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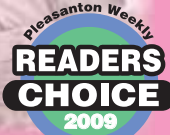
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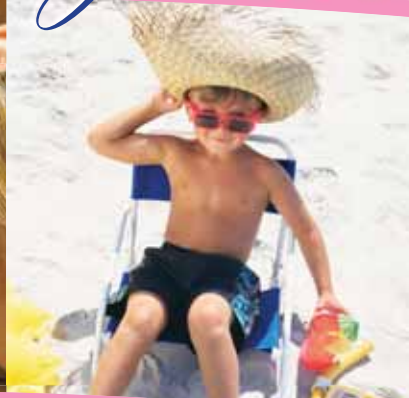
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

'Not much news here?' Look again

Although a former mayor once warned us that Pleasanton "is just a small town and there's not much news here," both our stories in the Pleasanton Weekly and a robust city proved him wrong in the 10 years since we launched this newspaper. The city's population has grown from about 55,000 to 68,000 with the number of housing units nearing the 29,000-unit cap, a limit that was set in 1996 and is being challenged in court, which means more people and homes could be coming. During this time, the Weekly has covered the election and appointments of an entirely new City Council, city Planning Commission and Pleasanton school board. Nelson Fialho was named city manager and the school district hired a new superintendent, John Casey, and many of the key city and school district administration managers have been named to their posts since we first went to press on Jan. 28, 2000.

In this past decade, Happy Valley residents turned down a bid to have their community annexed into Pleasanton, but property owners across Alisal Street liked the idea, joined the city and that paved the way for developing Calippe Preserve Golf Course and trails that locked in scenic open space at the southwest corner of Pleasanton where homes and thoroughfares were once planned.

On the east side, much of Ruby Hill, an upscale gated community, has been largely built out with custom homes also built or under construction on Vineyard Avenue between Montevino that used to mark the old city limits and Isabel. Even Vineyard Avenue was realigned and rebuilt to provide a much improved gateway into Pleasanton from the old narrow roadway that we remember in 2000. Half-way between, an empty 13-acre field also reminds us of the ongoing feud between the school district and Signature Properties over who would pay for Neal Elementary School on the site, an \$8-million to \$15-million 10th elementary school that's no longer needed although the cost of litigation is still unresolved.

On the northeast corner of the city, a multi-million-dollar retail and senior housing development has been tentatively approved for the 126-acre Staples Ranch, which in 2000 wasn't on anyone's

radar screen. An earlier housing plan had been scuttled; IKEA and a ballpark were once considered for the site. But not until Alameda County, which owns Staples, and Supervisor Scott Haggerty and the Pleasanton council agreed over the last few years to the development plan has Staples been so close to becoming a part of Pleasanton. If all goes according to schedule, the property will be annexed this year and construction of a new auto mall and senior retirement community could get under way in 2011 or 2012.

We've also covered numerous public meetings on extending Stoneridge Drive from the Mohr-Martin neighborhood to El Charro Road, where it would connect to Jack London Boulevard on the Livermore side, and on building an interchange at Interstate 680 and West Las Positas Boulevard. Frequent neighborhood and city committee and commission meetings on these two proposals kept us out late many nights to cover these stories, with final copy still not written. Although the City Council took the option of building the Las Positas interchange out of the new General Plan, the state still owns the empty land at all four corners of the overpass where freeway ramps could be built if the proposal comes back another day. As for Stoneridge, its extension has been approved by the council, subject to final approval of an environmental impact report now under consideration. It's possible that those opposed to the roadway could sue the city and county to block its construction, with the results of that suit determining if the extension is built.

That story, along with reports yet to come on BART's extension of service to Livermore, the opening of its second station in west Pleasanton, a resolution of plans to build a 51-home development called Oak Grove in the hills above Kottinger Ranch, and the school district's looming budget crisis and its search for a new superintendent to succeed Casey, who will retire in June, will give us plenty of news to cover in the year ahead. Also, we'll be reporting online at www.pleasanton-weekly.com, in our Pleasanton Express updates at 8 a.m. weekdays and in our Friday print editions news on another round of elections this year, including the race for Pleasanton mayor, two council seats, two school board positions, three State Assembly members, a congressman, U.S. senator and a new governor. Who said "there's not much news here" again? ■

About the Cover

The first edition of the Pleasanton Weekly featured a cartoon courier announcing the news the Pleasanton Weekly was here to bring residents local news. The paper continues that mission, both in print and online, as it celebrates 10 years in publishing. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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What is your favorite part of the Pleasanton Weekly?



Donald Paige

Teacher

The local news coverage. You don't see it in the Chronicle or the other papers. They are city stories you don't get anywhere else, like how BART affects us, library, budget, school issues.

Sonia Kechich

Education

I like the part where they have all the advertisements. And I like the section at the end with all of the events. I like the calendar because I look for all the upcoming events at the library and around town. The Weekly really keeps me up to date.



Juan Avila

Student

I'd say the sports section. I like to read but I'm not into news that much, so I look for sports. I enjoy reading about local athletes.

Jaydene Koberle

Retired

I like Streetwise, where they ask people a question and take their picture. I like to see that. I like for people to get asked their opinions and I like to see what people think who live here. I like that it's local.



Josh Pack

Engineer

Honestly, I'd have to say it's the local comments, the letters to the editor. It is interesting to see what people are thinking in this town. The letters can make you angry, make you laugh, a little bit of everything.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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

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Community band to play at vets hospital

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will begin its 2010 concert season Saturday by performing at the Veterans Hospital Community Living Center, Building 90, at 4951 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

The band will play a variety of musical styles, including marches and show tunes, and will also take requests from the veterans. For more information, contact Bud Engel, 846-9497.

Registration open for poetry festival

Early registration for the annual Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival is opens Feb. 1.

The festival is April 17 and 18 in Pleasanton and will feature 15 workshops, including two-session mini-courses, and individual workshops for adults, teens and youth and an awards banquet. To learn more, call 931-5350 or visit www.pleasantonarts.org.

Teen male anger management series

The Teen Males Anger Management Series, put on by Axis Community Health, meets from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Mondays from Feb. 1 through April 5.

Designed to help teens address and resolve conflicts, the program is open to young men ages 13 to 18 who are enrolled in high school.

It includes education and group counseling to help participants feel in control, handle anger and improve relationships.

Interviews are required. The fee is \$300 and scholarships are available. For details, call 201-6213 or visit www.axishealth.org.

Amador to showcase musical talent

The AVHS Winter Percussion and Winter Guard will host a home show from 12:30 to 10 p.m. Feb. 6 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Call 462-7814 or visit <http://amadormusic.org>.

Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or e-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

ValleyCare Medical Center opens new floor with 24 beds

\$10-million expansion offers rooms that are private, equipped with flat screen TVs

In an effort to serve more patients as well as make their stay a little more pleasant, ValleyCare Health System recently opened a new floor with 24 beds at its medical center in Pleasanton.

Plans for the project were approved in May and construction began over the summer.

According to hospital Chief Financial Officer Ken Jensen, Valley-

Care invested nearly \$10 million for the first floor project, named One West Wing. It opened Jan. 19.

The floor is designated for medical and surgical patients. The rooms are private and include flat screen televisions and modern fixtures and finishes.

The expansion comes at a time when the hospital is working to serve patients while under severe

space constraints.

"State and building inspections took place the first week of January and that timing couldn't be better," said Vice President of Nursing Services Jessica Jordan. "ValleyCare is currently at capacity, and we are so pleased to be opening this new wing just in time for the influx of patients."

