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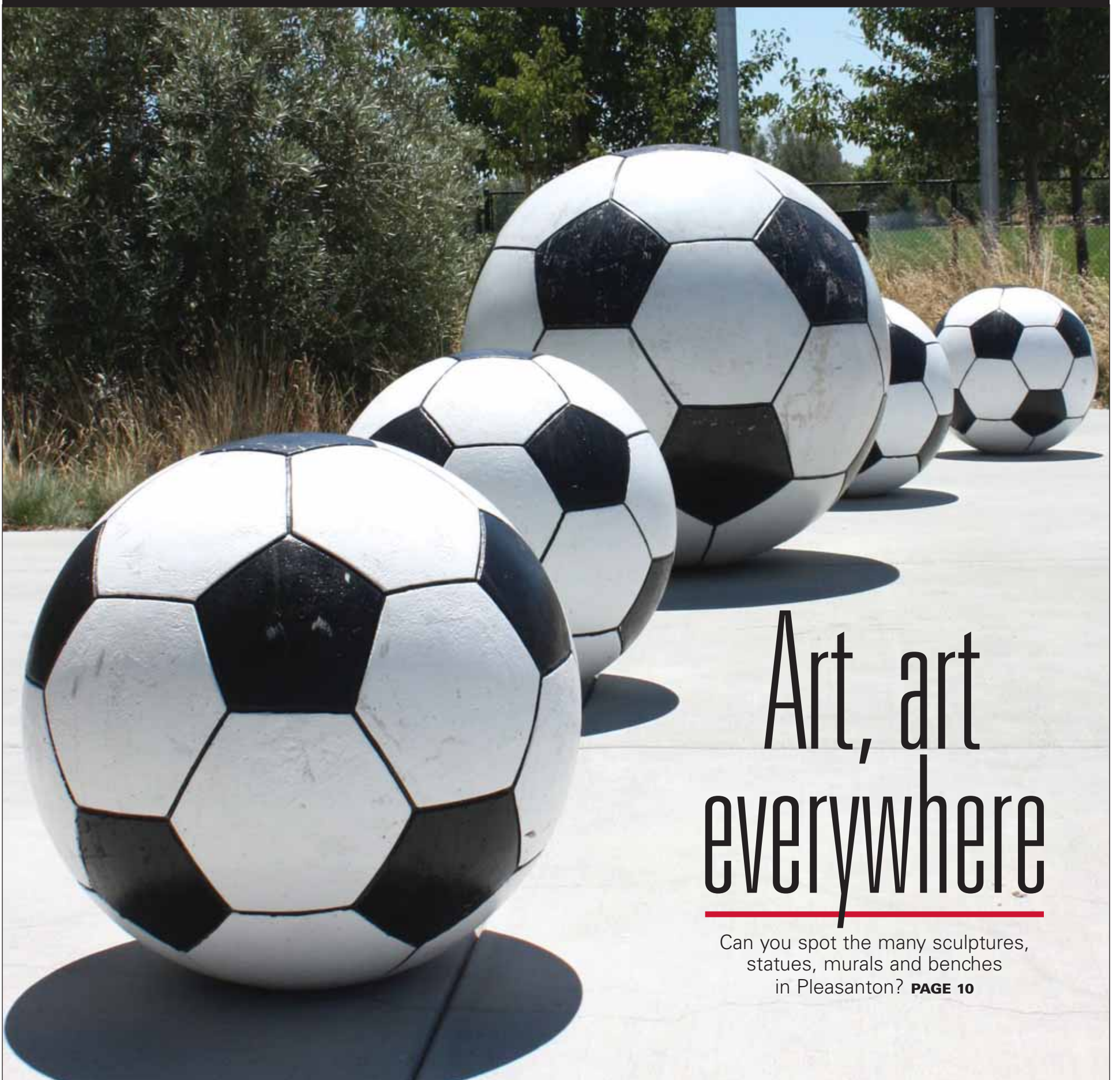
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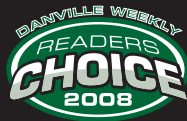
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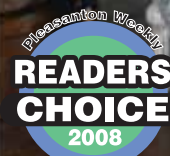


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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Special greetings for Army medic just back from Iraq

Army Sergeant and Combat Medic Jennifer Gomez came home from Iraq last Saturday to a rousing community welcome that Pleasanton is famed at providing. As she rode the escalator down to baggage claim at Oakland International Airport, with her dress uniforms in hand, there they were; on the ground floor were her parents Jay and Ofelia with a large group of cheering Pleasanton friends, waving American flags and banners. Then it was off to Pleasanton in the company of Chris Miller and Pat Frizzell and other military family supporters in cars sandwiched between the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle group that often provides special escort service for returning warriors. As the motorcade turned onto Liberty Drive toward the Gomez family home in the Shadow Cliff subdivision off Vineyard Avenue, another 70 neighbors and friends were waiting, even at the late night hour. For Jennifer Gomez, 21, who was finally back after 15 months in Iraq and about to end her four-year Army enlistment, it was a joyful, tearful party as she turned a new chapter in her already-book-filled life.

Gomez graduated from Foothill High School in 2004, a year after her brother Alex, who graduated from UC San Diego last year. Two months before graduating, when her papers were in order to attend college, she told her parents that there had been a change in plans. Intrigued by opportunities the military offered, young Gomez, a deeply religious person, said she felt a personal obligation "to serve God, to serve my country and to serve other people." Though concerned and surprised, her parents, who share their daughter's faith, could hardly object.

In training for medical duty, Jennifer Gomez spent two years at Fort Lewis, Wash. before ship-

ping out to Iraq. Much of the time she was in battle zones treating the wounded as they were brought into her clinic, where they were given initial and often life-saving treatment before being stabilized to be airlifted to nearby hospital groups. Her patients, while mostly American GIs, also included Iraqi soldiers and policemen and, every once in a while, local residents who needed emergency care until their hospitals could take them. As emotionally draining and difficult as the assignment was, Gomez said she always felt she was answering her call to help those in need.

