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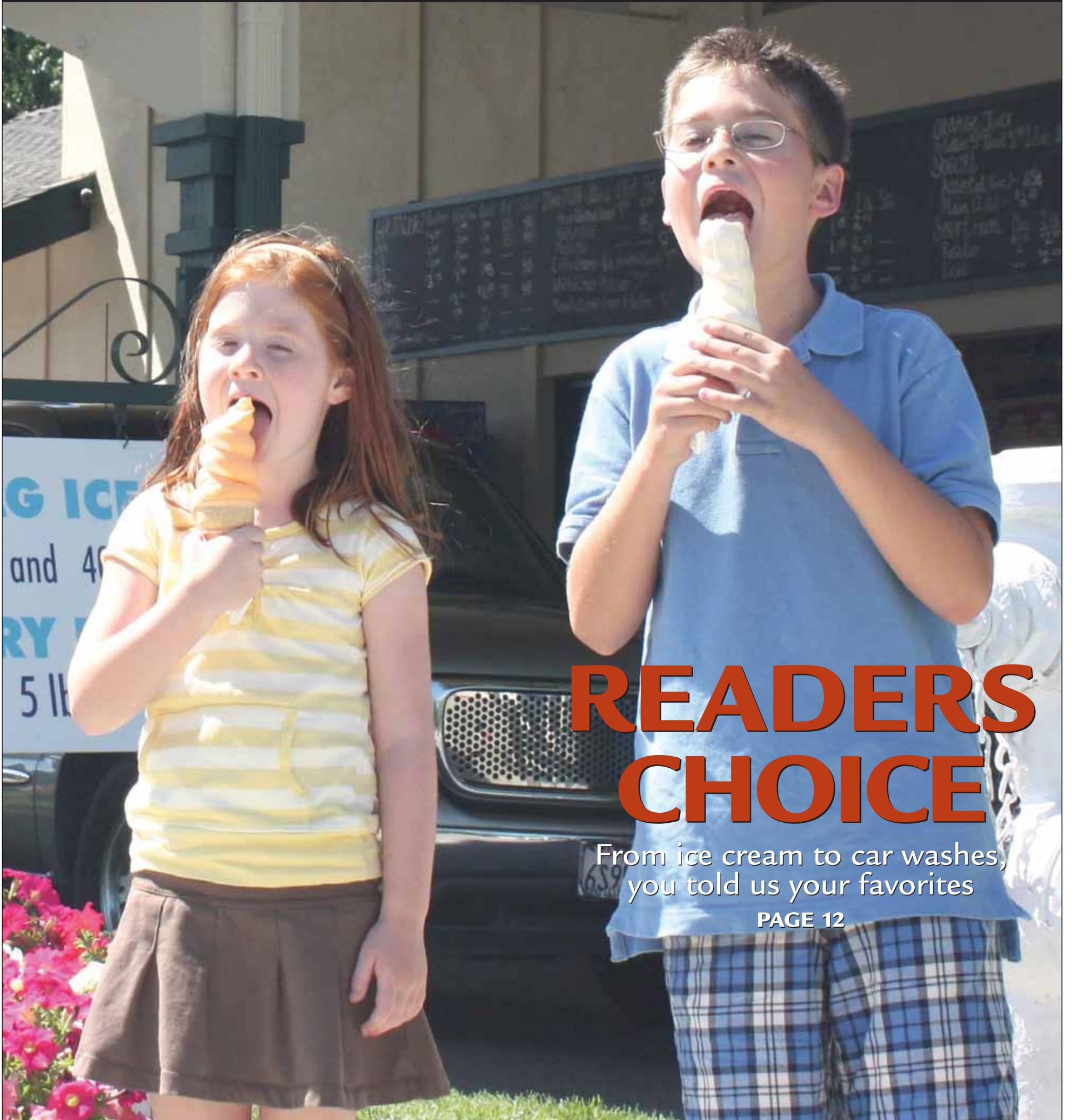
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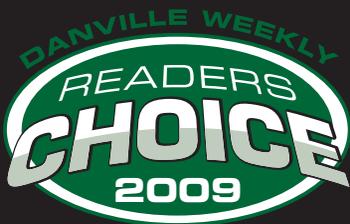


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Wednesday Night Live, movies, concerts keep downtown humming

From downtown stores staying open late on Wednesday nights to free movies in Delucchi Park to Friday night Concerts in the Park, merchants with help from the city government are working vigorously to attract more people to go downtown. And it seems to be working. With a major event several days each week and stores staying open later, restaurants and downtown retailers are busier than they've been since the Christmas holidays. Whether all the browsers mean increased profits is still anybody's guess, but merchants like what they see. They're also gaining strength with stores and restaurants opening and expanding.

Rick's Picks has opened at 719 Main St. where an antique store used to operate and next to Little Valley Winery, which opened just a few months ago. Owned by Rick Hirschberg, it's similar to his store in Danville with a wide variety of merchandise from housewares to framed pictures. Opening in the other part of the building shortly will be Jaime Bridal, who is growing her wedding gowns and accessories retail store at 111 W. Neal St. by nearly two-thirds as her business improves. A block north, Sue Martinovich will open The Farmer Restaurant in the next week or two in the Pleasanton Hotel building, which she owns. The restaurant will feature American cuisine in a casual dining atmosphere located where the first floor bar used to be, with plans under way for a second eatery on the south side where a restaurant owned by Verne and Bill Laube closed Jan. 1.

Across Main Street, Saigon Restaurant, featuring Vietnamese food, is preparing to open in the space once occupied by the Oak House restaurant, with Comerica Bank recently opened a few blocks south. In Larry McColm's 350 Main Street retail complex, Kasaria Jewelry Design has just opened one of its branches on the Angela Street side while around the corner Yogo Fina is preparing to open its newest ice cream and frozen yogurt shop on Main Street.

These new businesses bode well for downtown Pleasanton, where summer weather and aggressive

marketing by a merchants group is providing more reasons to shop locally. "Wednesday Night Live" started last week with live entertainment at different downtown locations. Organized by Melanie Sadek, who owns Murphy's Paw on Main Street with her husband Mike, the group of 20 retailers is building on the Pleasanton Downtown Association's popular First Wednesdays street parties to keep the momentum going for downtown shoppers and diners. The group's stores are now staying open at least until 8 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 26, with many open much later as their program attracts customers. Then, every other Thursday the city's Parks and Community Services Department is sponsoring "Thursday Nights at the Movies," a free outdoor event at Delucchi Park with movies shown on a giant 26-foot screen starting at about 8:30 p.m. Next Thursday, the city will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the 1929 classic "The Wizard of Oz," a family favorite with Judy Garland in her signature role as Dorothy from Kansas on her adventures over the rainbow and along the yellow-brick road on her way to the Emerald City. Jack Black is back on Thursday, Aug. 6 with "School of Rock," to be followed on Thursday, Aug. 20 with "Raiders of the Lost Ark," which will wrap up the summer series.

On Fridays, of course, there's the summer Concerts in the Park series in Lions Wayside Park, which this year is drawing record crowds—so many, in fact, that Christine Salidivar, executive director of the PDA, said the overflow attendance is being accommodated across Neal Street in Delucchi Park. Tonight, Komodo Jazz brings its group to Pleasanton, followed next Friday by La Ventana, always a favorite, which returns with its own unique brand of Latin music. The concerts start at 7 p.m.

Besides these upcoming events, two others promise to attract still more to spend time downtown in early August. The "Pooch Parade" will mark the start of First Wednesday on Aug. 5, an annual showing of everyone's best friends as they are led down Main Street for prizes. Then that Saturday, Aug. 8, downtown merchants will sponsor a street carnival in cooperation with the Pleasanton Partnership in Education (PPIE) Foundation that is raising money for Pleasanton schools. The event, scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m., will include a dunk tank (the "dunkee" yet to be chosen), a children's fishing derby, a vehicle with video games inside and much more. ■

## About the Cover

Emily Hunt, 6, and brother Ethan Hunt, 8, enjoy their ice cream treats on a recent sizzling afternoon in downtown Pleasanton. From best ice cream to pizza to car repair to after-work drinks, readers told us their picks in our annual Readers Choice edition. Photo by Janet Pelletier.

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# Streetwise

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## What brings you back to the county fair each year?



### Ali Ahearn

The horse races bring us back to the fair because it's the only time of the year that they have them and we love to place bets. We don't always win, but a big group of us meet here every year and have a great time together. I have no strategy at all; I simply pick by the horse's name—not exactly the smartest way to do it, but it works for me.

### Ryan Pavlakis

I love seeing the fireworks, and I come to the fair every year to watch them. I also treat myself to deep-fried Oreos. They're delicious, but I only eat them once a year because they're so unhealthy. I usually come with friends and just hang out and enjoy myself.



### Elia Loza

We own a business that is practically right across the street (Mexico Lindo), so we come to the fair every year. Our whole family loves watching the horse races and eating all of the different food, and the kids really enjoy the rides and visiting the animal exhibits.

### Justin McCombs

Tradition brings me back every year. When the fair comes to town, everyone should go. I'm not a big fan of the rides, so I just walk around and eat food—my favorite is the tri-tip sandwich. Saw Bucky Covington in concert as well this year.



### Kathy Bruns

We live in Pleasanton, so it's great for entertainment. We enjoy the downtown, then come to the fair and have more fun. This year we've actually been twice because my daughter, Nicole, submitted photography and won Best in Show, Best in Class, and First Place.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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## DIGEST

### School fundraising tops \$200K

With four weeks to go, the I Love Pleasanton Schools group has raised about \$242,400 towards the \$2.8 million goal. The two educational foundations, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment (PSEE) have joined with the school district to help save programs such as a 20 to 1 class-size reduction ratio, reading specialists, counselors and elementary music. There are on-line auctions, garage sales and other events planned to help in the fundraising efforts. For details, visit [www.ilovepleasantonschools.com](http://www.ilovepleasantonschools.com).

### Vineyard Avenue to narrow

Vineyard Avenue between Regalia Court and Adams Way will be reduced to one lane starting July 27 as the city replaces sanitary sewer mains. Construction is expected to go from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until the end of August. For more information, call the city's construction inspector Jim Schachner at 931-5680.

### Helping refugees with dance and fashion

Foothill High School students are organizing a dance and fashion event that would benefit Tamil civilians living in refugee camps in Sri Lanka, who need medical attention and nutrition. Held at 4:30 p.m. July 26 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, there will be dances performed such as hula, Zumba, tap, Bhangra, Persian, Bollywood, fusion and more. Tickets are \$10 to \$50, and refreshments will be sold.

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## Sentinels' leader wins Mayor's Award

Tom Daggett honored for program that helps injured soldiers

By JEB BING

Longtime resident and businessman Tom Daggett has received the Mayor's Award for meritorious service to Pleasanton.

The award was presented last Friday to Daggett by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman at an outdoor dinner hosted by the city of Pleasanton at the Callippe Preserve golf course. More than 200 volunteers and their guests attended the outdoor event, with the mayor also honoring members of the City Council and commissions and committees that serve in an advisory role to the council, including former mayors and council members.

Daggett, whose son is in the Marines, was honored for bringing

the coveted Sentinels program to Pleasanton, which hosts seriously wounded veterans and helps in their rehabilitation to normal, productive lives.

