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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Jill Buck, our ambassador for the environment

Jill Buck, who founded the Pleasanton PTA Council a few years ago and casually launched her "Go Green" initiative at Walnut Grove Elementary School has become a nationally-known ambassador on a variety of environmental issues. Her name and the program she advocates are everywhere, from a "Go Green" radio program on Voice of America to serving as environmental educator on the Water Tech e-News daily report on water quality issues. More than 1.5 million students and teachers in the U.S. and around the world are a part of registered Go Green Initiative (GGI) schools. Google her name and a list of publications and presentations fills three printed pages, including Newsday, Fox Business News, the China Business Network and, of course, the Pleasanton Weekly. Because of her good work on behalf of the environment and education in Pleasanton, we named her our Woman of the Year last November.

The growth of the Go Green Initiative is truly exponential. Just three years ago, the GGI had 170 registered schools, 125,000 students and 9,000 teachers, and Buck was thrilled. Now, midway through 2008, the group has 1,500 schools, 1.5 million students and over 113,000 teachers. Her organization operates in 13 countries: the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bosnia, Cameroon, Greece, India, Indonesia, Macedonia, Netherlands, the Philippines, Uganda and the U.K. Its website receives over 2 million hits a month. And the best part is that the GGI is free to all schools. Following Buck's comprehensive environmental improvement plan, schools participating in the Go Green Initiative worldwide are reporting remarkable results when it comes to waste diversion, the first program of its kind to teach school communities to quantify and report these types of numbers. The success Buck is having in environmental actions is all the more remarkable

because nothing is being mandated or legislated. Schools across the globe are involved because they want to be, not because they have to be. Buck finds it inspiring to see this level of voluntary stewardship, all at no cost to taxpayers.

The numbers speak for themselves. Buck reports that between December 2005 and last March, Go Green schools kept more than 7 million pounds of recyclables out of the world's landfills. These schools avoided the use of: 44 billion BTUs of energy use, 2,604 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, 18,606,000 gallons of water, 1 million gallons of oil, and 9,653 cubic yards of landfill space—all due to paper recycling alone. And Buck's network continues to grow. Her program materials have been translated into Spanish, French and Mandarin, and have been asked to translate the program into Japanese, Modern Hebrew, Russian, Arabic and German. Also, by promoting environmental stewardship at schools, the Go Green movement works to involve families, businesses and local governments in the common goal of protecting human health through environmental stewardship.

Since its inception in July 2002, the Go Green Initiative has been endorsed by the National School Boards Association, National Recycling Coalition, adopted by eight state PTA Boards, implemented in all 50 states. After stepping down from leading the Pleasanton PTA Council, Buck ran unsuccessfully in 2006 for the California State Assembly and also interviewed, but was not chosen for an appointment to the Pleasanton school board. Frankly, I'm glad she doesn't have these other time-consuming commitments that might have distracted her from providing environmental leadership to school children throughout the world. She's indeed a remarkable ambassador from Pleasanton and an accomplished leader in helping to save our planet. ■

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## Town Square Forum



### About the Cover

Dogs stole the spotlight at the August First Wednesday Street Party as a part of the annual Pooch Parade. Put on by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers, the event drew 169 dogs, many that were dressed up in costume, and serves as a fundraiser for the group of volunteers who train puppies to eventually guide the blind. Pictured is Emma Furr, 10, with Ginger.

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# Streetwise

**Q:** What do you think about S.F. mayor Gavin Newsom's gubernatorial aspirations?

Asked Downtown



**Jen Brioschi**  
Civil Engineer

He would be a breath of fresh air for California. His youth would be an asset in helping California continue into the future. He is not a jaded politician; he has new ideas and the ability to think outside of the box.

**Ricardo Valdez Jr.**

Retired

I think the possibility of him being elected is good. I think he is a bit too liberal on some issues. My wife is all for it. She loves him, but I think my vote against him will cancel hers out.



**Martha Baker**  
Logistics Coordinator

I think he has been a good mayor for San Francisco. He has fought for the rights of San Franciscans and I think he would do the same for Californians as governor. We need a well rounded governor interested in everyone's concerns, not just the left or right and I think Gavin Newsom is versatile.

**Jason Carrel**

Trade Regulations

I think he is a dynamic politician. I think he is going to have a difficult time reaching out to a very diverse set of political beliefs here in California. He has done extraordinarily well in San Francisco but San Francisco is by far not a microcosm of greater California, which will have strong political views from the other side and I don't know if he can effectively maneuver in that environment.



**Andreas Mendieta**  
Student

I don't think it is a bad idea but I doubt he'll win. Gavin Newsom has a large supportive base in San Francisco but I doubt his support will be widespread throughout California. I think the mayor of Los Angeles is a more well rounded Democrat and has a better shot.

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)  
Compiled by Cybele Ryan

# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Local DMV to close Saturday

Many Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regularly scheduled for Saturday service, including the Pleasanton office on West Las Positas Boulevard, will be closed on some Saturdays. The closures are due to the delayed state budget and staffing constraints.

### Do good-guy vampires exist?

Pleasanton resident and author Timothy W. Massie introduces readers to "good-guy vampires" in his novel "Death by the Drop." Massie will present his humorous and adventurous book when he visits Towne Center Books, located at 555 Main St., from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Aug. 21. For event details, visit [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com).

### Help a good cause on a starry night

Pleasanton North Rotary presents A Starry Night Gala at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27. The evening includes food, entertainment, a hosted bar and auctions hosted by CBS 5's Brian Hackney, to support the School of Imagination in Dublin and the Wheelchair Foundation. Tickets are \$200, with \$125 being tax deductible, and raffle tickets for \$100. Call 556-2380 or visit [pnr-rotary.org](http://pnr-rotary.org).

### 'Camp' to raise money for MDA

The East Bay Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is looking for "campers" to raise funds for Bay Area kids with neuromuscular diseases to go to summer camp. "Campers" are members of the public with the goal of each raising \$2,400—the cost of sending three kids to camp for a week. The fundraisers will go to a "mock camp," set up at McNamara's Steak and Chop House at 7400 San Ramon Road in Dublin. To donate, checks can be sent to 1800 Sutter St, Ste. 820, Concord, CA 94520 or brought to the event. For more information, call 356-0114.

### Corrections

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## It's Brozosky v. Hosterman again

Former councilman, who lost by 188 votes in 2006, will try a second time for the mayor's post

by Jeb Bing

**M**ayor Jennifer Hosterman will face former councilman Steve Brozosky again in the mayor's race on Nov. 4.

Brozosky, who lost to Hosterman by only 188 votes out of 23,271 cast in the 2006 municipal election for mayor, emerged at the deadline last Friday as the lone candidate to file for the office out of four who had vowed to unseat Hosterman. The other three—former Planning Commissioner Mary Roberts and current planning commissioners Anne Fox and Greg O'Connor, who chose not to run—are expected to support Brozosky.

All four are supporters of the Save Pleasanton's Hills citizens' coalition that is fielding an initiative on the Nov. 4 ballot that would block most

development on steep hillsides and ridges.

Hosterman, on the other hand, with the support of councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Cheryl-Cook-Kallio, not only opposed the coalition's initiative but the council majority voted to place a competing measure on the same ballot that also would curb hillside development, but only after detailed public studies and hearings.

Both Brozosky and Hosterman ran spirited campaigns in 2006, with Brozosky's campaign team accusing Hosterman of misusing her city-issued cell phone and email accounts to solicit votes and campaign funds. Later, however, after an investigation into those charges, the Alameda County State's Attorney's office found no reason to press charges.

Brozosky was at the First Wednesday Street

Party last week with former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, a sponsor of the hillside development ban initiative and champion of two efforts by Save Pleasanton's Hills that raised up to 5,000 signatures on two recent measures. The group is expected to play an influential role in Brozosky's election campaign.

"I think in the mayor and council races, the debate may be less on the merit of the initiatives and more on the process of your government participating with you as opposed to working against you," Brozosky said. "It's not that easy to collect 5,000 signatures. It takes a lot of people and dedicated time to go out there and talk to people and collect signatures. The council

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Jay Flachsbarrh

### Showered with love

SPCA volunteer Barbara Tillinghast of Danville and her boyfriend Kelly McHugh give Buster a wash at the Dublin animal shelter. Buster's owner is a veteran who was participating last weekend at the East Bay Stand Down, held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Buster's care was a free service of Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, which partnered this year with the Stand Down event, designed to help military veterans. The Stand Down, held for four days last week, provided up to 500 homeless, displaced and needy veterans medical and dental services, counseling and legal assistance.

## Shutout loss ends a miraculous season

Pleasanton American Little League All Stars fall to Hawaii 8-0, return to hometown

by Janet Pelletier

**I**t's the end of the road for the Pleasanton American Little League All-Stars, who gave a valiant effort toward becoming the Western Regional champions to try for a spot in the Little League World Series, but lost 8-0 last Friday in San Bernardino. But while the team is disappointed, they're thankful for an experience that they'll never forget.

"We got beat by a better team when it's all said and done," said team manager Ron Anderson.

Pleasanton American, representing Northern California in the game, was overrun by Waipio Little League of Waipio, Hawaii.

"They had good pitching depth and good defense," Anderson said. "We just really didn't

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## No minors at First Wed. beer garden

Police say underage drinking, aggressive groups put children in danger

by Emily West

**P**eople wanting to knock back a beer or sip a glass of wine while listening to The Houserockers band during the August First Wednesday Street Party may have noticed a change to the beer and wine garden. Starting with the party on Aug. 6, police have limited minors from entering the area.

The same rules will stand at the last First Wednesday Street Party of the season, coming up Sept. 3.

Lt. Tom Fenner of the Pleasanton Police Department said they have already increased the number of officers at the events and there were several "red flags" that went off over the course of this year's festivities, which included aggressive patrons to the beer garden and underage drinking.

"We noticed since the beginning of the year we've been seeing much more aggressive groups entering, including the late teens supposedly with family members, and those in their early 20s, continued to be rowdy," he said. "We monitored them and decided to make a change in August and September to make things safer and see how it would change."

The beer garden's central location makes it a prime spot to host the night's performers, which draws the young and old to dance along to the music. Some residents with children have expressed disappointment with the new enforcement, including Will Harbourne, who wrote a Letter to the Editor to the Weekly, asking if the public should now be concerned that other family-friendly events could change, such as the summer Concerts in the Park series.