She also thanked Miller, Frizzell and their groups for the constant support they provide from their bases in Pleasanton and Livermore. Almost every week, she would receive letters, extra supplies that the local military PX didn't carry, photos and the Pleasanton Weekly. This newspaper sends copies weekly free of charge to those on active duty from Pleasanton in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan. These communications, gifts and words of support are special to those serving in Iraq, Gomez said. Unfortunately, she added, many other soldiers don't get that support from their hometowns. Gomez's parents also told the assembled crowd at their daughter's homecoming how much they appreciated the help from the Pleasanton Military Families organization which even included frequent calls and a visit from Miller to help them set up their computer so that they could keep in touch with Jennifer and arrange scheduled phone calls.

Jennifer Gomez' next step will be to register for monthly training assignments at Moffett Field as part of her inactive duty requirements and then to register at Cal Poly for major studies in medical therapy courses that will build on her experience already in that field. It's all part of her life's mission to help others the best she can. ■

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### About the Cover

Can you spot all of the public art that's around town? Some are recognizable, but others are more hidden to the casual observer. The city's Civic Arts Commission would like to build on the art that's currently available, with ideas such as adding a fountain and gardens to the downtown area. Design by Rick Nobles.

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# Streetwise

**Q:** Where do you think everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime?

Asked Downtown



**Marianne Gilhuly**

Consultant

One of the places that is very vivid in my mind is the Carmel/Big Sur area. It's just God's country. I've traveled extensively outside the country and throughout the United States. It is just one of the areas I'd recommend everyone see.

**Xinyu Zhang**

Computer Engineer

I would have to say Hawaii. It is the first place I took my wife when she came to the U.S. It is part of the United States but has a unique, interesting culture and the scenery is beautiful.



**Nina Suryoutomo**

Consultant

It sounds a bit a cliché, but I'd have to say the Eiffel Tower in Paris. It is very romantic and beautiful. You can take a picnic, bottle of wine and some French cheese and bread, spread it out on the lawn and enjoy the view. It is the first place that popped into my mind.



**Helen Mellott**

Retired

I would have to say Quebec, Canada. It was quaint with a European flair. There is an escalator that transports visitors around the city which was convenient and exciting. The old part of the city is very much like Paris and the newer area is full of wonderful museums, hotels and scenery.



**Paul Gagliano**

Sales

Definitely St. Barts in the Caribbean. The only thing I can think of to describe the feeling when you arrive is "died and gone to heaven." The beaches, the people, everything is amazing. It is a long trip from here to Boston to Puerto Rico and on to St. Barts. It's excruciating getting there, but more than worth it once you finally arrive.



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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Movie 'extras' needed for heritage festival

The Museum on Main Street is looking for movie "extras" for tours given during the city's Art Festival and Heritage Days Sept. 20 and 21. "Extras" would be costumed into famed stars like Mary Pickford, Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer and cowboys. To learn more, call the museum at 462-2766.

### Runners take on SF Marathon Sunday

Over 19,000 runners are expected to take part in the San Francisco Marathon Sunday, including many Pleasanton residents. The 26.2 mile run will begin at 5:30 a.m. at the Embarcadero at Mission Street. Online registration is open through Saturday. Many San Francisco streets will be closed, so event organizers ask participants and spectators to plan accordingly. Photos and results are available online at [www.runsfm.com](http://www.runsfm.com).

### August Nights benefits nursing center

A charity car show and open house takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 300 Neal St. On display will be about 35 classic cars from the P-Town Push Rods, the Danville Dukes, the Altamont Cruisers and the American Corvette Club. The Cooltones will perform and includes food by Kinders BBQ. Donations are accepted. Contact Leah, 963-5147 or [leahsloane@lifegen.net](mailto:leahsloane@lifegen.net), to show a car.

### Veterans invited to fair at Las Positas

Las Positas College's Veterans First Initiative hosts the second annual Veteran Information Faire Aug. 13 on the campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Those who have served in the military can learn about financial aid and community resources. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars, Blue Star Moms and other support organizations will also be in attendance. For more information, call 424-1571 or visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php).

### Corrections

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## School board race could have four more

*Five people have until Aug. 8 to file paperwork to be on the ballot*

by Emily West

**H**istory may not repeat itself in the upcoming school board election as a total of five people have taken out candidate applications. Previously, school board president Jim Ott and board trustee Pat Kernan ran unopposed last November, with their four-year terms ending December 2010.

As of Wednesday, city library commissioner Valerie Arkin, Pleasanton PTA Council President Jamie Hintzke, parent Prasad Rallapalli and former Parent Faculty Association (PFA) President Carla Schuman-Butler join current school board clerk Chris Grant in the running for three open seats.

Two of the five board members were appointed: the board

voted Grant to the post in February as then board president Steve Pulido left to become the Alameda County Superior Court Judge; and Steve Brozosky was appointed in April following the death of long-time school board member Juanita Haugen.

Kris Weaver, on the board since 1999, has chosen not to run for reelection, as her youngest child just graduated from Amador Valley

High School.

The fee to file the paperwork is \$1,057 and must be turned in by Aug. 8 to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, located at 1225 Fallon St., room G1 in Oakland. For more information, contact the county registrar at 510-267-8683 or call the Pleasanton Unified School District at 462-5500.

*Emily West is the married name of reporter Emily Atwood.*



Bulldozers and cranes are hard at work to construct a second bridge over Arroyo Del Valle.

## Bernal bridge work begins

*\$7.5-million project at Bernal and Vineyard avenues to be finished next spring*

**A** series of cranes and other heavy machinery are hard at work on the bridge that crosses over Arroyo Del Valle.

The project includes the construction of a second bridge on Bernal Avenue near Vineyard Avenue and is expected to provide some relief from the usually dense traffic there.

Expected to cost a total of \$7.5 million, the Bernal bridge and street widening project is planned for completion in April 2009. It will allow for two lanes in each direction and the widening of Bernal

Avenue to the bridge. Funds will also go toward installing a sewer line and the creation of wetland and riparian habitat in the arroyo to offset construction impacts.

Gordon N. Ball Inc. of Alamo was chosen by the City Council in late June to perform the construction work, estimated at \$3.9 million.

The project is being funded through the city's Capital Improvement Program. Initially, the work was anticipated to be completed in 2003, but city staff said construction and final design had

to be postponed while staff identified environmental mitigations that are required by the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Before the work could begin, the city also demolished a home that was located on the corner of Valley and Bernal.