"This evening is special to me," Hosterman said. "It is my opportunity to thank you for the contributions you've made to our community. Regardless of our differences and personal persuasions, our efforts and those of our predecessors have produced a community of which we can all be proud."

"Each year, it is my distinct pleasure to present an award to a member of our community whose efforts are so outstanding that they warrant special recognition," Hosterman said in announcing the

Mayor's Award to Daggett. "This year's recipient represents all that is right about Pleasanton."

She said Daggett "has rallied the community in a way that sets an example for all of us and answers the question, 'What can one person do?'"

Daggett, she said, brought the Sentinels of Freedom scholarship program to Pleasanton, and the team he has assembled "seek to help severely wounded service men and women to become self-sufficient by providing support in returning to school, finding and maintaining employment and obtaining housing."

"This takes a true commitment of time and dedication to rally the necessary support of a community toward these goals," she added.

Through Daggett's efforts and the help of many colleagues, the city of Pleasanton "adopted" Jay Wilkerson as its first Sentinel last year. Wilkerson, severely wounded in Iraq by two rocket propelled grenades, returned to the U.S. unable to walk or speak.

Now, through the program that is designed for severely wounded veterans like Wilkerson, supporters of the Pleasanton Sentinels have given Wilkerson a four-year "life scholarship," which is bridging the gap of funds and services that the government cannot provide.

"The Sentinels founders saw the need and answered the call," said Daggett. "They knew that with the

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JANET PELLETIER

### It's a hot one!

Children took advantage of the cool waters at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center Tuesday afternoon, where open swim is held from 1:30 to 5 p.m. during the week. Temperatures reached the triple digits this week and aren't expected to cool off much through this weekend.

## City looks to retool child care policy

Commission supports plan to ensure minors' safety, welfare

By JANET PELLETIER

A City Council-backed initiative to beef up Pleasanton's child care policy seeks to outline requirements and standards.

The Planning Commission expressed its support for the new restrictions at its July 8 meeting and the policy changes will be moving on to the City Council for final approval.

The impetus for the new policy was applications com-

ing before the city for various child care-related programs and whether they needed more regulation.

One in particular, a proposal by John Pfund for a martial arts studio in the Valley Business Park, raised eyebrows among city commissioners and councilmembers, who in the end, turned down the request in a 4-1 vote, saying the services went above and beyond what he said he was providing.

Before the council overturned the Planning Commission's approval in January, Pfund had for months been treading in a grey area. After he was told he needed to obtain a child care license from the state because the program involved longer hours, Pfund said he was granted an exemption from the state. City Councilwoman Cindy McGovern said she opposed placing childcare facilities in

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## Lighted crosswalk installed at First and Angela

City transportation engineer says new safety feature will help drivers see pedestrians

A new lighted crosswalk was installed this week at the intersection of First and Angela streets downtown, a popular crossing for those attending the Saturday Farmers' Markets.

The crosswalk improvements, which cost \$26,000, were funded through the city's Capital Improvement Program. It is now the fourth lit crosswalk system in city limits. The other three are located at Santa Rita Road and Francisco Street (adjacent to the Safeway shopping center); at Valley Avenue and Northway Road (near Harvest Park Middle School); and at Valley Avenue and Laguna Creek Lane (west of Hearst Elementary School).

City crews from the traffic engineering department were out Wednesday and Thursday installing the roadway warning lights and posting signage, where a crosswalk already exists. The enhanced crosswalk is expected to help drivers see pedestrians more clearly and help them safely cross the busy thoroughfare.

The warning lights, which project outwards to alert drivers, increase the percentage of motorists who yield to pedestrians and typically increase the distance that drivers brake for those crossing, according to a report by the Transit Cooperative Research Program and the eNational Cooperative Highway Research Program.

Joshua Pack, senior transportation engineer for the city, said the lighted crosswalk will contain 10 in-roadway warning lights and two flashing pedestrian signs. There are also two audible pedestrian buttons which give a warning that "vehicles may not stop," and to "cross with caution." The system will operate by solar power and wireless communication from the push buttons to the lights.

First and Angela, while being a very busy intersection, hasn't seen any reported pedestrian-related collisions in the past year, Pack said,

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## CHILD CARE

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an industrial park, but she was even more concerned that state authorities have yet to complete a background check on Pfund, which he asked for in April of 2008. He needed a background check approval by the state to obtain a child care operating license. Asked why it was taking so long for the state to complete his background check, Pfund said it could be because of his arrest several years ago on a charge of child molesting. He said the charge was dismissed after the state's attorney determined that there was no truth to the charge.

Brian Dolan, the city's director of community development, said Pfund was in a "Catch 22" situation, with the state contending that it cannot issue a license until he has a facility to operate and Pleasanton fire and building officials saying they can't approve the facility until he is prepared to operate it.

It was that scenario that planning commissioners expressed concern about at their meeting last week as they went over the planning department's proposed child care policy changes.

"I feel like we've been there before and I worry about being in that Catch 22," said commissioner Phil Blank, adding that he does support the city having a minimum set of standards. "I want to make sure that we vet that."

Jack Balch, who represented Pfund at the time of his proposal, told the commission last week that he worried that the city was opening itself up to liability by stepping beyond what the state is requiring.

Local businessman Brad Hirst cautioned the commission that "too many hoops will force applicants to walk away," but added that he does support the policy changes, which he said should apply to children under 18.

"I hope you're not getting yourselves into too big of an issue that is going to create more problems for you than it does solutions," Hirst said. "The real bottom line issues are two things: the moral character of the applicant and whether or not the applicant exceeds the services for which they say they're going to provide."

"I think you've really got some work to do in vetting out this city definition of child care versus state definition of child care," he said.

The way the system currently works, the state Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division can grant certain businesses an exemption from getting a license on the grounds that the business is operating as either a "public recreation program" or a "private recreation program." While city staff has said they disagree with how the state determines what is exempt, planners said the state's rationale for doing so is unclear.

The city's planning staff present-

ed commissioners the new policy and the commission unanimously supported the second of two options, which instead of requiring that all applicants obtain a child care license, seeks a determination from the state as to whether the use requires a license or can be exempted. If exempted, the applicant would be required to prepare written procedures and standards addressing criminal background checks, health screenings, training, disaster planning and outdoor recreation, among others. The standards would become part of the approval, the applicant would self-certify that they've been satisfied and the city could revoke a permit or business license if the standards are not followed. Uses covered by the policy include:

- child-related services operating year-round in a permanent facility;

- child-care centers; hourly drop-in day care; tutoring, instruction and athletic coaching when children participate after school and/or more than 15 hours per week during school breaks;

- programs that are less than 10 hours per week during the school year or 15 hours per week during school breaks would be exempt;

- also exempt would be academic and music tutoring, athletic coaching and instruction, programs operated by the city or school district and any other similar uses determined by Community Development Director Dolan. ■

## OF NOTE

### OSHA center partners for Guam satellite

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has recently signed an agreement with the Guam Contractors Association Trades Academy (GTCA) to provide the island of Guam with OSHA certified training on the Las Positas campus in Livermore. The partnership will allow GCTA to teach the OSHA Training Center's curriculum.

As a United States territory in the western Pacific, Guam's economy is largely supported by international tourism and U. S. military bases. Many federal contracts on the island require certified training of onsite personnel. The addition of the OSHA Training Center will provide necessary federally recognized training, and residents will have the opportunity to obtain certifications to teach classes at the academy.

Courses will provide the basics of workplace safety in general industry and construction. Additional industry-specific classes hosted by the OSHA Training Center will be available via the academy's satellite classroom.

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### Local leaders named to college board

The Las Positas College Founda-

tion Board of Directors welcomed four new members recently, all of whom have served the local community in various capacities: Neil Sol, who is the vice president of outpatient services and program development at Valley Care Health System; Janet Lockhart, former mayor of Dublin and the executive director of Dublin Partners in Education; Michelle Eldridge, area sales manager at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; and Kathleen Minser, government affairs manager at Waste Management.

"The 19 members of the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors work to raise awareness of, and financial support for, the college," said Board Chair Charlene A. McKenney. "We are especially proud of the caliber of community leaders whom we are attracting as board members. All of us know that Las Positas College is a community asset that is worth our commitment of time and resources."

### ValleyCare honored by Meals on Wheels

ValleyCare Health System recently received a special recognition award by Alameda County Meals On Wheels program. The first-time award was presented to ValleyCare CEO Marcy Feit and Food and Nutrition Services Director Gabrielle Chow at the recent Five Star Night event, an annual Meals On Wheels fundraiser.

Meals On Wheels Board Secretary Mary Louise Zernakie presented the award saying, "ValleyCare has supported this program for more than 10 years, working with community partners to ensure that no senior has

to be on a waiting list. In addition, ValleyCare is the only agency that can provide modified menus for those who need them."

ValleyCare prepares the food for the Alameda County Meals On Wheels program in the Livermore facility kitchen, serving more than 120,000 meals annually to seniors in Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Fremont, Union City and Newark. Food and staff costs are covered by grants, but the kitchen, water and electricity are considered an in-kind donation by ValleyCare.

### Sunol man is Chairman for Ducks Unlimited

Paul Bonderson Jr. of Sunol, Calif., was recently elected conservation programs chairman during Ducks Unlimited's Annual Convention in Denver, Colo. Bonderson will replace George Dunklin Jr., who is now an at-large member of the DU board of directors.

"It is with great honor that I assume this position, and I am always excited to work with an organization of high caliber like Ducks Unlimited," Bonderson said. "This position to lead Ducks Unlimited's conservation programs is one of fundamental importance to fulfilling their entire mission as it revolves around the conservation, restoration, and management of North America's wetlands and the waterfowl that inhabit them."

During his tenure, Bonderson will represent and advise the president in matters pertaining to conservation programs while also coordinating with the president on relative matters of policy and activity.

## City says it has plan if BART workers strike

Wheels will have temporary bus stops; traffic flow to be managed by police

A looming strike by BART employees has the city of Pleasanton thinking about how it can be prepared for that scenario to play out.

City Traffic Engineer Mike Tassano said the traffic engineering department and Pleasanton Police Department are "working in tandem with BART and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), which operates Wheels buses, on a contingency plan.

Labor negotiations continue and it appears that BART management and negotiators for its five labor unions will go back to the bargaining table next week after

members of the transit agency's second-largest union voted unanimously against management's contract offer.

Temporary bus stops for Wheels have been named in the event a strike occurs, Tassano said. He added the police department's motors/traffic division will manage traffic flow and any impacts that result from the temporary bus stops. For a look at the temporary stops, visit <http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/media/reports/1247173228.pdf> and continue to monitor the Pleasanton Weekly website for updates.

—Janet Pelletier

## Save on prescription drugs

City is distributing discount cards at three locations

Free prescription drug discount cards will be provided by the city through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities. The cards will help residents save, on average, 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

While the discounts will not be restricted on age, income level or existing health coverage, and one card may be used by all family members, the cards can't be used in conjunction with other insurance or for drugs covered by insurance or Medicare prescription plan. Pet medications that are also used to

treat humans are covered under the program. In addition, discounts are also available for diabetic supplies.

Cards will be accepted at over 59,000 retail pharmacies nationwide, including major chains and independent pharmacies. To find one, visit [www.caremark.com/nlc](http://www.caremark.com/nlc) or call 888-620-1749.