ValleyCare has been working

on a massive expansion project to its emergency room, concurrently with this project.

That project, to be constructed in three phases and estimated to cost \$6.7 million, includes increasing the square footage of the ER from 4,000 to 10,000; bringing the total number of beds from 12 to 23, one triage area to two, two open registra-

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Fourth-grader Jonathan Pearce holds his winning trophy he earned at the Walnut Grove Spelling Bee as school Principal Dr. Charles Young looks on. Pearce will go to the regional level to compete Feb. 20.

Aggrandizement, hazmat, cajolery, circuitous?

Walnut Grove fourth grader aces spelling bee, moving on to regional competition

By JANET PELLETIER

Aggrandizement, hazmat, cajolery and circuitous are probably not words in most people's daily lexicon, but they were a breeze for some 30 students tasked with the Walnut Grove Spelling Bee, held last Wednesday in the elementary school's multipurpose room.

Jonathan Pearce, a student in Mrs. Nix's fourth grade class, was named the champion of the bee in the 13th round. It was an impressive feat as so many of the students continued to spell challenging words such as psycho-

analysis correctly, forcing the judges to turn to extra words in the hunt for a winner. Angelina Padua, a student in Mrs. Sharp's third grade class, was named the runner-up. Students competing were in third through fifth grades and the words were from third to nine grade levels.

The Walnut Grove Spelling Bee returned this year after taking a hiatus for the past few years. Pearce will go on to compete in the regional bee, sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle and part of the Scripps National Spelling Bee Feb. 20. ■

Fundraisers slated to benefit Haiti

Pleasanton Rotary Club collecting crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and canes

A host of events are being held here in the local community to benefit victims of the Haiti earthquake, starting this Saturday with a collection of items by the Pleasanton Rotary Club and Open Heart Kitchen.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Rotary members will be collecting items such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and canes. At the same time, Open Heart Kitchen will hold an electronic waste collection. Proceeds from that will support the nonprofit's free meal programs.

The Rotary Club has partnered with MedShare, a nonprofit which collects usable medical supplies from hospitals and physician's offices, inventories them and then ships containers with supplies specifically ordered by Third World medical providers. MedShare, which has a warehouse in San Leandro, will ship the mobility devices to Haiti.

"Our club members have seen the need of the people of Haiti in this tragic time and wanted to help them now," said Steve Brozosky, Rotary Club of Pleasanton president. "Many people have unused crutches, canes, wheelchairs, or walkers sitting in their garages, and those items are greatly needed in Haiti."

For more information, visit www.pleasantonrotary.org or www.medshare.org.

Amador Valley High School students, faculty and administrators will lace up their sneakers next Wednesday, also to help Haitians.

The Run for Relief aims to raise \$20,000. Participants will run or walk for 40 minutes Feb. 3 on the high school track during a select shift. Shifts are scheduled from 7:20 a.m. throughout the day and ending at 4 p.m.

After each lap, the runner or walker will receive a tally mark from a track monitor and will be given a tag. The money will be raised from donors in the community who sign up to pledge a dollar amount per lap.

For more information, contact teacher and coach Tony Battilega at 980-4564.

On Feb. 5, a benefit show will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at Panama Red coffee shop, 2115 First St. in downtown Livermore. Acoustic music will be played by local musicians Northern Static, Lara Marriott, Antone Lee, Rob McCord, Greg Burdett, Valerie Nuzum, Colleen Jordan and Dan Taylor. Fees and tips will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

Brownie Troop 1268 has spent last week and this week collecting gently used shoes from Valley View Elementary students that will be donated to Haiti through the Pleasanton Sport Chalet's Soles for Souls program, which was devised after the natural disaster occurred. The shoes are expected to be sent by this Sunday.

—Janet Pelletier

Fire department's deputy chief Zolfarelli retires

Cities still looking for successor to Fire Chief Bill Cody, who retired last October

By JEB BING

Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Zolfarelli retired Tuesday from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department after 35 years of service with Bay Area public safety departments.

Zolfarelli joined the Livermore-Pleasanton department in 1999 from the Newark Fire Department. He was instrumental in the successful effort to develop the LPFD Hazardous Material Team and also managed the public education, disaster pre-

paredness, and workers' compensation programs. He is an instructor at Chabot and Las Positas colleges.

Zolfarelli began his career in 1974 with the BART Police Department, moving to the San Leandro Police Department in 1977 and then joining that city's Fire Department in 1984, where he worked until 1998. He joined the Alameda County Fire Department in 1998 before moving to the Newark Fire Department.

He served on the Alameda Coun-

ty Fire Chiefs Operations Committee and the Alameda County Fire Chiefs Hazardous Materials Committee, the Alameda County Fire Training Committee and was a member of the East Bay Incident Management Team.

Zolfarelli's retirement comes just three months after LPFD's Fire Chief Bill Cody retired. The city managers of Livermore and Pleasanton are leading a search for Cody's successor. ■

PDA salutes outgoing director Saldivar at annual meeting

Awards given for special efforts to improve downtown business district

By JEB BING

Nearly 100 merchants, restaurant owners and other business representatives packed the banquet room of the Farmer Restaurant Thursday for the annual dinner meeting of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, an organization that represents more than 600 businesses in downtown Pleasanton and associate members from other parts of the city.

The dinner also served as a farewell reception for the PDA's executive director Christine Saldivar. Named to the position in April 2004, she has resigned effective Feb. 15 to move to Florida and marry her longtime friend John Roberts. A scientist at the Livermore Lab and, before that, at Los Alamos Laboratory, Roberts, who also was honored at the PDA dinner, is retiring, too, and the couple is moving to Cape Coral, Fla., a popular retirement destination where they have purchased a home.

Also honored at the dinner were downtown accountant Janet Yarbrough, who has been elected president of the PDA for 2010, and Judy Wheeler, owner of Towne Center Books, who was the organization's president in 2009.

Special awards also were given PDA members for their service to the organization and the downtown business community.

The coveted Arch Angel Award went to Doug Linman of SUNTCO for his service on the PDA board from 2008-2009.

"Community involvement is of paramount importance for this Arch Angel and he volunteers for



JEB BING

Outgoing PDA president Judy Wheeler, left, congratulates the organization's president for 2010, Janet Yarbrough.

numerous organizations along with the PDA," Saldivar said in presenting the award. "He's often the first person to respond when we send out a call for help, whether it's helping with events such as First Wednesday or Oktoberfest, sharing his musical talents, donating raffle prizes, finding the PDA a sound system, or building a state of the art Kiosk, nothing is too hard or daunting for this individual."

Saldivar also presented "NEAT" awards to businesses and individuals who made significant contributions last year to add to the at-

tractiveness of the downtown area. These went to Little Valley Winery, Meadowlark Dairy and Roy Moret, owner of the Los Pilares building on north Main Street. The city of Pleasanton also received a NEAT award for the decorative lights it added to Civic Park on Main Street.

The PDA was established in 1984 as an assessment district with the goal of developing and promoting a vibrant downtown community. It functions as a nonprofit organization with funding provided by member assessments, matching city funds, sponsorships and revenue producing events. ■

VALLEYCARE

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tion stations to two private stations and from one waiting area that seats 10 to one seating 30; and adding a covered ambulance entrance.

The first phase, already under way, will cost \$2.7 million, \$1 mil-

lion of which is being funded from county Measure A funds. ValleyCare, a nonprofit, is still raising \$4 million needed for the second and third phases.