With evidence for potential violence, Fenner said the concern is for the children and others who could be in harm's way.

Fenner said the beer garden was getting so

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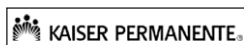
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**A special cause**

*Nonprofit aiding people with developmental disabilities looks to golf tournament to raise needed funds*

by Janet Pelletier

Three percent or 1,000 people living in the Tri-Valley are developmentally disabled adults. Many are living under the care of family members, but it's Tom Morelli's chief goal to help this population thrive and live more independent lives.

The chairman and founder of HOUSE, which stands for Housing Options Utilizing Supportive Environments, founded the nonprofit organization nearly two decades ago with the goal of enabling people with special needs to stay in the area.

"HOUSE was started 19 years ago to help families of children with developmental disabilities whose vision was to not have to have their children leave Pleasanton and go to a group home somewhere else," Morelli said.

HOUSE owns six residences in the area, three in Pleasanton and three in Livermore. Residents at the homes are already living in the Tri-Valley or have an immediate family member who lives here.

"The key to what we're doing is that with our residents of the Tri-Valley with developmental disabilities, you grow up in Pleasanton, you know the shops in Pleasanton, you know the bus line in Pleasanton, etc.," Morelli said. "Why should

they have to go to Oakland to live or San Jose? That's what we're all about."

The homes that HOUSE purchases are partially funded by the federal government for low-income housing. A total of 19 residents live in the six homes with the last home purchased two years ago.

There are three types of housing among the six residences which are specified by the federal government: residential living, supported living and independent living. Residential living has the most oversight with round-the-clock supervision and care, while supported living features structured support for help in cooking, doing laundry and other daily tasks, and independent living features anywhere from eight to 20 hours of coaching on personal finance, hygiene and health care. The program has met success. Residents such as Victor Almeida have started in the most supervised setting and attained more independence over time. Almeida now lives with a roommate in Dublin and the two share cooking and household duties.

"He went from washing cars a couple days a week to getting a full-time job that gave him the financial where-with-all to move up," Morelli said.

HOUSE works with a number

of local businesses, Pleasanton North Rotary Club and East Bay Innovations to help residents obtain work. It also receives aid from the Rotary Club, whose members have helped with house maintenance and repair work.

In addition to HOUSE, Morelli also started the Morelli Charitable Fund, later named the Tri-Valley Special Needs Fund. Between HOUSE and the special needs fund, efforts are made possible by their only fundraiser of the year, the Tri-Valley Special Needs Fund Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held Monday at Sunol Valley Golf Club. Last year, of the \$59,000 that was raised, \$51,000 of it will be put toward the purchase of a seventh home and the rest went to the many programs HOUSE provides: nutrition, fitness, socialization and education.

"It's the only fundraiser we do," Morelli said.

But a sluggish economy has made the tournament more challenging this year and more participants are needed to raise money. Morelli said those interested in participating in the golf tournament can contact him through the end of the weekend on his cell phone, 963-6591. More information about the tournament is available at [www.tvsnf.org/golf2008.html](http://www.tvsnf.org/golf2008.html). ■

**Mayor**

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should respect that process instead of saying that it just takes three of us to put something on the ballot."

"Whether they agreed with the citizens' initiative or not, the council members should have argued the merits of the initiative and let the voters decide," he added. "But by putting their own initiative on the ballot, they've created divisiveness. They're saying that the 5,000 people who signed this initiative don't know what they're talking about and they're going to save them. I think that's arrogance."

Hosterman, who left last Friday for a two-week vacation in Hawaii with her husband Michael, a Pleasanton attorney, said she is proud of the accomplishments achieved in the four years she has served as mayor and the two years before that when she was a city councilwoman.

Elected in to the council in 2002, she became the first woman to serve as mayor of Pleasanton when she was elected in 2004, defeating Councilwoman Kay Ayala for the post. Because of term limits, she can seek the mayor's office two more times—this year and again in 2010.

"We have achieved a very special quality of life in our city, expanded and preserved open space, strengthened public safety, and kept our city's financial base strong," Hosterman told the Weekly before leaving on vacation.

"We have taken the lead in energy conservation, we're recycling and green building and are establishing new open space with trails."

"We have the finest public safety workers, police and fire in California," she added. "While other cities are being forced to cut back, Pleasanton has just opened a new award-winning fire station. Our 'Shop Pleasanton' campaign is a success and Pleasanton has become a destination city for new business because of our schools, mixed housing stock and strong community feel."

"With continued prudent management, we will go on delivering quality services to residents and businesses alike," she continued. "We have set aside reserves against an economic downturn and are taking steps to make sure we can provide city services more efficiently."

Brozosky, currently a member of the Pleasanton school board who plans to leave that position in November, said he doesn't think the current council majority, including Hosterman, is listening to the people who voted them into office. He cited the council majority's decision to ignore the Save Pleasanton's Hills 5,000-voter-strong coalition's initiative as evidence that citizens' demands are not being heard by the majority. Instead, he said, the majority voted to put a competing measure on the ballot that could confuse voters.

Hosterman and councilmembers Kallio and Thorne voted to place the competing council measure on the ballot. Councilmembers Cindy

McGovern and Matt Sullivan voted against the plan.

Asked if the two competing initiatives will be the focus of the campaign, Brozosky said it would be the process more than the measures that would be debated.

"Whether they intended to do it or not, the council majority was saying that you can't fight City Hall," he said. "I don't think that encourages participation. I believe that's an abuse of power."

Brozosky said that as mayor, he would work to change that. He would let citizens who are addressing the council speak longer and would encourage dialogue between those speakers and the lawmakers.

"The difference between letting someone speak and listening to them is very different," he said. "Right now, people are being allowed three minutes but they don't feel they're being listened to. If you have something happening in town and you think it's affecting your quality of life, you want to be listened to and actually have a dialogue. People don't feel like they're being heard. They're frustrated."

"I want people to come to council meetings and feel they are part of this community," he added. "Just the chance to go up and speak is not enough."

The final results of the 2006 mayoral race gave Hosterman 50.15 percent of the total votes cast for mayor, or 11,671, to Brozosky's 49.34 percent, or 11,483. There were 1,170 write-in votes for other individuals. ■

Citizens Watchdog Committee 6th annual REPORT to the Public

In November 2008 Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the county's half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan for use of the resultant revenues.

Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to monitor all ACTIA expenditures, projects and programs for compliance with the Expenditure Plan including timely delivery of projects.

The CWC has been meeting regularly since June 2001. Our meetings are open to the public. Meeting schedules and agendas are available on ACTIA's website (www.actia2022.com).

SUMMARY

ACTIA's financial statements for fiscal year ending 2007 were audited by an independent firm. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion and no accounting concerns were identified.

CWC members have reviewed the Audited Statement of Revenues and Expenditures under Measure B from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. In summary, of the \$121.8 million recorded as revenue, \$3.2 million has been set aside for future expenditures and \$118.6 million was allocated to local jurisdictions, capital projects, and administration.

By December 31st each year, each jurisdiction receiving ACTIA funds is contractually required to submit a report summarizing programmatic compliance, an independent audit of ACTIA funded programs, and a compliance opinion stating material compliance with the ACTIA contract signed by an independent auditor.

CWC reviewed the independent compliance audits of all jurisdictions receiving Measure B funds. We likewise commend these partner agencies for passing their compliance audits.

We note that, of the 27 ACTIA capital projects, seven still need additional time to secure full funding or environmental clearance. Of those seven, three remain of particular concern to the CWC due to funding uncertainties or failure to meet the required environmental clearance timelines.

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Total revenues for fiscal year 2006/2007 were \$121.8 million. Audited expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2007 totaled \$118.6 million. \$57.4 million (47.1% of revenues) for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and disabled.

CWC ACTIVITIES

The CWC reviews projects and programs to monitor compliance with the Expenditure Plan approved by the voters. The CWC meets annually with ACTIA's independent auditors to review their auditing processes.

In addition, CWC has the authority to request additional specific information

to verify the accuracy of the financial statements. Ad-hoc committees are convened to focus on particular projects or program issues and representatives of sponsoring agencies meet with committee members to clarify issues of concern.

CWC RECOMMENDATIONS

This year the CWC formed two ad-hoc committees to review issues surrounding the use of Measure B funds:

I-580/BART to Livermore Studies. The CWC was concerned that Measure B funds would be used to purchase right of way for highway widening on I-580 when additional transit planning studies were needed.

I-680 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes/Express Lanes. The CWC was concerned that revenue derived from the I-680 HOT lanes would be used for freeway construction, rather than transit operations and HOT lane operations in the corridor.

KEEPING WATCH

The CWC routinely receives updates on the progress of project and program implementation. We continue to monitor the delivery of projects and programs, particularly in relation to deadlines and requirements detailed in the voter-approved Expenditure Plan.

A key goal of the Expenditure Plan is that projects be completed in a timely manner. Accordingly, all project sponsors were required to obtain environmental clearance and commitments for full funding by April 1, 2007, five years after the new Measure B went into effect.

There is also continuing uncertainty about the funding of some projects; particularly as many rely on money from a variety of government sources. Monies once targeted for certain projects may not materialize if economic conditions or budget priorities change.

ACTIA PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Measure B funds, net of administrative costs, are separated into two broad streams: 60% for Programs which are distributed to local jurisdictions, primarily on a formula basis and through competitive grants, and 40% for capital Projects designated in the Expenditure Plan.

ACTIA PROGRAMS

Measure B allocated a fixed percentage of its revenues to each of five programs. For the most part, these funds are passed through monthly to cities, the county, and transit agencies on a formula basis; a small portion is also distributed via discretionary grants.

Mass Transit (21.9% of net sales tax revenues)

Monthly allocations fund transit operations for AC Transit, WHEELS in East County, Union City Transit, Altamont Commuter Express Rail, and the Alameda-Oakland Ferry.

Local Streets and Roads (22.3% of net sales tax revenues)

Monthly allocations are made to every Alameda County jurisdiction for local transportation improvements. These are the most flexible Measure B funds.