Discount cards can be picked up at the Parks and Community Services Department, 200 Old Bernal Ave.; Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.; or the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

—Emily West



EMILY WEST

### Hot art in the summertime

Pleasanton students taking summer school at Lydixsen Elementary School showed off their work to parents and their peers at a break-time art show Wednesday in the classroom of Abby Johnson. In addition to the still life art, there was works with mosaic and even mimicking popular artists such as Andy Warhol.



CHUCK DECKERT

Women participating in Kay Huff's annual 'Day at the Races' read their Pleasanton Weeklys in advance of first race.

## Ladies Day at the Races another success

More than 100 join in annual event while men start their own

By JEB BING

Kay's Ladies Day at the Races attracted more than 100 women last Friday as the annual event organized by Kay Huff continued for its 18th year.

And again for the second year, she had competition from a group of about a dozen men, mostly local Rotarians led by a "disgruntled" Mike Hosterman who had been told to sit someplace else, joined together just an aisle away from Section F that the women had reserved.

For Huff, who started assembling

women interested in attending the races in 1992, it's a fun day, entertaining and also educational. Each year, a few women join the group for the first time to try their hand on betting on a few of the horses, with most usually coming back the following year.

"All of us had a great time," Huff said today. "Although I didn't hear of any big winners, many had paybacks and that made everyone happy to hear. We had a great cross section of woman, including one gal that I went to college with 40 years ago and another a new neigh-

bor who moved in next door to us from Chicago last week."

On race day, everyone is there for the obligatory photo at 2:30 p.m. Huff always shares her growing and updated album of photos from earlier years, an album that now has 30 pages. The ages of those participating range from the late 80s to 20-somethings and, this year, three babies that are only weeks old.

Along with the album portrait, the ladies also pose holding a copy of the Pleasanton Weekly for a traditional photo. ■

## Cities join to offer free solar workshop

Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin combine resources to guide residents

The cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin will jointly host a free workshop tomorrow that is designed to provide the public with an overview of solar technology for residential use.

A highlight of the workshop will be a presentation by Peter Shoemaker of PG& E who will provide an overview about residential solar energy: How it works, average costs, how to determine if homes are best situated for its use, and how state and federal government incentives work.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation and a number of solar installers will be on hand to meet with the public,

display solar panels and products and answer questions in an informal setting.

Building inspectors from all three cities also will be available to discuss the inspection process for solar installations. Exhibits on water conservation and recycling also will be on display with staff who can respond to questions from the public.

A growing awareness of the developing technology for solar energy combined with a desire to make communities more sustainable has fueled a new interest in solar energy. Research indicates that the solar power industry is expected to see triple digit growth as it approaches \$12 billion by 2012.

Locally, Pleasanton has seen an increase in solar energy permits since the Solar Cities program was implemented with 37 permits issued in 2007, jumping to 67 last year for an 81 percent increase. Livermore also saw an increase, with 91 permits issued last year for an increase of 110 percent over the 43 permits issued in 2007.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasanton Operation Services Center, located at 3333 Busch Road (off Valley Avenue). For more information on the free Solar Cities workshop, call 931-5500 or sign on to [www.solarcitiesnow.com](http://www.solarcitiesnow.com).

—Jeb Bing

## CROSSWALK

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but the city typically determines where to add enhancements after a number of people have called in to complain about the danger of particular crossings. The crossing is not only a popular route for pedestrians going to the Farmers' Markets, but also for students exiting classes at Village High School nearby as well as downtown residents and workers traveling on foot. Equally, First Street can be a bottleneck for drivers in the mornings, sometimes at lunch and in the evenings.

That's why Pack said a traffic light or stop signs wouldn't be an appropriate use for the intersection.

"When stop signs get put in, it forces the driver to stop even if they're going the speed limit and there's typically an increase in rear-end collisions," he said. "Drivers also tend to increase speed in between stops."

When Pack plugged First and Angela into the city's traffic simulation model to see the effect of a four-way stop, the model projected a dramatic impact to traffic at the intersection, resulting in an additional average delays ranging from

five to seven minutes per vehicle in the morning and afternoon peak hours of traffic.

In other words, the stop signs would only be shifting the problem elsewhere.

"The resulting delays would force traffic to divert to other nearby roadways in an effort to bypass the all-way stop, and roads like Main Street, Peters, Second Street, Bernal Avenue, etcetera, would see a significant spike in traffic during these hours," he added.

A stop light, Pack said, would be a much larger expense—costing in the \$180,000 range.

—Janet Pelletier

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## MTC committee backs away from endorsing BART-to-Coliseum tramway

Oakland's Perata says 'world has radically changed' since proposal

A Metropolitan Transportation Commission committee took a pass last week on BART's request for \$140 million in regional funding to help pay for its \$522 million plan to build an elevated tramway between the Oakland Coliseum station and the Oakland International Airport.

Members of the MTC Program and Allocations Committee held a lengthy hearing July 8 on the matter but sent it without a recommendation to the full MTC board, which is scheduled to vote on the issue at its meeting on July 22.

Before the committee meeting began Wednesday, former state Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata called on the regional transit planning agency not to approve the \$140 million in fund-

ing, which includes \$70 million in federal stimulus funds.

Perata, whose term in the state Senate expired last year but who now plans to run for mayor of Oakland next year, said, "I'm asking the MTC to reconsider this project and re-use the money in a thoughtful way" for other public transit projects.

Perata authored a 2004 regional ballot measure that included funding for the airport connector but he said "the world has radically changed" since then.

Perata said the estimated cost of the project has quadrupled and the estimated daily ridership has plummeted from 13,450 people to about 4,500.

—Jeb Bing; Bay City News

# express

This week's top stories & hot picks



JEB BING

Award winner Tom Daggett joins Mayor Jennifer Hosterman at celebration honoring his work on behalf of the Pleasanton Sentinels.

## MAYOR

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war in Iraq and now Afghanistan, our country would unfortunately see many more men and women return with injuries that would be sustainable but life altering. They also determined that the government could not pay for all the necessary medical and local support that the veterans would need to become self-sufficient."

The Sentinels' team has already helped to furnish Wilkerson's apartment in the Promenade on Case Avenue. Daggett and the Sentinels found him a car and the city has provided him with a temporary job

in its sign-making department until he is able to find permanent employment, again through the Sentinels. Next month, Wilkerson will resume his college education that service in Iraq interrupted, attending classes at Las Positas College as part of the Sentinels' scholarship program.

Daggett, a Pleasanton resident since 1980 and father of a Marine, is president of the Pleasanton team that is assisting Wilkerson throughout the program. Other members of the Pleasanton team include Councilman Jerry Thorne, the Pleasanton Military Families organization and other business people.

Thanking Hosterman for the award, Daggett told those at the

Callippe celebration that everyone in Pleasanton should be proud that their community rallied to support Wilkerson and the Sentinels program to help wounded warriors.

"We just have so many fantastic people in this community," Daggett said. "I have said it before, these are young men and women who have given everything they've got. A city like this with so much compassion should have even more Sentinels to welcome."

Also receiving special recognition was the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission, whose member and former chairman Herb Ritter won a golfing event competition. ■

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## LETTERS

### There are good Samaritans among us

Dear Editor,

I wanted to say thank you to the kind Samaritan who turned in my wallet to the Black Avenue post office on June 22.

**Keri McDonald**

### Cell phone fine should be doubled, tripled

Dear Editor,

The seatbelt law is the biggest money maker for cities and townships. After all, if you do not wear a seatbelt you only hurt yourself and if you get caught doing so townships such as Pleasanton and Livermore will gain \$132 each time you do.

Yet, everyday there are dozens of drivers who completely ignore the cell phone law. This is ludicrous when you realize a person on a cell phone who is not using two hands on the steering wheel and distracted by conversation is far more likely to get into an accident that can harm others. Several times on local streets I have seen people with a cell phone to their ear cause an accident simply because they were paying more attention to their conversation than their driving. The fine for disobeying this law and using a cell phone while driving is \$125.

I suggest doubling or tripling it to \$250 or \$375 and then actually enforcing it. Instead of a "Click It or Ticket" campaign, we should run a "Shut Up or Put Up" campaign. It is one that has a real benefit of reducing accidents and potential injuries and is sure to fill the coffers of the local municipalities far faster than they ever thought possible.

**Peter Kotsinadelis**

### Where's news on McNerney's vote for Cap and Trade Bill?

Dear Editor,

Why has nobody been reporting on how U.S. House Representative Jerry McNerney voted on the "Cap and Trade" Bill?

I have talked with my people in Pleasanton who are not even aware of the "Cap and Trade" bill passed by the U.S. House two weeks ago. I would like to know why Rep. Jerry McNerney vote "yes" on a bill that will increase our electric bills 90 percent and gas bills 55 percent. What about all the jobs in the energy industries that will be lost should this bill pass the Senate? What kind of jobs, if any, will be created by this bill? I feel some much needed questioning should be done of Rep Jerry McNerney since he said he read every word of the 1,500-page bill. I hope you will pursue this.

**Glorian Crosslin**

### Thanks Fremont Bank for fireworks show

Dear Editor,

A special thanks to Fremont Bank for the beautiful fireworks on Friday, July 3rd at the fairgrounds. It was a gracious way for Fremont Bank to give back to our community. We hope they will consider making this an annual event.

**Dave and Lisa Osterman**

### Did you vote 'yes' on Measure G?

Dear Editor,

Thank you for voting "yes." Your "yes" vote told our community that you are willing to support our schools by maintaining class size reduction, counselors and reading specialists. You were willing to pay a parcel tax of \$233 for a four-year term in order to support our schools and keep them at the high standard that Pleasanton is known for.

Because Measure G did not pass, your support of our schools is even more important now. Contributing to our schools by donating to PPIE is crucial. Through this foundation (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation), your tax-deductible donation will go directly to maintaining class size reduction, restoring counselors and reading specialists.

You can donate in any denomination online at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org). The PPIE website contains all the details you may like to see regarding this foundation, as well as its history with Pleasanton Unified School District. Donations can also be made in-person or via drop-off (locations are on [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org)).

Thank you to everyone who has already come forward to raise funds to help Save Our Schools.

**Annette Sodergren**

### Pleasanton needs a community center

Dear Editor,

As a citizen of Pleasanton I would love to see us get a community center.

The Pleasanton Weekly has lots of influence and power in this beautiful little town. People need to understand the importance of a community center and how much it would bring us all together. We already have a Jewish community center and a senior center, I think we need a center for the general public. I would love to see us have a community center where all people can come together and enjoy fellowship. If Pleasanton Weekly needs any ideas for an article, have someone write about making a community center, or using an old building to be a new community center.

**Owen Schwaegerle**

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### New General Plan guides city to final buildout

**K**udos to the scores of commissions, boards, committees and business and residential groups that have spent hundreds of hours, along with city staff, in putting together the Pleasanton General Plan for 2005-2025 that is expected to win final approval Tuesday from the City Council. The bound document of text, color photos, maps, sketches, charts and lists will be the guiding rulebook for the final buildout of Pleasanton in the year 2025. A key component, however, is the continued inclusion of the voter-mandated housing cap of 29,000 units which are expected to be completed at buildout. That cap is currently being challenged in court by both an affordable housing organization and State Atty. General Jerry Brown who say it is too restrictive and illegal in a city that the state and the Association of Bay Area Governments should accommodate much more. Whether the cap stays or goes, this new General Plan is capable of handling any future unplanned development through growth management restraints and other measures that the city also has in place.

