner. Visit www.TVMOTC.com.

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

Volunteering

American Cancer Society Discovery Shop The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, a furniture store in Mission Plaza, needs volunteers. Do you like to decorate and rearrange furniture? If so, help is needed four hours a week. Call Monda at 462-7374.

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.

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.

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Last year, nearly 30 neighborhoods hosted block parties across Pleasanton. In the past, parties have been barbecues, ice cream socials, parades, pot luck dinners, sporting events, or just a time for neighbors to get to know each other a little better. What's more, police officers, firefighters, and city officials, will drop by to mingle.

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Contact Crime Prevention Officer Ken McNeill at (925) 931-5233 or Community Service Officer Shannon Revel at (925) 931-5240 for more information.



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44 Church St., Danville, 820-7200. Executive Chef Kevin Gin interprets California-American cuisine with European and Asian influences with expansive lunch and dinner menus. Add dessert, wine and cocktails and you have Bridges' casual fine dining experience. Visit www.bridgesdanville.com for event and private party details.

Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant

855 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-8106. Executive Chef Chris Smith offers exciting contemporary American cooking at lunch and dinner, featuring a wide selection of fresh fish entrees. Also offering our famous Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch full bar and patio service. Visit us at www.pleasantonhotel.com for menus and private party and catering details.

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4501 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 734-0307. Home of the Tri Tip and Blue, Red Smoke Grill was voted best take out food by Pleasanton Weekly readers in 2006. Dine in or take out rotisserie chicken, ribs, prawns, salads and tri tip, or pulled pork sandwiches. Relax with a beer or a bottle of wine. Visit www.redsmokegrill.com.

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Catering

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349 Main St., Downtown Pleasanton, 462-9299. Fontina Ristorante's award-

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