The expansion between Vineyard and Nevada Court, where Fire Station No. 1 is located, will allow two lanes and a bike lane in each direction.

—Janet Pelletier

## Dogs, cows are theme for First Wednesday

*Stroll down Main, visit booths, listen to music, pick a favorite bovine*

**K**icking off the First Wednesday Street Party this month, the Pleasanton Downtown Association will feature a canine and bovine-themed celebration.

Called "Dog Days of Summer," the party will get started at 6 p.m. Wednesday, featuring a performance by rock and soul group the Houserockers in the parking lot next to Round Table Pizza downtown.

Main Street will be on the route for the annual Pooch Parade, presented by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers, and residents are encouraged to pretty up their pup, large or small. Registration begins at 6 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets. Entry fee is \$10 per dog per category. All proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. The first 150 entries will receive goody bags.

While downtown, event-goers can also vote for a favorite cow on the front lawn of the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main St. The wooden cutouts of cows are part of the "Udderly Divine Bovine" event. A total of 26 two-dimensional art cows were sponsored by businesses and nonprofits in Pleasanton, including one by the Pleasanton Weekly, and decorated.

The cows will be displayed around Pleasanton until Sept. 20, when the whimsical "Running of the Cows" race and art display kicks up, as part of the Pleasanton Art and Heritage Festival. The cows will ultimately be auctioned off at

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# Pentin first to file for City Council

Video production company owner launches campaign at Pleasanton North Rotary

by Jeb Bing

Pleasanton businessman Jerry Pentin, long active in community activities and a five-year member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, filed papers Friday to seek election to the City Council.

Others have taken out papers to also seek council seats, but have not yet filed. They are Howard Neely and incumbent councilmembers Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern.

Pentin launched his campaign last week at the Pleasanton North Rotary Cub, where's he's been a member since moving to Pleasanton 17 years ago. He also served as president of that organization three years ago.

"I'm very decisive," Pentin said. "I will make a decision and stick by it."

Pentin owns Spring Street Studios, a video production company that produces corporate videos as well as special videos for nonprofits. These have included videos for the Veterans Memorial Building, when it was rededicated last year, and for the Firehouse Arts Center, where Pentin's video

*"I'm very decisive. I will make a decision and stick by it."*

—Jerry Pentin,  
City Council candidate

can be seen on that organization's website.

Pentin's wife Josine is an engineer for Jupiter Networks, where she handles domain firewalls and security. Their daughter Joi, 16, who will be a senior at Foothill High School this fall. She is a junior champion golfer who played last weekend in the Girls Junior America's Cup in Calgary, one of four girls from Northern California to be selected for the competition.

Pentin has been involved in a number of community activities, including Kaleidoscope, Shepherd's Gate and various Rotary Club charities. He spent three years traveling the world shooting a television show on unique diving opportunities, a program that aired on PBS and involved Pentin shooting while swimming and diving and taking both surface and underwater videos. ■



## Out of this World

Clare O'Leary, a Pleasanton sophomore in her seventh year of Girl Scouts, takes a close look in at microbial mats she collected on a field trip to NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field in Mountain View. The trip is a part of the Girl Scouts Girls Go Tech Initiative where they learn robotics, aeronautics and astrobiology. O'Leary's research taught her about the scientific process, ecology and the microbial life that makes up more than 80 percent of life history on earth.

# Golf retailer opens in Rose Pavilion

Golfsmith, a nationally-known golf and tennis retailer, opened its new 28,500-square-foot Pleasanton superstore Friday morning to long lines of waiting customers searching for bargains and special prizes being offered during the store's grand-opening weekend.

The new store, at the site of the former Galaxy movie theater in the Rosewood Pavilion at Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive, replaces Golfsmith's store in Dublin, which is closing.

The new store features an indoor golf driving range with four tees where golfers can test its own brand-name clubs that the store sells and can also sign up for golf lessons at the pro shop a few feet away. At the other end of the store, there's a full-court tennis area with a full-service tennis department just outside the screened area where players can buy new equipment or have their rackets restrung.

On a tour through the new store just prior to today's opening, Adrian Gonzalez, Golfsmith's vice president, said the new Pleasanton facility will bring to the Bay Area the many features found in the retailer's superstores in other parts

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Kendra Knudsen, a 2008 graduate of Amador Valley High School, sits between her art cow, named "Bovine-stein," left, representing the Amador physics classes and the Foothill High School art cow, right, which was designed by students in Caroline Fields' AP art history class.

## Cows

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the Udderly Divine Bovine event, slated for Oct. 4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The event is a benefit for the Museum on Main and the new Alviso Adobe Community Park, which is scheduled to open in

October. For information and tickets for the Udder event, call 462-4312.

Where the Houserockers will perform will be a beer garden, featuring local microbrews on tap and Livermore Valley wines. People can also visit vendor booths set up by a wide variety of businesses to market and sell their products and services. Musician Jeff Reed will play guitar

on the corner of Main and St. John streets. Main will be closed from St. John to Old Bernal Avenue from 5 to 10 p.m. that evening. Parking is available off Main Street.

For information on First Wednesday, visit [www.pleasanton-downtown.net](http://www.pleasanton-downtown.net) or call Nicki Hoppe at 484-2199, ext. 4.

—Janet Pelletier

## Take Us Along



### Brother, where art thou?

The Crabill brothers: Matthew, Max and Andrew gather with the Weekly on Stinson Beach.



### A grand Weekly

To celebrate his 70th birthday, "Nana and Papat" Briggs brought their grandkids, and the Weekly of course, to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Grandkids include Megan, Courtney and Kathleen Wagner; Jeffrey, Kevin, Kelly and George Briggs; and Sarah, Jason, Stephen and Laura Strawbridge.

## Golfsmith

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of the country that its smaller stores in Dublin, Fremont and Palo Alto could not provide.

"We got into the Bay Area by acquiring the Don Sherwood golf and tennis stores, so now we are combining those into this much larger store," he said. "Here in Pleasanton, we're in the heart of some really great golf courses and in a large marketing area for both golf and tennis."