These expansions follow one announced in March of last year to the hospital's neonatal care unit (NICU).

In collaboration with UCSF Children's Hospital, the NICU, which cares for preemies and other infants needing a higher level of care, was expanded from four beds to 10. That project cost \$1.8 million and funds are still being raised to pay for it.

—Janet Pelletier



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Visitor's bureau promotes Tri-Valley as place to host special events

Destination Showcase tradeshow displayed everything from best venues to caterers, hotels and wineries

By JANET PELLETIER

Some 65 meeting and event planners attended the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau's Destination Showcase Jan. 20, perusing vendor booths seeking information as well as checking out displays such as dinner tables decorated with chiffon tablecloths, china settings and elaborate floral centerpieces.

More and more, the Tri-Valley region is becoming a preferred location to hold special events such as weddings, anniversary gatherings, corporate parties and meetings, according to Natalie Alvarez, who is the CVB's director of marketing and partnership. It's the second year the bureau has held the showcase

as a way to attract more meeting and event revenue to the area. This year's event was held at the Casa Real event center at Ruby Hill, located on Vineyard at Isabel avenues in Pleasanton.

Casa Real, which opened in 2008, was an appropriate backdrop to the event as it offers the adjoining Ruby Hill Winery just footsteps away. Many of the Tri-Valley's venues for special events are wineries, which offer meeting space amid the vineyards, Alvarez said.

"Time is money. Meeting and event planners need to economize like the rest of us and attending Destination Showcase saves them a great deal of time by providing one-

stop-shopping over sourcing event services individually," she said.

The showcase featured 40 booths that were represented by employees from local event venues, caterers, event service providers, hotels and wineries.

"Relatively new venues include the Palm Event Center, Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery and the Bankhead Theater," Alvarez said. "Additionally, many of the hotels in the area have been renovated within last few years, including the San Ramon Marriott, Pleasanton Marriott, Pleasanton Sheraton and Doubletree Hotel in Livermore."

Alvarez said the bureau is unaware of other regions holding this type of a tradeshow. ■



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Left: Carole Wigren, tasting room and special events manager and Christina Geraghty, event coordinator for Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wineries, at right, speak to attendees about their offerings for weddings, anniversary parties and corporate events at the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau's Destination Showcase event Jan. 20.



Free wheelin'

The 22nd Annual Manufacturer's RV Show continues this weekend at the county fairgrounds and manager Mike Nohr, who owns GoodTimes Promotions in Pleasanton, said RV sales are on the upswing after a particularly difficult year in 2009. Nohr said he believes continued interest from baby boomers and the younger generation's growing attraction to the RV are contributors. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, visit www.rvshow.net or call 931-1890.

Get to know the police department

Enrollment is open for the spring 2010 citizens academy

Learn the ins and outs of the police department in the upcoming session of the citizens academy, beginning March 4.

The spring course, which runs through June 10, is held in a classroom setting with a mixture of lecture, demonstrations and learn-to-do activities. Topics covered include community policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics/vice, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9, evidence collection, use of force, animal services and DARE.

The program was developed to create closer partnerships with the community, explain law enforcement procedures and to discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

Meetings are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays. Participants must be adults, will be screened and have to live or work in Pleasanton. Applications are available at the front county of the Pleasanton Police Department, located at 4833 Bernal Ave; or by contacting Sgt. Mike Tryphonas at 931-5169 or mtryphonas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

—Emily West

OF NOTE



Amador senior donates scholarship to help children

Christina Zhang, a senior from Amador Valley High School, donated \$2,500 to the Smile Train Foundation and provided the full reparative surgery cost for 10 children from African and Southeast Asian countries. Christina received the scholarship by winning the Singtao Beauty Pageant, an annual pageant event held by Singtao Daily, the largest Chinese newspaper in North America.

Growing up, Christina had crooked teeth and visited her orthodontist for more than six years to straighten her teeth. Because of this experience, she understood and empathized with cleft children and wanted to help them.

Christina was a swimmer for the Pleasanton Seahawks for many years and she also swam for the Amador varsity team. Christina will attend the 2010 Miss Chinatown USA Pageant from Feb. 14 to 28 in San Francisco. Miss Chinatown USA is a national beauty pageant event with a history of 52 years. Christina will compete against Chinese beauty queens from Chicago, Seattle, Hawaii, Houston, and many other cities and states. ■

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Turning 10 and growing

This week marks the 10th anniversary of the Pleasanton Weekly. And what a 10-year spread it's been! From local elections to school budget crises to community theater and to the H1N1 flu pandemic, we've filled nearly 20,000 pages over the past decade with news, features, sports and advertising focused exclusively on our Pleasanton audience. And now, in addition to the 520 Pleasanton Weekly newspapers and scores of special sections we've published since Jan. 28, 2000, we've become a leader in the fast-growing Internet news distribution business with a regularly updated online edition at www.pleasantonweekly.com and a Pleasanton Express that is delivered directly to you at 8 a.m. weekdays by email. As we've done since the launch of this hometown newspaper at the start of the decade, we're providing by far the best, most complete and up-to-date coverage of Pleasanton. Added to this are Tri-Valley Views and San Ramon Express and Danville Express online editions that provide superior coverage of all Tri-Valley communities.

Our goal is to provide the most accurate and consistently reliable news coverage and commentary of interest to all of us who live and work here. We strive to report that news in an objective, unbiased manner. That means information on current events, including City Council and school board actions, local sports and arts and entertainment features. We seek stories about people, not institutions. In our coverage of City Council, school board and commission meetings, we focus on issues being addressed, not simply on the meetings themselves. Nor do we rely on press releases or meeting agendas to drive our content. We're there with a local news reporting staff second to none. We anticipate news and look for interesting trends or issues that are worth digging into. We want to tell you — our readers — what's going to happen, not just what did happen.

In addition to covering the local beats, we provide readers with various special sections and features, such as Readers Choice, Info Pleasanton, Home and Garden, and Neighborhoods. Included in this edition is a special section on "Staying Healthy," with a report on why it's still important to be vaccinated against the H1N1 flu. Last week, we reported that final contributions and matching funds to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund charity drive totaled \$466,732, a record-high amount that will now help the Tri-Valley's unemployed and under-employed find jobs. Stories during the year cover the work of important charities and nonprofits in our community, including Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven and Axis Community Health.

With the news dissemination business rapidly changing, we're working to stay a step ahead. Besides online and email editions, you can read the Pleasanton Weekly on your laptop and iPhone wherever WiFi is available. Comments posted on our Town Square forum come from all parts of the country as our readers not only take a copy of the Pleasanton Weekly with them for a vacation photo to send us, but also keep up with Pleasanton and Tri-Valley news wherever they are. Thanks to you, our valued readers, the Pleasanton Weekly has become an important and valued community institution. In the years ahead, we'll continue to innovate and adapt to serve the needs of this community and to succeed in being Pleasanton's primary source for local news, information and dialogue. ■

LETTERS

Accusplit raises \$1,046 for PPIE

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your help in publicizing the 2009 World Walk to Wellness in Pleasanton by listing it in advance both online and in print.

We are pleased to report that Accusplit will be presenting a check for \$1,046 to Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation. These donations from participants, matched by our company, will enable PPIE to make more grants to help local public schools implement their wellness plans for students.