Jurisdictions use their funds in a variety of ways to meet their locally determined transportation priorities.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Funds (5% of net sales tax revenues)

These funds are allocated monthly to jurisdictions and through competitive grants. ACTIA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviews and recommends the allocation of the competitive grants.

Special Transportation for Seniors and Disabled (10.5% of net sales tax revenues)

Most of these funds are allocated on a monthly basis to cities and transit operators for their ongoing senior and disabled transportation programs. In June 2008, the ACTIA Board approved \$10.1 million for on-going special transportation services.

Transit Center Development (0.2% of net sales tax revenues)

This small funding stream is used to leverage other funds. The ACTIA Board funded the local match for grants and studies related to the implementation of transit center development projects.

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Station Area Planning grants for the Cities of Alameda, Pleasanton, and San Leandro
MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities grants for the Cities of Livermore, Fremont, Oakland, and Berkeley
Transit Oriented Development Technical Advisory Program

ACTIA PROJECTS

The voters approved 26 capital projects throughout the County for infrastructure improvements such as BART and rail extensions, transit vehicles, highway expansions, local streets and roads, intermodal and other local projects.

Completed Projects

- Fruitvale Transit Village parking garage
Newark Local Streets
San Leandro's Hesperian/Lewelling Widening Phase 1
San Leandro's Westgate to Williams Street Extension Phase 1
The ACTIA portion of the Vasco Road project
Oakland Local Streets and Roads
I-680/880 Cross Connector Study
The I-580/BART to Livermore Study Projects under construction
Four projects are under construction:
I-238 Widening
Union City Intermodal
Telegraph Avenue Rapid Bus (bus shelters and signage)
Oakland Downtown Streetscape Project

PROJECTS GRANTED EXTENSIONS IN APRIL 2008

The CWC receives updates on the progress of project and program implementation and monitors their delivery, particularly in relation to deadlines and requirements detailed in the voter-approved Expenditure Plan.

Of the seven projects with extensions, four were to obtain environmental clearance, two to secure full funding and one to do both. The sponsors of these projects are optimistic that the environmental clearances will ultimately be received and that funding will materialize.

The BART extension to Warm Springs (WSX) is the largest transit project in the Measure B program, and Measure B funding for it totals nearly a quarter of a billion dollars. A gap exists between the estimated cost and the timing of fund availability.

The Dumbarton Corridor Improvements project received a two-year extension to secure both environmental clearance and funding.

This project is facing both environmental impacts as well as funding challenges. Environmental clearance is expected in 2009, which would also include a fundable and phaseable alternative.

The City of Hayward was granted a two-year environmental extension for the I-880/State Route 92 Reliever Route - Clawiter/Whitesell Interchange so that they could define a fundable project within this corridor.

The four remaining projects granted extensions are expected to achieve environmental approval or funding within the time frame approved by the Board.

- BART Oakland Airport Connector Project
International/Telegraph Corridor Full Bus Rapid Transit
I-580 Auxiliary Lane Project
Route 84 Expressway

GUARDING YOUR INVESTMENT

Measure B funds have already been allocated for most projects. Contracts between ACTIA and each sponsor require the return of Measure B funds should a project be canceled or if the Board declines to grant future extensions.

PROSPECTS AND CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE

On-going difficulties still exist in securing local, state and federal dollars to provide the balance of funding for Measure B projects. Partly because Measure B projects depend on a variety of funds, seven projects have failed to meet deadlines to receive environmental clearance and have full funding.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete Expenditure Plan and this report are available on the ACTIA website, www.actia2022.com. Copies are also available, as are audits for each agency, at the Authority offices at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

A CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ACTIA and the CWC invite your participation in delivering the ACTIA projects and programs through four public committees composed of 90 people: the Citizen Watchdog Committee, the Citizen Advisory Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee.

Citizens Watchdog Committee members are private citizens who are not elected officials at any level of government, nor public employees from agencies that either oversee or benefit from the proceeds of the sales tax.

CWC MEMBERS (FY 2007/08)

- Name: Appointed By
Robert A. Bonta: Supervisor Alice Lai Bitker, D-3
Joan C. Braun: Supervisor Nate Miley, D-4
Elizabeth Cooley: Alameda County Mayor's Conference, D-5
Tom Dlugosh: Alameda County Mayor's Conference, D-3
Arthur B. Geen: Alameda County Taxpayers Association
Jo Ann Lew: Alameda County Mayor's Conference, D-2
James Paxson: East Bay Econ Development Alliance
Robert Piper: Sierra Club
Robert Raburn: East Bay Bicycle Coalition
Joyce Roy: League of Women Voters
Jeffery J. Skahill: Supervisor Keith Carson, D-5
Dave Stark: Supervisor Scott Haggerty, D-1
Hale Zukas: Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee
Vacancy: Supervisor Gail Steele, D-2
Vacancy: Alameda County Mayor's Conference, D-1
Vacancy: Alameda County Mayor's Conference, D-4
Vacancy: Central Labor Council of Alameda County



Table 1 Measure B ACTIA Projects currently "Of Concern"

Notes: 1. Project cost includes escalation to mid-point of construction, but does not include financing costs. The current year cost, as presented in the ACTIA 2008/2009 Strategic Plan, for ACTIA #2 is \$747 million and for ACTIA #25 is \$515.5 million.

"Funding of concern" is subject to the programming and budgeting process of the various funding agencies, and could change. See text for details.

Table with 11 columns: # Project Name, Board Approved Extension Environmental Clearance, Full Funding Deadline, Current Project Cost (\$ Millions), Total Current Committed Funding (\$ Millions), Original Measure B Expenditure Plan Commitment in 1997-98 (\$ Millions), Escalated Measure B Commitment in 2008-09 (\$ Millions), Amount Allocated thru 2008-09 Strategic Plan (\$ Millions), Measure B Amount Expended thru 3/31/08 (\$ Millions), Funding Uncertainty (\$ Millions), Percentage of Funding Uncertainty to Current Project Cost (%).

## 2 incumbents, 2 newcomers try for 2 seats on council

by Jeb Bing

City Councilmembers Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan will seek reelection to second terms on Nov. 4, challenged by businessman Jerry Pentin and retired teacher Howard Neely for their seats.

Although each of the candidates is campaigning individually and is not associated with a political party or partisan cause, the public controversy over two competing measures aimed at banning development on Pleasanton ridges could influence this year's council races.

McGovern and Sullivan support a citizens' initiative that would immediately ban development on steep hillsides if it wins voter approval on Nov. 4. Pentin and Neely oppose that initiative and support a competing measure placed on the ballot by a City Council majority that would call for public hearings environmental reviews and consideration by city commissions before taking effect.

McGovern and Sullivan, both elected to the council in 2004, are completing their first four-year terms and are eligible to serve another four years. Term limits set the maximum time council members can serve at eight years.

Pentin is a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and has also served as its chairman. Long active in city and civic affairs, Pentin has been a member of the Pleasanton North Rotary Club since moving here 17 years ago. He owns Spring

Street Studios, a video production company that produces corporate videos as well as special videos for nonprofits.

Neely, who also served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, now is a member of the Task Force for Senior Housing and was a member of the city's Housing Commission. A retired high school teacher, he recently received the Ed Kinney Patriots Award, which was given at the Museum On Main.

Sullivan was a member of the Planning Commission from 1998 until his election to the council in 2004, and served as commission chairman in 2000. He also organized the Pleasanton Energy Committee in 2000, and served on the committee that evaluated the need for an interchange at I-680 and West Las Positas Boulevard.

On the council, he has also served as its representative to a number of local and regional committees, including the Tri-Valley Transportation Commission, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Pleasanton Economic Vitality Committee.

McGovern was a member of the Pleasanton school board for 10 years before her election to the City Council. She organized the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee, and has been a long-time advocate of building a youth center on the Bernal property, a community center, cultural arts facilities and more sports fields. ■

## Six to vie for three open Pleasanton school board seats

Filing deadline extended as two incumbents decide not to run

by Emily West

With outgoing school board members Kris Weaver and Steve Brozovsky not filing for re-election, as of press time, six candidates have met the extended deadline Wednesday to have their names included on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Candidate Valerie Arkin has been active in youth issues for the past 11 years. She has been involved in Mohr Elementary, Harvest Park Middle and Amador Valley High schools, as well as served as the program coordinator for seven years with the Parent-Child program with the Tri-Valley YMCA and on their board of directors for three years.

Her priorities include "continuing and improving the high academic standards, maintaining programs during budget challenges and ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of our students."

Longtime Pleasanton resident Stephen Page has two children in the school district and was in the running to replace Steve Pulido in January, when he was appointed to an Alameda County Superior Court judgeship.

His desire for schools to have independent oversight from conflict-free people is just part of the reason he decided to run. He hopes to reinforce excellence at all levels, from students to administration, to provide an education that would lead to future success. Another primary goal of Page's is to instill civics education in students for them

to become responsible citizens.

With a tight budget looming on the horizon, Page said there are a couple ways to deal with it, but overall raising taxes should only be used as a last resort that is up to the voters.

"First, one can eliminate waste, a painful process which depends upon prioritization," he said. "The second way to deal with it is to increase taxes or 'revenue.' Leading the creation and implementation of a rigorous prioritization process, is the first step, because raising taxes is in the hands of the collective wisdom of the voters, a big 'wild card.'"

Also adding his name to the list of candidates was Jeff Bowser, a product of Pleasanton schools who moved back after college to raise a family in the school district. In the past, he was a teacher and assistant principal at Village High School as well as a district officer and county office administrator.

Saying he's not here to change a lot of things, Bowser said he was running on the urging of the late and longtime school board member Juanita Haugen, and for the chance to give back to his community and to offer new and creative ways of thinking in times of a fiscal crisis. Asked if he would support a parcel tax, Bowser said he supports investigation to see if the community supports it.

Candidate Jamie Yee Hintzke, former PTA Council president, member of several committees and

resident of Pleasanton since 1969, said she hasn't made up her mind about the parcel tax either. She recommends putting together a study group and/or a parent group to tap into other ideas to see if a parcel tax or combination of it and something else would be the best route.

She says that the Pleasanton district is fortunate, but she wants to push it farther.

"I'm about going from good to great," she said. "Going a little deeper, wider and looking at ways to fund all these awesome things. It's so great we get to look at extras. It would be such an honor to be on the school board in a district that has so much going for it."