Besides golf and tennis products, the store also features sports clothing and accessories. On opening day, the store will have 25 employees, including those transferred from the Dublin store.

The building Golfsmith is now occupying was built three years ago to house Broyhill Home Collections, a nationally-known furniture maker and retailer. That company had demolished the Galaxy 8 Cinema in the Rose Pavilion after the movie theater property was acquired by Regal Cinema, which opened its larger IMAX theater complex in Dublin.

During the construction period, Broyhill, itself, was acquired by Furniture Brands International, which chose to cancel plans to open a Pleasanton location. The building has been empty since 2005.

—Jeb Bing

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# Smart & Final to open Aug. 13

*Pleasanton Square store will be sixth supermarket in city*

Smart & Final will open its newest supermarket Aug. 13 in the Pleasanton Square Shopping Center on Johnson Drive, making it the sixth major grocery store in Pleasanton, with two more coming.

The new store is taking the space that was vacated two years ago by Comp USA.

Kevin Lee, manager of the new Smart & Final, said the company will hold a grand opening celebration in the parking lot it shares with In-N-Out Burger's fast food restaurant on Aug. 12, when the public will be invited to tour the new grocery store.

Smart & Final Stores LLC operates 248 of what it calls "non-membership warehouse stores for food and foodservice supplies" in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho and northern Mexico. The company is headquartered in Los Angeles, where it was started more than 130 years ago as the Hellman-Haas Grocery Company.

Although it looks much like a typical supermarket, Smart & Final promotes itself as having the prices and bulk-purchase advantages of the big box membership stores, such as Costco and Wal-Mart Superstores, with a smaller, more customer-friendly and often single-product-focused inventory without charging a membership fee.

When it opens, Smart & Final will add to the grocery store compe-

tion in Pleasanton, which includes Lucky, Nob Hill, Raley's, Safeway and Trader Joe's.

In addition, Safeway, with its corporate headquarters in Pleasanton, has plans awaiting approval before the city Planning Commission to build a large Safeway Lifestyle store at Bernal and Valley avenues, across from the fairgrounds.

Fresh & Easy, a British-owned grocery similar in size and marketing focus to Trader Joe's, plans to open its first store in the area later this year in the Rosewood Pavilion in the space now occupied by Express Fitness.

At the same time, Raley's is undergoing a major rebuild of its supermarket on Sunol Boulevard to include many of the features Safeway is planning for its new store.

Smart & Final stores are located in California, Arizona, Nevada and northern Mexico. The company operates the Mexico stores under a joint venture agreement with the operators of Calimax, a major grocery store chain in northwest Mexico.

Averaging 17,500 square feet in size, Smart & Final's smaller format is designed to be a more convenient, easily accessible option to the larger warehouse club format, which averages 100,000 square feet, or even to the 65,000-square-foot store Safeway is planning for its Pleasanton Lifestyle market.

—Jeb Bing

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Keep partisan politics out of Pleasanton

With a number of candidates for mayor and City Council campaigning in support of actions being advanced by the Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition, it's fair to ask if this new citizens' group could become a major political force in Pleasanton. It wouldn't be the first time that a political team put together a partisan ticket in Pleasanton, which generally favors non-partisan candidates and elections. Back in 1976, three candidates for the City Council ran as a team and were soundly defeated, although no one remembers if it was because of their political organization or voter dissatisfaction with the position their ticket took. Many here remember the Dream Team of former mayors Ben Tarver and Tom Pico and councilwoman and one-time mayoral candidate Becky Dennis. Tarver was elected mayor in 1992, Pico was elected to the council, and then the two of them supported Dennis in a special council election in 1993 to gain majority control of the council. The Dream Team's goal was to slow the rapid—some said uncontrolled—residential growth of the 1980s and to also organize neighborhoods so that what one group didn't like, others would come to its aid in the form of a referendum or strong opposition before the council. For the most part, the plan worked. Growth has slowed and continues to shrink as the city nears buildout, and, as we've seen with projects ranging from Applied Biosystems' difficulties in obtaining approval for its projects or Home Depot's failure to gain council support for a second store, neighborhoods pitted against neighborhoods often rules the decision-making process.

The Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition and the 5,000 signatures former Councilwoman Kay Ayala and other sponsors have collected for two of its actions so far speak well to the group's organizing efforts. It's not easy to talk 5,000 people into signing petitions. Whether they knew fully what they were signing or not, many of them may take ownership of the group they are now supporting. Certainly there's been strong opposition by the coalition to the City Council's approval of Oak Grove, a 51-home residential project atop Kottinger Ranch that is also accompanied by a gift by the developers of 500 acres of wooded terrain free of charge to the city of Pleasanton. After a Superior Court judge ruled that the coalition's signature gathering efforts were improper, Save Pleasanton's Hills is appealing that decision in the state Court of Appeal. In the meantime, the coalition has been successful in obtaining another 5,000 signatures (many could be the same names) to place an initiative on the Nov. 4 ballot that would block most development on steep hillsides and ridgelines. The City Council, frustrated that the coalition's measure could cause future development and open space acquisition problems, has placed a competing measure on the same ballot.

Although no one has cited the Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition as a political team, similar to the Dream Team of 16 years ago, its strong supporters include four who have taken out candidate's papers, but have not yet filed, to challenge Mayor Jennifer Hosterman for the city's top elected post. They include Steve Brozosky, Anne Fox, Greg O'Connor and Mary Roberts. For re-election to the council, incumbents Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern are also supporters of the Ayala coalition. Two aren't: Hosterman and local businessman Jerry Pentin, who filed last Friday to run for City Council. Certainly with 5,000 register voters having signed both of the coalition's petitions that could be a formidable start to assembling strong voter support group to win at the ballot box.

We hope not. Partisan politics play a major role in larger cities. Here, those who sit on the City Council are elected at large, are supposed to represent the whole community and impartially represent various factions to give each a fair hearing. Even the Dream Team didn't last, although its slow-growth policies had a lasting impact. Tarver, after leaving office eight years later, moved out of town. Pico, once determined to stop—not just slow—growth is now a consultant to developers, including those planning to build Oak Grove. Dennis is today the city's most visible and influential advocate of building more affordable housing. Once the Nov. 4 election and the Court of Appeal's decision come and go, we hope Save Pleasanton's Hills will also morph into a broad-based citizens' group that works more amicably with the City Council and its commissions, whoever those representatives may be.