Special thanks to David and Teri Eisenhauer of Northwestern Mutual whose information booth helped participants make the connection

between wellness and financial planning. We also thank licensed nutritionist Jill Daniels for leading a "Walk With Me" circuit of the Sports Park, answering questions along the way.

Although we already have begun planning the fourth annual World Walk to Wellness for Dec. 31, 2010, your readers need not wait until the last day of the year to enjoy the benefits of walking. We are fortunate to live in an area with many miles of safe and scenic trails. In between winter rains, we encourage our Tri-Valley neighbors of all ages to get out and walk, aiming for a goal of 10,000 steps each day to maintain good health. Our pedometer company's motto is, "Eat right. Walk more. Live well." Feel free to adopt that as your concise New Year's resolution.

W. Ron Sutton
("Mr. Pedometer")
President, ACCUSPLIT

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POLICE REPORT

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

Jan. 19

Theft

- 1:20 p.m. in the 30 block of Shore Drive; identity theft
- 2:06 p.m. in the 5200 block of Crestline Way; identity theft
- 2:17 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Trevor Parkway; Grand theft

Vandalism

- 4:00 p.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue
- 5:36 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Controlled substance possession

- 2:41 p.m. in the 4300 block of First

Street

Robbery

- 4:25 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

Jan. 20

Vandalism

- 12:03 a.m. in the 900 block of Main Street
- 12:14 p.m. in the 1000 block of Kottinger Drive
- 2:38 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:09 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue; controlled substance possession, DUI

Jan. 21

Theft

- 12:44 p.m. in the 7000 block of

Commerce Drive; embezzlement

- 6:45 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

- 9:23 a.m. in the 7300 block of Stonedale Drive; vehicular
- 12:39 p.m. in the 9600 block of Crosby Drive
- 5:26 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting, lock-picking

Vandalism

- 10:38 p.m. in the 1300 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 10:55 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

Message misconduct

- 8:15 p.m. in the 900 block of Main Street

Jan. 22

Grand theft

- 11:41 a.m. in the 2700 block of Crellin Road
- 2:24 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:11 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; possession of marijuana for sale
- 8:14 p.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive; DUI

Battery

- 8:57 p.m. in the 400 block of St. John Street

Jan. 23

Burglary

- 12:17 a.m. in the 5400 block of Greenfield Way
- 6:43 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Controlled substance possession

- 4:52 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

OBITUARIES

Benjamin Cook Tarver III

A service will be held for former Mayor Ben Tarver at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The event is open to the public and will feature a mixed color guard from the Pleasanton Police Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.



Mr. Tarver died suddenly Jan. 4 from bilateral pulmonary emboli at age 63.

Benjamin Cook Tarver III was a Bay Area native and graduated from Clayton Valley High School and San Francisco State University. He began his lifelong career in information technology at Naval Weapons Station in Concord and retired in 2001 from the City of Concord as the director of information technology.

He lived a very active life, playing tennis, golf and rugby as well as scuba diving, water skiing and snow skiing. He made lifelong friends playing soccer in Pleasanton's adult soccer league for 20 years. He also coached youth soccer for many years, and organized adult soccer tournaments drawing teams from all over the state and filling the Pleasanton Sports Park.

Mr. Tarver and his wife Margo moved to Pleasanton in 1974 where they raised their three children. He became active in local politics in 1982 after becoming concerned about the burgeoning growth in Pleasanton. He was a planning commissioner, then was elected to the City Council in 1988, where he served for four years before being elected as Pleasanton's mayor four times from 1992-2000.

He had an infinite love for Pleasanton. During his years as an elected official, his primary focus was to reign in Pleasanton's fast paced growth and preserve open space. In addition, he

spearheaded and helped to successfully pass measures that put a cap on residential development, protected the ridgelands against residential development and actively supported the development of an adjoining city and East Bay Regional Park. He was also an advocate for youth, supporting the development of parks and expanded joint uses for school district and city facilities.

During his years as a resident of Pleasanton, he was a longtime member of the Tulancingo Sister City Association, Pleasanton Blairgowrie Fergus Sister City Organization, Lions Club and acted as Honorary Chiefton of the Caladonian Club during the Scottish Games in Pleasanton.

After his retirement from the City of Concord, he moved to Colorado and married Jeanie, where he enjoyed being outdoors in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. They later moved to their current home in Penn Valley, Calif. to be closer to his family. During his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his dogs, remodeling his Lake Wildwood home, boating, working out, following local and national politics, and most of all, vacationing with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanie; parents, Ben and June Tarver; daughters, Tiffany (Dan) Nakken of Pleasanton and Melanie (Richard) Koontz DeMarchi, of Roseville, Calif.; son, Ben (Angie) Tarver IV of Livermore; grandchildren, Brayden, Isabella, Christian, Jaxon, and Baby Girl DeMarchi; first wife, Margo Tarver; brothers, Ben Hall Tarver of Olympia, Wash., Brooks Tarver of Santa Rosa; and Joe Pfeifer of Jeffersonton, Va.; aunt, Dorothy Droast Coultrap of Vallejo; as well as his extended family. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Kent Koontz.

Donations may be made to the National Stroke Association or Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

Barbara Ruby Van Slyke

Barbara Ruby Van Slyke died Jan. 1 at her home in Pleasanton, surrounded by her loving family, at the age of 92.

Born Barbara Ruby Hadley Nov.

12, 1917 in Modesto, Mrs. Van Slyke was the first of two daughters of a farmer father and a schoolteacher mother. In the mid-1930s, she graduated with a degree in photography from the Art Center School in Los Angeles. Among her teachers was Ansel Adams. After college, she joined her family and crew members on a sailing trip to Alaska aboard the El Dorado, a 40-foot vessel built by her father, Loren.

During World War II, she was employed by the United States Air Force as an aerial photographer. She also worked for several years with the Department of Agriculture, documenting farms across the country in her photographs.



After the war, she had a stint as a studio photographer in Hollywood, occasionally being asked to photograph portraits of celebrities current to that era.

Married in Oakland in 1955 to Dale Van Slyke, a teacher, they had three children, moving to Hayward to raise their family. In 1969, the family relocated to Pleasanton.

She was also a past Pleasanton Art League president and avid arts promoter. An award-winning painter and fiber artist, she worked to promote the construction of the Black Avenue Cultural Arts building and served for eight years on the Senior Planning Task Force. She established the very popular Peddler Shoppe at the Pleasanton Senior Center, supplying it with her beautiful handmade crafts. She continued to volunteer her time there, showcasing and selling the products of many local senior craftsmen and women, until recently.