Current board member Chris Grant is hoping to continue his spot on the school board. Citing his passion for public education and service to schools, he hopes to use his business, budgeting and finance experience he has gained as a senior vice president of corporate development and investments at Kaiser Permanente.

He is a proponent of maintaining class size reduction, reading, science and math intervention programs. While commending the work of the district, he also pushes for improvement, saying student safety, continual student achievement and fiscal responsibility are his top priorities.

Prasad Rallapalli has filed, but was out of the country and unable to be contacted prior to press time. ■

## Court: citizens' group's time is running out

by Jeb Bing

The state Court of Appeal has sent an advisory note to the law firm representing the Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition that time is running out on filing a brief in its appeal of a Superior Court ruling that nullified the organization's signature-gathering effort to overturn a Pleasanton City Council decision.

Although the appellant's opening brief was due Aug. 5, the Appellate Court gave Attorney Christopher LeGras of the Palo Alto law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips until Aug. 25 to submit a brief explaining why he thinks the decision of Judge Frank Roesch of the Alameda County Superior Court last February should be overturned. Roesch stated in a ruling that the citizens' coalition and its principal sponsor, former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, had improperly obtained the 5,000 signatures it filed with the county Registrar's office to seek a referendum to overturn the council's decision.

At issue is a 4-1 vote by the council last fall giving approval

to developers Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic to build 51 custom homes on a 600-acre tract called Oak Grove that they own in the hills above Kottinger Ranch. As part of the development agreement, the Lins agreed to give nearly 500 acres of the wooded hilltop property to the city of Pleasanton free of charge for a public park, trails and open space. The Lins also agreed to give the city \$1 million in traffic mitigation fees and to buy a four-wheel emergency fire fighting vehicle for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

But opponents of the housing project quickly followed the City Council's vote with a signature-gathering drive that had to be completed in 30 days. Led by Ayala and homeowners in developments near Oak Grove, they worked through the Thanksgiving Day holiday to collect far more than the 3,700 signatures they needed from voters registered in Pleasanton. The signatures were enough to force a voter referendum on the council decision, but their action was halted by Roesch, who ruled in favor of the

Lins that the signature gathering process was flawed.

LeGras told the Weekly that the Court of Appeal's notice is routine and simply a notification that the grace period customarily given for filing opening briefs is approaching an end.

"These days, when there is usually a heavy volume of materials to be prepared and submitted, it's quite common for law firms to use all the time that's available to make their filings," LeGras said.

LeGras said that once the appellant's opening brief is filed, attorneys for the developers of Oak Grove will have the same amount of time to file their response. With cross-filings yet to come, it could be a number of months before the court actually considers the case, he said.

Jennifer and Frederic Lin, the Oak Grove property owners who filed the suit against the Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition, are represented by Randall Clark Morrison, an attorney with the San Francisco law firm of Cox, Castle & Nicholson. ■

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## Crowds jam Smart & Final's Pleasanton store opening

*Grocery now eighth in city with two more coming*

Smart & Final opened its newest Bay Area store Tuesday with grocery specials on the inside and kiosks outside serving hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and popcorn.

The late afternoon opening included a ribbon-cutting by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and welcome remarks by Smart & Final company officials, including Pleasanton store manager Kevin Lee. The store also presented a \$5,000 check to Open Heart Kitchen, which serves hot meals to the needy in the Tri-Valley.

Then it was off to the food kiosks and inside to shop, with

lines of customers for a time snaking around the perimeter of the store to the six cash registers at the front. Outside, several hundred customers enjoyed free meals while listening to the down-home music of Carlos Almeida and his Come Back Buddy band.

Smart & Final is now the eighth grocery store in Pleasanton, which includes Gene's Fine Foods, Lucky, Nob Hill, Raley's, Safeway, Trader Joe's and Cole's Market.

Two more are coming. Safeway, with its corporate headquarters in Pleasanton, has plans awaiting approval before the city Planning

Commission to build a 65,000-square-foot 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.

The new Smart & Final market is located in the building formerly occupied by Comp USA, across the parking lot from In-N-Out Burger.

—Jeb Bing



The Pleasanton American Little League All Stars include back row, L-R: coaches Buzz Ceman, Ron Anderson, Mike Piscotty; players, L-R: Austin Piscotty, Kyle Greenan, Matt Shackley, Jakob Wipfli, Chase Hennings, Nick Goldstein, TJ Friedl, Jake Dronkers, Zach Schmidt, Ryan Meisenheimer, Brian Hsu, Ryan Anderson and Ryan Alley.

## Little League

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hit the ball at all on Friday. I always said if we were going to lose, hopefully it was to a better team—that we didn't give the game away. I really think they were the better team."

What began as a pitcher's duel—between Brian Hsu for Pleasanton and Caleb Duhay for Hawaii—kept the game hitless until the fourth turned lopsided for Pleasanton.

With the top of the order ready to go, the Hawaiian pitcher remained faultless, striking out Ryan Anderson, and getting Austin Piscotty on a ground out. Jake Dronkers roped a single up the middle to the center field fence, but the side was retired before he could come close to scoring.

In the fifth, the Hawaiians cracked a two-run home run, followed by a bases-loaded double. Despite Kyle Greenan's lead-off walk in the bottom of the sixth, two strikeouts and a weak infield grounder to second base ended the game.

Anderson said while the loss stung, the boys on the Waipio team were gracious after their win, coming across the field to shake hands, give hugs and say goodbye, showing a great gesture of sportsmanship.

After coming so far, further than any Pleasanton Little League has ever gone, the team was surprisingly not devastated.

"We sat in the dugout after the game and there were some tears and what I and my coaches told them was 'look, there will be a moment when you look back at this journey and what you did,'" Anderson said. "This is every kid's dream to get on this field. This was like walking on the 18th green at Augusta National (Golf Course).

"Whether you want it or not, take your hat off, embrace the crowd's reception of you, enjoy this moment, because this will be

the last time you walk on this field," Anderson continued. "They did, and that was really neat."

The team is back home in Pleasanton, taking a breather after what seemed like a never-ending succession of do-or-die games. The road to get there wasn't easy. The team played a total of 14 games, winning an impressive 13 games and only losing one to reach the playoffs. Once the team got to San Bernardino, where the Little League Western Regionals were played, they lost a close game against Hawaii, then to Nevada to go a dismal 0-2 in the series. But Pleasanton got their footing and beat Southern California to claim the unofficial title of the best Little League team in California and continued their winning ways against Arizona in pool play.

The sheer number of games and the pressure to win wore the players out, Anderson said.

"Northern California and Southern California have to play the most games to get out there and that's taxing," he said. "Every game you play is a must-win game."

A special part of the 12-year-olds' participation in the playoffs were the pins they received after reaching each level of the competition—sectionals, district, divisional and one last pin at the closing ceremony for reaching the Western Regional level.

Anderson said he's thankful for the support the team has gotten from Pleasanton residents, the city government and local businesses.

"A lot of Pleasanton companies stepped up," he said. "Chicago Deli's going to reward a table. The kids get to pick out a table with their pictures and it will be theirs forever. Vic's (All Star Kitchen) is going to put a picture up and Jim's Country Kitchen and Eddie Papa's (American Hangout) as well."

The players were also given letters of appreciation and encouragement to read before Friday's game from Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, local businesses and the governor. ■

## Bank robbers hold up Wells Fargo Bank on Main Street

*Two suspects flee on foot; no one injured*

Two men robbed the Wells Fargo Bank at 900 Main St. on Tuesday around 5 p.m., police said.

One of the men presented a note to a teller demanding money, police said. The suspects were given an undisclosed amount of cash, and then fled on foot. No weapons were seen during the transaction, police said, and no employees or customers were injured.

Police created a perimeter and searched for the suspects with a police dog but the men were not found, according to police. The suspects, last seen on foot near the arroyo south of the bank, were described as young males. One suspect has been described as a white or Hispanic male, between 18-20 years old, heavy set and wearing a gray long sleeved shirt,

blue pants and a black baseball cap. The second suspect has been described as a white male, between 16-18 years old, slender build, and wearing a black jacket, white baseball cap, jeans and appeared to be wearing a wig.

Anyone with information should contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

—Elyssa Thome

## Beer garden

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crowded at times that it was difficult for officers to adequately monitor whether those drinking appeared to be of age.

"We suspect that some [under-age people] were getting alcohol handed to them," he said. "Now at least we can be more confident and then we can deal with the second problem of over-drinking."

Christine Saldivar, executive director for the Pleasanton

Downtown Association, which hosts First Wednesday, said they have received positive and negative feedback about the change.

"Some people have stated that it was a good thing, that children shouldn't be in a beer and wine garden," she said. "Others feel it's difficult to have a glass of wine and listen to the band; somebody now needs to stay outside with the children."

Fenner said they would discuss other ideas to make the beer and wine garden a safer place in time for next year's events.

"I know the families are concerned, because it was a nice tradition," he said, adding that they are working with the PDA.

Even with the changes, Saldivar said the spirit of First Wednesday shouldn't be hampered.

"We have a wonderful community and visitors seem to have a good time," she said. "[First Wednesdays are] community events and we don't want people to lose sight of that. The idea is to come and enjoy the downtown and get to know the businesses." ■

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Shaping the environment, Pleasanton style

With scores of committees, commissions and task forces already in place—ranging from the Planning Commission to housing to the Trails Ad Hoc Committee—does Pleasanton need another one to deal with the environment? Absolutely. Energy and water conservation, air quality and a host of other environmental issues increasingly dominate the national debate. California is at the forefront, but the state can't do it without cities and counties following suit. That's why we're supportive of the City Council's consideration of establishing a committee or commission on the environment, modeled after the Library or Parks and Recreation commissions with a five- to 10-member panel of volunteers who would become advocates for environmental sustainability. With the city's limited resources and competing priorities, having a standing body focused on the environment would create a long-term balance and partnership with other city priorities, ensuring that environmental considerations receive appropriate attention.

