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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



DAVE RICE

Joining in a reception outside the Pleasanton Weekly office on Sunol Boulevard where 2009 Holiday Fund checks were distributed are (from left) Ann King, executive director of Tri-Valley Haven; Linda McKeever, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen; Joe Flaherty, chief financial officer of Axis Community Health; Vicki Thompson, development director of Tri-Valley Haven; Don Lewis, board member of Tri-Valley Community Foundation; Gina Channell-Allen, president of the Pleasanton Weekly; and, Jeb Bing, editor and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly. Checks totaling \$16,667 were given to each of the three charities.

Holiday Fund still working to aid Tri-Valley needy

The Tri-Valley Community Foundation is working with the Pleasanton Weekly and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's office to continue an economic stimulus program that is bringing hundreds of jobs to the Tri-Valley area.

Called the American Family Recovery Project, the program is using federal and private funds to get unemployed and under-employed family wage earners in Pleasanton, Dublin, and Livermore back to work. The program especially targets those whose ability to support their families has been threatened by the loss of a job during the current economic downturn.

The Pleasanton Weekly joined in this effort last November when we launch our 2009 Holiday Fund, an annual fundraising effort that helps nonprofits in the Tri-Valley. With 4-to-1 matching funds provided by our partnership with the 2009 Tri-Valley Regional Initiative, a collaborative economic recovery initiative sponsored through the Tri-Valley Foundation, the Tri-Valley Business Council and Haggerty's office, we raised a record-high \$93,346 in direct contributions and matching funds totaling \$373,386. That total of \$466,732 is still in use, providing assistance to some of the poorest families in the Tri-Valley.

As part of this effort, we also worked with the Regional Initiative in finding local charities that met the requirements of this federal stimulus program, identifying Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven and Axis Community Health as recipients of \$50,000 specifically set aside for their support. Last week, after a full accounting of the

fund, we presented checks to the directors of these three agencies totaling \$16,667. In thanking us for the "generous contribution," Sue Compton, Chief Executive Officer of Axis, said the donation allows that agency to provide additional pediatric medical visits for children from low income working families in the Tri-Valley.

David Rice, president and CEO of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, said the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund provided the seed money for this Tri-Valley American Family Recovery Project. Donations were then quadrupled by federal stimulus funds. Rice said an unemployed worker who received a job through the program recently wrote to thank us. "It was difficult to find a permanent job in this economy," she said. "The program has not only helped me maintaining my skill set, but also helped me learning new skills in a different industry."

The federal government has provided California with \$1.8 billion for job creation, and Alameda County can draw on this pool of stimulus funding through September 30. In partnership with Rice's foundation, the Tri-Valley Business Council, the Pleasanton Weekly and Haggerty's office, the American Family Recovery Project benefits employers by referring job candidates who qualify for stimulus funding and by subsidizing 80 percent of their wages and payroll taxes until Sept. 30. There is no limit on the number of positions a company can fill through this effort.

Although the program has been a big success so far, curiously with all of the unemployment figures being listed, we need more workers. We have many companies ready to hire but they need job applicants. If you know of someone who is eligible, encourage them to apply before time runs out. ■

About the Cover

Fireworks will fill the night skies after dusk today at the Alameda County Fair racetrack, marking the start of the three-day Independence Day weekend. The 98th annual fair is in the midst of its 17-day run with more rides, special entertainment and plenty of food you usually can only find at a county fair. Cover photo provided by Alameda County Fair; design by Lili Cao.

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Streetwise

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The live animals, because the kids love the petting zoo. I moved from Virginia about 5 years ago, and we had cattle and things there. I want my kids to see the real animals. They enjoy it.

Haley Cook, age 8

San Jose

It might be the Mutton Busting exhibit, but I haven't seen it yet. I liked the jumpy thing that I did. I jumped really high.



Debra Gutschall

Fremont

My favorite part of the Fair was seeing the exhibits that folks had actually created from their own imaginations. To me, that is what the Fair is all about — people putting things together themselves from the heart with their own hands. It's better than all the commercial things.

Dujuor Drain

Oakland

I like to walk around. I enjoy the concerts, and the food is good, too. I love the BBQ place and the little place that sells pizza.



Steve Petersen

Sacramento

I come for the Fireball, a ride that swings back and forth and spins you around at the same time. The Icees are really good, especially since the weather's a little bit hot.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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Main Street will be closed from St. John Street to Old Bernal Avenue from 4:30-10 p.m. Park at Amador Valley High School or the railroad corridor between Main and First Streets.