She was an active member of the Bicentennial Festival Committee in 1975-76, helping to make the group's 11 projects a reality. The group shared annual reunion luncheons each December for more than 30 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth and Jean; son, Jim; and granddaughter Ise Maeve Forsyth.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Continued from January 19, 2010 – Public Hearing: PAP-139 – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of PCUP-257, the application of Mari Kennard to modify the approved Conditional Use Permit (PCUP-129) for the operation of Redcoats British Pub and Restaurant located at 336 St. Mary Street to expand the days/hours for indoor music
- Public Hearing: PUD 75/PGPA 14/PSPA 3 – Consider an application of Don Babbitt/ Heartwood Communities to amend the General Plan and the Happy Valley Specific Plan; and for Planned Unit Development rezoning and development plan approval for additional lots over the allotted number for the 6.13 acre parcel located at 1157 Happy Valley Road

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion on whether to reallocate funds from the 2009-2010 Grant Recipient Pacific Chamber Symphony
- Approval of Public Art Sculpture Design

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- FY 2009/10 Service Contract Mid-Term Reports and Presentations
- Discuss Evaluation Process for FY 2010/11 Housing and Human Services Grant Program Review
- Consideration of Changing the April 7, 2010 Commission Meeting Date
- Commission Reorganization

GENERAL INFORMATION

City Hosts Community Workshop on Youth Master Plan Update

Saturday, January 30, 2010
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Pleasanton Library ~ Community Room
400 Old Bernal Avenue

All Pleasanton residents are invited to attend the workshop. Please RSVP early by emailing youthmasterplanupdate@ci.pleasanton.ca.us, or call (925) 931-5002. Attendees will be eligible for prizes and must be present to win. For more information about the Youth Master Plan Update please contact Maria Lara (925) 931-5002 or mlara@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME**

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar



EMILY WEST

Fourteen-year-old Erick Rodriguez and his mentor Mark Triska recently met up at the Hacienda Crossings center to spend time together. They have done various activities, such as BMX biking and yard work, in the year that they have participated in the new Tri-Valley YMCA Mentors program.

BY EMILY WEST

Shaping futures through relationships

Tri-Valley YMCA's new mentorship program aims to help young people

Erick Rodriguez has an uncanny ability to identify specific details about cars just by glancing at one driving by.

Mark Triska, mentor to the 14-year-old from Dublin, said he's like a car savant.

"What does savant mean?" Rodriguez asked.

Instances like these are common in their mentor-mentee relationship. Whether it's Triska helping with homework or Rodriguez sharing his knowledge of cars or the latest "Transformers" movie, it's a relationship of mutual growth.

The two have been meeting for about a year, just as long as the Tri-Valley YMCA Mentorship program has been in existence. Triska, senior vice president of corporate real estate at Colliers International, was part of the driving force to get the program going. Having previously been a mentor, he saw the benefits of the experience for both parties and wanted to help young people in the Tri-Valley.

The Tri-Valley YMCA works with Be A Mentor, a youth service organization based in Hayward, to screen and train mentors before the YMCA puts together a good match. Associate Program Director Tim Stier watches over the partnerships and works to find middle school-aged children who could benefit from the program within their other programs as well as through the Pleasanton and Livermore school districts.

Tri-Valley Mentorship is funded through various donors — including Colliers International Links for Life Foundation, LifeStyleRx, BBandT Tanner Insurance, FunMobility, Sybase, City of Pleasanton and Hacienda Helping Hands — who are also encouraged to have employees participate.

"The heart of mentoring is the personal relationship that develops," Stier said. "A young person looks to their mentor not just as role model, but as a friend, advocate, guide and somebody who loves them."

Citing one of the 40 Assets, an educational program to

holistically develop young people, he said that students with loving and caring adults in their lives were more likely to reach their full potential.

Right now there are five mentor partnerships, and Stier said he hopes that number will grow. It's proving to be more of a challenge than he thought, however, as some parents are cautious of having their children identified as "at-risk" or the fear of potential abuse issues.

"We are highly conscious of those dangers, so we take very seriously the screening and training," Stier said. "Also, we are keeping in touch with the mentors and the mentees after the relationship is formed, it's not like they're set adrift."

Triska said he hopes to see more men and women step up as mentors.

"Mentoring as a concept is popular, but few people take the time and effort to be one," he said. "It's easier to write a check than spend time making a difference."

Mentors must go through screening, such as fingerprinting and background checks, and training through the Be A Mentor program. The commitment requires at least four to six hours per month of time spent with the mentee.

Knowing Rodriguez's interest in cars, Triska thought a trip to tour the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville would be fun. They have also gone biking at the BMX park on Stanley Boulevard.

Other activities, such as learning table manners at a restaurant or helping someone with yard work, may not qualify as "fun" necessarily, but it's an important part of growing the relationship and learning from each other.

When asked what he'd be doing if not for the mentorship program, Rodriguez said, "I would just be bored at home, playing video games."

To learn more about the program, contact the Tri-Valley YMCA by calling 475-6108 or visiting <http://trivalley.ymcaeastbay.org>. ■

POETIC PLEASANTON



BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Friends of Frost to visit Century House

Did you know Robert Frost was born in San Francisco? That he played varsity football in high school and met Nikita Khrushchev? Now Frost is coming to town to talk about his life and poetry. Well, not exactly, but David Alpaugh, a nationally renowned poet, author and Frost expert, will read some of his best known poems and share little-known background on the poet at "Celebrating Robert Frost" from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road. Alpaugh, who lives in Pleasant Hill, lectured on Frost at UC Berkeley Extension and is an outstanding performance poet with a pervasive sense of humor and keen insight on all aspects of poetry.

To top off the "Celebrating Robert Frost" program, a friend of Frost is coming to town. Through the kind suggestion of my neighbor Andrea Liu, I contacted her friend, Dr. Shirley Badger, who personally knew Frost. Dr. Badger is traveling from her home in Chagrin Fall, Ohio, to share some personal reminiscences on the poet at Century House.

Badger is the great-niece of Mrs. Homer Noble who sold Frost one of his many farms in Vermont. Frost wrote some of his most well-known poems in a log cabin on the Homer Noble farm in Ripton. Badger's great aunts Agnes Billings and Eunice Billings Noble were very good friends of Frost. The poet rented a small cottage from Agnes Billings and ate his meals at her house before he bought the farm from Agnes' sister Eunice Noble. Badger knew Frost from her frequent visits to Ripton. For more

information and photos of the Homer Noble home, see www.frostfriends.org/ripton.html.

We look forward to hearing poems and learning more about one of America's most famous poets and the former poet laureate of Vermont. Bring along an original poem, one page or less, perhaps in the style of Robert Frost, to read at the open mic. Details on "Celebrating Robert Frost" are available at www.civcartsliterary.org or you may contact Deborah Grossman, Pleasanton's Poet Laureate, at pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/Pleasanton-Poetry.

This poem is dedicated to Dr. Shirley Badger for coming to Pleasanton to tell some personal stories about the poet.

A Frosty Scene

*During chilled days of winter
I imagine summer
sounds of Vermont,
the loud, laughter-laced dinners
at Agnes Billings' Ripton farm
where Robert Frost
shares humorous tales with Agnes
and her sister Eunice Noble.
During dessert, Frost chuckles and
cuts
more meaning from an apple
than most people bite off in a life-
time.*

*He's upstairs now,
debating with Ezra Pound
on whether Imagist poets
are worth their salt.*

*Later, he attends a poetry slam
where he eyebrows hip-hop artists
and grouches at the multifarious
MEAs
of pedigreed poets.
On his way back to Agnes' house
for mirth and warm apple pie,
he'll listen to a bird in the birch
and wonder how anyone
could miss the sound of poetry
during summer in Vermont.*

Deborah Grossman is Pleasanton's poet laureate.



Stroll, swirl and sip

Sample local wines while perusing downtown wares at the annual "Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Tasting" held from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 4. This event, which is known to sell out, includes a commemorative wine glass and map to show where to sample Livermore Valley's best reds, whites, ports, dessert and sparkling wines.

Only 800 tickets will be sold and are available for \$25 at the following locations: Clover Creek, 670 Main Street; Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main Street; Towne Center Books, 807 Main Street; Pleasanton Downtown Association, 830 Main Street, Suite A — behind the Cheese Factory building. If there are tickets left, they will be sold at beginning at 5:45 p.m. the day of for \$30. The event is not recommended for children and tickets must be redeemed by 7:30 p.m.