The General Plan, which will replace the 1996 General Plan, is a much different document in that it deals with issues not addressed 13 years ago, such as energy conservation, water quality and availability, green building, climate change and a multitude of other environmental and quality of life issues. The rapid pace of development under way when the last General Plan was considered has given way to almost no new developments today with fewer than 2,000 residential units to complete under the housing cap. This pull-back from a builders' frenzy to the slower pace of 2009 affects every part of Pleasanton, from school enrollment to traffic to infrastructure such as sewer and water capacity. That's why the new plan has taken much longer, with city planners carefully writing the plan based on discussions with the school district, neighborhoods, downtown merchants, Stoneridge Shopping Center, Hacienda Business Park, the Chamber of Commerce and many more. The Planning Commission and City Council, separately and in joint workshops, held discussion meetings with these civic groups to make sure this new General Plan puts the right finishing touches on completing the city of Pleasanton.

What distinguishes this new General Plan from the previous one is that, first, it contains a vision statement that clearly articulates the future roadmap for the city. The Vision Statement, a brief two-paragraph statement on page 5 of the General Plan document, which had much input and many rewrites before it was accepted, was especially useful in guiding the development of the General Plan over the last several years. It speaks to the high quality of life in Pleasanton, our diversified economic base and the city's commitment to sustainability for the future. This sustainability theme is woven throughout the plan, not only in its emphasis on environmental issues and safeguards, but also on the city's long-term fiscal sustainability. It's carried through in the various goals stated in the plan, including policies and programs related to land use and traffic.

The new plan also places more emphasis than before on mixed use housing, both high density condos and apartments and more affordable housing units.

The new General Plan will help secure Pleasanton's future sustainability as a fiscally strong community committed to the quality of life we've come to expect and enjoy. ■

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## OBITUARIES

### Dr. E. John Ainsworth

Surrounded by his loving family, John Ainsworth died July 5 at his home in Pleasanton after nine months with esophageal cancer. He was 76.



Carolyn, his wife of 49 years, was so pleased that her husband's illness brought the family even closer and comforted him in his final days. Their daughters, Sue Ellen Calcagno of Aptos and Lee Ann Caldwell of Pleasanton, joined their son Brent Ainsworth of Novato at their father's side.

John and Carolyn lived in San Bruno from 1961-1969, in Moraga from 1977-1988, in Walnut Creek in 1989 and in Pleasanton since 2002. In his retirement, Mr. Ainsworth Jr. was an advocate for parks and recreation tennis, played with the Fairlands tennis group and was a regular guest speaker and science fair judge at his grandchildren's schools.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Ainsworth Jr. enjoyed 39-year career as a research scientist and laboratory administrator, focusing on the fields of radiation biology, nuclear physics and biochemistry. He worked at the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco, Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Ill., Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Armed Forces Radiation Research Institute in Bethesda, Md.

He continued to contribute to science posthumously by gifting his remains to the University of California-San Francisco Willd Body Program.

He is also survived by sons-in-law, William Caldwell and James Calcagno; daughter-in-law, Edie Ainsworth; granddaughters, Melanie Caldwell, Lauren Caldwell, Kyla Ainsworth, Shannon Ainsworth and Serena Calcagno; and grandsons, Jared Caldwell and J. Dante Calcagno.

A private family ceremony was held. The family wishes to thank the team at Hope Hospice of Dublin. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you perform a simple act of kindness in his memory.

### Richard R. Garcia

Richard (Rick) R. Garcia died peacefully July 10 with his wife and family at his side. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Garcia was born June 13, 1934 in Kerens, Texas and grew up in Corsicana, Texas. When he was 20, he joined the Air Force. Stationed in Camp Parks in 1957, it was here where he met his wife, started his own family and made Pleasanton his only home.

He retired in 1999 from the Pleasanton Post Office after 38 years of

service. Every summer, you could find him working as an exhibit attendant for the Alameda County Fair. Mr. Garcia was a devoted Catholic attending St. Augustine Church and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lupe; brothers, Bill and Romeo; six children, Rick, Mike, Cathy (Claypool) of Livermore, Dolores (Hobaugh) of San Ramon, Ray of Pleasanton and Linda of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Karrah, Andrew, Jennifer, Olivia, Sophia and another on the way; as well as many other family members.

Services were scheduled to be held July 15 at St. Augustine Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

### Gayle Yost-Thompson

Gayle Yost-Thompson died June 11 peacefully but unexpectedly from complications with lung cancer at the age of 53.

Mrs. Yost-Thompson was born on April 23, 1956 in Downey, Calif. to Frank and Joan Yost.

She was a health enthusiast and lifelong non-smoker.

Growing up in Sunnyvale, she graduated from Fremont High School in 1974. In 1978, she graduated from San Jose State University with a B.S. degree in physical education, and earned her master's degree in 1984. She taught adaptive P.E. in the Livermore school district for 30 years. She married Robert Thompson on May 3, 1987.

She loved and cared for her family with a passion. She had a great respect for her peers and they had a great mutual respect for her as well.

The family would like to thank everyone for their recent support.

She had an infectious laugh, a great sense of humor, a deep love of family and a boundless energy and enthusiasm for life. She loved gymnastics, traveling, hiking, kayaking and riding the bike trails of Lake Tahoe. She loved music, especially Dolly Parton concerts. Her life can be summed up by her motto, "Just do it!"

She is survived by her husband, Bob; children, Erin Yost Thompson and Kevin Yost Thompson. She is also survived by her parents, Frank and Joan Yost of Windsor; her sisters, Janell Galanis of Pleasanton and Vivian Yost of Elk Grove, Calif.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. July 24 at the Discovery Church, 5860 Las Positas Road, in Livermore. It will be a potluck. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the A.P.E. Donation Fund, c/o Kristene Stonich, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 685 E. Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA 94551 or to a charity of your choice.



# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Man dies in crash on Santa Rita Road

A 46-year-old man died Saturday when he appeared to lose control of his vehicle and crash into a tree on Santa Rita Road, according to police.

Police said Dexter Williams of Lemoore, Calif. had just left the Lexus dealership on Rosewood Drive and was rounding the corner onto Santa Rita Road when he appeared to have suffered from a medical issue. While the Alameda County coroner didn't have a cause of death, police said the collision was a slow impact that didn't cause the airbags to deploy. —Emily West

## POLICE REPORT

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

### July 4

#### Theft

- 3:00 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

#### Vehicular burglary

- 12:14 a.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive
- 7:10 a.m. in the 7000 block of Hopyard Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:41 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road; DUI
- 2:09 a.m. in the 3300 block of Stanley Boulevard; marijuana possession, open alcohol container in vehicle
- 4:08 p.m. at the intersection of Chardonnay and Sylvan drives; paraphernalia possession, non-narcotic controlled substance possession
- 8:31 p.m. in the 3300 block of Stanley Boulevard

### July 5

#### Theft

- 11:37 a.m. in the 7600 block of Cottonwood Lane
- 5:37 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:54 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; DUI
- 12:27 p.m. in the 3100 block of Ascot Court; under the influence of a controlled substance, unlawful entry, property damage
- 10:52 p.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Fairlands Drive; driving with marijuana, DUI

### July 6

#### Theft

- 2:03 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft, shoplifting
- 3:25 p.m. in the 1400 block of Maple Leaf Court; stolen vehicle
- 6:23 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 9:51 p.m. in the 500 block of Gerard Court; grand theft

#### Vandalism

- 2:03 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:04 p.m. in the 2200 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:55 p.m. at the intersection of Vine Street and Bernal Avenue; DUI, under the influence of a controlled substance
- 6:23 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 9:23 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

#### Robbery

- 2:10 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Found property

- 2:32 p.m. at the intersection of Springdale Avenue and Rosedale Court

### July 7

#### Theft

- 8:39 a.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 9:14 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; grand theft
- 12:19 a.m. in the 6100 block of Johnson Court; identity theft
- 6:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

#### Burglary

- 10:26 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- 6:59 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; vehicular

#### Vandalism

- 7:03 a.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 12:49 p.m. in the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 3:59 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard; paraphernalia possession
- 3:11 p.m. at the intersection of Grapevine and Badger drives; controlled substance possession
- 5:57 p.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 8:35 p.m. in the 200 block of Old Bernal Avenue; fake ID, underage alcohol possession
- 10:25 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; marijuana possession

#### Threats

- 6:43 p.m. in the 2700 block of Chocolate Street

### July 8

#### Theft

- 8:02 a.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; grand theft
- 11:25 a.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue; forgery
- 12:24 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive; forgery, grand theft
- 8:05 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; grand theft

#### Vandalism

- 10:24 a.m. in the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway
- 4:52 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:37 a.m. in the 400 block of East Angela Street; paraphernalia possession
- 9:35 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; marijuana possession, controlled substance possession

#### Threats

- 10:24 a.m. in the 3700 block of Boulder Street

#### Battery

- 7:32 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

### July 9

#### Theft

- 9:40 a.m. in the 2600 block of Lylewood Drive; grand theft
- 9:49 a.m. in the 2400 block of Skylark Way; identity theft
- 10:29 a.m. in the 500 block of St. John Street; grand theft
- 1:34 p.m. in the 1400 block of Kolln Street; identity theft

#### Vandalism

- 10:34 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stoneridge Drive

### July 10

#### Theft

- 5:52 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 7:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 8:39 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 10:09 p.m. in the 8000 block of Regency Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:10 a.m. in the 7600 block of Glenbrook Court; possession of marijuana for sale
- 9:02 p.m. at the intersection of Jensen Street and Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

#### Battery

- 8:01 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Threats

- 10:09 p.m. in the 8000 block of Regency Drive

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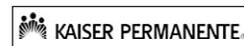
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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Adopt a resolution declaring that the costs for Weed Abatement, including administrative costs, are a special assessment and a lien imposed on the properties that required abatement
- **Public Hearing:** PGPA 15, City of Pleasanton – Consider adoption of the General Plan Update including certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Environmental Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Adoption of the Draft General Plan dated April 24, 2009 (with amendments)

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PRZ 41, City of Pleasanton**  
Review and consideration of amendments to Section 18.68 and various related sections of the Pleasanton Municipal Code regarding the PUD Planned Unit Development District.
- **PCUP-244, Paul Rubio, Box-R-Cise Fitness Center**  
Application for Conditional Use Permit to modify the previous approval for an existing fitness facility (PCUP 219) located at 1279 Quarry Lane in the Valley Business Park to add classes for children aged 7 to 14 years.
- **PDAM 2, Ken and Pamela Chrisman**  
Application to extend the Development Agreement for five years for the property located at 1944 Three Oaks Drive (formerly 1944 Vineyard Avenue), in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.
- **PDR 849/ PCUP 242, Matthew Berger, Centro NP Rose Pavilion LP**  
Application for Design Review approval and a Conditional Use Permit to modify the building façade and to operate a "99 Ranch Market" at 4299 Rosewood Drive.

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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By JEB BING, JANET PELLETIER  
AND EMILY WEST



JEB BING

Alexis Gass, owner of Clover Creek, located at 670 Main St., wraps up some prize finds from the place readers called the place for Best Home Furnishings.