Day at races to benefit Axis

The Foundation for Axis Community Health will sponsor "A Day at the Races" next Saturday, July 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Alameda County Fair. Tickets to the event are \$50 each and include admission to the fair, a catered buffet luncheon, a "Best Hat" contest, prize drawings, a lesson on placing bets and an afternoon of enjoying horseracing.

Tickets can be purchased at www.axishealth.org. All proceeds benefit Axis Community Health.

McNerney appoints 17 to military academies

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) has appointed a record number of students from his district to the country's military academies. Those appointed from Pleasanton are Sarah Turner, who will enroll at the U.S. Air Force Academy and Matthew Moellering, who will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Gregory Kabel and Laura Kelly of Danville also will attend the Air Force Academy.

Michael Fung (Dublin), Allen Xu (San Ramon) and Kristin Rogers (Danville) were appointed to West Point, and Danville resident Ian Balczewski, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

Other students from the district accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy are: Andrew Chapman and Joseph Drake, both of Brentwood; Caitlin Gabrielson, Logan Kuhn and Jeremiah Weakley, all of Ripon; and Tyler Higaki, Tracy. Also appointed to West Point are Andrew DeFabio and Christina Lee, both of Stockton. Taylor Setness, also of Stockton, was appointed to the Naval Academy.

Corrections

Robert Magoon, charged with running a methamphetamine lab out of his home was ordered to serve six months in jail on a violation of California Health and Safety code. Information about his sentence was incorrect in last week's Pleasanton Weekly.

County fair race honors long-time business, civic leader

Dee Wilson remembered as pillar in community

BY DENNIS MILLER

DeWitt Wilson, the long-time Pleasanton businessman and developer, who died earlier this year at the age of 90, was honored at the Alameda County Fair Sunday when the fourth horserace of the day was named in his honor.

The race was named, "In Memory of DeWitt Wilson, Director Emeritus Alameda County Fair," with the highlight being the honoring of his family in the winner's circle following the race. There, his wife of 60 years was presented with flowers before posing for a picture with Russell Baze, the winning jockey in the fourth.

"Dee was a pillar in the community," said long-time friend Tony Macchiano. "He did a lot for the community quietly. He gave a lot of himself and gave a lot monetarily."

Wilson was instrumental in helping Pleasanton and its surrounding cities in a number of ways. He was served on the City Council from 1986 to 1988 and before that was a member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission from 1978-1986. He also served as a BART director from



VASSAR PHOTOGRAPHY

Shirley Wilson (holding flowers), widow of long-time civic and business leader Dee Wilson, is joined by her family and friends in Alameda County Fair race-track's winner's circle Sunday. Mr. Wilson, who died last January, was an Alameda County Fair director for 36 years. Fourth race in Sunday's lineup was named in his honor.

1973-75 and spent 36 years as an Alameda County Fair director.

"Dee had a lot of old stories about the Fair and the people," said Macchiano. "I think the way the

grounds look is a lot of his doing."

He and his wife Shirley gave the Century House in Pleasanton to the city as well as the money to make necessary improvements. He

also was part of a three-man group who organized the construction of the new City Council chambers in 1982 without any cost to the city.

Wilson was partners with the late George Spiliotopolous in the Cheese Factory, which had outlets in Pleasanton, Santa Cruz and at the Oakland Airport. Wilson also served on the Board of Directors for the George A. Spiliotopolous Invitational Tournament golf event, an organization which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and has been responsible for over \$1 million in college scholarships to graduating Pleasanton high school students.

In addition to everything Wilson did over the years for the city, he was a great person as well. Spend five minutes with him and he made you feel like a life-long friend, those who knew him said.

"He was an all-around good guy," said Macchiano. "He was a giant of a man. He had a way of just meeting someone and getting into a long conversation with them. He was that kind of guy." ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Kay Huff's annual "Day at the Races" appeals to this group of women who find reading the Pleasanton Weekly more enjoyable than tracking the horses.

'Day at the Races' — A woman's thing?

Only 6 men show up in bid to top Kay Huff's 100 gals

BY BRITTANY HERSH

When Kay Huff and a few friends attended the horse races at the Alameda County Fair in 1992, they didn't foresee it would grow into an annual event with over 100 women in attendance.

Huff's "Day at the Races" brings together women who love to have fun, see old friends and make new ones. Multiple generations are represented at the event as daughters who came with their mothers are now bringing their children to share in the tradition.