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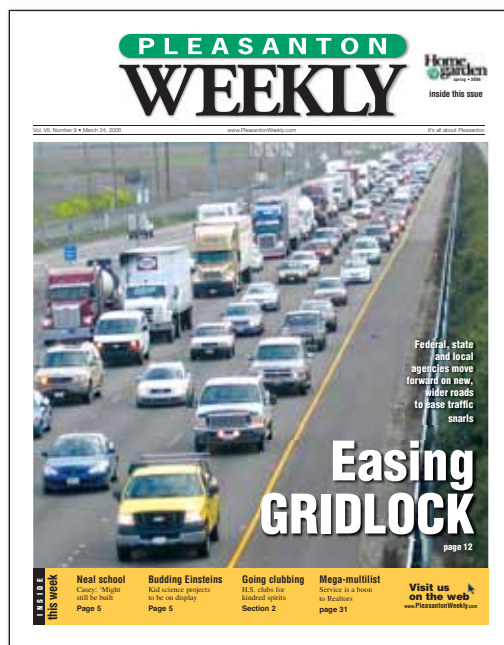
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Celebrating 10 years of

As a new decade



BY JANET PELLETIER

It's hard to believe it's a new decade. It's even more difficult for the staff of the Pleasanton Weekly to fathom that 10 years ago, this newspaper was just setting down roots here in this picturesque town we all call home.

This month, the Weekly celebrates the 10-year mark of covering Pleasanton politics, city government, schools, neighborhoods and families in the 94566 and 94588 area codes.

Here's how publisher and editor Jeb Bing introduced Pleasanton's only weekly paper back in our very first issue, dated Jan. 28, 2000:

"Welcome to the Pleasanton Weekly, your window on every aspect of our community. We'll be in your mailbox or at your business and in street newsstands around town every Friday, delivered free of charge and focusing exclusively on Pleasanton."

The Weekly is owned by Embarcadero Media and its flagship paper is the Palo Alto Weekly, which has been publishing for more than 30 years. Embarcadero also owns and publishes The Pacific Sun in Marin County and The Almanac and the Mountain View Voice on the Peninsula.

Although the staff at the Weekly — and even its design — has changed a bit over the last 10 years, the mission has stayed the same — "It's all about Pleasanton."

From Eagle Scout awards, to military homecomings, to long City Council, school board and planning commission meetings, to controversial development projects, to mayoral elections and ballot measures, to local athletes making headlines on the national scale, we've immersed ourselves in everything that makes this city tick.

At its core, the newspaper hasn't changed dramatically over the past 10 years, offering in tabloid style the Around Pleasanton column, Newsfront, Streetwise, Opinion, Community Pulse, Transitions, Living, Sports, Calendar, Fogster Classifieds and Real Estate. In 2003, our staff spent the summer putting together the very first InfoPleasanton, which is a yearly guide on recreation, kid's stuff, facts and stats



Pleasanton Weekly staff celebrates its 10th anniversary at its offices at 5506 Sunol Blvd. Gina Channell-Allen, president, and Jeb Bing, publisher/editor, are flanked by Trina Cannon, Karen Klein, Kristin Herman, Mary Hantos, Kathy Martin, Lisa Oefelein, Barbara Lindsey, Dolores Ciardelli, Sandy Lee, Paul Crawford, Manuel Valenzuela, Lili Cao, Janet Pelletier, Andrea Heggelund and Emily West.

about Pleasanton, community organizations, arts and entertainment, and sports and outdoor groups and activities. We also started Best of Pleasanton (now known as Readers Choice), which has become a staple for all things that are great in Pleasanton. Every summer, the Weekly receives hundreds of ballots from readers selecting their favorite restaurants, meeting places, dry cleaners, veterinarians and the best place to get a traffic ticket.

One thing that has changed about the Pleasanton Weekly in more recent years is our online presence. As the Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area remains at the forefront in technology, and as newspapers recognize readers' interest in getting their news online, we've answered that call. Our sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly, was the first newspaper in

the country to offer news online. Pleasanton Weekly remodeled its website, www.pleasantonweekly.com, in 2007, offering news — both breaking and in-depth coverage — a community discussion forum, online calendar and classified posting, and movie reviews.

The forum, known to most as TownSquare, has proved to be the most popular feature of the website remodel. Readers have told us that allowing users to post their own topics as well as comment on others, has opened a new line of communication for residents to speak openly about their concerns and interests without having to be identified. It's also given staff a plethora of story ideas that may otherwise have never come to light. Of course, with anonymity comes some unruliness, which has kept the editorial staff vigilantly monitoring



of the Pleasanton Weekly

begins, this newspaper looks back and to the future

the forum, but there is a sense that this open exchange trumps a few negative posters.

A year ago, another feature of pleasanton-weekly.com was added. Pleasanton Express is a daily email sent to readers' inboxes that has a rundown of the day's top headlines, calendar picks and forum topics. It's another way the paper is trying to reach residents who are constantly on-the-go.

The aim has always been to support the community in which the paper covers, and that has been accomplished through a couple of ways.

The Weekly has sponsored a number of events supporting the downtown through the Pleasanton Downtown Association. For the past few years, the Weekly has been the title sponsor for the summer Concerts in the Park series, which draws hundreds to Lions Wayside Park for live music performances. Newspaper president Gina Channell-Allen and editor Jeb Bing are also a regular sight at the annual holiday parade and tree lighting and Bing is the voice of the Veterans Day parade. The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund was created in 2002 with the goal of giving back to local nonprofits that help the underinsured, homeless, abused, senior citizens, children and other vulnerable populations. During our 2009 Holiday Fund campaign, we celebrated having the unique opportunity to raise more than triple the previous campaign through matching federal dollars. When the receipts came in a couple weeks ago, it was announced that \$465,000 will help needy families in Pleasanton and the greater Tri-Valley.

To end on a light note, maybe our most lasting legacy, is something that began accidentally. Former Pleasanton Police Chief Tim Neal, who retired in 2006, thought it would be funny to email a photo of himself at the Statue of Liberty, holding a copy of the paper. After the photo was published, the Weekly began receiving a barrage of vacation photos from residents. Thus, Take Us Along was born. Nine years later, Take Us Along is going strong with thousands of photos sent and emailed. ■

Saying thanks

"This year, the Pleasanton community celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Pleasanton Weekly. For the past 10 years, the Pleasanton Weekly has chronicled the politics, the achievements, and the pulse of this place that we call home. What else can we say about the Pleasanton Weekly? Plenty!

American playwright Arthur Miller once said that a good newspaper is 'a nation talking to itself.' Indeed, the Pleasanton Weekly very carefully explores the issues and challenges that bring us together.

Sometimes, this careful scrutiny spawns dialogue amongst us that facilitates resolve or compromise. Despite the final result, I think the important thing to note is that the Pleasanton Weekly gets us thinking, talking, and sometimes doing. In doing, the action might mean spearheading a campaign to help our schools, build a park or run for City Council.

We are very fortunate to have a publication that focuses all of its attention on Pleasanton and recognizes the accomplishments of our youth, honors our military and tells the story of our community.

Happy 10th Anniversary and thank you Gina, Jeb, Janet, Emily and the rest of the Pleasanton Weekly staff for all that you do!"

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman



"I am honored to recognize the Pleasanton Weekly, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, for a decade of insightful journalism and dedicated community involvement. Since 2000, the Weekly has provided our community with a trusted source for local news and events.