Pleasanton is already proactive in the arena of environmental issues. Various programs and policies have evolved to conserve resources, reduce consumption and ultimately promote sustainability from a local government standpoint. While some programs are mandated, a large number of these efforts have been voluntary. We see it with the solar panels on the new Fire Station No. 4 on Bernal Avenue, at Callippe Preserve Golf Course and in the city's active participation in the Alameda County Green Building program. Both the municipal government and the school district are installing photovoltaic systems on public buildings whenever possible. The new Firehouse Arts Center will be mostly powered (and cooled) by solar energy. An advisory board could bring together the many faceted programs already in place, such as the Bay Friendly Program, Green Fleet Policy, Generator Siting Ordinance and Community Monitoring Committee to give us a centralized forum for determining where Pleasanton is in the global push to reduce carbon footprints.

In considering a new committee, the council got it right in asking City Manager Nelson Fialho and his staff to look at what other communities are doing, determine the need for an advisory body with a single focus on the environment and then report back later this year with a recommendation. For starters, the council stipulated that the Committee on the Environment would be advisory only, not a rule-making group and in no way morph into an agency that would interfere with business and residential construction. It also agreed to test the waters, realizing that government groups often outgrow their usefulness or exceed their authority. This new environmental group would have a shelf life of just two years when its accountability will be publicly reviewed to see if it should be continued. In a city where citizen task forces have paved the way for the Callippe Golf Course, the Alviso Adobe Community Park, Kottinger Creek restoration, the Firehouse Arts Center and lighted baseball fields now being built on Bernal, we expect that another all-volunteer group dedicated to improving our environment will also serve us well.

## Letters

### Giving thanks to the community

Dear Editor,

Operation: S.A.M. would like to express a sincere thank you to our community for its continued support. Even when times are tough, those who can have continued to support our deployed troops with their generosity and kindness. With your help, Operation: S.A.M. (Supporting All Military) has been able to ship in excess of 19,000 comfort packages to our men and women currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other overseas countries. We could not have accomplished this without the support from our community and our volunteers. Thank you for allowing Operation: S.A.M. to show our troops, on a continuous basis, that our communities' thoughts and prayers are with them and that they have not been forgotten. The need for this is great and the troops on the receiving end are more than appreciative.

Operation: S.A.M. is a Livermore-based all-volunteer 501(c) 3 not-for-profit group of concerned citizens dedicated to the on-going support of our troops. We meet once a month, assemble, pack our comfort packages and ship a minimum of twice a month rain or shine. We are proud to serve as the avenue through which our community is able to bring our troops these reminders from home. We hope everyone will realize how much we appreciate your efforts and how very much you have helped Operation: S.A.M. with its mission. We are committed to being there for our troops until they have all returned home.

*Penny Redmond  
Operation: S.A.M.*

### Pleasanton should stay a quaint city

Dear Editor,

I attended a good portion of the July 15 City Council meeting and came to understand the debate over the hillside initiatives.

I find it completely irresponsible and rude for a governing body

electd of the people, by the people, and most importantly for the people would take such actions against its own citizens. We didn't put them in office to ignore our desires and ruin our attempts to use the system to make the changes we want to see in our community. On top of the fact that they are challenging a citizens' initiative, they nearly identically named their initiative in an effort to cause confusion and force the uninformed voter to vote no on both. In addition, the three who supported the council initiative weren't so kind as to allow the citizens to write their own ballot question, thereby controlling what the voter knows and is told and having the power to make their initiative more appealing in the polling booth.

Pleasanton is a quaint city, not a booming metropolis and I don't see why anyone would want to build more houses than are already present. We are cutting into wildlife habitats and beautiful scenery and changing the face of a beautiful town. If I could vote, the citizen's initiative would get my nod regardless of the desired change purely to spite the councilmembers who are failing to do what we elected them to.

*Brandon James  
Pleasanton*

### Don't foster environment of secrecy

Dear Editor,

We are very proud of the girls in the recent article, "Stronger Now," (Cover Story, July 11, page 8).

Courtney and Alexa, thank you both for rising above and beyond those experiences. You've come forward and publicly focused a revealing light on what is usually a dark, hidden topic. What a powerful way to make a difference in people's lives, turning the pain into a way to help others. You rock.

And to the letter writer, Kristin, ("Stick to small town news," Letters, July 18, page 13) who complained about what others will think of our town, I'm saddened

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Letters

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that you care so much about your town's "image" that you'd prefer stories like this to be buried on the back pages or perhaps not published at all. That mindset fosters an environment of secrecy that helps these twisted creeps remain "below the radar."

Barbara Bissinger  
Pleasanton

Reflecting on 10-year anniversary

Dear Editor,

How honored am I that you thought so highly of our family to put us in your column ("The Olsons, 10 years later," Around Pleasanton, July 25, page 3). When we had discussed this article I had asked my daughters to write their thoughts. This is what they wrote.

Kristina: After the last several years living overseas, I have settled back into the Bay Area, no longer running from my home, but embracing it. I am trying my best to do what I think is right and constantly integrating a few things in my journey that my father may have wanted to experience, conquer or achieve. Bad things happen. However, you can always grow if you allow yourself. Thank you again for everyone's support and love.

Lori: I think about all the valuable lessons I have learned from that experience. When this town helped us, there was no other time that I had seen God so clearly as a united body. Even amidst darkness, light was found. Thank you Pleasanton for making it possible for us to stay in this community.

Ashley: I feel I have grown extremely enlightened these past 10 years, for I see the world through a unique set of eyes. I continue to tackle all obstacles I've encountered with open arms and look for new challenges that make my soul stronger. But I will never forget the love from my community who gently lifted and pushed me towards a higher being of excellence, one that I know my father always wanted me to be.

What else can one say that was so eloquently said by my daughters? I can honestly say I can walk away from these beautiful people I proudly call my daughters and say, my work is done here. Thanks Pleasanton, because of you, the impossible was possible.

Elaine Olson  
Pleasanton

Editorial was refreshing

Dear Editor,

It is such a pleasure to read a well thought out editorial such as yours in your Aug. 1 issue ("Keep partisan politics out of Pleasanton," Editorial, Aug. 1, page 8).

It is rare to see one that addresses all sides of an issue, and does nothing to further divide the people who are opposing each other in such a situation.

Janet Linfoot

Pleasanton

Thank you for obituary

Dear Editor,

Thank you for letting us know about Ernest Dohner (Obituary, Transitions, June 27, page 12).

He was a big help in researching our family's genealogy and was always so interested in our progress. He visited us once here in Yucaipa, but we had many letters from him.

Donald and Signe Parrish  
Yucaipa

No kids allowed is unfair

Dear Editor,

We having been going to the First Wednesday street fair for as long as I can remember and have been bringing our kids to dance to the music for four years now.

Today, when we tried to enter they said "no kids"—everyone now must be 21. Last month, underage drinkers started a fight and the police department's solution was to not allow any one under 21 in. So rather than put officers in the beer garden and only allow the vendors to serve one beer at a time they chose to shut out the families of the town. What next, no kids at Concerts in the Park?

Will Harbourne  
Pleasanton

My credit card info also stolen

Dear Editor,

In response to the Police Bulletin ("Identity theft from county fair ATMs not likely," Police Bulletin, Aug. 1, page 12), my credit card information was also stolen at the fair at the Palm Pavilion on July 2. I found out two days later when someone tried to charge \$2,000 to my card in Las Vegas.

The lesson is to only use cash at the fairgrounds in the future.

Leon Fenton  
Pleasanton

Mistake on Take Us Along location

Dear Editor,

There is a bad faux pas on the Take Us Along caption (Take Us Along, News, July 25, page 9). The word Spain should never have been used after the word Gibraltar. The two countries are not related. Gibraltar is British; the locals there would be most indignant.

A.V. Cocksedge  
Pleasanton

Safeway's local political donations

Dear Editor,

On Oct. 30, 2006, Safeway Corporation contributed \$4,000 to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce PAC. The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce accepted this contribution along with other contributions and spent a total \$38,290 on the fall 2006 Pleasanton City Council election to advance their pro-growth and

pro-hillside development agenda. Additionally, this money was donated on Oct. 30, 2006, just a few days before the election and too late to be reported by the local papers.

If Safeway wishes to make \$4,000 political donations to our local elections, I urge them to make them before the early voting starts so we have informed voters. Better yet is for Safeway to reconsider making pro-growth and pro-hillside development donations to the Chamber of Commerce PAC and increase their funding to local youth and charity organizations.

Brian Arkin  
board member,  
Friends of Pleasanton

Open Heart Kitchen thanks Haggerty

Dear Editor,

Open Heart Kitchen thanks Supervisor Scott Haggerty for helping feed the hungry in the Tri-Valley. Over the past few years, Supervisor Haggerty has purchased pigs at the Alameda County Fair auction. This not only supports the local 4-H club, but also supports the local food pantries and homeless organizations in the Tri-Valley and Fremont area. This year Supervisor Scott Haggerty purchased steers along with the pigs. Supervisor Haggerty's generous donation of beef and pork will help Open Heart Kitchen provide thousands of meals to people in need.

Founded in 1955, Open Heart Kitchen offers nutritious hot meals to hungry people in need in the Tri-Valley. In 2007, Open Heart Kitchen served over 160,000 meals in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. As the cost of living increases in the Tri-Valley area, many families, children, single parents and seniors are having a harder time making ends meet. Right here in our Valley, so many good people are one financial crisis away from needing help. With minimum staff and dedicated volunteers, Open Heart Kitchen provides a safety net against hunger.

Open Heart Kitchen solely depends on the generous financial and volunteer support of our community. Supervisor Scott Haggerty's donation supports our community and Open Heart Kitchen's mission to feed the hungry.

Linda McKeever  
Executive Director  
Open Heart Kitchen

American flags torn down

Dear Editor,

"We are the terrorists" is crayoned across my American flag, torn down July 29 from 10 feet high on my medical office in downtown Pleasanton, and left rolled in the screen wall by the sidewalk.

The Wednesday night before, the American flag there was torn badly but left hanging, with a note "For Death" in the same black crayon on my sign, "Thank You, President Bush" beside "America Safer: al Qaeda Trapped in Iraq

Not Here."

Apparently, two adolescents have been assimilated by radical opposition to an administration reelected after acting when a bribed UN only blustered. Facts are 1) USA military deaths are almost the same, each of the past 20 years; 2) Murders in Iraq are few—compared with 100 per day by Saddam; 3) Expected sarin, anthrax, A bomb and other al Qaeda attacks here have been prevented.

