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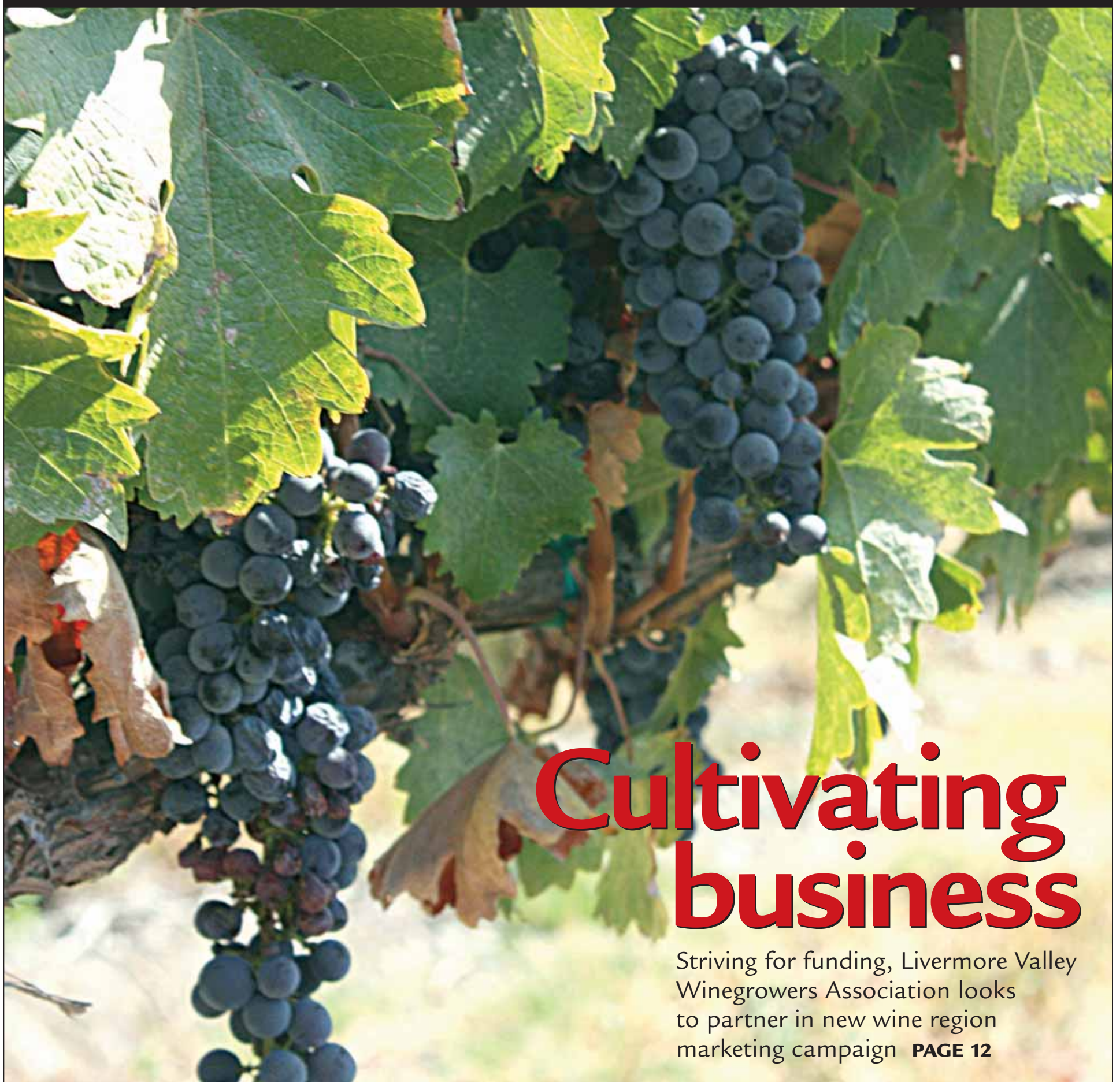
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**Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision**, with 45 measurable objectives in the areas of transportation, education, public safety, health, recreation, jobs, housing and leadership, serves as the Chamber of Commerce's primary guide for endorsement of candidates for local office. Below are our recommendations for November 4, 2008 (To view all of Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision see "What's New" at [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org).)

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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Lepley retires, but missions continue

There were accolades all around at last Tuesday night's school board meeting for Sandra Lepley, and with good reason. Lepley, who turned 61 Wednesday, is retiring after 40 years of public service with California school districts, including the last eight here in Pleasanton as assistant superintendent for business services. Tomorrow, she leaves for a two-week vacation in Maui with her husband Steven, and then it's back to their home in San Ramon and continued service with the Pleasanton downtown Rotary Club, where she is president through June 30, and with Rotaplast International, her favorite charity that has taken her to five third world countries on mercy missions.

Lepley started her career in 1968 as Account Clerk I with the San Mateo Union High School District. Within six years, she had been promoted to department manager and the district's budget officer. It was not to last. With the passage of Proposition 13, her position was eliminated at the end of the 1978-79 school year as San Mateo, like school districts, cities and counties throughout the state, hunkered down to survive with significantly lower property tax revenue that Prop. 13 instituted.

She moved on to the Newark Unified School District for one year and then was lured back to San Mateo, this time with the elementary school district, where she stayed for 10 years as controller and chief financial officer. Personal circumstances then took her to Modesto, where for the next 10 years she was associate superintendent for business. In 2000, she was hired by Pleasanton to succeed longtime deputy superintendent for business Buster McCurtain, who retired.

School finances used to be easier to handle and more predictable. Forty years ago, California districts depended on local property taxes to meet their budget requirements. That was good in cities such as San Mateo where housing values were high, but deprived smaller

and poorer districts of the funds needed to provide an equally good education. So even before Prop. 13, state lawmakers tried to equalize disbursements, moving more of the school district funding responsibility to Sacramento. With year-to-year state budget deficits, that's made the school financial officer's job much more difficult, a challenge Lepley now passes on to her successor, Luz Cazares.

Retirement won't be a leisurely trip to the beach for Lepley, except for the next two weeks. Once back, she'll be planning more trips for Rotaplast, a group of volunteer doctors, nurses and aides that provides free reconstructive surgeries in its effort to eliminate the incidence of untreated cleft lips and palates. Lepley has made eight of these mercy missions since joining Rotaplast, including Venezuela, the Philippines, Ethiopia and most recently Vietnam. On average, Rotaplast sponsors 15 missions a year, sending out about 450 team members. Although independent from Rotary International, it receives about 60-70 percent of its funds from that organization, Lepley said, and since it was formed in 1993 has treated more than 11,000 children, plus a few adults.

Looking for a way to "give back" in a world that she believes has been very good to her, Lepley heard about Rotaplast's work through a friend, went on a mission and has been hooked ever since. She now leads the 35-member mission she conducts, doing all the planning, arranging for financing, and scheduling every detail of what typically are 10-day trips into often rugged, remote areas right down to patient visits, lodging and needed supplies. She plans to keep on working with Rotaplast as long as she can, but she'll still be golfing at Callippe and gardening. ■



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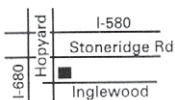
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# Streetwise

**Q:** Should California lawmakers receive free gasoline?

Asked Downtown



**Lynn Barsnick**  
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I don't agree with that idea. They should pay for their own gas to help support the economy. Lawmakers should not get anything different than the general population. I had no idea this was happening but I certainly do wonder what other special treatments they get.

**Donna Garrison**

Movie Producer

I think that if the gas is being used in the course of government work I'm okay with it, but that is difficult to track.



**Bernie Berke**

Music Teacher

Of course they should not receive free gasoline. It takes from the money coming into the state to support other programs. I wonder what else they are receiving as a perk that we don't know about? If it is part of their daily job travel I guess I see supporting that but how would that be regulated?



**Tom Doyle**

Assistant Superintendent

That is ridiculous. Perhaps if they did not receive free gasoline they might be pushed to do something about the situation with the price of gas these days. In order to make laws that help the general population, lawmakers need to experience life at the same level.



**Randy Schwartz**

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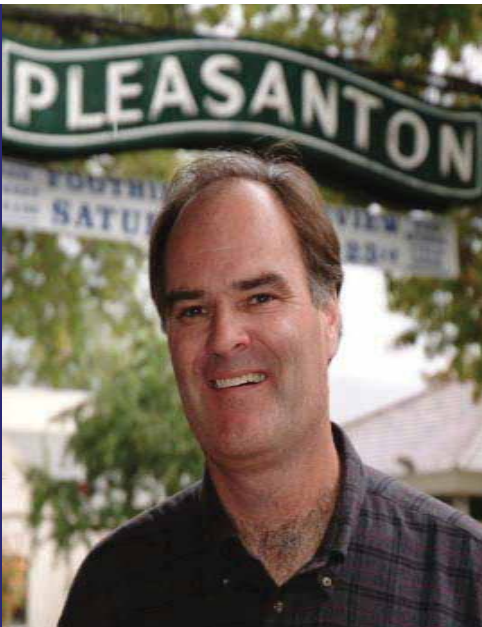
Seems a little over the top. Why should they get free gasoline? They should be held accountable to prove the gas was used for official business.



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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Public to meet for pedestrian master plan

In an effort to inform and hear from the public about the Pleasanton draft pedestrian and bicycle master plan, a workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Pleasanton Public Library's meeting room, located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. The evening will be led by transportation consultants and will focus on bicycle facilities, with some information about pedestrian facilities and a prioritized list of projects. Draft chapters may be viewed online at <http://pleasantonbikepedplan.webexone.com>.

### Middle schools host rummage sales

Tomorrow is unofficially rummage sale day as two middle schools invite people to browse through gently-used goods in support of education. Hart Middle School, located at 4433 Willow Road, will have wares, such as household items, games and clothes for sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Harvest Park Middle School, at 4900 Valley Ave., will have goods and baked items for sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from Harvest Park's sale will go toward the special education program at the school.