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# Letters

## Vote for a breast cancer cure

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My impetus to take action started this May when I led a team in Pleasanton's breast cancer walk benefiting Susan G. Komen's San Francisco chapter. Our team proudly contributed 10 percent of the total donations. Now I'm personally challenging the 2008 presidential candidates to support three common-sense goals that will save thousands of lives: increase investment in research, provide early detection services for every woman in the U.S. and ensure that everyone with a breast cancer diagnosis has access to quality treatment.

These critical steps will bring us closer to ending breast cancer forever. When I cast my ballot in 2008, I'll be voting for the cure. Join me by signing the petition at [www.IVotefortheCure.org](http://www.IVotefortheCure.org) and cast your vote too. We never want to hear our daughters say, 'Mom, I have breast cancer.'

*Jeri Ann May, Pleasanton*

## Thanks for spreading word on vets help

Dear Editor,


I would like to thank the Pleasanton Weekly and all those who spread the word about our collection of clothing and comfort items for homeless veterans (East Bay Stand Down). As a result of good old-fashioned neighbor-to-neighbor communication, donations were received from every part of Pleasanton, and delivered to the San Francisco Veterans Services Office for distribution on July 23. I had to take all the seats out of my minivan—except the driver's seat, of course—in order to fill every inch of space with the generous donations that were dropped off at my front porch, and at local realtor, Sheila Cross' office.


Thank you so much for your kindness and concern for these brave veterans. I am so proud to live in a city with such a warm heart, and willingness to share our blessings with others. Thanks to so many of you, these veterans will have warm blankets, fresh clothing and shoes, soap, toothbrushes and so much more...the assurance that their sacrifice is still appreciated and their fellow Americans care about them.

In early August, Pleasanton will serve as the host city for the East Bay Stand Down at the fairgrounds. Veterans in need of employment and medical support will come to our city for help, and if you would like to get involved, please visit [www.eastbaystanddown.org](http://www.eastbaystanddown.org) for more information.


Many thanks and blessings to each of you.

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# EVERYWHERE



"Pat's Bench," a mosaic-designed bench by Dmitry Grudsky, was installed at Val Vista Community Park with the help of Ryan Gordon's parents, Valarie and Curt.

town area, a place where many residents and visitors congregate. Hess, a member of the city's Civic Arts Commission, along with others on the commission, is tasked with implementing the Pleasanton Downtown Public Art Master Plan, which was approved by the City Council last August.

"What we're doing is we're looking at all the recommendations from the public art master plan and trying to prioritize it," she said. "We're taking comments and suggestions, like from the youth commission as well as other city commissions."

Two art pieces being donated by Nancy and Gary Harrington are glass marquees, one with warm, red tones and the other with cool, blue tones, to the future Firehouse Arts Center. A groundbreaking for the center was held two weeks ago. The marquees, designed by artist Martin Donlin, will be installed outside the center, which is being transformed from the historic fire station on Railroad Avenue.

Hess said there is a strong interest in implementing art to the nearby Lions Wayside Park, the site of the popular Friday Concerts in the Park summer concert series.

Ideas detailed in the master plan include a water fountain and artscape garden.

Hess said she personally likes an idea in the master plan of light shows to be held at night at the Museum on Main Street.

"Something we want is perhaps to do something like a laser light show, something that would be fun and interesting at nighttime at the Museum On Main," Hess said. "That would appeal to younger people as well."

Another priority of the arts commission is to enhance the northern entry into downtown.

"We'd like to address that area and give a more exciting and vital entry into downtown," Hess said. "There's the possibility of a gate and we're thinking of even changing the bridge."

The effort to bring more public art to the city began in 2002, after a former Civic Arts commissioner suggested the commission develop a comprehensive plan for art in the downtown core. City staff then met with an art consultant in 2003, discussing options and reviewing alternatives. The city decided to pursue the plan in 2003, allocating \$20,000 to fund it and in 2004, the City Council appointed a task force that would work with an art consulting team to create the plan.

Various ideas and projects in the plan specify cost and time-frame for construction. Money to fund the art would come from an annual allocation that the city sets aside as part of its budget. A total of \$50,000 per year is dedicated for public art, with \$5,000 of that dedicated to preserving existing artwork.

Hess said the Civic Arts Commission will soon choose this year's public art piece after viewing selections at a Pleasanton Art League show held at the senior center and pieces shown at the Alameda County Fair.

"It's opening a new chapter in our town," Hess said. "We don't have much to grow in our population, so we really want to grow culture-wise."

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The August 5, 2008 City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2008.

### **Civic Arts Commission**

Monday, August 4, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Annual Public Art Work Plan
- Review and Approval of Signage for the Firehouse Arts Center
- Discussion regarding development of Regional Arts/Special Events Calendar
- Consideration of rescheduling the September commission meeting

### **Human Services Commission**

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and support the MOU between the City and Livermore/Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA) to provide reciprocal Paratransit services
- Update on Pleasanton Paratransit Service Program
- FY 2008/09 Grant Recipient Agency visits

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **General Municipal Election Nomination**

##### **Period**

The City of Pleasanton reports that the nomination period for Municipal Officers in the upcoming General Municipal Election begins on Monday, July 14, 2008 and closes on Friday, August 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Pleasanton residents will vote for a Mayor and two members of the City Council in the election, which coincides with the Presidential Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The full term for the Mayor is two years, while City Council members serve four year terms.

According to the California Elections Code, if nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the city are not filed by August 8, 2008, the nomination period is extended to Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

A filing fee of \$25 is required when filing nomination documents. In addition, candidates may submit an optional statement of qualifications for a charge of \$255 that will be printed in the sample ballot and mailed to all registered voters.

For more information, prospective candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the City Clerk's office by calling (925) 931-5027.

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# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### **Identity theft from county fair ATMs not likely**

Two reports have been filed at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office from people believing their identities were stolen after using an ATM at the Alameda County Fairgrounds during the annual fair. The sheriff's office received several phone calls regarding rumors of compromised ATM

machines that had spread from a recent public service announcement.