My family and I have been regular readers of the Weekly since its start 10 years ago. As my three children grew up, we read with excitement the Weekly's stories that reported on community events, from band concerts with Mr. Moorefield to high school football games. After meeting the editor of the Weekly at the Farmers' Market, the Pleasanton Weekly became the first newspaper to cover my run for public office.

The Pleasanton Weekly is also to be commended for its involvement in our community. Their staff is a regular presence at welcome home ceremonies for our local men and women in uniform. I deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness for our troops.

It gives me great pleasure to commend the Pleasanton Weekly for its 10 years of service to this community. I look forward to the next decade of news from the Weekly."

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton)



TAKE US ALONG



The beginning: Former Police Chief Tim Neal unofficially started the popular Take Us Along vacation photos by sending us this picture of him with the Weekly at the Statue of Liberty.



Pachaderm Weekly: Barbara Boehme took the Weekly on quite an adventure — a three-day stay at the Elephant Conservation Center in Lampong, Thailand.

ON THE TOWN



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Classes

HOW TO ACE THE INTERVIEW Learn how to sell yourself into a job at this class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 3. This workshop, through Amador Valley Adult Education, will address all aspects of the interview process including how to prepare for the interview, how to sell what the employer wants to buy, how to handle "sticky" questions, and how to ask for the job offer. Cost is \$35. Call 426-4280 or visit www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted.

PRUNING CLASSES Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave., hosts free pruning classes: Japanese maple pruning, Jan. 30 and 31. Saturday classes start at 10 a.m. and Sunday classes start at 1 p.m. Call 462-1760 or visit www.westerngardennursery.com.

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Concerts

CONCERT PIANIST DANIEL GLOVER TO PERFORM Daniel Glover, interna-

tionally known concert pianist will perform compositions by Chopin, Schumann and Samuel Barber from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. Tickets are \$25. Call 866-4003 or visit www.valley-concertchorale.org.

Events

AVHS WINTER PERCUSSION/ WINTER GUARD SHOW The AVHS Winter Percussion and Winter Guard will host a home show from 12:30 to 10 p.m. Feb. 6 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Call 462-7814 or visit <http://amadormusic.org>.

BENEFIT FOR HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF A benefit show for Haitian Earthquake Relief is from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 5 at Panama Red, 2115 First St., Livermore. Acoustic music by local musicians: Northern Static, Lara Marriott, Antone Lee, Rob McCord, Greg Burdett, Valerie Nuzum, Colleen Jordan, and Dan Taylor. Fees and tips will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

TRUFFLES, TIDBITS AND WINE TASTING Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Tasting will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 4 in downtown Pleasanton. Wineries of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will be pouring. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the event and only 800 tickets will be available. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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8664 or visit www.tvr.org.

E-CYCLE FOR OPEN HEART KITCHEN
E-cycle old electronics to benefit Open Heart Kitchen from 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 30 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Some items are free to recycle, while others are \$5 each. Microwaves are \$15 to recycle. Call 580-6793 or visit <http://openheartkitchen.org>.

Lectures/ Workshops

MAKE A POEM WORKSHOP This workshop, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., is about being creative and playful with words and will include simple writing exercises and prompts. The session is open to anyone over 18 years of age. Reservations recommended. Cost is \$5 for residents or \$6 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER WORKSHOP ON 'GROWING UP FEMALE' Mothers and their fifth- or sixth-grade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, 3999 Bernal Ave. Led by RN specialist Amy Sluss, this two-hour workshop explores the normal changes that occur in girls ages 9-16, offers tools and tips, and connects girls and adult women together in a powerful and positive way. The cost is \$30. Register in advance by calling Sharon at 846-3531.

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Miscellaneous

CREATURES OF IMPULSE TO HOST 'IMPROV FACE OFF' Teens of all ages are invited to join Creatures of Impulse as they compete on stage for two nights of scenes, games and interactive theater. The "Improv Face Off" is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Teen improv groups interested in competing, contact Mark Duncanson at 931-3433 or mduncanson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Volunteering

PROJECT READ NEW TUTOR TRAINING
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SPORTS DIGEST

Rage U14 Orange reach 'Elite 8'

The Rage U14 Orange beat the Diablo Crossfire 2-0 Jan. 17 in a "Sweet 16" game of CYSAs Association Cup. After a scoreless first half and both teams defenses dominating play, Rage

midfielder Erica Goldhawk sent an arching pass toward the goal where Courtney Seams scored on a goalie misplay. Goalie Nikki Costello held the lead with a diving shot block. RAGE midfielder Rebecca Dumanski sealed the win with a late goal shot. RAGE defense was lead by Katie Oross and Olivia Deutschman. Sunday in the "Elite 8" quarterfinals Elk Grove Cyclones scored first into the upper corner. In the second

half Rage tied the score on a Courtney header from an Ariel Gershman assist. Claire Hickel and Katie made two breakaway stops to hold the tie. The Rage defense held until five minutes remaining when Elk Grove scored on a breakaway play. It was a great ending to the season, which included winning the District Cup, two first place, one second place, and one fourth place tournament finishes. ■

BUSC U11 Premier defeat Vaqueros to win championship in San Diego

The BUSC U11 Premier team defeated the Poway Vaqueros 1-0 to win the championship for the FC San Diego Presidents Cup Tournament over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Pictured kneeling (L-R): Adolfo Trujillo, Blake Staniford, Leo Barajas, Nico Lemoine, Keaton Steuben. Standing (L-R): Coach Sean Lemoine, Jacob Guzman, Daniel Mubarak, Jared Wilson, Kyle McClanahan, Matt Gates, Bryce Taylor, Garrett Howell, Jimmy Thompson, Manager Eric Steuben. Not pictured: Nick Carreon.



CYO fourth grade boys win El Cerrito Tournament

CCOP's CYO fourth grade boys basketball team participated in the St. John's Christmas Basketball Tournament over the holiday. They won three straight games to win the tournament championship. CCOP played St. John in the final, and they easily won the game with a score of 23-2. Pictured: Front (L-R): Zach Bell, Nick Mann, Ethan Jagasia; middle (L-R): Alijah Mack, Ben Thompson, John Zaine, David Crofton; back (L-R): Jeff Zaine, Greg Crofton.

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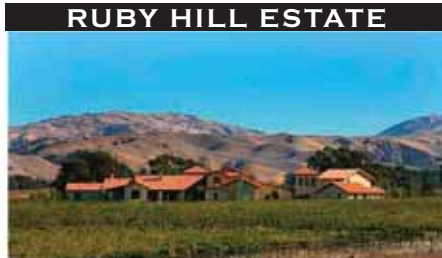
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Do Swimming Pools Add Value to a Home?

This is one of the questions I get asked a lot. Like most questions dealing with real estate values, the answer is ... it depends. Certainly, no one can deny that a sparkling pool on a hot sunny day is hard to beat. But pools can also be a detraction from a home's value. There are many factors that go into the impact of a pool on a home's value. Here are some to think about:

1. Lot size. In general, the smaller the lot, the more likely it is that the pool will not add any value, and may in fact detract from the value of the home. With families with small children, or who are planning on starting a family soon, pools are often a negative. Part of this stems from every parent's concern for the safety of their kids, which is certainly a strong emotion. The other issue with smaller lots for buyers with kids is that often the pool takes up a good portion of the yard, which does not leave much room for grass, a playground, or space for kids to play sports, etc. And since buyers with children make up a sizable portion of the buyers today, if you have a small yard, a home with a pool may sell for less than

a comparable home without a pool. Of course, there are always exceptions. I have seen homes with very small lots that have gorgeous tropical pools with palm trees, waterfall, and spa, and in those cases the pool definitely adds to the appeal of the home. But if the deep end of the pool is two steps from the family room slider, a pool will often detract from the value of the home.