# Readers Choice

From ice cream to car washes, you told us your favorites

With 39,124 confirmed votes from readers in many parts of the world, our readers have chosen their favorite parts of Pleasanton—from the best place to play golf (Callippe Preserve in Pleasanton, by a long shot!) to the best place to have a first date (Blue Agave, with Stacey's Cafe and Barone's just one and two votes apart). Besides local readers, votes came from other parts of California where the Pleasanton Weekly circulates or is read online, as well as from other states and several foreign countries where our readers were traveling or have moved and messages with their emails on how much they miss Pleasanton.

The enthusiasm, the number of categories and Readers Choice candidates far exceeded last year as interest in the annual contest continues to grow. Despite the record-high number of votes, there were only a few where votes were nearly extremely close, such as 59 for Blue Agave, 58 for Stacey's and 57 for Barone's. Noland's Cake Shop and Bibiane Bakery tied at 116 votes each with those craving the best in cakes and pastries also favoring Primrose Bakery and Rising Loafer Cafe & Bakery.

Cold Stone Creamery and Meadowlark Dairy also came in close, with 221 and 214 votes, respectively, with newcomer Yolotea gaining speed its first year in Pleasanton with 201 votes. For the best dance lessons, and we assume these are for the younger set, Jazz N Taps with 79 votes topped runner-up Spark Dance with 11 write-ins, including Belly Dance! In Walnut Creek (that's the full name). We'll have to go take a look.

In fact, write-ins packed every category with single votes for the best Realtors, best dry cleaner, best hair salon for men (including several for a cutter named Wild Hair which some of our staffers wondered if that's the way you go in or come out), and many more for Best Hair Salon for Women and Best Manicure/Pedicure. Even Three Dog Bakery had a write-in vote in the Best Pet Store category, although it's closed. We were also baffled by the votes for the Best Independent Coffee House (note the emphasis on the word that doesn't mean chain) where Peet's won by a comfortable margin with 207 votes, followed by Starbucks, Tully's and McDonald's. Hmm, seems we've seen these names in many other cities.

Of course, this is a city that likes to participate. There are probably more commissions, committees, task forces, ad hoc groups and active nonprofit and citizens' organizations here than in any other town this size, and our City Council has just added two more: on energy and another on the environment. A survey two years ago showed that 96 percent of the 67,000 people who live here think this is a great place to raise a family, the schools and sports programs are good and that, despite a slowdown in the economy and local home sales, this



JEB BING

Cosmo Panetta and the staff over at Cosmo's Barber Shop, 4274 First St., can be credited for keeping our male readers looking good as it was voted Best Hair Salon for Men.



JEB BING

It's no fiction, Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., again won the Best Book Store title. Owner Judy Wheeler keeps the store stocked with books of all genres and also hosts several literary events.

continues to be an exceptional city for quality of life and job stability.

**Epicure**

Pleasanton is home to a wide variety of choices when it comes to enjoying the finer side of food and drink (or less fine if that's more your taste). Maybe that's why this category has 29 winners. This probably hasn't made your decision for dinner tonight much easier, but everyone's a winner when it comes to these places.

Starting at home, almost, this year's **Best Assemble Your Own Meal Store** goes to **GourMade Cookery**, 7060 Koll Center Parkway, where readers can create several months' worth of gourmet meals in one visit which they can cook in their own kitchen at a later date. When the meal gets rave reviews you can take all the credit without any guilt because you did make it yourself!

If you decide instead to leave your house for a fancy meal, you'll probably run into other Pleasanton Weekly readers at one of the following places. This year, **Eddie Papa's American Hangout**, 4889 Hopyard Road, won big, taking the title of **Best American Food Restaurant** for its spacious seating and a wide variety of menu selections. **Best Atmosphere**, however, goes to **Blue Agave Club**, 625 Main St., truly an enchanting place, rain or shine and even for sitting outside under the heat lamps in cool weather. **Best Bakery**, as we wrote earlier, was a tie between **Noland's Cake Shop**, 205-B Main St., and **Bibi-ane Bakery**, 349 Main St., Ste.



FILE PHOTO

Readers say GourMade Cookery, 7060 Koll Center Parkway, is the Best Assemble Your Own Meal Store. Krista Tasto, right, pours nuts for Maddy Franzella, 9, while her daughter Annie Tasto, 11, and Maddy's mother, Devon, help.

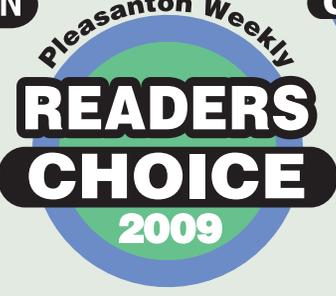
140. Then, for something that's also tasty but more of a main meal, there's **Kinder's BBQ** in the **Best Barbecue** category, 4825-F Hopyard Road, a sandwich deli that offers a wide variety of casual meals the that quick-lunch folks at Hacienda Business Park truly like, followed Red Smoke Grill next to Sweet Tomatoes and Armadillo Willy's in Dublin. Again, **Jim's Country Style Restaurant** with

its more than ample (some say huge) servings tops the list for **Best Breakfast**, located at 5400 Sunol Blvd, Ste. 1, with Vic's All-Star Kitchen close behind.

Although not an independently-owned eatery, **In-n-Out Burger**, 6015 Johnson Drive, led Bob's Giant Burgers on First Street as our voters' pick for **Best Burger**

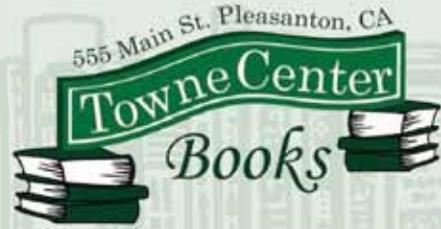
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## READERS CHOICE

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with downtown's branch of **High Tech Burrito**, 349 Main St., Ste. 120, dominating the vote in the **Best Burrito** category. Of all the Chinese restaurants in town, another chain **PF Chang's**, located at 1330 Stoneridge Mall Road in the Stoneridge Shopping Center, is our voters' favorite for **Best Chinese Restaurant**, although home-grown and operated Panda Restaurant in downtown Pleasanton finished a close second.

When it comes to French fries, we have varied tastes, although **The Hop Yard Alehouse & Grill**, 3015-H Hopyard Road, with its large, tasty and even garlic fries scoring big in the **Best French Fries** category. French fries from Bob's Giant Burgers and Eddie Papa's were also among reader's choices, but surprisingly McDonald's had only a write-in vote, probably from our editor who finds them cheap and tasty. Votes for the **Best Ice Cream/Yogurt Shop** were also close, as we mentioned above, with **Cold Stone Creamery**, 349 Main St., Ste. 130, the winner. We also talked about **Peet's** winning in the **Best Independent Coffee House** category, located at 5765 Valley Ave., so we'll spare you another commentary on what "independent" means.

When it comes to **Best Italian Restaurant**, however, Pleasanton has many of its own with **La Vite Ristorante**, 3037-G Hopyard Road, a clear winner in

this category, but Girasole Grill, Fontina Ristorante, Strizzi's and De La Torre's Trattoria not far behind. Heading back downtown, **Stacey's Cafe**, 310-A Main St., topped the votes for **Best Main Street Restaurant** and **Blue Agave** won by a wide margin in the **Best Margarita** category. When we looked at the long list of available margaritas at Blue Agave, we guessed that if you try enough of them you wouldn't even need the heat lamps on the patio to keep you warm.

We also asked readers for their choices of the **Best Meal Under \$20** and they voted **Eddie Papa's** as their favorite with downtown's High Tech Burrito trailing by a few votes. To our voters' credit, the \$1 specials at chains such as McDonald's and Jack-in-the-Box didn't receive any votes.

Turning now to our Eastern tastes, readers chose **Oasis Grille**, 780 Main St., by a wide margin in the **Best Mediterranean/Middle Eastern Restaurant** category, where Afghanistan cuisine is the menu of choice. For **Best Mexican Restaurant**, voters chose **Casa Orozco**, with locations in Dublin and Livermore, over close runners-up Alberto's Cantina, Blue Agave and Emilio's El Portal. But **Blue Agave** topped the voting in the **Best Outdoor Dining** category by more than 200 votes (267 vs. 58 for the next runner-up). Another downtown eatery **Gay Nineties Pizza & Pasta**, 268 Main St., won in the, you guessed it, **Best Pizza** category, although **Stacey's Cafe** a few blocks north on Main Street

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Not only is it a good place to find produce and goodies, Farmer's Market on Saturdays was voted the Best Place to Meet New People.

was voted as the **Best Place for a Business Lunch**. (Do companies still have those?) For the **Best Romantic Restaurant**, **Barone's**, 475 St. John St., with its excellent cuisine and subdued lighting came in first.

More "bests" include **Mahalo Grille**, 425 Main St., for **Best Seafood Restaurant**; **Hap's Original Steaks**, 122 W. Neal St.,

for **Best Steakhouse**; and **Sato Japanese Cuisine**, 3015-K Hopyard Road, for **Best Sushi/Japanese Restaurant**. Others voters selected were **In-n-Out Burger** for **Best Take-out Restaurant**; **Little Home Thai**, 4000 Pimlico Drive, Ste. 106, for **Best Thai Restaurant**; and **Sweet Tomatoes**, 4501 Hopyard Road, as the **Best Vegetarian Cuisine** in

Pleasanton. But Pleasanton's own Mitchell Katz Winery didn't win in the **Best Winery** category, losing out to longtime favorite **Wente Vineyards**.

**Stepping Out**

Seeing the crowds at Workbench True Value Hardware, Richert

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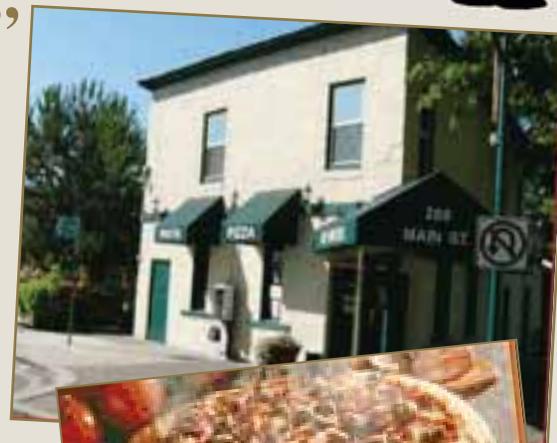
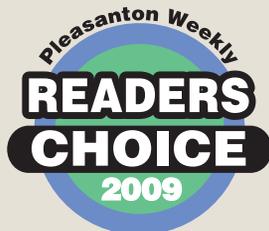
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Lumber, and Home Depot on the weekends, we're not sure if Pleasanton is a do-it-yourself town or not. But our readers say they like a number of vendors who help them with the work or do it for them. Starting with getting rid of those spots on the rug, they chose **Glover's Steam Cleaning**, 285 Kottinger Drive, in the **Best Carpet Cleaners** category, or, if the rugs are threadbare, they chose **Diablo Flooring**, 5600-D Sunol Blvd., either to buy new ones in the **Best Carpet Store** category or, to replace carpeting altogether, then as the **Best Flooring Store**. We already mentioned **Workbench TrueValue Hardware**, 1807-N Santa Rita Road, which voters chose over Richert's as the **Best Hardware Store**, although quite a few home fixer-uppers on our staff drive across the street from the Pleasanton Weekly offices to buy lumber, doors and even door knobs for those weekend chores.