### Museum to explore Walnut Grove Park

The Lark in the Park program, sponsored by the Museum On Main, has a docent-led walk through a Pleasanton park to share about the local history that surrounds it. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, participants can learn more about the Walnut Grove Park area on Harvest Road. Donations are appreciated and a yearly membership to the program is \$25 per person, which includes a passport, binder and one photo of each park's history. Money raised will go toward the museum's educational scholarship fund. To make reservations, call 462-2766. Visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

### Local paper folds

With increasing printing costs and readers flocking to the Internet for news, the East Bay Business Times is the latest newspaper to fold after more than 20 years. Its sister publication, the San Francisco Business Times, will absorb the 10-person operation that was based in the Stoneridge Corporate Plaza. Subscribers will receive an enhanced version of the San Francisco paper.

## Some banks may close on Main Street

*Acquisitions, money troubles ending era of downtown banking growth*

by Jeb Bing

Critics of the growing number of banks in downtown Pleasanton may have won their argument.

Two banks on Main Street—First Republic and Washington Mutual—have been acquired by other financial institutions as part of the government's effort to strengthen the solvency of large banks through mergers and acquisition. A third bank, Guaranty, that was scheduled to open this fall at the south end of Main Street, has apparently canceled those plans after its stock and vulnerability to outstanding debt

caused it to retrench.

The future of First Republic, which took over the operations of the Bank of Walnut Creek a year ago, remains uncertain in the wake of its acquisition by Bank of America, which has a Main Street branch just a few doors to the north. According to a story by Mark Calvey in the San Francisco Business Times, it's widely expected that First Republic's operations will be rolled into Bank of America's.

At this time, First Republic on Main Street continues to operate independently.

Washington Mutual at Main

and Division streets also remains open following its purchase by New York-based JPMorgan Chase. Charlie Scharf, head of JPMorgan Chase's Retail Financial Services group, said his company plans to rebrand WaMu branches across the country with the JPMorgan Chase name.

As for layoffs, Scharf told reporters that JPMorgan is taking 60 days to sort through WaMu's organization to determine which employees it will cut and keep, with the goal of telling everyone by Dec. 1 what their future is with JPMorgan, if any.

Also uncertain is WaMu's credit center on the other side of

Pleasanton, near Home Depot. Last August, Washington Mutual sold its five-building office complex, but continues to operate there. Washington Mutual earlier had acquired the complex along with its owner, Provident Bancorp., for \$6.1 billion. Since then several hundred WaMu employees at the Johnson Drive center have been terminated.

Guaranty Bank, which has leased space at 234 Main St., is regrouping its California operations while riding out the financial storm. It reportedly is seeking to cancel its lease agreement with the Main Street building property owner. ■



Shawn Cordeiro (right) fine tunes his Death Star soapbox racer with his dad Ray at his Pleasanton home. Modeled after a planet-sized spaceship from the "Star Wars" movies, it will race the streets of San Francisco Saturday.

## Channeling the force

*Star Wars craft to race in a SF soapbox derby Saturday*

by Emily West

The Death Star has been spotted in Pleasanton, but don't think it's the resurgence of the dark side just yet. Shawn Cordeiro and four teammates are building it to race the streets of San Francisco, not for intergalactic domination.

Called Team Fully Operational, the group of Star Wars fans live in San Francisco, but have been spend-

ing free time in Cordeiro's parents' garage in Pleasanton crafting a "soapbox" interpretation of Darth Vader's mobile planet found in George Lucas' classic sci-fi films.

A welded metal frame—thanks to Cordeiro's dad, Ray, who is a certified welder—encompasses two bikes with platforms in between. Inside there is room for two people, a video camera and a monitor to

## Measure A funds paying dividends

*Since 2004 passage, half-cent sales tax has aided ValleyCare, Axis Health expansions*

by Janet Pelletier

A new report out on Measure A shows that the half-cent sales tax is making a difference in Alameda County. Locally, the tax has benefited ValleyCare Health System and Axis Community Health, according to officials from both organizations.

ValleyCare has received \$1.05 million from Measure A and the funds went toward the first phase of upgrading and enlarging the Pleasanton hospital's emergency room, according to Ken Mercer, vice president of the ValleyCare Foundation.

"(Measure A) was very generous in helping us and Scott Haggerty, our supervisor, should receive recognition for working hard in helping us receive the money," Mercer said.

The emergency room expansion is crucial for the medical center, which has been dealing with a space crunch for many years. The ER was built in 1991, is 4,000 square feet and meant to serve 13,500 patients. However, medical professionals are actually assisting more than double that number.

The expansion broke ground early this year and will be constructed in three phases at a price tag of \$6.7 million. Phase one includes nine additional treatment rooms, including an isolation room and nurses' station; phase two includes a bigger reception and waiting area, two triage areas and a covered ambulance entry area; and phase three includes four treating stations and a larger nurses' station. The ER will go

from 4,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet, from 12 treatment areas to 23 private treatment rooms, from one triage area to two, from two open registration stations to two private stations and from a waiting area with seating for 10 to one that seats 30.

Measure A funds have also helped Axis Community Health, a Tri-Valley provider of medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services.

Sue Compton, executive director for Axis, said the health provider received approximately \$75,000 to help implement a new practice management system that cost \$300,000.

"Currently, we have \$135,000 in support of the women's clinic that we are constructing at our Pleasanton clinic site, with a groundbreaking late this fall, as well as \$108,000 in support of our behavioral health services expansion project, which will assist us in the costs of obtaining an additional site in Pleasanton for many of our mental health and behavioral health services, opening approximately Dec. 1," Compton said.

According to the report on Measure A, the county sales tax supporting emergency medical, hospital inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health and substance abuse services for low-income and uninsured people has generated \$109 million in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$113 million in FY 2006-07. The measure, which

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## Tri-Valley cities win awards for youth health initiative

*Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore receive statewide honor recognizing cities for collaboration, including 'authentic youth voice'*

The cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore are being rewarded for their efforts in collaborating on youth health programs. The Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative (TVAHI), a partnership among Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, county Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and the three Tri-Valley cities recently received two statewide awards.

The League of California Cities awarded the Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in Local Government to the health initiative. The award, a component of the league's annual Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program, recognizes city programs in 11 categories that deliver the highest quality and level of service in the most effective manner. The initiative also received the City, County and Schools Partnership Award for 2008. The award is given to the applicant that exhibits a proven effort in demonstrating collaboration among local jurisdictions. The panel of judges, which included mayors, city councilmembers, school board members and county supervisors, awarded the Partnership Award to the initiative based on the uniqueness of the collaboration of the three cities, the county and the inclusion of "authentic youth voice" in creating the initiative.

"The panel was impressed that the initiative is addressing

the important issue of access to health care for adolescents," according to city of Pleasanton spokeswoman Joanne Hall.

Since its inception in 2005, the health initiative has created a Youth Planning Board consisting of three adolescent representatives from each city; gathered information from more than 4,200 Tri-Valley students with a youth-developed Student Health Survey; published *That One Place*, a youth-developed resource guide for middle and high school students that has been distributed to 10,000 students; secured grants and funding from public and private sources; and assembled more than 125 adult stakeholders from all parts of the public, private, government and nonprofit community sectors to engage in the initiative. Based upon input from the planning board, the initiative's next steps will be for youth and adults to work together to develop programs to improve mental health support systems for teens and their families by focusing on early prevention and emphasizing youth development; build on the strength of youth, families and community and further improve regional coordination of programs and local best practices.

"If you want youth programs to succeed, you need a partnership between youth and adults," said Youth Planning Board member Jennifer Lund.

"Nothing will get done without these two groups working together. Youth have the ideas and know what they need. Adults have the resources to make things happen."

In 2005, the Tri-Valley region's fastest growing population was youth ages 5 to 14. The initiative started with a regional survey, anchored by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. The 2006 Tri-Valley Student Health Survey revealed that one in three teens did not receive necessary medical care for illness and injuries, and four in 10 youth did not receive counseling for stress, depression or family problems. In addition, County public health reports state that adolescents in the Tri-Valley have more than two times the average rate of depression compared with their peers in the remainder of Alameda County. Using the data as a foundation for action, the initiative established a cross-system, regional coalition that included youth and adult leadership and representatives from cities, school districts, community service providers, county agencies, youth and parents.

With Haggerty's leadership, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the allocation of Measure A, a 2004 voter-approved health initiative, to support the initial funding of the initiative.

—Janet Pelletier



Janet Pelletier

## Happy birthday U.S. Navy

Active service members and reservists celebrated the United States Navy's 233rd birthday with a rousing celebration at the Pleasanton Hilton last Saturday.

Three-hundred attendees gathered with much pomp and circumstance as is traditional in military celebrations. The event included a flag salute, toasts to all the branches of the military and special guest of honor, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe R. Campa Jr., who is based in Washington, D.C.

Campa Jr. was seated at a head table with other high-ranking guests. In front of the head table was an empty seat with a bell, a glass and a single red rose, representing all of the service members who are still listed as missing in action. Commemorative coins to mark the occasion were being sold at the start of the event, but at dinner, it was announced that a man associated with the rodeo industry who was not a guest offered to pay for all the remaining coins as a way of saying thanks to attendees for their military service.

To celebrate the Navy birthday, which is also being celebrated this month all across the nation, Campa Jr. and the youngest and oldest Navy service members helped cut the cake with a sword. The Navy birthday is Oct. 13, 1775. The Navy ball was hosted by the Moffett Field Chief Petty Officers Association, which includes members from across the Bay Area and outlying areas. This is the first time a Navy ball has been held in Northern California in 12 years.