At this time they haven't confirmed that the ATMs led to the identity theft, saying there was little proof and the victims' information was likely stolen prior to the fair. The sheriff's office said because identity theft is so rampant, they encourage residents to regularly monitor account activity and run a credit check at least once a year.

## Police Report

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

### **July 21**

- Theft:
  - 9:48 a.m. in the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road; petty theft
  - 1:44 p.m. in the 1500 block of Mendoza Court; grand theft
  - 2:07 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge mall Road; grand theft
  - 2:40 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; grand theft
  - 4:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive; petty theft
  - 5:59 p.m. in the 3500 block of Chippendale Court; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 12:38 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 8:02 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 12:40 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
  - 10:40 p.m. at the intersection of Del Valle parkway and Hometown Way; paraphernalia possession
- Forgery:
  - 4:34 p.m. in the 3400 block of Kamp Drive

### **July 22**

- Theft:
  - 10:04 a.m. in the 6300 block of Inglewood Drive; petty theft
  - 8:20 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 9:30 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; identity theft
- Vandalism:
  - 12:37 p.m. in the 3400 block of Dennis Drive
  - 1:00 p.m. in the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; worth less than \$400
  - 4:07 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; worth more than \$400
- Drug violations:
  - 9:53 p.m. on Riddell Street; marijuana possession
  - 11:51 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; under the influence of a controlled substance

### **July 23**

- Theft:
  - 9:25 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; petty theft
  - 12:29 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; grand theft
- Vehicular burglary:
  - 10:28 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 2:52 a.m. in the 4900 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
  - 6:40 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; DUI; minor transporting alcohol
  - 10:35 p.m. in the 3400 block of National Park Road; marijuana possession

### **July 24**

- Theft:
  - 8:20 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; petty theft
  - 11:31 a.m. in the 4100 block of Walnut Drive; grand theft
  - 8:41 p.m. in the 900 block of Sycamore Creek Way; grand theft
- Burglary:
  - 8:06 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
  - 9:38 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; vehicular burglary
  - 11:32 a.m. in the 7600 block of Driftwood Way; vehicular burglary
  - 1:35 p.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road; vehicular burglary
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 12:20 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive; marijuana possession
  - 1:52 a.m. on Rose Avenue; DUI
  - 2:01 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
  - 11:01 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of a controlled substance for sale
- Embezzlement:
  - 10:25 a.m. in the 5600 block of Gibraltar Drive

### **July 25**

- Theft:
  - 12:32 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive; identity theft
  - 12:59 p.m. in the 4800 block of Mohr Avenue; petty theft
  - 2:08 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 6:02 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
  - 7:33 p.m. in the 2500 block of Grappa Place; grand theft
- Burglary:
  - 12:59 in the 4800 block of Mohr Avenue
  - 3:14 p.m. in the 1700 block of Nursery Way; vehicular burglary
- Drug violations:
  - 12:47 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; marijuana possession
  - 3:52 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street
  - 5:15 p.m. in the 6100 block of Inglewood Drive; under the influence of a controlled substance
- Assault:
  - 2:26 p.m. in the 7800 block of Knollbrook Drive
- Forgery:
  - 12:32 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Indecent exposure:
  - 9:52 a.m. in the 7100 block of Koll Center Parkway



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# Transitions

## Obituaries

### Darleen McDaniel

Darleen Dolores McDaniel died July 16 at the age of 82.

Mrs. McDaniel was born April 2, 1926 in Chico, Calif. to William Ulysses and Donna Moore McDaniel, the sixth of seven children, all of whom preceded her in death.

After earning an architectural degree from the University of Oregon, she began an exciting and varied career, during which she pioneered many jobs for women. In 1948, she worked in the design office at Mare Island and was later assigned to be a submarine designer in Washington, D.C. In 1959, she became the first woman to take the Navy's course in naval architecture. In 1960, she went to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, beginning as a designer in the propulsion division. When she retired in 1986, she was a drafting superintendent in the Nuclear Test Engineering Division.

Other interests of hers included teaching engineering and geometry at Chabot College, bowling, play-

ing four instruments and being a band member, collecting awards for her artwork at the fair, and spearheading programs at the senior center where she lived and playing Skipbo. She was also an avid '49ers fan.

Mrs. McDaniel's upbeat, positive personality made her a friend to everyone. She said her greatest joy was finding the church that answered all her questions.

She was baptized June 14, 1975 into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and in 1987, served a mission in Washington D.C. South.

Services were held July 21. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Perpetual Education Fund, "In Memory of Darleen McDaniel," 50 E. North Temple, Floor 8, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

## Births

### Joel Scott Cotton

Joel Scott Cotton was born at 6:04 p.m. June 26 at Kaiser Permanente in Walnut Creek. He weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parents are Jeff and Rebecca Cotton, grandparents are Randy and Nancy Cotton and uncle is Chris Cotton, all of Pleasanton.



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### 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](http://www.pleasantonhotel.com) for menus and private party and catering details.

### Zorn's Restaurant

3015 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 462-0994. Located in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center, Zorn's serves breakfast all day. Open seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with breakfast and lunch specials. Dine in or take out. Catering also available.

## Asian-Pacific

### Mahalo Grille

425 Main St., Pleasanton, 462-2800. Treat yourself to a taste sensation at Mahalo Grille featuring a variety of Pacific seafood, Hawaiian fresh fish and shell fish, and "Mahalo" signa-

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## Barbecue

### Red Smoke Grill

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](http://www.redsmokegrill.com).

## Brewpub/Alehouse

### Main Street Brewery

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310 Main St., Pleasanton, 461-3113. Located on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, Stacey's is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, serving fresh California cuisine. Come as you are and enjoy our dining room, banquet room, outdoor patios and full bar. Visit [www.staceyscafe.com](http://www.staceyscafe.com).

## Catering

### Fontina's Catering

349 Main St., Downtown Pleasanton, 462-9299. Fontina Ristorante's award-winning menu can now be delivered to your home or office. Our lunch and dinner specialties feature homemade soups and pastas, premium seafood and meats, and a vegetarian menu. For parties of 10 or more, we'll include free dessert or 10 percent off your total bill (excluding tax).