Patriotic parents should so inform their rambunctious boys. How otherwise preserve freedom of speech, respect for reelected government and freedom from sharia law?

Howard Long  
Pleasanton

Editorial right on the money

Dear Editor

Good for you Pleasanton Weekly, your editorial was right on the money ("Keep partisan politics out of Pleasanton," Editorial, Aug. 1, page 8).

As for no one citing the Save Pleasanton's Hills backers as a coalition, or team, please allow me a less than tactful moment. Give or take a few dropouts over years, many of the Save Pleasanton's Hills backers, the anti-Staples Ranch, and the anti-Oak Grove referendum backers have been part and parcel of former mayor Ben Tarver's no growth coattail group going back to the late '90s.

The CAPP initiative is a good example. Mayor Tarver's mantra seemed to be "my way or the highway." He left town, many gladly waved goodbye. My election file, clippings of articles, letters, and sponsors signatures of various issues only goes back 10 years, but all the prominent names mentioned in your opinion, and a few more in my files, indicate a faction and team. The names are virtually the same. Tarver is gone, but his highway persons are still here. Ayala, Brozosky, Sullivan, Roberts, McGovern, Arkin, Fox, etal.

For the first time in over 10 years we have a majority city council who has done what it was elected to do, make decisions to the benefit of all Pleasanton residents, not just segments or neighborhoods, or their own egos. Thank you,

Jerry Thorne, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, and finally, Jennifer Hosterman. I look forward to the November elections in Pleasanton, so that I might again cast a ballot against those who are seeking office from the long apparent joined at the hip no-growth-ers who have been so divisive in the past.

Gerry Brunken  
Pleasanton

John Chiang shows real leadership

Dear Editor,

If you want to see the difference between Democrats and Republicans, look no further than the fight between Democratic Controller John Chiang and our governor who (despite some-time pretending not to be) is a Republican.

The Republican ideologues in the legislature have no productive agenda on the budget and want to hold the entire state hostage to their radical agenda. Meanwhile, our governor decided to take some hostages of his own by trying to withhold most of the paychecks of over 200,000 state employees.


John Chiang is standing up to Arnold and fighting for our hard-working public servants. They deserve to be paid the wages we owe them, not be forced to involuntarily loan money to our state while our state legislature cobbles together some sort of budget deal. Not only is it unfair to stiff them, John Chiang understands that it's fundamentally unfair to shift the burden of the state's budget problems onto the working class and middle class folks who work for our state.

I applaud John Chiang for showing real leadership in this fight. Thank you Controller Chiang.

Jessica Cramer  
Pleasanton

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# HAUTE DOG

Costumed canines come out  
for annual Pooch Parade

**D**ozens of dogs owned Main Street Aug. 6 like it was a runway as they (and plenty of owners, too) joined in for the annual Pooch Parade. Sponsored by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers, the annual event that takes place during the First Wednesday Street Party also featured contests awarding the best in a variety of categories.

With 169 entrants, the parade and contests helped TVGDPR raise just over \$2,700. Funds go to help the all-volunteer organization offset expenses puppy raisers encounter. Currently, raisers only pay veterinarian costs, with the rest picked up by the group. Money raised also goes to buying new crates, dog food and socialization outings.

To learn more about the group, visit [www.trivalleyguidedogs.com](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.com). ■



Jordin and Ben Sterling, 5 and 7, pose with their bigger-than-life great dan.



Buster the dachshund, who has been a past Pooch Parade winner, rests comfortably in his wagon with owners Kelly and Brian Simms, 9 and 12.



Delaney Vance, 5, wore a fairy costume that matched her dog Polly's, a dachshund terrier mix.



The Pooch Parade attracted hundreds of spectators to Wayside Park and Delucci Park, where it took place on Main Street during the First Wednesday Street Party.



Photos By Janet Pelletier

## 2008 Pooch Parade winners

### Most creative costume

1. Barbara Erwin with Asha
2. Diane Bierbower with PeeWee
3. Maria Tatro with Charlie

### Cute enough as is (under 20 pounds)

1. Michelle & Glenda Schwen with Ruby
2. Hillary & Jon Miller with Stanley
3. John Will with Maddie & Max

### Best team (human and pooch)

1. Kate & Robin Battaglia with Casey
2. Lexi & Lauren Pudvan with Francie Lulu Parie
3. Nancy Miller with Molly

### Best team (pooch and pooch)

1. Tessa Copeland with Wickett and Molly
2. Nandor Krause with Luc, Cody and Cleo
3. Nicole Lupo with Rascal and Macy

### Cute enough as is (over 30 pounds)

1. Fernando & Nicole Buchner with Buddington
2. Scott Rich with Harry the Dog
3. Jill Moisser with Koroush

### Puppy fun (pooches two years and younger)

1. Tessa Copeland with Wickett
2. Nancy Miller with Molly
3. Doug & Marljaina Rogers with Lilo

### Senior pooches

1. Samantha May with Bailey
2. Aleshia Washington-Coenen with Shazam
3. Mary Kay Mudge with Zack

### Best trick pooch

1. Diana Kimbrough with Bogart
2. Marsha Alexander with Leia
3. Lyn Romin with Freeway

### Farthest pooch

Tessa Copeland with Wickett from Elgin, Ill.

### Oldest pooch

Mary Kay Mudge with Zack (16 years old)

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of owners and their pets to Lions the parade began, stretching down y Street Party.



From great danes to tiny chihuahuas, the parade brought out dogs of all shapes and sizes.



Asha the rotweiler, owned by Barbara Erwin, surprisingly doesn't seem to mind his elaborate attire.

## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve Resolution Amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Police Officers Association for the term June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2011
- **Public Hearing:** PAP-121, Phillip and Joanna Segundo, Appellants (PCUP-205, Janny Rocha, Applicant) – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a conditional use permit to relocate and replace the 5,000-gallon wood tank with a new 5,000-gallon poly tank in the rear yard of the existing residence located at 481 Sycamore Road. Zoning for the property is PUD-A (Planned Unit Development – Agriculture) District.
- **Public Hearing:** PUD-05-02M, James Happ/Kenneth and Pamela Chrisman – Consider an application for a major modification to an approved PUD development plan to replace the approved production home designs with design guidelines at the property located at 1944 Vineyard Avenue, in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area

### Housing Commission

Thursday, August 21, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Acceptance of Annual Audit for Ridge View Commons for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007
- Recommendation Regarding the Allocation of Uncommitted Federal HOME (HOME Investment Partnership Program) Grant Funds
- Information Regarding the City Council's Hillside Initiative and Related Matters

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The August 18th meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting has been cancelled

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Job Announcements

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

- Director of Parks and Community Services – Full-Time
- Intern – Water Conservation Coordinator – Part-Time, Temporary
- Lifeguards – Part-Time, Temporary
- Permits Center Manager – Full Time, Permanent
- Police Officer, Lateral or Academy Graduate – Full-Time, Permanent
- Water Safety Instructor - Part-Time, Temporary

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**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Condo fire causes alarm, damage

Firefighters were called to a two-alarm house fire Tuesday that left a condo on Canyon Meadow Circle severely damaged.

The second story condominium is located in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadow Circle. The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department received a call at 11:09 a.m. At the time the babysitter was at home with one child. Both the babysitter and child escaped unharmed, according to LFPD.

The first fire truck was on the scene at 11:16 a.m., according to Sabina Imrie, a spokeswoman for the fire department. The fire was contained five minutes later by eight department units on scene, including three chief officers and two Alameda County units assisting. The Pleasanton Police Department was also on the scene. The fire reportedly started in a bedroom of the unit then spread to the attic. The cause is still under investigation.

One cat was rescued from the building and taken to a local vet for evaluation, but the family's other cat succumbed to fire inhalation. Eighty-five percent of the second-story unit was destroyed, causing \$485,000 in damages.



The first-story unit sustained minor water damage, but the residents of that unit may be displaced for a month due to repairs, Imrie said. Residents of other neighboring units were evacuated due to a loss of electrical power but have been able to return. According to LFPD, the homeowners of the damaged second-story unit are currently staying with family.

## Police Report

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

### Aug. 3

- Vehicular burglary:
  - 6:10 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road
  - 7:33 p.m. in the 3200 block of Monmouth Court
- Drug violations:
  - 3:25 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; under the influence of a controlled substance
  - 9:49 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue; marijuana possession
- Battery:
  - 9:23 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

### Aug. 4

- Petty theft:
  - 9:11 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
  - 11:54 a.m. in the 3100 block of Busch Road
  - 9:36 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Vandalism:
  - 10:44 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue; worth less than \$400

### Aug. 5

- Theft:
  - 7:30 a.m. in the 2600 block of Trevor Parkway; grand theft
  - 7:57 a.m. in the 1900 block of Rheem Drive; petty theft
  - 9:09 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 3:48 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vine Street
- Shoplifting:
  - 5:54 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Marijuana possession:
  - 9:56 a.m. at the intersection of

Alameda Drive and Brooktree Way

-5:54 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### • Alcohol violations:

- 9:53 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; drinking alcoholic beverage in public
- 11:04 p.m. in the 7700 block of Forsythia Court; underage drinking on private property:

### Aug. 6

- Theft:
  - 4:48 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; forgery
  - 5:01 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue
- Vandalism:
  - 7:18 a.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Safreno Way; worth less than \$400
  - 7:24 a.m. in the 2200 block of Vineyard Avenue; worth less than \$400
  - 8:12 a.m. in the 4900 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; worth less than \$400
  - 10:17 a.m. in the 2700 block of Laramie Gate Circle; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 8:40 a.m. in the 6000 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- Alcohol violations:
  - 2:27 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; drinking an alcoholic beverage in public
  - 9:17 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- Battery:
  - 5:55 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

### Aug. 7

- Theft:
  - 9:03 a.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive; forgery
  - 10:13 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; grand theft
  - 11:54 a.m. in the 1100 block of Oak Vista Way; stolen vehicle

-8:31 p.m. in the 5800 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; petty theft

-10:41 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; stolen vehicle

### • Vandalism:

- 10:25 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Busch Road; worth less than \$400
- 4:22 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive; worth less than \$400

### • Burglary:

-3:35 p.m. in the 8000 block of Jorgensen Lane

### • Public drunkenness:

-1:32 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

### • Robbery:

-1:22 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

### Aug. 8

- Theft:
  - 11:08 a.m. in the 1000 block of Happy Valley Road; grand theft
  - 12:08 p.m. in the 100 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
  - 2:39 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 3:52 a.m. in the 2300 block of Redberry Court
  - 7:36 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Amanda Place; worth less than \$400
  - 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of Arthur Drive and Hopyard Road; worth less than \$400
- Marijuana possession:
  - 11:14 a.m. at the intersection of Greenwood Road and Cope Court
- Battery:
  - 3:52 a.m. in the 2300 block of Redberry Court
- Found property:
  - 8:59 a.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

# Transitions

## Obituaries

### George Jacobson

George K. Jacobson, a Pleasanton resident since 1957, died after a brief illness on Aug. 4 in Walnut Creek. He was 76.