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## The Independent:

"Measure PP represents the true feeling of the community toward the hills surrounding their city... We say to every Pleasanton voter who wants that mandate carried out: pass Measure PP; reject QQ." (10/9/2008)

## Tri-Valley Herald:

"If Measures QQ passes with more votes, it would block Measure PP from taking effect. Yet, Measure QQ is nothing more than an empty promise." (10/10/2008)

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'It's really sad, but most parents that we talk to have done real well financially, but never found the time to save for college, and now they're facing a bill of \$18,000-\$45,000 a year, and they don't know who to turn to,' he says. 'Further, most of the time, all they hear is to not even bother applying for any aid because they make too much money. However, most of the time, that is simply not true...even if they make a six-figure income.'

Richard would know, because his group has worked with over 1400 families in the last 10 years ranging from single moms to corporate CEO's, and they say they can help anyone get through the process and save a bundle....no matter how good of a student they have or how much money they make.

'I got started in this because I was a very good student, but no one told us *anything* about how to access money for college, or even how to pick a career...so I didn't go right away. But, I vowed that I would learn the process and devote my time to helping families not fall into the same trap that we did. 'Simply put, we show parents the truth that they aren't hearing anywhere else about how the college process really works and save *thousands* of dollars in the process.'

Tri-Valley parents will have a couple opportunities to hear Richard speak. He is teaching his class 'How to Give Your Kid a 4-Year College Education *Without Going Broke!*' on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasanton Library at 400 Old Bernal in Pleasanton, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Round Table Pizza located at 3203 Crow Canyon Place. All classes are 7:15pm - 8:45pm.

'We'll discuss everything from the greatest myths about the college process, to how to send your student to a fancy private school for less than the cost of a junior college...it'll be like learning how to get a brand new Lexus for the price of a used pickup truck,' he grins.

Topics will also include why private scholarships and 529 plans are a waste of time, how to double or even triple the amount of free money you receive from each school, and how to avoid the one mistake that will kill your chances of getting any money at all that almost every other parent will make this coming January, and much, much more.

'They will learn a ton, and I do my best to make the class fun,' he says. 'It's like I'm giving them a super bright flash light to navigate a pitch black cave, while all the other parents continue to stumble around blindly!'

'Don't forget: the class is totally free, but seats are limited. Also, I'm not sure when I'll be teaching these classes in the Tri Valley again since my November calendar is already filling up, so come on out and see me.' You can reserve a seat by calling our 24 hour reservation line at (800) 676-0496 ext. 502 or online at [www.cacollegeplanners.com/valley](http://www.cacollegeplanners.com/valley)

## Bundles for babies

Church asks community to help families

Times are tough for many families in the Tri-Valley, especially when it comes to caring for infants. In order to help these new mothers and fathers, Lynnewood United Methodist Church is teaming up with Axis Community Health and encouraging the community to join in as well.

Axis, which provides medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to the uninsured and underinsured in the Tri-Valley, recently started a program called Bundles of Joy. Through this program, participants in the prenatal program are given baskets of baby items and newborn clothes.

'With limited means, these families struggle to provide everything they need to care for a new baby,' said Heidi Stark, a Bundles of Joy co-leader at Lynnewood. 'The arrival of a newborn should be a joyful occasion, not a new hardship. Our goal is to welcome each of these babies into the world and to say we care.'

The goal is to give 10 baskets a



Patricia (second from left) receives a "bundle of joy" from Axis CPSP Provider Brenda Cortez (left) and Helen Thayer and Heidi Stark from Lynnewood United Methodist Church (right).

month, and the Lynnewood congregation has help the group get started and hopes the community would as well. In order to fill the baskets, they need donations of items such as baby bottles, diapers, pacifiers, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office, 4444 Black Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

Call the church at 846-0221 for more information. Items may also be dropped off at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

To learn more about Axis, visit [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

—Emily West

## Political Notes

### Kiwanis Club plans debate on Measures PP, QQ

Voters in Pleasanton who have questions about the differences between the Measure PP and Measure QQ initiatives will have a chance to hear presentations by both sides at a luncheon planned by the Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton at noon next Friday, Oct. 24.

Steve Brozosky, who is also a candidate for mayor in the Nov. 4 municipal election, will talk about the advantages of Measure PP, which he is supporting. Speaking for Measure QQ, a competing initiative will be former Councilwoman Becky Dennis and retired Parks and Community Services Director

Dolores Bengtson. Those attending will also have a chance to ask questions about each measure.

The cost of the luncheon, to be held at Vic's All-Star Kitchen, is \$10 pre-paid or \$15 at the door. Because of a limited seating, reservations are required and must be made by Wednesday by calling Chuck McGraw at 294-9981.

### Tree time

Workers began unraveling more than 20,000 Christmas lights Tuesday, spiraling them around the branches of five large trees in Civic Park downtown.

The lights are hung in mid-October in an attempt to beat the first rains of the season, according to city spokeswoman Joanne Hall. This year, the trees are being decorated with a new decor package that includes 20,000 warm, white lights, Hall said. When lit later this fall, the trees will be white instead of last year's blue. The largest in the grove of trees will be lit in a special ceremony with Lights of the Valley on Nov. 19, Hall said, while the rest of the trees will be lit on Dec. 1.

The city will host the annual Hometown Holidays Celebration on Dec. 6 along Main Street. A parade will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum On Main. This year's theme is "Sights and Sounds of the Season" and all parade entries are encouraged to decorate floats and marching units. Entry applications are available online and the deadline to register is Nov. 26. To enter, visit [www.hometownholiday.com](http://www.hometownholiday.com). A parade float building guide is available upon request by calling 931-3432.



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# Opinion

## Letters

### Confused about PP and QQ?

Dear Editor,

Over 5,000 Pleasanton voters signed a petition to place a Measure PP, the Hillside Protection Ordinance, on the ballot. PP will protect Pleasanton's ridgelines and hilltops immediately (November 2008). PP has clear and simple language. It took endless hours of work plus 5,000 signers to put PP on the ballot. It only took three officials (Hosterman/Thorne/Cook-Kallio) to put QQ on to compete and confuse voters. Yep, 5,000 versus three.

These three officials have voted for more houses and less hilltops, time and time again. Many of them stood at the farmers' market and asked residents not to put PP on the ballot. I personally lost faith in them to protect our few natural resources long ago.

It is time to take hillside protection out of the "pro-growth" city leader's and developer's hands. We trusted them to protect our southeast hills and they let us down. They voted "yes" to Oak Grove, which if built, will remove up to 40 vertical feet off of some of our southeast ridges, and place houses along environmentally sensitive areas. Additional developers are waiting in line to place more structures on top of Pleasanton's ridges. Drive to Dublin and San Ramon to see how a pro-growth city council can take away hilltops forever. Vote "no" on the three councilmembers' QQ. Vote "yes" on PP and protect Pleasanton.

Vote for the team that will protect our hillsides: Steve Brozosky, Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan. Don't your kids deserve to know what a Pleasanton ridgetop looks like?

*Karla Brown  
Co-author of Measure PP*

### QQ offers inclusive public process

Dear Editor,

Before you vote, take the time to read Measure QQ and Measure PP. Review who signed the measures and arguments. You will find that the open space and trail advocates who were key to saving Pleasanton Ridge, to making sure the Arroyo trails are open to the public and to ensuring that open space lands are made publicly accessible are supporting QQ.

This issue is so important that it must be judged on merit. QQ offers an inclusive public process; PP's author is unknown, public input was denied. QQ is subject to full environmental review; PP is not. QQ will be crafted based on solid geotechnical information with specific ridges and hillsides

identified; PP was crafted without geotechnical information. It is important that QQ has a strategy that will place many acres of open space into public ownership, forming a publicly accessible southeast hills greenbelt. PP lacks a strategy; their exemption from restrictions for 10 units or less may actually encourage large estate lots, thus privatizing that open space.

Both measures address how you count residential housing units toward our housing cap. The definition specified by PP results in extended stay hotels units (even some motels), and some senior assisted living units counting toward the cap. QQ offers an inclusive community process to clearly define an acceptable criterion for counting units.

PP is just plain bad law. Vote "yes" on QQ.

*Mary Jane Casper, Pleasanton*

### Re-elect Sullivan, McGovern

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton needs Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan on the City Council. Pleasanton residents cannot afford to lose the only two councilmembers who encourage and appreciate citizen participation and collaboration on matters affecting the city. They consistently solicit, research, listen to and balance neighborhood concerns and issues in the decisions they make. Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern are the only two candidates in this race, or on the current City Council, who have not been influenced by, nor allowed pressure from, special interests to affect their decisions for Pleasanton.

Matt and Cindy are the only two candidates who remain faithful to their grassroots beginnings. Their campaigns are not funded nor endorsed by the chamber BACPAC, outside political Independent Expenditure Committees or developers. I don't think it's a coincidence that the chamber endorsement selection committee included Martin Inderbitzen, attorney for the Oak Grove/Lin/Tong development and Jim McKeenan of Signature Properties. It does, however, show just how developer participation could influence future land development discussions, committees and decisions.

Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan provide the balance Pleasanton needs on a city council heavily slanted towards business, special interests and developers. Cindy and Matt continue to show honesty and integrity in their decisions, and have proven that there are still two councilmembers

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## Editorial

### Hosterman for mayor; Sullivan, Pentin for council

Among the two candidates for mayor, we recommend the incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman for re-election to another two-year term of office over her challenger, Steve Brozosky. In her four years as mayor, Hosterman has championed millions of dollars in fiscally-responsible improvements to the benefit of all who live here: Callippe Preserve Golf Course; Kottinger Creek and the Veterans Memorial Building and, now under way, the Firehouse Arts Center that will boost public interest in our historic downtown and the Alviso Adobe Community Park. Add to this her zeal for addressing and localizing issues such as global warming and alternative energy, we can be proud to have a mayor who is recognized nationally for persuading cities to make the country's environmental concerns part of their own agenda. As a result, Pleasanton's new General Plan, which she has worked on since her election to the City Council in 2002, contains energy, water conservation and air quality elements that are blueprints for municipal planners everywhere. She has also been more conciliatory in recent months in working cooperatively with our neighboring cities, traveling to Washington and meeting with other mayors on regional issues. This has resulted in construction of a new carpool lane on eastbound Interstate 580. She also supports widening and extending El Charro Road, State Route 84 and extending Stoneridge Drive to Livermore. Her leadership in gaining council approval of Oak Grove with its 496- acres of open space was right-on, again showing her flexibility in steering Pleasanton toward buildout.