For **Best Home Consignment Shop**, our readers like the **Home Consignment Center**, 1901-F Camino Ramon in Danville. **Best Home Furnishings** goes to Alexis Gass and her **Clover Creek** store at 670 Main St., always a special treat for browsing and buying. For those looking for the **Best Kitchen/Bath Remodeler**, voters like **KDC Kitchens**, 3732-A Stanley Blvd., by a wide margin. The **Best Plumber** vote went overwhelmingly to **Valley Plumbing**, 272 Rose Ave., with voters choos-



Younger readers can learn to bust a move at Jazz N Taps, 1270-A Quarry Lane, which was voted Best Place for Dance Lessons.

ing **Tri-City Roofing**, (www.tricityroofing.com) in the **Best Roofing** category. Heading outside, voters chose **Western Garden Nursery**, 2756 Vineyard Ave. as **Best Landscaper/Designer**, and once the landscaping is done, they voted that you should go to **Serenity Stone-works**, 252 Main St., which their ballots picked as the **Best Outdoor Furniture Store**.

### Around Town

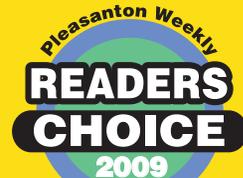
For another year in a row, **Lexus**

of Pleasanton was voted **Best Auto Dealership** by readers over the competition. Part of the Hendrick Automotive Group, Lexus is located at 4345 Rosewood Drive. When you need to get your car polished and perfected on the outside and vacuumed and shampooed on the inside, you told us you turned to **California Shine Company**, 7090 Johnson Drive, for **Best Auto Detail**, which also won last year. For a basic car wash to keep your automobile looking

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new, readers said they visit **Pleasanton Hand Car Wash** on Santa Rita Road, voted **Best Car Wash**. Cracked bumper or those pesky dents? **Precision Auto Repair** at 164-A Wyoming St., was the first place readers said they thought of, winning **Best Car Repair**. When tires go bald, readers shop for replacements at **Big O Tires**, which is an annual favorite for **Best Tire Store/Service Center**, located at 3688-A Washington St.

Computers, as we know, are complicated and when they break down or receive a virus, can be a headache to deal with. But, readers said they trusted **TriValley PC Medic** as their go-to business for **Best Computer Repair** (www.trivalleypcmedic.com). The winner of **Best Video/DVD Store** wasn't a physical store but a very popular rental service—**Netflix.com**, which is based in Los Gatos and doesn't require residents to leave home to watch their favorite movies and TV series.

In these trying economic times, homeowners or potential owners put their faith in **Hometown GMAC**, 4725 First St., Ste. 150, winner of **Best Real Estate Office**, for advice and services. And what would be a home without a hefty mortgage? Readers told us they seek professional help from **Residential Pacific Mortgage**, voted the **Best Mortgage Professional**, located at 30 W. Neal St., Ste. 100.

Motorists know there's no shortage of thoroughfares in Pleasanton where they can get pulled over for speeding by Pleasanton's finest. And since they couldn't decide on

one, readers chose **Anywhere in Pleasanton** as the **Best Place to Get a Traffic Ticket**, so it's probably best they keep an eye on their speedometer and their hands of their cell phones.

On a happier note, Pleasanton does offer an array of places to impress a new flame for a bite to eat. Upscale Mexican restaurant **Blue Agave**, 625 Main St., again garnered **Best Place to Have a First Date**. And it's no wonder with its picturesque setting in a restored Victorian located on Main Street complete with outdoor seating. And that dovetails with the winner of **Best Place to People Watch**, which readers simply said was **Main Street** in Pleasanton's popular downtown. Christina Gray over at **Bella Luna Studios** (www.bellalunastudios.com) knows a little thing or two about people watching. After all, that's what she does for a living, capturing those precious moments in people's lives. Readers said Bella Luna deserved the win for **Best Photographer**.

There are a number of beautiful golf courses in the Tri-Valley area, especially Pleasanton, which has four. Named to this year's Golfweek magazine Top 10 Best Municipal Golf Courses list, **Callippe Preserve Golf Course**, located at 780 Sycamore Road in southern Pleasanton, was also a favorite of our readers, who named it **Best Golf Course**.

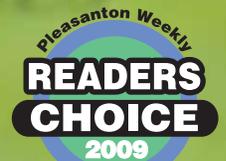
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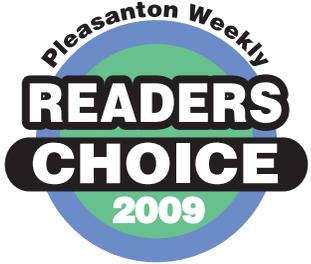


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is **Shear Magic**, located at 39 California Ave., Ste. 109, voted by readers as **Best Pet Groomer** for another year. Trusting a veterinarian with your family member can be difficult, but readers said they had no qualms about **Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital**, winner for **Best Veterinarian** and located at 3059-B Hopyard Road.

**Best Tutoring School**—and there are many in this family-friendly city—went to **Steps Community Prep School** for another year in a row. Located at 2340 Santa Rita Road, Ste. 10, Steps's staff includes Pleasanton Unified School District teachers, which makes its program uniquely efficient and effective for local students.

Last, but certainly not least in the **Around Town** category was **Jazz N Taps**, which won readers hearts and twinkly toes with **Best Place for Dance Lessons**. Located at 1270-A Quarry Lane, the dance studio, a previous winner we may add, offers classes in tap, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, tumbling, ballet and pilates.

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Why let the pampering stop there? After you're done with that, head over to **Euphoria Nail & Body Bar**, located at 660 Main St., winner of **Best Manicure/Pedicure**. For those extra specific treatments and those looking to maintain their youthful appearance, readers said they turn to **MD Spa**, located at 531 Main St., winner of **Best Medical Spa**. Run by Dr. Robert Gray, the spa offers everything from laser surgery to cosmetic surgery and everything in between.

Getting ready for that all-important Friday night out with the girls? Women chose **Gary Patrick Salon**, located at 350-J Main St., as the **Best Hair Salon for Women**. Hair stylists there are hand-picked from top schools and salons nationally. A regular to our Readers Choice list is **Cosmo's Barber Shop** at 4274 First St., winner for too many years in a row to count for **Best Hair Salon for Men**. Readers say they like Cosmo's because they can get a basic haircut that won't set them back a 20-spot. When you're all done with the grooming, readers said they put the finishing touch with their outfits, which they take to **VIP Cleaners**, located at 3120 Santa Rita Road, and winner of **Best Dry Cleaners**.

#### Specialty Retail

Downtown Pleasanton's charm and variety of homespun mom and pop stores are what draw shoppers, so it's no surprise a number of the winners in our **Specialty Retail** category are located on or just off Main Street in the downtown core.

There is an abundance of talented local artists in the Tri-Valley area, and you can see many of their works as well as other pieces at **Studio 7 Fine Arts**, 400 Main St., voted by readers as the **Best Art Gallery**. The gallery features artists such as Pino, Aldo Luongo, Dr. Seuss, Rip Squeak, Nobu, Vicki Asp and Bill Sala. Another downtown favorite is **Bicycles! Pleasanton**, located in a historic building at 537 Main St. Whether it's a beach cruiser for tooling around or a mountain bike for some serious cycling, readers said Bicycles! Pleasanton was the **Best Bicycle Shop**. A little farther south along Main Street, 555 Main St. to be exact, lies readers' pick for **Best Book Store**, a repeat winner, **Towne Center Books**. Owned by Judy Wheeler, some of the store's most popular sections include fiction, personal growth and children's books.

In this current recession, many shoppers are finding that well-cared-for secondhand clothes are the way to go. And there's nowhere better to go to find those trendy, name-brand pieces than **Savvy Seconds**, located at 540 Main St., and winner of **Best Con-**



JEB BING

Don't be caught driving with bald tires. Instead, consider Big O Tires, 3688-A Washington St., which was named Best Tire Store/Service Center.

**signment Store**. Continuing the shopping on Main Street, readers said they love **Passionate Athlete**, located at 440 Main St., winner for **Best Women's Clothing**

**Store**. Readers report their like of the store's mix of casual and athletic options. The consummate athlete doesn't just stop at Passionate Athlete. They also venture to **Sport**

**Chalet**, located at 4555 Rosewood Drive, voted the **Best Place to Buy Athletic Equipment**, and it's no wonder considering their selection in everything camping, cycling, snowboarding, football, the list goes on.

With many readers staying home this summer to save money, they may have picked up a hobby or

two to pass the time. Voted the **Best Hobby/Craft Store** was **Michael's**, located at 7980 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin, known for its vast variety of scrapbooking materials, synthetic flowers and brick-a-brac. Those in search of specialty foods chose **Valley Health Mill**, located

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Thank you for voting Bella Luna Studios Best of Pleasanton for photography two years in a row!



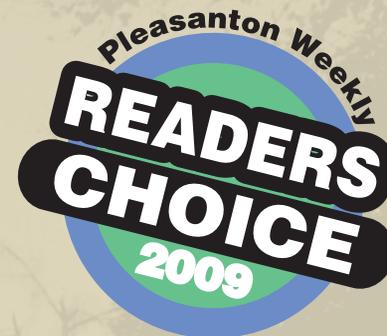
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at 3037-J Hopyard Road as **Best Health Food Store**.

Men who know "diamonds are a girl's best friend" seek out jewelry at **Cardinal Jewelers**, 3003-B Hopyard Road, voted **Best Jewelry Store** for another consecutive year. And what goes better with baubles than vino? Voted **Best Wine Store** for another year was the **Wine Steward**, located in the historic Roxy Theater at 641 Main St., offering a wide selection of wines from various countries and an upstairs tasting area. Another female-pleasing agent is, of

course, flowers—no matter what they tell you. **Alexandria's Flowers**, 3037-F Hopyard Road, has gorgeous bouquets for every possible occasion and that's why it was voted **Best Florist**.

If none of the above was suitable for proper gift-giving, the ultimate place to shop, voted by readers as the **Best Place to Buy a Gift**, was **Berry Patch**, which recently relocated to 350-A Main St., across from Tully's Plaza. According to its operators, the Berry Patch has been a year-round place for crafters and artisans to show and sell their work since 1994. Those looking for a unique gift for their pet

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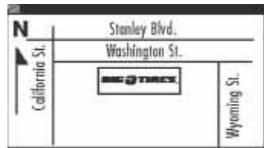
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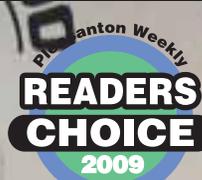
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should look no further than **Murphy's Paw**, winner of **Best Pet Store**, and located at 410 Main St. And take one step in the door past the bronze labrador sculptures out front and you'll see why. Owners Mike and Melanie Sadek are very active in the community, hosting "yappy hour" and other dog-human social shindigs. The kiddos, parents and teachers alike take delight in visiting **Golden Apple Learning Center**, located at 4807 Hopyard Road, was voted **Best Toy Store**.