2. Age of the pool. A gorgeous "Sunset Magazine" free form pool with a pebble tech surface, waterfall, spa, and desinger pool decking will often add value to a home. In this case, a pool can have strong emotional appeal, and it becomes a lifestyle >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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925 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Five bedrooms, 5th is bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Lot size is 9452 (.21 acre lot), with large side yards. Located on quiet street. Private rear yard backs to single level home. New carpet throughout. New exterior paint. Three fireplaces. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street Downtown Pleasanton!
OFFERED AT \$1,095,000

BRIDLE CREEK

COMING SOON



PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded Hillstar Model on premium .35 acre lot. Expansive views of Pleasanton Ridge. Faces open space. Highly upgraded with beautiful front and rear grounds. Includes in-ground pool and spa. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2002. Five bedrooms, plus guest suite and bonus room, 4.5 bathrooms. Approximately 4,455 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding, plantation shutters, and custom built-ins. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **PRICE TO FOLLOW**

GREY EAGLE ESTATES

SOLD



4 EAGLET COURT, PLEASANTON

Experience breathtaking panoramic views from this secluded hilltop home, located in the gated community of Grey Eagle Estates. This beautiful private estate (1.36 acre lot), features 5,460 square feet of living space with five bedrooms, AuPair/Guest Room (4th) and four and a half baths. Large downstairs bonus room and private office (5th). The remodeled gourmet kitchen and master bath. Extensive basement storage area and separate wine cellar. Marble and hardwood flooring. Separate pool house with pool/spa/waterfall/kitchen/bathroom. Tile roof. Four car garage. Don't miss this one!
SOLD FOR \$1,975,000

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD



827 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON

Single level in Bridle Creek on .26 acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2001. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.
SOLD FOR \$1,255,000

HACIENDA MOBILE HOME PARK



3231 VINEYARD AVENUE #29, PLEASANTON

Newer mobile home built in 2004. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approximately 1,300 square feet. Central heat and air, cathedral ceilings, separate dining room, dual glazed low E windows. Front porch, custom shed, covered driveway, extended 7/10 year warranty. Best priced newer mobile home available in Pleasanton.
OFFERED AT \$145,000

CARLTON PLACE

SOLD



1312 CARLTON PLACE, LIVERMORE

Beautiful upgraded Livermore home located on premium .41 acre lot. Views of Mt. Diablo. Beautifully landscaped grounds, private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Four bedrooms, bonus area, private office, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,680 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Bamboo wood floors and 20" custom tile flooring. Three car garage. Concrete tile roof. Minutes from Livermore Valley wineries.
SOLD FOR \$825,000

SAN LEANDRO

SOLD



1307 WAYNE, PLEASANTON

Five bedroom, three bath home. Approximately 1,795 square feet. Great for larger family! Separate living and family rooms. Central heat. New carpet. Newer dual pane windows. Private rear yard with fruit trees, newer perimeter fencing and new rear deck. Two car garage*.
*May not meet the technical size requirement for a two car garage.
SOLD FOR \$430,000

VENTANA HILLS

SOLD



1141 LUND RANCH ROAD, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this beautiful Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Premium (.34 acre) lot backs to open space. Five bedrooms, fifth bedroom can be bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite. Custom travertine tile flooring, new carpet throughout. Beautiful professionally landscaped grounds with Heritage Oak tree. In-ground pool and spa. Walk to neighborhood park and downtown!
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PLEASANTON \$1,495,000
Views of surrounding open land, quiet court location, situate on .68+/- acre private estate lot. This 4689+/-sf, 4bd + bonus, 4.5 bath, upgraded home with beautiful landscaping has it all!

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LIVERMORE \$1,199,900
Inviting custom home in South Livermore nestled in a court on over 1/2+/-sf acre lot. Featuring 5bd/4.5ba, 4787+/-sf of living space. Backyard paradise with pool/outdoor kitchen, sideyard access/garden.

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PLEASANTON \$1,099,000
Price Reduced- New semi-custom 1 story 4bd/3ba home. 'Old World' quality craftsmanship and high-end upgrades. 'Barefoot Contessa' kitchen. Location features a 10,000'+ lot and 10 minute walk to town.

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PLEASANTON \$1,095,000
Gibson Model, 5bd (5th is bonus)3ba, 3179+/-sf, .21+/- acre lot, large side yards, new carpet, paint, 3 FP's. Walk to great park & downtown Main St., Pleasanton.

DAN GAMACHE, SR. OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$959,950
Back on the Market! Fabulous 4bd/3ba, 2637+/-sf home, updated throughout. Beautiful pool with large arbors and outdoor BBQ. Must See! Too much to list! 1541 Maple Leaf

DAN GAMACHE, JR. OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$949,950
Just Reduced! Beautiful Charter Oaks Home in the Heart of Pleasanton! 4bd/3ba, 2541+/-sf, open floor plan, large loft, fiber-glass pool, a must see! 1597 Maple Leaf

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$749,950
Beautiful single story home in Vinsanto. Features include granite counter tops, SS appliances, maple cabinets, upgraded flooring, built-in entertainment center, closet organizer, 3 car garage, & more!

JOYCE JONES BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$729,000
Desirable Pleasanton, 4bd, 2.5ba, prime court location, 2150sf+/-living space, large 8197sf+/-lot, updated kitchen, w/ granite counters, hardwood floors, roof 2009, exterior paint 2009 & much more!

MOXLEY TEAM OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$699,000
3BD,2B, 1,204SF home on 21,000 SF lot. Possible second home on lot or possibility to sub-divide lot. Close to freeways and downtown Pleasanton. 383 Christina Court

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NEWARK \$625,000
Single Story Court Location w/HUGE DETACHED IN-LAW/OFFICE (RENTAL UNIT) & FULL BTH! 4 Br 2 Ba +/-1704 sq. ft.9500 sq ft PREMIUM LOT! Fresh paint, newer carpets; large kitchen eating area.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$543,000
3+bd/2ba,1650+/-sf on 6276+/-sf lot,child friendly court, new Maple kitchen, Stainless appliances, Silestone Counters, Wilsonart flooring, new windows, AC, Furnace & Roof.

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LIVERMORE \$479,950
Beautiful 4bd/2.5ba home in a court location. Features include tile flooring in kitchen/bath, maple cabinets, new carpets, two-tone paint, laundry room upstairs, plus central heat and air.

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PLEASANTON \$446,500
2 Mstr Br Suites+/- 1557 sq. ft. Attached 2-car garage "Model Home Perfect! Gourmet kitchen w/granite. Formal LR and DR, fresh paint, new carpets, large yard w/patio/garden.

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DUBLIN \$400,000
Fantastic 3/2 in Echo Park. Many updates including newer paint, water heater, insulation, d/p windows, furnace, oven, and carpet. Hurry!

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ANTIOCH \$315,000
This 5BD/3BA home is located on the end of a cul-de-sac in a desirable neighborhood. The home has spacious bedrooms, LR, DR and FR, 3 car garage, two fireplaces and BD/BA on first floor.