Steve Brozosky is to be commended both for his good work in the City Council from 2002-2006, when he lost in his first bid for mayor against Hosterman by only 189 votes, and for stepping up and volunteering his services on the Pleasanton school board after the death of Juanita Haugen. He's been effective in both positions, but we prefer Hosterman.

#### Sullivan

Of all the good characteristics we like about Matt Sullivan, his absolute devotion to representative government is what we admire most. Sure, his insistence on outside mediation of seemingly unsolvable disputes (St. Clare Episcopal Church v. Valley Trails homeowners, comes to mind) sometimes delays the process, but the end result is usually positive and good for our community. A mechanical engineer, Sullivan brings the logical, well-thought-out thinking of his profession and business experience to the council. While we don't always agree with his views, he's consistent and rightfully seeks to build consensus with constituents. His long service on the Planning Commission gives him broader vision on the many housing, traffic and land use policies and open space preservation issues facing our city. Sullivan speaks his mind clearly and is the voice we need on the City Council.

#### Pentin

A local businessman in the high-tech field of videography, Jerry Pentin has long been active in Pleasanton since moving here 17 years ago. An ex-Marine, he's a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and has been its chairman. He's also a member of Pleasanton North Rotary and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2007. An advocate for open space, he supports Oak Grove and is leading the effort to bring a Sharks ice skating and hockey rink to Staples Ranch.

Our main regret in this election is that only two seats are open on the City Council. We wish there were three because we also admire the work of Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who is completing her first four-year term and is seeking re-election. McGovern served our community for 10 years as a respected member of the school board, where she also served as president, and she has championed youth activities and facilities both there and on the council. With just two council seats to fill, we support Matt Sullivan and Jerry Pentin for election to the City Council on Nov. 4. ■

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whose votes cannot be bought.

We need leaders who will listen to the entire community. Re-elect Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern for good government and the integrity of Pleasanton.

*Billie Otis, Pleasanton*

**Gay marriage doesn't weaken 'traditional' marriage**

Dear Editor,

In the continuing debate over the Weekly's decision to include a same sex couple in the Weddings section, Marilyn Ludt claims that "commitment to marriage and family will be weakened" (by same sex marriage). I have previously heard this sentiment echoed and have always wondered on what statistics such claims are based? With same sex marriage being a legal choice only recently, how can such statistics even exist?

"Traditional" marriage between a man and woman has existed for ages and so we do have the stats on that. The National Center for Health Statistics reports that the marriage rate is 7.5 per 1,000 total population. Divorce rate: 3.6 per 1,000 population (46 reporting states and D.C.). Age at marriage seems to be the indicator of

whether or not a marriage fails: "Of women who got married when they were younger than 18, almost two-thirds got divorced, compared with about a third of those married at age 20 or older" (NCHS).

Marilyn, sexual orientation has nothing more to do with a person's commitment to family than does the color of their skin. I am a married heterosexual mother of two and I will not support any proposition that seeks to exclude any group from the legal right to marry. My children have grown up in a world where women can vote, and where African Americans and Caucasians can ride the same bus. I will not join you in taking steps backwards.

*Julie Giessler, Pleasanton*

**Vote 'yes' on Prop. 8**

Dear Editor,

I am a little puzzled at the lack of outrage among Californians over the action by our state supreme court to legalize same-sex marriage. Proposition 8 proposes adding a formal amendment to our state constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

Those opposing Proposition 8 have tried to put a negative spin on the issue with inflammatory and unfounded arguments that existing rights would be taken away from domestic partnerships and hardships would be imposed on gay couples. This is simply not true. Consenting adults have the right to

live any way they choose but they do not have the right to demand that society redefine marriage in order to validate their lifestyle.

The negative ramifications of legalized same-sex marriage are real. In Massachusetts, where same-sex marriage is legal, the Catholic Diocese of Boston has chosen to close Catholic Charities rather than be forced to arrange adoptions for same-sex couples. This is only one example of the rights of the many being usurped by the few. Those of us who support Proposition 8 are not against civil rights for anyone but we do wish to restore the definition of marriage to what it has always been: between one man and one woman.

*Jane Barlow, Pleasanton*

**Pentin a fresh, positive force for Council**

Dear Editor,

I am one of many who urge everyone to vote for Jerry Pentin for the Pleasanton City Council. I have known him personally for more than seven years and witnessed his active work for our city and for many charitable organizations here. We know about his leadership in the Parks & Recreation Commission, his work on the Firehouse Arts Center, the Veterans Hall and his support of developing more businesses in downtown and in the Hacienda Business Park. Jerry is a family man, married for 24 years, and a 17-year resident of Pleasanton. He

will continue to act on preserving open space, affordable housing and to solve our difficult traffic problems. He will bring a fresh, positive force to our City Council to get the many tasks completed with no further delays. Let's elect Jerry Pentin to the Pleasanton City Council.

*Paul E.T. Jensen, Pleasanton*

**Vote Arkin for school board**

Dear Editor,

I am voting for Valerie Arkin for the Pleasanton school board and I encourage other voters to do the same. Arkin has proven her commitment to the community and shown her talents in her work on two other boards, the Tri-Valley YMCA and the Pleasanton Library Commission. In these roles, Arkin worked with other community members to listen, gather information and make sound decisions on behalf of other Pleasanton residents. These experiences give her an edge over some other candidates who have not had the experience of working with others on a board.

Furthermore, Arkin's graduate business degree places her in good stead to develop an effective budget for Pleasanton schools, balancing resources to retain top-notch teachers and fine programs. I encourage voters to look into Arkin's candidacy and seek her out at the Farmers' Market to meet her personally. Voters will find an intelligent, personable candidate who listens carefully and who is fully committed to the success of Pleasanton's students. Please note that Arkin is not an "activist" candidate seeking a place on the board to implement her own agenda: Arkin will listen, ask good questions, research with due diligence and make decisions with the benefit of Pleasanton students in mind.

*Sheri Scarborough, Pleasanton*

**PP, QQ not similar to 1992 citizen effort**

Dear Editor,

A letter to the editor two weeks ago suggested the current PP/QQ initiative situation is similar to the 1992 Pleasanton Ridge debate. However, the current situation is different, and to suggest it is similar to 1992 is doing a disservice to Pleasanton voters who are considering PP and QQ. In 1992, the pro-developer council-sponsored initiative was clearly not in Pleasanton's interest—thousands of homes were proposed with no quid-pro-quo for Pleasanton, clearly saddling us with infrastructure costs and ruination of the Ridge. This time, both initiatives purport to protect ridgelines, hillsides, and our quality of life. There are people I have long respected—all known for past efforts on preserving our hillsides—who are on opposite sides of the PP / QQ debate. (Tarver, Dennis, Sullivan, Arkin, Bengston, Combs, etc.) That alone should tell you this is not as clear-cut as the 1992 issue.

We are fortunate to have an intelligent and involved community. The full text of PP and QQ is in the

sample ballot to help you decide where you stand. I found it much easier reading than I expected, and easier than dealing with all the "spin" being created. Personally, I am concerned about PP because of the exemption for 10 or fewer units and the wording on definition of a housing unit. I also had concerns about how QQ came to be on the ballot, and applaud that Matt Sullivan has the integrity to acknowledge citizen's wishes (he has my vote). When initiatives are this close I tend to vote no on both. However, what swayed my decision pro-QQ is that PP's key promoters, Kay Ayala and Steve Brozosky, moved and voted for the huge water park in 2004, against citizen's wishes, and thus were voted off the City Council.

*Mick Hanou, Pleasanton*

**Vote 'yes' on QQ**

Dear Editor,

Measure QQ has been placed on the ballot in Pleasanton by open space and trail advocates and community leaders. It ensures passage of a hillside preservation measure that will safeguard opportunities to receive hundreds of acres of open space dedications worth more than \$15 million, including maintenance and endowments for future parks and trails.

Your "yes" vote on Measure QQ is the only vote that ensures a publicly accessible greenbelt and trail system in the hills southeast of Pleasanton. It is the best way to protect this greenbelt from private large lot development.

Measure QQ reaffirms policies and a program in the city's current General Plan. It preserves spectacular scenic hillside and ridge views. It protects continuous areas of open space from intrusion by urban development and provides for trails on this open space. Measure QQ provides for the continuation of grazing and agriculture. And it confirms the 29,000-unit housing cap.

Vote "yes" on Measure QQ.  
*Barbara E. Hempill, Pleasanton*

**PP will protect views**

Dear Editor,

Measure PP will give instant protections to our view shed in Pleasanton by prohibiting development on the top 100 feet of a ridgeline and by prohibiting grading in the steep areas over 25 percent slope. The tactic employed by our current mayor and two councilmembers to allow ridgetop development in exchange for open space is unacceptable. Tim Hunt (former editor and associate publisher of the Tri-Valley Herald) got it absolutely correct in his Oct. 5 Tri-Valley Herald article when he stated, "what's important to most people is view shed—open space that they can see. Most don't need to hike on it. It's the psychological benefit of open hillsides and views."

The most cost-effective way to accomplish this is through private ownership and conservation easements, not city ownership. City ownership, with the associated liability and maintenance costs, is very expensive.

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# Guest Opinion

## We all share responsibility for Delta's problems, solutions

by Jill Duerig

Contrary to a widespread belief, the environmental crisis that threatens continued water deliveries through the Delta is not just a Southern California issue.