He was a California native, born in Los Angeles in 1931, raised in Hollywood, Smith River, and Crescent City.

He was an Army veteran, serving from 1952 to 1954, with a year in Korea as an infantryman and operations sergeant. He graduated from Humboldt State University in 1956, majoring in education, math and physics, and earning his teaching credential in 1957. He continued post-graduate classes at several Bay Area colleges for years. He was a math and science teacher at Amador Valley High School for 32 years, retiring in 1989. He taught mainly geometry, bio-med math, arithmetic theory, and advanced math. He was an advocate of a 13-month calendar and was a tongue-in-cheek member of the Flat Earth Society.

He was an avid sport skin/SCUBA diver. He also enjoyed traveling to all 50 states. He particularly enjoyed trips to Iceland and Scandinavia, where he visited relatives in Eikeskog-Haugesund, Norway, and toured coastal and inland areas for two summers.

Mr. Jacobson's hobbies included home projects, playing with his toys/tools, repairing and improvising "things" and devising unique and more usable mechanical devices. He enjoyed gardening his 13 1/2 "raised beds" and tutoring high school math for many years.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Pat; loving children, Loren of Modesto, and Janet of Pleasanton. He is survived by three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He also leaves many treasured students, friends and neighbors. At his request, no services will be held. Neptune Society is handling arrangements. Donations to Amador Valley Scholarships may be made in his memory and mailed to 4665 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

### Panya Rose Wilson

Panya Rose Wilson died Aug. 8 at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. She was 12 years old.

Panya Rose was born Nov. 20, 1995 in Portland, Ore., but lived most of her life in Pleasanton. While attending Hearst Elementary School and then Pleasanton Middle School, she was



friendly and outgoing and always had a kind word for everyone. No one who knew her thought of her as a child in a wheelchair, but simply as a child who was curious and imaginative, and someone who focused more on others than herself.

She is survived by her mother, Karen Gonick Wilson and her sister.

A memorial fund has been set up in Panya Rose's name at Community Banks of Northern California, 1003 Central Ave., Tracy CA 95376.

### Louis Paslay

Louis L. Paslay died July 28 at the age of 81.

Born Aug. 20, 1926 in Kansas, he moved to Pleasanton in 1941. He attended Amador Valley High School, where he graduated in 1945. He served in the Army from 1944-1946. Mr. Paslay worked at PCA/Lone Star Industries for 38 years as a machinist and superintendent of the shop.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, golfing, reading, rock hounding and square dancing. He was a member of the Elks Lodge. He loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Paslay; son, Donald Paslay (Ruth) of Alpine, Utah; daughter, Nancy Israel (Nate) of Tracy; granddaughters, Jessica Cannon (Marc) of Kelso, Wash., Kelin Dykman (Paul) of Centerville, Utah, and Jani Rollins (Thomas) of Ashland, Ore.; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alice and his 14 siblings.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held Aug. 2. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

### Julia P. Rodriguez

Julia P. Rodriguez died July 30 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Rodriguez was born Jan. 1, 1918 and raised in Santa Clara. She moved to San Leandro in 1983 when she married Joseph B. Rodriguez (a.k.a. Gabby), who died in 1987.

In 2005, she moved to Pleasanton to be near her family. While living in San Leandro, she was very active with the senior center, always donating her time to help out with different city activities.

She loved to do needlework and was a very talented artist. She and her late husband belonged to the RV clubs and toured the United States and Canada with family and friends.

Mrs. Rodriguez is survived by her children and their spouses, Gilbert and Julie Alves of Livermore and

Joseph and Cindy of Escalon, Calif.; sister and spouse, Mary and Louie Deniz of Modesto; grandchildren, Mitchell and Leslie Alves, Kari and Mitchell Candler, Jennifer and Joe Rodriguez, Stacy and Jeff Harris, Stephanie and Jessie Rangel; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 5 at Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

### Cecelia Veronica Anjo

Cecelia Veronica Anjo died July 29 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Anjo was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a generous leader in the Anjo family and will be sorely missed by family and friends.



She was born Jan. 26, 1926. A homemaker and mother during the time her children were growing up, she later began a new career, acquiring a master's degree in public administration from Cal State East Bay and working in human resources for the federal government, the U.S. Navy and CAPE, Inc.

She gave of herself freely at home, at work and in the church. She served as a lector at Saint Augustine Catholic Church and she was an active participant in the Parkinson's Syndrome group in the area.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia; sons, Brian, Jeffrey and Dennis; and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Oliver, in 1991.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St. A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Saint Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave.

### Palmira Souza

Palmira C. Souza died July 27 after a long illness at the age of 80.

Mrs. Souza was born April 15, 1928 in Fajal, Azores, Portugal. She lived in Pleasanton for more than 40 years.

She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church. She did beautiful crochet work and also had a great love of cats.

She is survived by her brother, Joe Alves of Pleasanton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1985. A mass was held Aug. 13 at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

## Weddings

### Emily Atwood and Matt West

Features Editor Emily Atwood married Matt West July 6 among the vines at the Palm Event Center. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii, ending it in Los Angeles at her older brother's wedding July 26.

Emily, daughter of Warren and Katie Atwood of San Leandro, graduated from San Leandro High School in 2002 and Biola University in 2006. She has worked at the Pleasanton Weekly since August 2006.

Matt, son of Ken and Kathy West of Castro Valley, graduated from Castro Valley High School in 2001 and attended Cal State East Bay before becoming senior systems administrator at AuctionDrop.com in Menlo Park in 2006.

The couple resides in Castro Valley.



## Births

### Nicholas John Stephens

Nicholas John Stephens was born at 10:33 p.m. July 28 at ValleyCare Medical Center to parents Bill and Mariann Stephens of Pleasanton. Baby Nicholas weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. He joins big brother Michael.



The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center.

**July 10**  
Lachelle and Andrew Arnt, a girl

**July 18**  
Melissa De La Cruz and Kahil Boykin, a girl

**July 30**  
Amie and David Moreno, a girl

**July 2**  
Diem-Ha Dao and Tony Diep, a boy and girl

**July 7**  
Christine and William Butler, a boy

## Deaths, Weddings and Births

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# Calendar

## Author Visits

**Art Deco Landmarks of San Francisco** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents James R. Smith, author of San Francisco's Lost Landmarks, at 2 p.m. Aug. 24. Smith will present a slideshow on all the wonderful San Francisco art deco landmarks.

## Civic Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Class Reunions

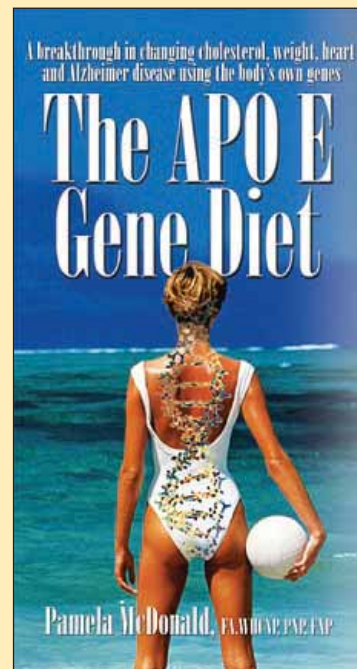
**Amador Class of 1988 Reunion** Calling all Dons: The Amador Valley High School Class of 1988 is holding its 20th reunion. Come see old friends and make new memories together. Dinner, entertainment, a photo booth, cigar bar, visual entertainment and baby pictures included. Group hotel rates available at the Radisson Hotel in Dublin. Reunion is from 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 13 at Barone's Restaurant & Garden, 475 St. John St. Cost is \$90-97. For more information, visit <http://avhs1988.myevent.com> or call Marti Gilbert at 846-5607.

## Classes

**Basic Yoga Class** Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, teaches a basic yoga class in Lynnwood United Methodist Church's multipurpose room, 4444 Black Ave. The class is \$12 and drop-ins are welcome. Call 846-0221 or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**Free voice lessons** Pride of the Pacific, a women's a cappella chorus,

## Calendar Spotlight



## Using genetics to construct a unique diet

Author Pamela McDonald comes to the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 to discuss her latest book, "The ApoE Gene Diet." Called a breakthrough in preventing heart disease, obesity and chronic illness, her approach supports matching nutrition with an individual's unique genetic recipe. To learn more about the book, visit [www.apoegenediet.com](http://www.apoegenediet.com) or call 736-8510.

is offering this free program for six Wednesday evenings, starting July 16. The sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Lynnwood 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).

## Clubs

**Amador Valley Toastmaster Club** Wake up your career and improve your communication skills by joining the Amador Valley Toastmaster Club. They meet at 7 a.m. Thursdays at Mimi's Cafe in Dublin.

**Boutique Textile Art** Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins.

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

**Invitation to a Pot Luck Dinner Party** The Tri Valley Democratic Club invites the public to a Pot Luck Dinner Party at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Get to know Democrats and how to participate in the 2008 political season. Bring your musical instruments for a jam. Call 831-8355 or email [ellisg237@aol.com](mailto:ellisg237@aol.com).

**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](http://www.trivalleywriters.com).

**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](mailto: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** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California will meet for dinner at the Elephant Bar at 5 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Elephant Bar, 7202 Amador Plaza Road in Dublin. Cost will be your menu choice. Advance reservations are required. Call 846-0111.