### Let's Get Physical

Staying in shape is important to readers, especially when it means doing so in the fresh air. Again, the **Pleasanton Ridge** was named the **Best Bike or Walking Trail**. Readers say they don't have to go far to find the **Best Place to Walk a Dog or to Jog**, as **Any Pleasanton Park or Neighborhood** will do.

For those looking to strengthen body and mind might consider **Jue's Tae Kwon Do** at 5460 Sunol Blvd., Ste. 8, which was named the **Best Martial Arts Studio**. Eastern philosophy may be the key when it comes to selecting a personal trainer as **Zen Strength**, 3950 Valley Ave., Ste. B, came out on top this year with **Best Personal Trainer**. The quest to holistic fitness continues at **Downtown Yoga**, located at 220B Division St., which was ranked No. 1 for **Best Yoga/Pilates**.

For those wanting a buffet of sorts when it comes to fitness options, consider checking out the repeat **Best Health Club** winner **ClubSport**, located at 7090 Johnson Drive.

### Stepping Out

Whether it's rocking out in the park or meeting for coffee with friends, Pleasanton residents love to have a good time. This year, **Friday Concerts in the Park** took first place in two categories: **Best Place for a Picnic** and **Best Place for Live Music**. The concerts continue through Sept. 4, so make sure to reserve your spot with a blanket at Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets.

**Downtown** continues to be a hotspot for activity, since it was again voted the **Best Place to Get Together with Friends**. Readers report **Farmers Market**, on West Angela Street between Main and First streets, as the **Best Place to Meet New People**. Year-round, the market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

When the workday comes to a close, you can likely find many of our readers at the **Hop Yard Alehouse & Grill**, 3015 Hopyard Road, Ste. H, as it was named the **Best Place to Go for an After Work Drink**. If that wasn't enough to put the workweek behind you, try cutting a rug at **Redcoats British Pub & Restaurant**, located at 336 St. Mary St. Voted the best place to dance, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights the pub turns into a downtown dancing destination.

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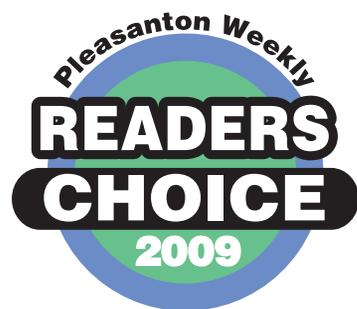
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## Careers

**FREE SEMINARS FOR JOB SEEKERS** Jobsuccess.org offers free online seminars, including job search seminars at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, developing a mindset for peak performance at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, new skills building at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Call 216-2018.

## Class Reunions

**AMADOR VALLEY CLASS OF 1979** The Class of 1979 from Amador Valley is hosting its 30-year reunion from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at Palm Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$50 per person or \$100 per couple. For information, e-mail Bonnie Shamblin at sbshamblin@comcast.net or visit [www.amador79.org](http://www.amador79.org).

**ARROYO'S CLASS OF '64 REUNION** San Lorenzo's Arroyo High School, Class of '64, will celebrate its 45th Class Reunion at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Cost is \$75 per person and reservations are due by Aug. 1. Call Barbara (Poole) Wilson at (949) 584-0662.

**ARROYO'S CLASS OF '64 REUNION** Arroyo's 45th reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Tickets are \$75 for dinner, dancing and a classmate directory. Classes of '63 and '65 are welcome. Reservations are due by Aug. 1. Call 584-0662 or email [barbwilson-reality@cox.net](mailto:barbwilson-reality@cox.net).

**FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL 30 YEAR CLASS REUNION** The Class of 1979 from Foothill High School will host its 30 year class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 7. For information, visit [www.foothill79.com](http://www.foothill79.com).

## Classes

**BASIC YOGA CLASS** Beth Fox instructs this 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.

## Clubs

**CAREER NETWORKING EVENT FOR EXECUTIVES** Executives are invited to a Breakfast Career Networking meeting from 7:30-9:30 a.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Put the palate to the test at Taste of Terroir:** Think you have a perfect palate for fine food and wine? Join a master sommelier and wine writers in tasting the Tri-Valley's finest at the Taste of Terroir. The event, from 6 to 9 p.m. July 23 at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave., brings 16 of the region's wineries and their restaurant partners together in a competition to win Most Innovative Pairing, Best Expression of Local Ingredients and Judges' Best. Chef Alex Olson, above, of Palm Event Center prepared duck bratwurst dish paired with 2004 "Fat Boy" cabernet sauvignon from McGrail Vineyard, which one the People's Choice Award and Outstanding Dish last year. Tickets for Taste of Terroir are \$75, and the event typically sells out. Proceeds will benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For tickets and information, visit [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members if pre-registered; \$35 at the door. Call 218-1868.

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. They meet for a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit [www.PleasantonRotary.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary.org).

**SPEAKER ON ISRAELI-PALESTINEAN ISSUES** The TriValley Democratic Club presents Dr. Mike Harris from the Voice for Israel talking about the situation in Israel and his recent trip there. Join us for a lively discussion Q&A from 7 to 9 a.m. July 20 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Refreshments served, wheelchair accessible. Call 451-4303 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com](http://www.trivalleydems.com).

## Concerts

**'KOMODOJAZZ'** The next Concert in the Park will feature Komodojazz from 6-8:30 p.m., Friday, July 17, at Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets. The next concert will feature La Ventana on Friday, July 24. Visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**17TH ANNUAL OPERA IN THE VINEYARD BENEFIT PERFORMANCE** Opera in the Vineyard will feature singers performing their favorite arias and musicals from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, at Retzlaff Vineyard, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door; bring a picnic dinner. A silent auction and a raffle will raise funds for Livermore Valley Opera's Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci product. Call 449-4062 or visit [www.retzlaffwinery.com](http://www.retzlaffwinery.com).

**CELTIC WORLD MUSIC** Celtic World Music duo Chris Waltz and Lee White will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, in Livermore at 3 p.m. Aug. 2. Parking is free, and admission is by donation at the door. Refreshments will be served. The group is has an eclectic blend of original, traditional and contemporary Celtic, Folk, Spanish-Sephardic, Flamenco, Klezmer, and Gypsy music with vocals in a variety of languages, including Irish/Scottish Gaelic, Spanish, Latin, Ladino, and English, are accompanied by guitar, fiddle, Irish flute and whistle.

**DOMINIQUE PIANA 'MAGIC OF THE HARP'** Pleasanton Public Library presents a harp music concert by Dominique Piana and her students Betty and Lucy Liu at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 23, at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This concert is free. Call 931-3411.

## Events

**12TH ANNUAL POOCH PARADE** Enter your pooch in the 12th annual Pooch Parade at 5 p.m.,

Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Wayside Park. There will be many categories that dogs can enter. Cost is \$10 per category. Proceeds benefit the Tri Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Visit [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org).

**ADULT SUMMER READING GAME** Alameda County Libraries are hosting the Adult Summer Reading Game from June 15-Aug. 15. This year's theme is "Books Around the Bay." To participate, fill out an entry form for each book you read and drop it in the entry box at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Each library will draw one entry per week for a prize. Call 931-3400 or visit [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

**ALOHA GOLF CLASSIC** Aloha Golf Classic will be held from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$195 per player; \$1,000 for a foursome; \$50 for dinner only. Call 837-4400 or visit [www.danvilleareachamber.com](http://www.danvilleareachamber.com).

**BREAKFAST WITH CARMINE GALLO** Carmine Gallo is a communications skills coach, author of three books and writes the weekly leadership and communications column for Businessweek.com. He will share his experience working with the communication masters and share insight from his newest book, "The Presentation Secrets of Steve Jobs," from 7:30 to 9 a.m. July 18 at the Pleasanton Marriott, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Tickets \$24 for members or \$35 for non-members. Call 846-5858.

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MEETING** Learn how to earn an immediate

and residual income and position yourself for the explosive growth in the Telecommunications and VoIP industry from 7-9 p.m., every Thursday, at Hotel Sierra, 2323 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, call Roy Carney at 548-3511.

**CELEBRATE THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER** The First Wednesday Street Party for the month of August will celebrate the Dog Days of Summer from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5, on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**EGYPTIAN FESTIVAL** The first annual Egyptian Festival will be July 17-19 at St. Mary St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. Visit [www.pleasantonegyptianfestival.com](http://www.pleasantonegyptianfestival.com).

**LARK IN THE PARK** Museum on Main presents "Lark in the Park" led by a museum docent from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, July 25, at Veteran's Plaza Park, 550 Peters Ave. Donations will be appreciated. Call 462-2766.

**LOCK AND KEY SINGLES DANCE** Women get locks and men get keys and the fun comes when you match them up and possibly win a prize from 8-11:45 p.m., Friday, July 24, at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. Cost is \$20. Adults of all ages welcome. Visit [www.thepartyhotline.com](http://www.thepartyhotline.com).

**SCHMOOZE-A-PALOOZA** Schmooze-A-Palooza is for business people and includes networking, business education and some stand-up comedy. It takes place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. July 27 at Bunjo's Comedy Club, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Cost is \$10 and includes light appetizers. Call 264-4413 or visit [www.schmooze-a-palooza.com](http://www.schmooze-a-palooza.com).

**TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT** Do you feel snowed under and maxed out? In this 6-session, DVD aided curriculum, Andy Stanley will help participants strike a balance by showing how to do less, not more from 7-8:30 p.m., every Saturday, Aug. 1-Sept. 5, at Centerpointe Community Room, 3410 Cornerstone Court. Each session includes fifteen to twenty minutes of teaching followed by group dis-

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**TESLA VINTNERS WINE AND SALMON PAIRING** The winery will host a wine and salmon pairing event from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, July 25, at Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$5. Salmon will be available for purchase. Call 606-9463.

**TV GAME SHOW ROUND-UP** Play a version of the classic TV game show Jeopardy on a big screen from 11:15 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Prizes will be awarded. This event is free. Call 556-4511.

## Exhibits

### THE ART OF LINDA JEFFERY SAILORS

This exhibit will feature the watercolors, pastels and acrylic paintings of Linda Jeffery Sailors which is open until July 31, at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Admission is free. Call 449-7274 or visit [www.lindajefferysailors.com](http://www.lindajefferysailors.com).

## Fundraisers

### COMEDY FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER

The comedy event is from 8 to 9:30 p.m. July 17 at Bunjo's Comedy Club, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Headliner is "Chicago Steve"

Barkley. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Tickets are \$15, plus two-item minimum. Visit [bunjoscomedy.com](http://bunjoscomedy.com).

**COUNTRY BARN DANCE** From 7 to 10 p.m. Aug. 1, enjoy live music, line dancing and food, hosted by Terra Bella Family Farm and featuring dance caller Andy Wilson and the local bounty of Pleasanton's only family farm. Proceeds benefit the ministries of St. Clare's Church. Tickets are limited; \$35 or \$100 per family. Call 784-6325 or visit [www.stclarespleasanton.org](http://www.stclarespleasanton.org).

### DANCE & FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

Dances from different cultures (Persian, Zumba, tap, bhangra, etc.) and a fashion show will take

place from 4 to 7:30 p.m. July 26 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Refreshments will be sold. This event will raise funds for nearly 300,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in need of vital relief items like milk powder, basic food items and sanitation supplies. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Call 931-9966 or visit [www.reachout-nowusa.com](http://www.reachout-nowusa.com).