Zone 7 Water Agency, the water wholesaler for Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon, relies on the Delta to convey about 80 percent of its municipal water supply, and all of the water it provides to Livermore Valley vineyards.

More than 2.3 million people in Zone 7's service area, the Fremont area and the Santa Clara Valley drink water that originates in the Sierra, flows through the fragile Delta and is delivered through the same pumps that serve San Joaquin farms and Southern California.

In fact, Bay Area residents will be "the biggest losers" if nothing is done to improve the system of Delta water conveyance, according to UC Davis engineering professor Jay Lund, co-author of a report from the non-partisan Public Policy Institute of California. He noted that the Bay Area has fewer alternatives for water supply.

The Delta environmental crisis has resulted in court-ordered pumping restrictions that, coupled with drought conditions, underscore the urgent need for a strategy to protect both the reliability and the quality of existing Delta-conveyed water supplies.

Zone 7's share of costs in addressing these unprecedented challenges is a key factor pressuring wholesale water rates for 2009. The challenges point to the need for all of us to conserve water. Using and recycling water wisely and minimizing waste will become a way of life in arid California, especially with the likelihood of state regulation on the horizon.

*Bay Area residents will be the "biggest losers" if nothing is done to improve the system of Delta water conveyance.*

Zone 7 has joined with several other stakeholder groups—including environmental organizations, wildlife agencies and other water districts—to formulate the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The plan seeks to address multiple interests related to the Delta, which conveys drinking water for two-thirds of Californians and is critical to the

state's economy as a whole.

The intertwined goals of reliable water supply and Delta ecosystem restoration underlie both the Bay Delta plan and a plan drafted by the governor's Delta Vision task force. Both plans have identified advantages of adding a canal or pipeline around the Delta to the Delta water-conveyance system.

There is bound to be much debate over a peripheral canal and the environmental restoration under consideration in both of these plans. But much will boil down to creating safeguards for the operation of a new, more flexible system so that we optimize badly needed benefits to the Delta ecosystem with water-supply reliability. Moreover, we must preserve the livelihood of communities in the Delta.

At stake in Zone 7's service area is water supply for 200,000 residents, businesses and industries, including a \$200 million viticulture industry.

All Bay Area residents share responsibility for the Delta's problems and solutions. Residents in five Bay Area counties drink water conveyed through the Delta, while others drink Sierra snowmelt that is diverted by San Francisco's Hetch-Hetchy system and by the East Bay Municipal Utilities District before reaching the Delta.

*Jill Duerig is the general manager for Zone 7 Water Agency.*

Make sure we retain our beautiful surroundings that make Pleasanton so special. Vote "yes" on Measure PP. Vote "no" on Measure QQ.

*Susan Chavez, Pleasanton*

### PP does not stop building on hills

Dear Editor,

Wouldn't it be preferable to hear from as many citizens as possible to see how the land located within our city boundaries should best be used? Access to open space and protecting the southeastern hills through an open, public process is the benefit to the citizens of Pleasanton of Proposition QQ.

Having a say in the process is so important, like the open, public process of determining uses of the western hills. QQ will use the expert resources we have available to make sure that there is the right outcome and access to our remaining areas. If there is a great example, look at Augustin Bernal Park and the Pleasanton Ridge areas—wonderful biking, hiking, views, trails are available for the citizens of Pleasanton. Let's take the time to do this right. Vote "yes" on QQ to support the public process.

Read your ballot carefully; PP does not stop building on these hills. Many of the supporters of PP are the ones that claimed we needed a more open process to plan Staples Ranch, so it was a process reopened for maximum public input. Seems like we should do the same with the southeastern hills. QQ starts the process and mandates the council to make it a priority. It's about getting the best for Pleasanton. Join those who advocate for publicly accessible open space and read the list of supporters of QQ. Vote "yes" on QQ.

*Janice Phalen, Pleasanton*

### Vote Brozosky for mayor

Dear Editor,

Steve Brozosky is the leader, the mayor Pleasanton needs. As a former City Council member, as a school board member, and as a volunteer for many local activities, Steve identifies problems, searches for solutions while bringing opposing views to the table. Steve listens to citizens, and focuses on understanding their concerns, though often these concerns are his as well. We need a mayor who listens. Additionally, Steve has a small business for which he developed software, making governments more accessible to their citizens.

Steve is particularly interested in the vibrancy of downtown, the heart of Pleasanton. As a councilmember, he was instrumental in the initial funding of the Firehouse Art Center to bring the arts to downtown and to increase its economic vitality. Steve would work with planners, community members, downtown property owners, and merchants to increase the vibrancy of downtown.

Steve is the fiscal conservative we need in these trying times. He understands the budgetary constraints being placed on municipalities. As a school board member, he worked to develop a balanced budget with less revenue without affecting programs in the classrooms. Steve is for Pleasanton, not special interest groups. He has no campaign contributions from developers or other special interests, only Pleasanton residents. While it is more difficult to run a campaign without special interest money, Steve has put together a grassroots campaign as he feels that the city should belong to the residents, not the special interests.

Please join me and vote for Brozosky for mayor.

*Mary Roberts  
(Former Planning Commissioner)*



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# Cultivating business



Striving for funding, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association looks to partner in new wine region marketing campaign

Janet Pelletier

**W**inery workers in Ruby Hill are wrapping up a succession of 17-hour work days as the grape harvest is almost complete for the 2008 season.

At Mitchell Katz Winery, bunches of grapes are taken through an assembly line supervised by workers where machines separate the fruit from the vine and send it to plastic bins. They will later be moved inside for the fermentation process. It will be at least another year's time before the 2008 grapes are made into wine and bottled for sale.

Mitchell Katz in Pleasanton is the third largest producer of wine next to Wente and Concannon in the Livermore Valley, which includes 4,500 acres of vineyards and features 30 different varietals from petite sirah to sauvignon blanc.

It's no accident that this year the No. 1 and 2 vineyards here are celebrating their 125th consecutive harvests. A 600-foot rock base promotes high drainage, helping the grapes to maintain their flavor. A cool breeze at nighttime adds to the perfect climate.

This Valley was made for vintners. And the fruits of their labor are being recognized in the number of visitors. An estimated half a million people come to the Tri-Valley area every year, drawn in by the wine country, and they spend about \$17 million annually.

But, either surprisingly or not so surprisingly, as Concannon estate manager Jim Ryan tells it, the average overnight visitor spends about \$268 per visit, much lower than those who flock to Napa. When he gave a recent talk to Charles Schwab executives at Stoneridge Shopping Center, he asked all 77 how many of them had been to Napa versus Livermore. The answer? Sixty-six had been to Napa, but only 11 had been to Livermore. Don't get him wrong, the Livermore Valley is not trying to be Napa 2.0, but it wouldn't hurt local vineyards to get a somewhat proportionate piece of the pie.

"(Concannon is) one of the busiest tasting rooms in the Livermore Valley and we'll see about 40,000-45,000 visitors per year," Ryan said. "The Mondavi visitor's center in Napa sees 1.2 million, just to put things into perspective."

"You can't compare us to them," he continued. "We don't want to be Napa. We want to be attractive to people who don't like Napa anymore because it's too expensive."

Ryan, along with Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association treasurer Mark Triska, recently gave a presentation to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce detailing how the association plans to attract more visitors and more tourism dollars. The LVWA will roll out a new marketing plan next year across the Bay Area, with the catchphrase "What are you doing this weekend?"

It's a common question that co-workers, spouses and friends ask each other towards the end of the week and the best way to

get people talking about the local wine country, Triska said.

"We already have funding for our radio and print campaign, and that will start at the end of this year and run through 2009," Ryan added.

Part of the reason that visitors aren't spending much money is because there aren't many overnight visitors to begin with.

"They don't stay at Motel 6," Ryan said of the typical wine country tourist. "They're looking for a little more value, like a bed and breakfast. We had our (Concannon) partners in from Spain last month and we housed them at the Rose Hotel. They look for these types of communities with the nice restaurants, Main Street, where they can walk from their hotel out the door and visit a nice restaurant."

Livermore has one bed and breakfast, the Purple Orchid Inn. There have been plans for a boutique-style hotel across from Livermore's Blacksmith Square, a consortium of wineries, but no businesses have come forward with proposals. Pleasanton had a bed and breakfast in a restored Victorian on West Angela

Street downtown. The Plum Tree Inn was owned by Joan and Bob Cordtz, but they closed it in 2003 when business declined after 9/11. Another popular bed and breakfast was Evergreen Bed and Breakfast, located on Longview Drive near the foot of Augustin-Bernal Park. Owners Jane and Clay Cameron put the home up for sale in 2004 so they could spend more time with their family.

One challenge has been possible locations for boutique hotels and bed and breakfasts because the South Livermore Valley Plan limits where development is allowed.

Triska, who owns Triska Crane Ridge Vineyards in Livermore and is a commercial real estate broker for Colliers, said the winegrowers association's objective is to get all the cities in the Tri-Valley on board with the winegrowers association's campaign as an opportunity to drum up more tourism.

Chris Chandler, executive director of the association, said the aim is to reach consumers within a two-hour radius of the wine country region, which includes Livermore,

Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, Castro Valley, San Ramon and Danville.

"On KKIQ and KKDV, we started in September with "What are you doing Labor Day weekend?" which was a soft launch for us," Chandler said. "The campaign is not meant to start until 2009. We're doing all the preparation and figuring it all out right now."

Chandler said the association will in the next 30 days prepare proposals to bring to the wine region cities, requesting some form of funding, but how much has yet to be determined. The winegrowers association is a nonprofit and receives its funding from membership dues, the Labor Day weekend Harvest Wine Celebration and from a few other fundraisers held throughout the year. But the money is just not enough to cover marketing costs, Chandler said. So, instead of going it alone, the association believes that partnerships—between cities, the Tri-Valley



Bunches of petite sirah grapes are processed through an assembly line at Mitchell Katz Winery, which is the third largest producer of wine in the Livermore Valley.