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846-8112. The Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant has proudly provided our fine-dining restaurant, banquet and catering services in the Tri-Valley for over 25 years. We have multiple catering packages to choose from to fit any event & budget; we also tailor menus to fit client's needs. Executive Chef Chris Smith also offers an array of creative events from In-Home Personal Chef to Cooking Classes. Our commitment to provide the highest quality of food plus prompt and attentive service has given us a reputation we are very proud of. Contact

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## Chinese

### Chinese Szechuan

3059 Hopyard Road #G, Pleasanton, 846-5251. Chinese Szechuan is Pleasanton's best-loved Chinese restaurant. Family owned and run since 1987, it has friendly service, delicious food and great prices, including lunch specials and carry-out. A banquet room is available.

### Panda Mandarin Cuisine

30 W. Angela St., Pleasanton, 484-4880. Panda offers several delicious specials using fresh ingredients and spices that make traditional northern Chinese cuisine such a delight. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. A private banquet room is available. Visit [www.pandapleasanton.com](http://www.pandapleasanton.com).

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### Barone's

475 St. John St., Pleasanton, 426-0987. Pleasanton's most romantic continental cuisine restaurant features innovative pasta, seafood and meat entrees, outdoor dining, and a full bar. Barone's is open for dinner seven nights and lunch Monday through Friday, with live music on Friday and Saturday evenings. Ask about our banquet facilities and special events.

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## Italian

### Fontina Ristorante

349 Main St., Pleasanton, 462-9299. This popular downtown restaurant gets rave reviews from both locals and visitors. Fontina offers a changing, seasonal menu and daily specials—including homemade soups, pastas, seafood, chicken and veal—served in a comfortably elegant atmosphere. We have indoor and outdoor seating. Join us for Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch.

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by Gerarda Stocking

## HEY KIDS! MAKE MONEY IN YOUR SPARE TIME!

There were books that, years ago (and perhaps still today), suggested ways that children could earn money in their spare time. A lemonade stand, perhaps; or walking people's dogs once a day; or babysitting neighbors' rose bushes when they're away on vacation. That sort of thing. And the books almost always delightedly extolled the virtues of the garage sale.

A few suggestions to those who answer the call: Setting up a garage sale is probably about ten times more exhausting than you expected it to be. It's a bit like moving. You'll find things you've even forgotten you were looking for. Your life will pass before your eyes and wind up in a sprawling pile of used "stuff." It is therefore, emotional, potentially depressing and/or liberating, but also one of those midterm exams for all relationships in which two people reassess their time together and debate whether certain items should be saved, sold or sent to the junkyard.

To make all of this worthwhile, you need to market your garage sale. The more people know about it, the better—it's just like selling your home. And it follows, therefore, that you'll gain immensely by calling on your real estate professional for advice on how best to get the word out to the most possible people at the least expense. Call someone who knows how to market your home if you want to sell some of the "stuff" in it. Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

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### Girasole Grill

3180 Santa Rita Road at West Las Positas Boulevard, Pleasanton, 484-1001. Girasole, a locally owned family business, is an award winning California style Italian restaurant. It was voted Best Italian Restaurant by Pleasanton Weekly readers for 2007. We feature signature cuisine such as Scoozzi, Absolut! prawns, chicken gorgi, ppinach for Veronica, Tuscan pork and signature fresh seafood... just to name a few. We are upscale, but California casual with friendly prices.

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## Mexican

### Blue Agave Club

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

## Pizza

### Gay Nineties Pizza Co.

288 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-2520. Gay Nineties is family-oriented with

an extensive menu, including our renowned pizza, Italian dishes, salads and sandwiches. We also have wine, beer, patio dining and games for kids. Come for groups, take out and call-ahead lunch orders. We're open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## Steakhouse

### Bighorn Grill

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# Calendar

## Civic Meetings Clubs

**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.

**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.

**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 Lynnewood 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](http://www.prideofthepacific.org).

**Mortgage 101: The Mortgage Industry of Today** Las Positas Community Education presents Mortgage 101 at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the campus, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Easy-to-follow discussions and new information on a variety of topics. Class is \$20. Call 449-1275 or visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed).

**Amador Valley Quilters Meeting** Amador Valley Quilters members will present a program about our many friendship groups within the guild. There will be a workshop on Crayola Gardens. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. For information, visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**Livermore Lioness Club** The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. The Lioness Club is a service club, sponsored by the Livermore Lions Club, that helps many worthy causes in our community. Lioness main focus areas are women, children and family issues, in addition to helping the blind. Call 443-4543 for more information.

**Widowed Men and Women** The group meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Dublin Public Library at 1:30 p.m. The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California will meet for breakfast at Vic's All Star Kitchen on at 10 a.m. Aug. 2 with optional shopping at the nearby Farmers' Market to follow. Guests are welcome. Advance reservation requested. The speaker for our Aug. 5 meeting will be David Stegman, executive director of the Valley Humane Society. Call 606-0407.

**Widowed Men and Women** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California will meet for a champagne brunch 11:45 a.m. Aug. 10 at Faz Restaurant in the Four Points Sheraton, 5121 Hopyard Road. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$25.50 per person. RSVP by Aug. 6 with payment. Call 830-8483.

## Events

**Annual Pooch Parade** Pretty your pup for the Annual Pooch Parade Aug. 6 at Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets. All pooches are welcome. It is \$10 per category entry and all proceeds go to TriValley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Visit [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org).

**Art in Carnegie Park** Family fun at historic Carnegie Park in Livermore. Local artists will display paintings for sale, with live music, food and local wines. Free event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 2. For information, visit [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org).

## Exhibits

**Art Under the Arch** Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St., invites the public to

join them Aug. 2 for an art exhibition featuring the fine art of local artists in the outdoor patio area from 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Event is free. Call 846-6015.

**Studio 7 Fine Arts—Dr. Seuss Art** Studio 7, 400 Main St., will be unveiling one of Dr. Seuss' most poignant political cartoons which is being made available for the first time ever. This exhibition offers an unusual glimpse into the sociopolitical-minded imagination from the world's most celebrated icon of popular culture. Call 846-4322 or email to [info@studio7finearts.com](mailto:info@studio7finearts.com).