**Women's Networking Opportunity** The local ABWA E2S chapter meets at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, which focus on personal and professional development for women in business. Meetings include a guest speaker and networking opportunities. Nonmembers are welcome to attend at a cost of \$5 per meeting. Visit [www.express-tosuccess.org](http://www.express-tosuccess.org).

## Concerts

**Concerts in the Park** The Pleasanton Downtown Association presents the 2008 Concert in the Park series. Each concert is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park at First and Neal streets. The lineup is La Ventana, Aug. 15; Magic

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## Events

**Cuda Ridge Wine Vintage Tasting Event** Cuda Ridge Wines Vintage Tasting takes place at 7878 Cedar Mountain Road in Livermore from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 23-24. The free event includes a "futures tasting," live music, vintage car displays and artist showcase.

**Film-Making lecture by Joe Madden** The Museum On Main Street presents "The Do's and Don'ts of Making an Independent Film, from Concept Through Distribution" by Joe and Wendy Madden at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4455 Black Ave. Tickets are \$5 or \$10. Call 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

**Imagination Expressed** The Pleasanton Art League and the Museum on Main Street present an art exhibit from Aug. 10 to Oct. 5 at the museum, 603 Main St. A variety of local artists will be showcased, with works for sale. A reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 10 includes refreshments.

**Semi-Annual Sale** The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1987 A Santa Rita Road, is having its semi-annual storewide sale Aug. 16-17. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 462-7374.

**Wii Experience Mature Adult Program** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents the Wii Experience for Seniors at 1 p.m. Aug. 19. Teen volunteers will teach how to play tennis, bowling and golf on the new virtual video games. It's low impact exercise using a motion sensitive controller. Call 931-3411.

## Exhibits

**Murano Glass Exhibit** Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St., hosts a one-day exhibit of glass vases by Murano Glass Maestro, Afro Celotto, an internationally famous glass blower, from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 24. Refreshments will be served. Call 846-4322.

## 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

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**That's Amore** Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's biggest fundraiser of the year will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Road. There will be live and silent auctions and Girasole Restaurant catering. Tickets are \$60. To purchase, visit [www.tv-ar.org](http://www.tv-ar.org) and click on Pay Pal. Call 803-7044.

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## Health

**Diabetes Support Group** Free support group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Topics will cover travel, stress, medications, food, emotions and general living with diabetes. Call 510-383-5185.

**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 uninsured, 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 and Teens

**Robot Build Day** Girl Scouts and LLNL are starting an all-girls robotics group open to all girls sixth to 12th grade living in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. The first build day is from 2 to 5 p.m. Aug. 17. Call 447-3927 or email [melanie@redhunter.com](mailto:melanie@redhunter.com).

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Health Centered Dentistry** View Dental, 7040 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, will host a lecture on Health

Centered Dentistry at 6 p.m. Aug. 20. How controlling oral infection can reduce your risk of systemic disease. Visit [www.viewdental.com](http://www.viewdental.com).

**Pay For College Without Going Broke** This free workshop at 7:15 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., is hosted by Richard Patrick, co-author of "How to Give Your Child a 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke." Call to reserve a seat.

**Small Business Seminars** East Bay Small Business Development Center hosts seminars in Dublin Aug. 19 and Livermore Sept. 11. Seminars can help small business owners and entrepreneurs seeking the knowledge needed to grow sales, increase profits and get started in business the right way. Visit [www.eastbaysbdc.org](http://www.eastbaysbdc.org) to register.

**Woodworking With Google SketchUp** Fine Woodworking contributor Tim Killen will demonstrate how SketchUp (free software from Google) can help you reduce errors, time, and wasted on with your next project. The free event is at 10 a.m. Aug. 16 at Woodcraft of Dublin, 6044 Dougherty Road. Call 875-9988.

## Live Music

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** Chris Bradley's Jazz Band plays music of the '20s, '30s, and '40s every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. No cover.

**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.

**La Familia Pena-Govea** La Pena-Govea performs a wide-range of traditional and original Mexican, Tex-Mex and Colombian music at 2 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

**Magic of the Harp** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents Dominique Piana, assisted by her students, with a program exploring the history, effects and moods of the harp. It starts at 2 p.m. Aug. 17.

## Miscellaneous

**County conservation meeting** The Alameda County Conservation

Partnership hosts a local work group meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 20 and a free barbecue at 5 p.m. The purpose of the local work group is to facilitate locally led conservation and to provide advice to NRCS concerning the implementation of conservation programs in Alameda County. RSVP to Peggy Kiefer at 371-0154 ext. 122 or [peggy.kiefer@acrcd.org](mailto:peggy.kiefer@acrcd.org).

**Healing Touch Therapy Seminar** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents a free seminar on Healing Touch Therapy at 7 p.m. Aug. 28. Thoughts and touch can positively impact the lives of others.

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## Seniors

**Beginning Jazz Dance** Never danced before? It's never too late to start. Feel the music and learn the steps Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Dublin Senior Center (activity #18508). Call 556-4511 for details.

**Brain Training Workshop** Research shows that if we take care of our brains like we take care of our hearts, mental functions improve. Learn how to exercise your brain the fun and inexpensive way from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 26 at the senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Space is limited, so pre-register by coming in or calling 931-5365. The cost is \$1.50 for residents or \$2 for non-residents.

**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.

**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 see pleasenior.googlepages.com for more info.

**Western Railroad Museum & Lunch at The Point Waterfront** On Aug. 22 the Pleasanton Senior Center will take a trip. Start with lunch at The Point Waterfront Restaurant located in

Rio Vista and go on a private docent-led tour of the Western Railroad Museum filled with restored electric rail cars and take a 10 mile train ride with views of beautiful country. Tickets are \$46 for residents or \$51 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.

**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.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** Tri-Valley Unity Church welcomes guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern for a three-part series on “The Spiritual Practice of Welcoming.” August 10 focus is “Welcome Home.” August 17: “Welcome to the Journey.” And August 24 is “Welcome to our World.” All are welcome. Services are at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Visit www.trivalleyunity.com or call 829-2733.

**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

**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.

**Fastpitch Tryouts** Lady Hustle Fastpitch will be holding tryouts in August for the fall season. Tournaments begin Sept. 6. For session details, visit www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com.

**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.

**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).

**Tigers Fall Ball** Registration is open for Tigers Baseball's third annual fall ball program. Players ages 10 to 14 from all leagues are invited. The 10-weekend training includes two weekends with Coach Robert “Skip” Clapgood, a collegiate coach hall of famer. The program starts Sept. 13. Download a form at www.livermorepony.com.

**Volleyball Tryouts** The Renegades Volleyball Club is holding tryouts



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## Support Groups

**Cancer Support Group** A free support group for people with cancer and their loved ones is held from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. This group is facilitated by The Wellness Community. For information, call 933-0107 or email [jbrazin@twcba.org](mailto:jbrazin@twcba.org).

**Crohns and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group** This support group meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. Walk-ins are welcome. Feel free to bring a guest. Call 462-6764 or 846-4653.

**Domestic Violence Support Group** On-going support for women dealing with conflictual 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.

**Fibromyalgia Plus Support Group** Fibromyalgia Plus Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the ValleyCare Library, 5725 W Las Positas Blvd Suite 270. All are welcome. Call 734-3315.

**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.

**Pleasanton Military Families** Pleasanton Military Families, a support group for families of service members, meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month. The group includes families who have loved ones serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and in the Global War on Terrorism. Meetings are held at a different group member's home each month. Call Chris Miller for information on the placement of a yellow streamer for the military person on Main Street and for information on the group, 730-1604.

**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](http://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 Monday at 462-7374.

**Blankets for Kids** Blankets For Kids, founded by Pleasanton resident Jo Molz, makes and distributes soft fleece

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**Hats Off America** Volunteers are wanted for the Hats Off America Casino Night April 19; Muscle Car, Hot Rod, and Art Fair May 16 to 18; Red T-Shirt 10K runs/5K walks June 7, Sept. 13 and Nov. 8. HOA is a nonprofit organization benefiting families of fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Email Sparky George, [thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com).

**San Damiano Retreat** Opportunities abound for people of all ages and abilities at San Damiano, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Sit and socialize while helping with mailings, enjoy solitude and meditation while cultivating the flower, vegetable and fruit gardens, or lend your support to the front desk and gift shop. Open seven days a week includes a free meal. Call 831-9141 ext. 307.

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**Requests for Proposals (RFP) from  
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**Local Business Contract Equity Program Supportive Services Contracts  
for the procurement of:**

1. Professional Services Contracts (RFP 08-05)
2. Construction Contracts (RFP 08-06)

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) is seeking proposals from firms with expertise in contract equity programs to assist the Authority in implementing and refining of its Local/Small/Very Small Local Business Enterprise (LBCE) Program.

#### Important Dates and Information:

- Request for Proposals Release Date: August 8, 2008
- Pre-Proposal Conferences
  - o RFP 08-05: **August 21, 2008 at 10 AM**
  - o RFP 08-06: **August 21, 2008 at 11 AM**
- Bid Due Date: **September 4, 2008 at 2 PM (RFP 08-05)**  
**September 11, 2008 at 2 PM (RFP 08-06)**
- All questions regarding these RFP's must be submitted in writing to ACTIA on or before : **August 20, 2008 at 12 PM**
- All meetings and submissions will take place at ACTIA offices:  
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Proposals are subject to the ACTIA Local Business Contract Equity Program. The ACTIA goal for professional services is 70% for Local Business Enterprise and 30% for Small Local Business Enterprise. For information on the Program's Requirements and Forms, refer to the ACTIA website. Any contract to be awarded as a result of this Notice will be awarded without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

All RFP documents are on ACTIA's website and may also be obtained at the ACTIA office located at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612 or by contacting Arun Goel at (510) 893-3347.

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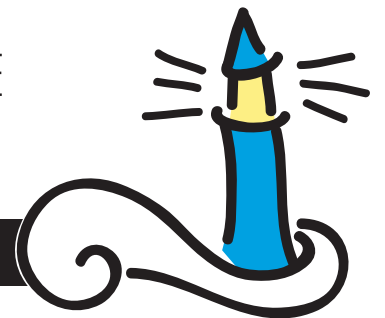
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