Grapes spend their last few days on the vine in the Ruby Hill vineyards before they will be harvested for the 2008 season. Below: Courtney Cooke, who with her husband John Canfield own Crackerbox Vineyard in Livermore, sell grapes to Mitchell Katz at Ruby Hill. Here, she helps in the assembly line process of petite sirah grapes at the Pleasanton winery.

Convention & Visitor's Bureau and businesses—will help create the region as a destination, which Napa has done so successfully.

“Look at our cousin to the north. Napa has these charming cities—Yountville, St. Helena, Calistoga, Rutherford—that are all within the Napa (Valley),” Chandler said. “And they do a good job of marketing their own hometown, but they are in a designated American Viticulture Area or wine region. We have such charming downtowns, look at Pleasanton and Danville and Livermore.”

Chandler acknowledges that most of the wineries are in Livermore, two are in Pleasanton, two in Sunol and one in Castro Valley, but added that there are wine boutiques in Danville. There are also a number of upscale restaurants in the Tri-Valley region, which pair nicely with the wineries. There are also other amenities in the region that would attract those who enjoy wine tasting, such as golf courses, bocce ball, spa retreats and hiking and biking trails, Chandler said.

“We should not limit ourselves because there is so much to do in this region that makes it a destination,” she said. “We just need to communicate what those things are because people have different interests.”

The transit occupancy tax charged by cities on hotel stays could be an avenue for the winegrowers association. It currently doesn't receive any TOT funding.

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said the city is open to hearing a proposal for funding the association.

“We're willing to pay. We just want them to demonstrate that they're going to market the whole area,” he said. ■



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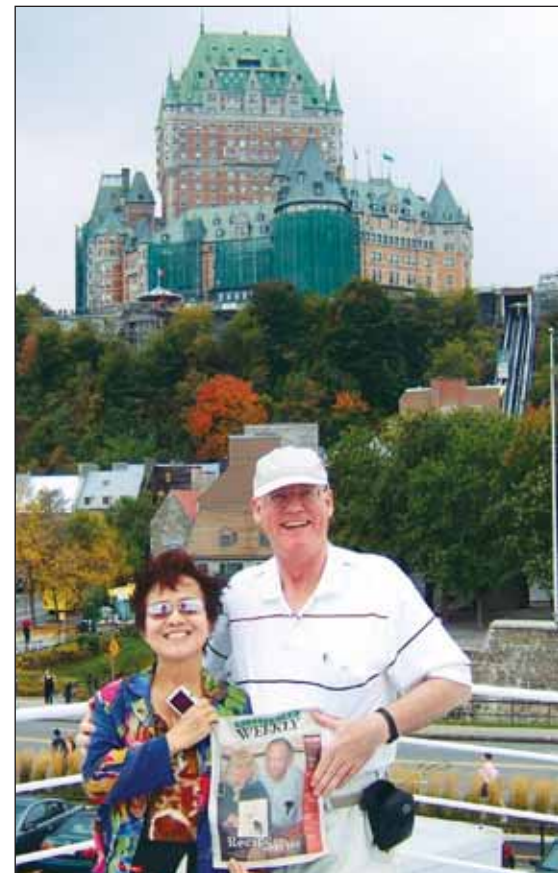
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Pleasanton gymnasts Katelyn Cole, Lauren Kobayashi, Jenna Bovaird, Carly Israel and Allie Powers competed in last year's Hollywood Invitational Gymnastics meet for the West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy, bringing the Weekly along for the ride.



**Oh Canada**

Catherine and Jim Hoge brought the Weekly along with their luggage on a recent trip to Quebec City, Canada. It was a good trip, eh?

**Soapbox**

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help with visibility. The spherical craft is even equipped with a rotating top and water cannon, to spray spectators. They also hope to help rev the crowd up by passing out Storm Trooper masks for their fans.

The Red Bull Soapbox Race is Saturday at Dolores Park, with the pits opening at 11 a.m. and the first race starting at 1 p.m. More than 30 teams were whittled down from 200 entries to compete for racing-themed prizes and glory. It will also be quite a show, with each team performing a skit before they make their way to the starting line.

A videographer, Corderio put together a video of the making of the Death Star, which can be seen at [www.shawncorderio.com/team\\_fully\\_operational.html](http://www.shawncorderio.com/team_fully_operational.html).

To learn more about the Red Bull Soapbox Race, visit [www.redbull-soapboxusa.com](http://www.redbull-soapboxusa.com). ■



In a test run, Shawn Cordeiro maneuvers the Death Star soapbox racer down a hill in his parents' Pleasanton neighborhood.

Emily West

**Measure A**

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passed with 71 percent approval in March 2004, also created a citizen oversight committee that monitors spending for each fiscal year.

According to state data, the report

said 11 percent of county residents (160,000) are uninsured and another 21 percent are eligible for public health insurance programs, including Medi-Cal and Healthy Families, which target low-income individuals and families.

While much of the report is positive, it said the recent economic downturn will affect the amount

collected going forward.

"Sales tax receipts are growing at a slower rate each year, meaning that Measure A funding increases are growing more slowly also," the report states.

State and federal cuts to health care and a growing number of uninsured county residents are adding to the problem. ■

# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Man admits to robbing Safeway twice

A concerned citizen helped police nab a robbery suspect who hit up Wells Fargo in Safeway on Santa Rita just before lunchtime Oct. 9. Police arrested the Pleasanton man, who later admitted to police he robbed the same bank Sept. 19.

Anthony Cano, 29, fled the bank on foot after reportedly demanding money and indicating he had a weapon in his pocket. A concerned citizen followed the suspect to a residence near Alvarado Street and Santa Rita Road while cluing in police.

Police said Cano was hiding in a shed and refusing to come out, so they released a police dog. Cano

received minor injuries to his arm that required stitches, so he was transported to ValleyCare Medical Center prior to being booked at Santa Rita Jail for robbery.

During the search, nearby Alisal Elementary School and Gingerbread Preschool were put on lockdown for about an hour. The school district released a statement reporting that neither the schools nor its students were directly involved.

In the previous incident, Cano allegedly presented the teller with a note demanding money. That time, police said no weapon had been mentioned or seen.

Cano was charged with two counts of robbery. According to the Alameda County website, his bail was set at \$60,000 and his prior criminal record includes drug possession, theft and battery.

This is the third robbery of a Wells Fargo in recent months, as the Safeway location was robbed last month and a Main Street location was robbed in August.

## Police Report

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

### Oct. 4

- Stolen vehicle:
  - 7:51 a.m. in the 7200 block of Stonedale Drive
- Burglary:
  - 7:51 a.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; vehicular
  - 5:13 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; vehicular
  - 7:06 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Minor alcohol possession:
  - 10:57 p.m. at the intersection of Greenwood Road and Valley Avenue

### Oct. 5

- Stolen vehicle:
  - 3:11 p.m. at the intersection of Pleasanton and Bernal avenues
- Vehicular burglary:
  - 1:07 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive
- Shoplifting:
  - 1:07 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 1:07 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 1:07 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 4:20 p.m. in the 2500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 4:27 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- DUI:
  - 12:19 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
  - 9:18 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue
- Public drunkenness:
  - 3:58 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Stanley Boulevard
  - 8:20 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
  - 10:21 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

### Oct. 6

- Theft:
  - 8:44 a.m. in the 4700 block of Woodthrush Court; petty theft
  - 8:46 a.m. in the 4700 block of

- Woodthrush Court; petty theft
- 9:50 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; grand theft
- 11:24 a.m. in the 4100 block of Hazelhurst Court; stolen vehicle
- 3:58 p.m. in the 300 block of Mullin Court; identity theft
- 8:44 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; petty theft
- 9:54 p.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road; grand theft

### Oct. 7

- Vandalism:
  - 11:38 a.m. in the 2700 block of Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400
  - 10:17 p.m. in the 300 block of Old Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$400
- Battery:
  - 6:37 p.m. in the 200 block of Spring Street
- Theft:
  - 6:25 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive; stolen vehicle
  - 1:03 p.m. in the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle; identity theft
  - 2:46 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - 3:37 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
  - 5:43 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; petty theft
- Burglary:
  - 8:28 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
  - 3:20 p.m. in the 100 block of West Angela Street
- Vandalism:
  - 1:43 p.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Muirwood Drive; worth less than \$400

### Oct. 8

- Theft:
  - 9:37 a.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive; grand theft
  - 10:13 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; petty theft
  - 11:08 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
  - 1:23 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle
- Burglary:
  - 8:48 a.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; vehicular
  - 8:15 p.m. in the 1000 block of

- Stoneridge Mall Road
- Vandalism:
  - 9:59 a.m. in the 900 block of Rose Avenue; worth less than \$400
  - 2:15 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; worth less than \$400
- Battery:
  - 2:15 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Oct. 9

- Theft:
  - 10:04 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; forgery
  - 3:29 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; stolen vehicle
  - 6:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- Vehicular burglary:
  - 8:27 p.m. in the 8200 block of Golden Eagle Way
- Vandalism:
  - 1:56 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Yolanda Court; worth less than \$400
  - 4:35 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 6:34 a.m. in the 4200 block of Waycross Court; public drunkenness
  - 11:46 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; DUI
- Robbery:
  - 11:12 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Disturbing the peace:
  - 11:27 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

### Oct. 10

- Petty theft:
  - 7:00 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- Vandalism:
  - 8:02 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway; worth less than \$400
  - 11:48 a.m. in the 2200 block of Vineyard Avenue
  - 12:24 p.m. in the 2100 block of Rheem Drive; worth less than \$400
- Battery:
  - 5:34 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

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

- Continued from October 7 - Public Hearing: PUD-72, Jerome and Laura Raney - Consider an application for Planned Unit Development rezoning of two parcels totaling approximately .51 acres from the RM 1,500 (Multiple Family Residential) District to the PUD HDR (Planned Unit Development - High Density Residential) District and development plan approval to construct three new residences at 4715, 4715 B, and 4693 Augustine Street
- Report regarding City Council Priority for Upper Bernal Fields and approve consultant agreement with Harris Design Landscape Architects for preparation of construction documents for Bernal Community Park, Phase 2, Project No. 017045
- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution updating the Tri-Valley Transportation Development Fee
- Update on the city's economic climate and discussion of City programs that support Pleasanton businesses

### Planning Commission

#### (Special Meeting)

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of the Staples Ranch Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the Staples Ranch Pre-Zoning and Re-Zoning (PRZ-44), and the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment (PSP-11).