## Fundraisers

**Broadway Revue for Habitat** Coldwell Banker Pleasanton will sponsor a Broadway Revue to benefit Habitat for Humanity East Bay from 8 to 10 p.m. Aug. 2 at Acc'sentials, 520 Main St. The event, to be held in Acc'sentials' garden courtyard in downtown Pleasanton, features top Bay area singers and musicians and includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. Call 784-3068 for tickets, which are \$50.

**Hot August Nights Car Show** A charity car show and open house takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 300 Neal St. The Cooltones will perform and includes food by Kinders BBQ. Donations accepted. Contact Leah, 963-5147 or [leahsloane@lifegen.net](mailto:leahsloane@lifegen.net), to show a car.

**Pleasanton/Tulancingo BBQ** A tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings, full mariachi band, live auction, MC-KGO'S Gary Hanson and no-host bar are part of the festivities for the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City BBQ. Celebrating 25 years this year. The event will be from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Ivy Glen area of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Membership not required to attend. Tickets are \$30 and are sold through the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Call 462-6723.

## Health

**Free Seminar on Spine Pain Treatments** Learn about treatments for Spinal Stenosis at two seminars. Spine Surgeons, Hieu Ball, M.D., and Vikram Talwar, M.D., each will present a seminar Aug. 7. Seminars are from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the South Conference Room, South Building on San Ramon Regional Medical Center's medical campus, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 275-8230.

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## Kids & Teens

**Model Search for Girls** PartyBees is looking for volunteer girls to model clothes at a Limited Too Back-To-School Fashion Show Aug. 16 at Stoneridge Shopping Center. Tryouts to be held at PartyBees from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 10. Girls ages 5 to 13 are eligible to model. Call 249-9233.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Free American Military Research Seminar** At 8:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the LDS Church, 950 Mocho St., Livermore, the Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society, in association with the Livermore Family History Center, will present a free seminar to help genealogists find ancestors through online military records and the use of Footnote.com. Presenters will be Susan Goss Johnston and Trevor Hammond. Call 447-3898.

## Live Music

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band** The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The band will be playing a variety of musical styles including selections from patriotic songs, oldies, pops and marches. For information, call 846-9497 or visit [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

## Miscellaneous

**Peace Vigil** Pleasantonians 4 Peace is again sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. at 7 p.m. Aug. 13. They will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond.

## On Stage

**The Good Person of Szechuan** City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the all-female Woman's Will production of Bertolt Brecht's play "The Good Person of Szechuan" at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Audiences are welcome to bring

picnics and lawn chairs to the early evening show. Call 931-5340.

## Seniors

**Wellness Defined** It is never too late to develop healthier lifestyle habits to fend off illness. Dr. Robert Walsh defines "wellness" and presents common sense, time-tested, proven advice for better health through better living from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 12 at the senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.50 for residents or \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

## Spiritual

**Community Bible Study** Join CBS for a nondenominational, in-depth study of the book of Revelation for women, along with a children's program (infant to elementary age), for 30 weeks. The class will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court. The women's and children's classes run concurrently. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. Call 209-0242 or visit [www.communitybiblestudy.org](http://www.communitybiblestudy.org).

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** Tri-Valley Unity Church welcomes guest speaker Rev. Margaret Stortz on Aug. 3, to speak on the "Five Commandments of Spirituality." All are welcome. Service at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) or call 829-2733.

## Sports

**Beginners Lacrosse** Beginners lacrosse will be taught by high school coaches and players on five Sundays, from July 13 through Aug. 10. Sessions are from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Hart Middle School, 4423 Willow Road. Cost is \$75 and includes full gear rental. Register online at [www.pleasantonlacrosse.com](http://www.pleasantonlacrosse.com). For information, call Rory Manley at 200-2271.

**Fastpitch Tryouts** Lady Hustle Fastpitch will be holding tryouts in August for the fall season. Tournaments begin Sept. 6. For session details, visit [www.ladyhustle-fastpitch.com](http://www.ladyhustle-fastpitch.com).

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Jason Anaya of Anaya Photography

## PVC Dolphins win VSL Championship

Pleasanton Valley Swim Club won the Valley Swim League Championship for the third consecutive year on Saturday, July 26. PVC swimmers won 40 events out of 80 during the meet at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. The Dolphins also took 13 relays out of 24.

PVC was the top of eight teams, with the final score coming in as follows: Pleasanton Valley Swim Club-2001, Rhonewood-1637.5, Sunset-1541, Castlewood-1324.5, Livermore Valley Tennis Club-1298, San Ramon-1284, Ruby Hill (Rip Tide)-808, Lifestyle Rx-729.

PVC also broke seven league records Sat., including a three event record setting streak in backstroke, first by Ali Gonsman (32.96), fol-

lowed by Bryce McLaggan (32.23) and then by Claire McLaggan (31.07).

Dolphins who won Gold Medals in individual events (and some more than one) include Caroline Gjerde, Travis Silva, Camaryn Butler, Matthew Dotson, Thomas Gjerde, Ali Gonsman, Bryce McLaggan and Claire McLaggan in Free. Camaryn Butler, Matthew Dotson and Rachel Butler took gold for Fly. In Breast, gold went to Tommy Scavone, Addison McLaggan, Taylor Truex and Audrye McLaggan. Taylor Truex, Bryce McLaggan, Claire McLaggan and Chris Dotson earned gold in the 100 IM. For Back, Julia Gonsman, Alan Thomas, Rachel Butler, Ali Gonsman, Bryce McLaggan, Claire McLaggan and Emily Pease earned gold.

## Tri-Valley swim championships this Sat.

On Saturday, the Tri-Valley Swim League will hold their 2008 championship swim meet at the Robert Livermore Pool (4444 East Ave., Livermore). Directions can be found on the league website at <http://www.trivalleyswim.us/>.

The meet will feature competitors from eight teams in the league. The teams are the Briar Hill Barracudas, Club Sport Pleasanton Tidal Waves, Del Prado Stingrays, Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center Piranhas, Dublin Green Gators, FAST Dolphins, Pleasanton Meadows Sharks and the Ruby Hill Killer Whales.

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## PFL 10 year-old All Stars take 2nd in Danville

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