**PINK VINES N WINES** Red Feather Winery and AOW are hosting a Breast Cancer Benefit from noon-6 p.m., Sunday, July 19, at Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$25 for adults; \$10 for children under 10 years old. There will be music, drawings and door prizes to win. Call 449-1871.

**RELAY FOR LIFE** Pleasanton's fourth annual Relay for Life will be held from 9 a.m.-9 a.m., Saturday-Sunday, July 25-26, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. During the event, teams of 8-15 people will take turns walking or running laps around the school's track and will raise funds for the American Cancer Society. To participate, call 460-3700 or visit [www.relayforlife.org/pleasantonca](http://www.relayforlife.org/pleasantonca).

**THE GREAT 'CATSBY' CASINO NIGHT** Valley Humane Society presents "The Great Catsby Casino Night" at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 18, at a private home in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$75 per person, including dinner, drink tickets, valet parking and gambling chips. For information, call 426-8656.

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## Kids & Teens

**CALCOLO VOLUME** Youth band Calcolo Volume of Joe O'Loughlin's Garage Band Academy will perform at 11 a.m. July 18 at Your Stage Toys, 63 W. Angela St. Call 398-8203.

**FREE MOVIE PARTY** PartyBees hosts free movie parties from 4-7 p.m., on the second Saturday of every month, at PartyBees inside Spark Dance Studio, 3550 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Other movie parties are held on the second Saturday of every month and are free for first time attendees. Call 202-9077 or visit [www.partybees.com](http://www.partybees.com).

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL No.14** This group meets at 7 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday of every month, at Pleasanton Masonic Lodge, 3370 Hopyard Rd. The group is for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 years old who have a Masonic relationship. It teaches the girls team work, leadership and public speaking. Call 683-5401.

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**PAL CHILDREN'S PORTRAIT**

**WORKSHOP** Pleasanton Art League's 2-Day Children's Portrait Workshop for ages 9 and up is from 2 to 4 p.m. July 28-29 at 4455 Black Ave. Students will learn the proportions of the head and face and how to draw a likeness through facial features and shading. Cost is \$35 for both days, which includes materials. Call 462-7964.

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

John is turning 50! To celebrate our boss' big day The Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Road, is hosting a fundraiser for Pleasanton schools. Donate \$2 in July by buying an "apple." Get a coupon for 50 percent off any item on July 29, John's birthday. Come make party hats, eat cookies and sign the giant card!

**SHAKESPEARE CAMP**

Shakespeare Camp for children ages 7-13 will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., July 20-31, and for ages 12-18 will be held July 6-17, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. This camp will be appropriate for new and experienced young actors. Registration forms are available at [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org).

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**PLEIN AIR OIL PAINTING**

The Pleasanton Art League offers a workshop with Bryan Mark Taylor, MFA, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17-19. He will conduct a three-day plein air painting workshop for painters who want to develop an understanding of the fundamentals of outdoor painting through demos (in oil), lectures, practices and critique. The cost is \$295. Call 449-4226 or visit [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com).

Live Music

**CHRIS BRADLEY'S JAZZ BAND** Listen and dance to live music from 7:30-9:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at Sunol Jazz Cafe, 11986 Main St. Enjoy Traditional Jazz of the 20's, 30's and 40's. Admission is \$5. Call (510) 881-5750 or visit [www.sunol.net/jazzcafe](http://www.sunol.net/jazzcafe).

**SADDLE CATS COUNTRY MUSIC**

Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents the Saddle Cats, a western swing pocket band at 2 p.m. Aug. 2. Come hear this sleek, silver-toned cowboy outfit

play rustic and new western music. Call 931-3411.

Miscellaneous

**E-WASTE RECYCLING**

Dispose of your unwanted electronic waste for free from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. Bring old computers, cell phones, TVs, stereos, and even small household appliances for environmentally safe disposal. Call 462-4802 or visit [www.stclarespleasanton.org](http://www.stclarespleasanton.org).

On Stage

**'THE SEAGULL'**

Don't miss Chekhov's masterpiece "The Seagull" at 7:30 p.m., July 16-Aug. 1, at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$20-\$35. Call 443-BARD or visit [www.shakespearesassociates.org](http://www.shakespearesassociates.org).

**FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK**

"The Comedy of Errors" will be performed as part of Shakespeare in the Park at 7:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, July 17-18, 25-26 and Aug. 1-2, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. These events are free. Call 931-5340.

Recreation

**DEL VALLE AQUA CHALLENGE**

The open-water swim event for all levels will be July 25 at Lake Del Valle, 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore. Courses are 2 miles, 1 mile and a half mile. There is also the Del Valle Du, a dualathlon race with a 1-mile swim followed by a 5K run. Entry fees are \$35 in advance or \$40 on race day, or \$50 in advance or \$55 on race day for the dualathlon. Fees include refreshments, snacks, T-shirt, awards and a raffle. Visit [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com) for details.

**TEAM IN TRAINING INFORMATION**

**MEETING** Walk, run, cycle, tri or hike with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training (TNT) by attending a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Call (800) 78-TRAIN or visit [www.teamintraining.org/sf](http://www.teamintraining.org/sf).

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 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., 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.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS CLINIC**

Need help resolving specific issues relating to consumer affairs? If so, schedule an appointment with a Consumer Affairs Representative to file a complaint and have your questions answered from 10 a.m.-noon, on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365.

**LAUGHTER YOGA** Contribute to your well-being with Laughter Yoga from 10-11 a.m., on the first Monday of every month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. It combines unconditional laughter with yogic breathing. Cost is \$1.50 for residents; \$2 for non-residents. Yoga mats not required. Call 931-5356.

**PLEASANTON PARATRANSIT SERVICE**

Did you know that the City of Pleasanton runs a transportation program? The program offers, door-to-door, shared ride service to Pleasanton and Sunol residents, aged 60 years and older. Learn about the service area, service descriptions, fares and local transportation agencies from 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.50 for residents; \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

**TRI-VALLEY UNITY CHURCH**

Tri-Valley Unity Church now meets at 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, for Sunday services. The theme for July is "Wisdom." Guest speaker Rev. Mary Stortz will speak on "God Always Says Yes" at 110 a.m. July 19. All are welcome. Ongoing classes and groups available. Call 829-2733 or visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

Sports

**NO-DROP BEGINNER RIDE**

Come and enjoy a relaxed pace short distance (20-25 mile) road ride from 9-11 a.m., every Saturday, meeting at Cyclepath, 334B Main St. A coach is on hand to be of assistance, provide cycling tips, answer aerobic questions, assist with a flat, and help build your confidence in achieving your goals. E-mail [info@cyclepath.com](mailto:info@cyclepath.com).

**SF BAY BOMBERS**

Jim Fitzpatrick's World Champion San Francisco Bay Bombers of the American

Roller Skating Derby will return to Pleasanton at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. For information, visit [www.arsdbombers.com](http://www.arsdbombers.com).

**SUNDAY MORNING ADVANCED GROUP RIDE**

Enjoy a fast and furious (17-25+mph) road ride for cyclists who have serious fitness goals from 9 a.m.-noon, every Sunday, meeting at Cyclepath, 337B Main St. Routes change weekly and the group splits based on distance and speed. Bring water, a snack, spare tube and pump. Call 485-3218.

Support Groups

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

The Wellness Community hosts a weekly support group for people actively fighting cancer and their loved ones from 2-4 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. This group is free. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twcba.org](http://www.twcba.org).

**CLUTTERLESS (CL) SELF HELP GROUP**

Overwhelmed? Is clutter stressing you out? Do you want to do something about it? Meet with this support group at 7 p.m., every Monday, at the St. Mary and St John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Dr. Call 200-1943 or visit [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org).

**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP**

This group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about the most common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us. Call 487-5706 or e-mail [galexplor@comcast.net](mailto:galexplor@comcast.net).

**NAMI TRI-VALLEY FAMILY SUPPORT**

**GROUP** This group is provided for family/caregivers of adults with mental illness and meets from 7:15-9 p.m., on the third Monday of every month, at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #116. There's also a group that meets in Livermore on the second Monday of every month.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

Do you worry about the way you eat? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous may have the answer for you. This is not a diet club. OA is a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating, starving and/or purging. OA offers mutual support and a helpful plan of action. They meet at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Visit [www.diablovalleyyoa.org](http://www.diablovalleyyoa.org).

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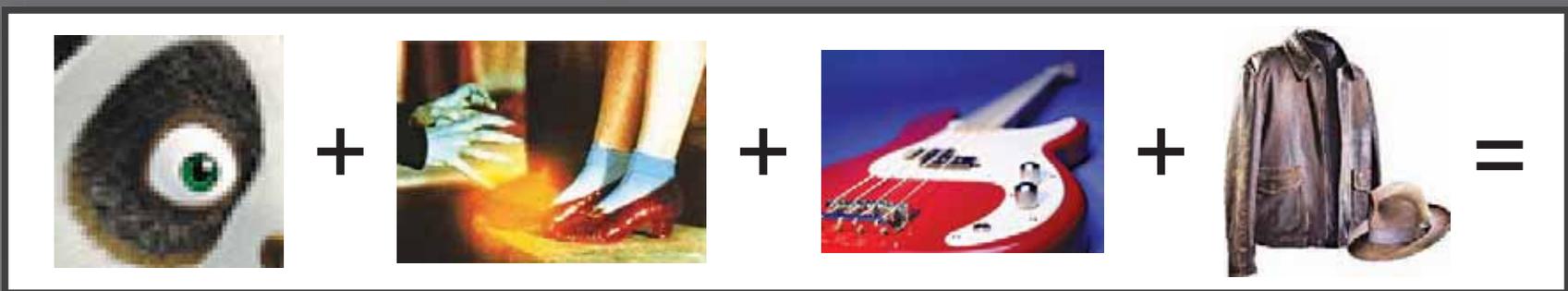
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Last year, Tri-Valley teens made more than 3,000 visits to our CARF-certified Teen Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program, which is located in our newly opened Axis Behavioral Health facility at 6666 Owens Drive in Pleasanton.

For more information about our services or to arrange a tour, please call 925.201.6201 or email Program Director Amie Sousa at [asousa@axishealth.org](mailto:asousa@axishealth.org)

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# It All Adds Up to **Summer Fun!**



## **Pleasanton's Free Movies in the Park**

Join us for free *Movies in the Park* in downtown Pleasanton! The City of Pleasanton presents four family favorites in July and August at Delucchi Park. All films start at twilight (about 8:30 p.m.). Just set out your blankets and lawn chairs and get ready to enjoy a good flick with your friends and family on a 26-foot screen.

The park opens to the public at 4:00 p.m. and seating will be cordoned off in sections with blanket seating in the front, low lawn chairs in the center, and camp chairs and other higher positioned seating in the rear, to accommodate for the best viewing. Viewers are welcome to bring their own food or take-out and are asked to clean up after themselves. Extra trash receptacles will be strategically located around the park for this purpose.

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| Kung Fu Panda (PG)           | Thursday, July 9    |
| Wizard of Oz (G)             | Thursday, July 23   |
| School of Rock (PG-13)       | Thursday, August 6  |
| Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG) | Thursday, August 20 |

*For more information,  
call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.  
Idea popped by Thriving Ink, which will provide free popcorn to viewers at each show!*