### Housing Commission

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

#### 6:00pm - Workshop

- Workshop with Subcommittee of the City's Economic Vitality Committee to Discuss Housing Issues of Mutual Interest

#### 7:00pm - Regular Meeting:

- Approval of the Annual Operating Budget for Ridge View Commons for 2009
- Review of the Proposed Purchase by HOUSE, Inc., of a Below-Market Priced Home to Provide Housing for Developmentally Disabled Adults
- Appoint Member to City Council / Commission Grant Process Working Group

### Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory

#### Committee (Workshop)

Thursday, October 23, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Pleasanton Library Large Meeting Room  
400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion regarding progress to date on the Draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan
- The draft chapters of the master plan that have been completed to date are available online at: <http://pleasantonbikepedplan.webexone.com> scroll down, select "Enter as a Guest", then select "Documents".

### Pleasanton Trails System Survey

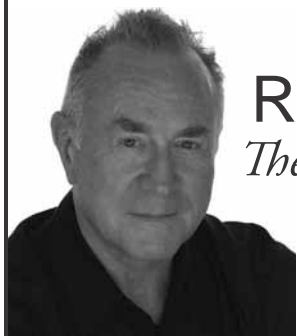
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Thursday, March 5 at 7:30pm

**David M. Kennedy**, *A Tale of Three Cities: How the United States Won World War II*  
Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm

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# Transitions

## Births



### Amalie Sonne Ricafrente

Amalie Sonne Ricafrente was born at 1:03 a.m. Sept. 23 to parents Jeanette and Erwin Ricafrente. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

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

#### Sept. 28

Kristin and Robert Teed, a boy

#### Sept. 30

Kikkath Shameen and Akbar Rahamatulla, a boy

#### Oct. 7

Theresa and Michael Carey, a girl

## Obituaries

### Dunn B. Mangabay

Dunn B. Mangabay, beloved husband of Sabina (Elsa) Mangabay, died Oct. 4 at the age of 56.

Mr. Mangabay, a Pleasanton resident, was born Feb. 23, 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Sabina (Elsa) Mangabay; children, Elina, Melinda, Devine, Don, Dunn, Joseph and Jesus; and many grandchildren.

A mass was held Oct. 9 at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

### Charles Volonte

Charles Joseph Volonte, a beloved former Amador Valley High School teacher and swim coach, died Oct. 9 at his home with his son Richard by his side.

Mr. Volonte was born June 11, 1929 in his grandmother's home in Susanville, Calif. He was raised in Westwood, Calif. and married his high school sweetheart, Donalee Read Volonte who died Oct. 5, 2001.

They met as a result of a dare from Donalee's girlfriends, being seniors in high school, to "tag" the most handsome freshman boy for the Sadie Hawkins dance. They were married Nov. 28, 1947.

Mr. Volonte attended college in San Jose, then joined the U.S. Navy and was transferred to Bainbridge, Md. while he served. Their son was born there and they returned to Northern California, where he took his first teaching and coaching position at Anderson High School. He was recruited shortly after by the superintendent of schools in Pleasanton to teach at Amador Valley High School. The Volontes moved to Pleasanton in 1958, where he taught and coached until retiring in 1992. His various positions in Pleasanton, in addition to teaching and coaching, included driver's training, teaching, bookkeeping and typing at Amador night school, running the Amador summer swim programs, running the cabana swim club in the newly built Pleasanton Valley homes, and after retirement, co-writing the curriculum for a newly-taken-over program by the State of California's driver's training course.

He is survived by his son, Richard Joseph Volonte and his wife, Joyce; Richard's son, Lucas Charles and his wife, Shelby; and his two great-grandchildren, Jayci and Emma; Richard's daughter, Kari Lea Ann and her husband, Tony Housewright, all from the Modesto area. He is also survived by his daughter, Ann Volonte Gabbert and her husband, Owen, who live in Chico, Calif. and their daughters, Ariel Natalia and Allegra Volonte.

A memorial service was held Oct. 16 at Valley Community Church. A graveside service will be held on Saturday in Anderson, Calif.



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# Calendar

## Auditions

**Rent: School Edition** The Tri-Valley Young Performers will hold auditions for 13 to 19 year olds attending middle or high school from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 26. Call 872-1515 or email info@TriValleyYPA.org to schedule a time. Rehearsals begin Nov. 3 and shows are three weekends starting Jan. 9. at Livermore High School.

## Author Visits

**Her Royal Spyness** Mystery writer, Rhys Bowen will meet with Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch AAUW members and guests to discuss "Her Royal Spyness" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. It is the first in her new mystery series about a penniless minor royal surviving on her own in 1930s depression-era London. Call 846-2092.

## Book Clubs

**Great Books of Pleasanton** The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

**Second Annual Dublin Reads** Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, launches its second annual community book discussion, Dublin Reads, from Sept. 20 through Nov. 1. This year, Dublin will be reading "Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm," by David Mas Masumoto. Call 803-7266.

## 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

### Calendar Spotlight



#### Fingerstyle fun

Richard Smith, one of the country's foremost fingerstyle guitarists, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. in Livermore. Tickets are \$15 in advance and may be purchased at Fine Fretted Friends, 2181 First St. in Livermore. To learn more, call 606-1324 or visit [www.frettedfriends.com](http://www.frettedfriends.com).

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 during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

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uled at 7 p.m. Oct.31 at 22139 Castille Lane, Hayward, with food, dancing, costumes and prizes. Call Elaine, 846-5900. The cost is \$3.

## Classes

**Basic Yoga Class** Beth Fox instructs this basic yoga class that meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. No previous yoga experience necessary. Limited class supplies available. Fees are \$12 for drop-in or \$10 for pre-paid series. Inquire about seniors or students rates. Call 200-4060.

**Divorce Care Recovery Seminar** DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy., Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting Oct. 9 for 13 weeks. Free child care is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. The cost is \$25. Call 846-6622 or visit [www.valleycommunitychurch.org](http://www.valleycommunitychurch.org).

**Free Voice Lessons** Pride of the Pacific, a women's a cappella chorus, is offering a program for four Wednesday evenings, starting Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Aahmes Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore.

## Clubs

**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.

**Chess Club** Residents are trying to start a Pleasanton Chess Club, primarily for kids. Anyone interested can email [PleasantonChess@yahoo.com](mailto:PleasantonChess@yahoo.com). Please provide email address, name, phone number and USCF rating, if any. Pleasanton.

**Pleasanton Mothers Club** The Pleasanton Mothers Club provides a social, supportive and educational outlet for moms and their families in the local community. They meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. Call 927-2444 or visit [www.pleasanton-mothersclub.org](http://www.pleasanton-mothersclub.org).

**Soiree Singles Social Club for Seniors** A Halloween party is sched-

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network** At 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., the Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network presents a discussion led by Bay Area Nonviolent Communication (BAYNVC) in exploring how to parent with deep compassion, care and empowerment for yourself and your children. This meeting is free for members and first-time visitors. Call 922-7615 or visit [www.holisticmoms.org](http://www.holisticmoms.org).

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

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

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

## Concerts

**Organ Dedication Concert** St. Clare's Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, invites the community to an organ recital and reception at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 to celebrate the installation of our new custom-built Johannus organ. Organist Jamie Shiell will play works by Bach, Widor, Bruhns, Locklair and Mendelssohn. Donations accepted. Call 462-4802 or visit [www.stclare-spleasanton.org](http://www.stclare-spleasanton.org).

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**Arroyo Seco Carnival & Safety Fair** The Carnival and Safety Fair is from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, B1580 Irene Way, Livermore. Visit [www.arroyo-secoschool.com](http://www.arroyo-secoschool.com).

**Del Valle Dog Club Show** Come out and cheer your favorite dog breed as over 3,000 dogs representing more than 150 AKC breeds, competing for the ultimate title of "Best in Show" at the Del Valle Dog Club Show sponsored by Evanger's Dog and Cat Food Company. The show is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 to 20 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 13 to 18 and seniors, and kids 12 and under are free. Call 455-4158 or visit [www.dvdc.org](http://www.dvdc.org).

**Filipino-American History Day** "Two and a Half Centuries of Immigration," a self-guided tour of artifacts on display, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The event includes music, a video presentation, a letter from the forefathers, an oral history presentation with a panel of three speakers, and refreshments. Call 846-8234.

**Ghost Walk and More** Museum On Main, 603 Main St., hosts Halloween events, including guided and self-guided Ghost Walks, Haunted Museum, pumpkin carving contest, build a scarecrow, costume parade, trick or treat and more. Visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) for call 462-3373.

**Lark in the Park** From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18, a docent will lead

a tour of Walnut Grove Park on Harvest Avenue. Explore the park and learn the history in this family event. Donations to the Museum On Main accepted. Call 462-2766.

**Pilates for Pink Fundraiser** ClubSport is hosting Pilates for Pink, a nationwide awareness campaign and fundraising initiative by Shape Magazine to raise funds for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. It takes place from 11 a.m. Oct. 18 at ClubSport, 7090 Johnson Drive. Everyone is invited to participate in a Pilates group exercise class. All fitness levels welcome, donations requested. Call 463-2822.

## Exhibits

**Farm Life: A Century of Change in America** Dublin Heritage Center will offer a National Endowment for the Humanities traveling exhibit on Farm Life: A Century of Change in America. It runs Oct. 21 through Nov. 19 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Call 828-1315.

**Signs of the Past—Today** Take a look at some of California and Nevada's most captivating signs. Photographer Ann King has combed the west in a wistful search of Americana in his exhibit, running Sept. 26 to Oct. 25 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St. An artist reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 3. Call 485-1183.

**Visual Improvisations** A solo show of paintings by award winning Pleasanton artist Courtney Jacobs will be on display from Oct. 30 to Dec. 1 at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Jacobs' non-figurative work, created in oil and acrylic, is an exploration of intuition through abstract painting. Call 600-1573.

## Fundraisers

**Hart's Annual Rummage Sale** Get some of the best deals in town at Hart Middle School's annual rummage sale to benefit the school from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18 at 4433 Willow Road. Browse through second-hand goodies for your home and family. Call the school at 426-3102.

**Hike for the Firehouse** Celebrate fall by heading up Pleasanton Ridge to Augustin Bernal Park with the instructor's portion of the proceeds benefiting the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Project. The fees are \$20 for residents or \$23 for non-residents and includes a digital group photo. The distance is 4-5 miles with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. Call Sue Evans, 989-4113.

**Panama Red Coffee Block Party** Panama Red Coffee Company hosts a block party benefiting Tri-Valley Haven from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 25 on K Street between First and Second streets in Livermore. Admission is \$5 and includes children's games, crafts and activities, live bands, prize drawings. There will also be beer, wine and shopping. All proceeds benefit TVH, which provides services and shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and poverty. Call Christine, 449-5845 ext. 2707.

**VFW Auxiliary Holiday Boutique** Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 6298 will be hosting its annual holiday boutique from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. A variety of handcrafted gift items will be for sale, including holiday decorations, hand sewn and knitted items, homemade jams, handpainted decorations, floral arrangements and stained glass.

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**Free Flu Shots for Seniors** Adults ages 50 and older are invited to receive free flu shots from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 17 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Conference Room, South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon. No reservations available. Call 275-8330.

**Yoga for Multiple Sclerosis** Every Tuesday through Dec. 30 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., Downtown Yoga, 220 B Division St., hosts a series of gentle stretching movements that can help to reduce stress within the body. Call 462-5285.

## Holiday

**Halloween Happening** Wonderful Halloween costumes, decorations and paper products for children and adults at The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1987 A Santa Rita Road. A huge assortment at low prices will benefit our programs to fight cancer. Call 462-7374.

**Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Contest** Stoneridge Shopping Center is putting on a "Howl-O-Ween" costume contest for dogs with proceeds going to the East Bay SPCA and the Simon Youth Foundation. The entry fee is \$5 and the deadline to enter is Oct. 22. There are three categories and the top three winners in each will receive prizes. The contest will be at 1 p.m. Oct. 26 in the mall's grand court. For more information, call 737-4118.

Livermore, Livermore, hosts Cheryl Charles, Ph.D., President of the Children & Nature Network, for a presentation on the positive impact of the child-nature connection at 1 p.m. Oct. 18. Donations are accepted. Call 455-8021 ext. 225.

## Live Music

**The Jambalaya Swing Band** Dance to the oldies as performed by the 11-piece Jambalaya Swing Band on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St.

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**FLASHBACK** Las Positas College presents two on-campus performances of its touring children's theater show, FLASHBACK, on at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 and 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, room 601, Livermore. The 35 minute play consists of humorous and poignant scenes from childhood. Admission is free. Call 424-1166.

## Political Notes

**Obama-Rama** A free party and fundraising event for Obama/Biden '08 will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at 4150 Francisco St. There will be live music, as well as T-shirts and goodies for sale. Call Dan, 413-2268.

## Kids & Teens

**HeadsUp! CDC Open House** HeadsUp! Child Development Center at 4671 Chabot Drive is having an open house at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 21. There will be tours of our school and classrooms and information about the program and HeadsUp! approach to learning. Call 463-2885 or visit [www.headsup.org](http://www.headsup.org). HeadsUp! tours also on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by R.S.V.P. only.

**South India Classical Dance at the Library** At 2 p.m. Oct. 25, Abhinaya Dance Company performs the varied classical dance forms of south India at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Recipient of many national arts grants and several state and regional awards, Abhinaya has toured the United States and India to critical acclaim. Call 931-3400 ext. 8.

**Tri-Valley High—Episodes of Terror** This improv show is about teenagers by teenagers where the audience will offer suggestions to help develop the characters, creating the story start to finish. It is at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civictickets.org](http://www.civictickets.org).

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Local Author to Unravel Mystery of Writing** At the next meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch, at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 18, Penny Warner, author of over 50 books, will share the secrets of her success, including using suspenseful cliffhangers and developing a compelling plot. Cost is \$21 for members or \$27 for non-members, which includes lunch. For reservations, call 462-7495.

**The Children-Nature Connection** Valley Montessori School, 1273 North

## Seniors

**Brain Matters** Our brains are vital organs that deserve the same attention to care and maintenance as our hearts. Engaging in active learning will help maintain brain health. This new weekly program, meeting at 10 a.m. every Friday starting Sept. 5, combines lectures and interactive workshops dedicated to improving brain health and function. The cost is \$1.50 for residents or \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

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**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** SIR is an organization for retired men. The Pleasanton SIR holds a luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. the first Thursday of the month with golf, bridge, bocce, fishing and other activities and trips. Call 606-7189.

## Spiritual

**Bible Study Fellowship** The 33-week study of The Life of Moses begins Sept. 8. Women's classes meet at 9:25 a.m. Wednesdays at Cedar Grove Church, Livermore; and 6:55 p.m. Mondays at Valley Community Church, Pleasanton. Men's class meets at 6:55 p.m. Tuesdays at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville. Call 877-273-3228.

**Christian Healing** Rev. Steve Maynard's new five-week class is on Christian healing, based on Charles Fillmore's book by the same name. This classic book presents the basic metaphysical teachings from the beginning of the Unity movement, and we'll be learning how to let these principles live in our lives. The class is from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays or from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Held at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Copies of the book are \$10. Call 829-2733 or visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God** Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., has Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m., with nursery for both services. Children's church, ages 3-12, meets at 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. A prayer at 6 p.m. is held the first and third Monday of the month. Call 846-8650 for more programs.

**Hadassah Schmoozapalooza** Hadassah Schmoozapalooza, at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at 1441 White Sable Drive, meet members of Shalom chapter Hadassah from the Contra Costa and Tri-Valley communities and learn more about the organization. Refreshments, dessert and a raffle are included. Call 968-9240.

**Pennies From Heaven: Welcoming Abundance in our Lives** "Pennies From Heaven: Welcoming Abundance in our Lives" is the topic of Rev. Steve Maynard's Sunday morning lesson on Oct. 19 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, at 10 a.m. Ongoing groups and classes, as well. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733, [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Returning Catholics Program** Inactive & Returning Catholics: Consider this an invitation to take another look at the Catholic church. We provide discussion of important issues in today's church, education on current belief and practice. Tell your story and renew your faith in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. Meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call 474-2760.

**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.

**Lacrosse Spring Registration** Open Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Boys and Girls 2009 spring registration is open at [www.pleasantonlacrosse.com](http://www.pleasantonlacrosse.com) for boys U9 to U15 (grades 2 to 8) and girls U11 to U15 (grades 3 to 8). Availability is limited. Late fees will be assessed after Nov. 1 for boys and Nov. 20 for girls.

## Support Groups

**Cancer Support Group** A general support group for people with cancer and their loved ones meets from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twcba.org](http://www.twcba.org).

**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.

**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

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#### REMODEL OR MOVE?

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conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Contact Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

**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

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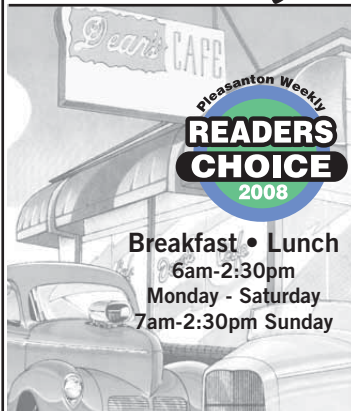


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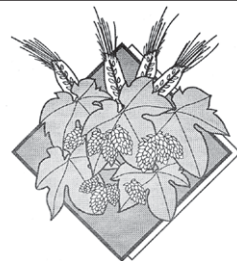
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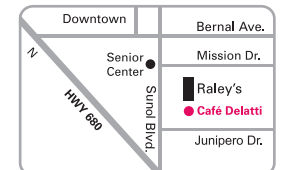
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### Five ways QQ is better

#### 1. Public Participation

QQ requires an open, public process that maximizes citizen participation

#### 2. Hillside Protection

QQ expands existing hillside protections and includes protections already voted in that protect the Western hills

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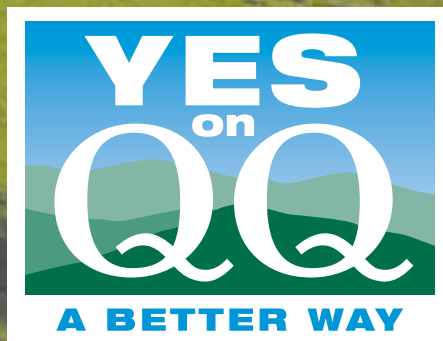
QQ sets an elevation above which no development will be allowed

#### 5. Environmental Review

QQ mandates review under the California Environmental Quality Act

#### Please join these community leaders in supporting Measure QQ:

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