In 2005 the women posed with the Pleasanton Weekly for the

Take Me Along section, a pre-race photo op that has since become a tradition.

In 2006 Mike Hosterman asked Huff if he could join their group but Huff replied that "men were not allowed." Hosterman took it upon himself to do something about this and started "Mike's Day at the Races," which consisted of only him the first year. Since then the group has grown to include six members, a bit shy of Huff's 100 women.

As for picking a winning horse Huff said, there is no difference between first timers and those

who have been there since the event's inception. Some of the favorite strategies are picking horses based on their name or the jockey's shirt color but most of the women just go with their gut feeling, said Huff.

The event is promoted mostly through word of mouth and email but this year Huff also used Facebook and Evite. Everyone is welcome to participate in the event. Speaking from the somewhat lonely men's side of the bleachers, Hosterman said he is always looking for new recruits. ■

Hansen takes Amador post

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Parents of Amador Valley High School students have gotten their wish.

In May, parents met to discuss what they want in a new principal at Amador, and agreed they'd like someone "visible" and "collaborative" — someone, they said, like Harvest Park Principal Jim Hansen.

The district announced Tuesday that Hansen has agreed to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Bill Coupe. Jan Mitchell, president of the Amador Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) said Hansen got some behind-the-scenes encouragement.

"Parents from Harvest Park put a bug in his ear and asked that he take the job," Mitchell said.

Hansen has been principal at Harvest Park for 11 years. Under his leadership, the middle school has been recognized as a California Distinguished School, a National Blue Ribbon School, and a National School of Character.

Before coming to Harvest Park, Hansen was principal at three schools in Dublin: Wells Middle School, Dublin High School, and Valley High, Dublin's continuation high school. He still needs the approval of the Pleasanton school board, which is expected to come at its next meeting.

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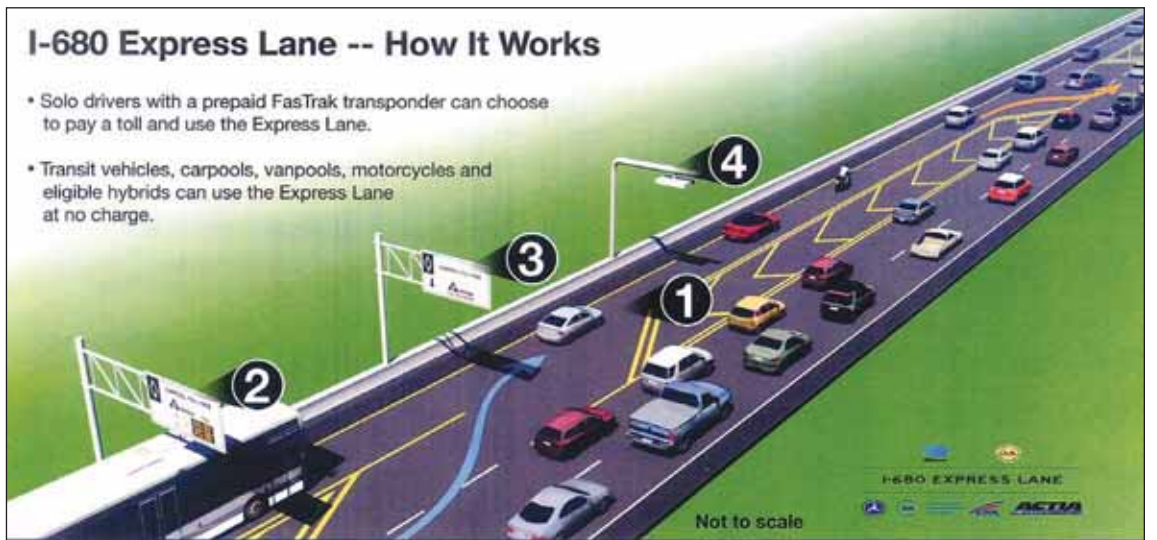
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The I-680 express lane, as envisioned by Alameda County traffic officials, who hope opening the lane to solitary drivers will reduce traffic in other lanes and maximize use of the HOV lane.

I-680 Express lanes due to open this fall

Drivers will decide if they want to pay to avoid backups

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A new toll system for solo drivers who want to use the HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes on Interstate 680 is set to open Sept. 20.

The new toll lanes will run on

southbound I-680 from Calaveras Road (California 84) in Sunol to Calaveras Boulevard (California 237) in Milpitas.

Since the lanes remain largely open, used by car pools, buses

and motorcycles, the plan is to let single-passenger cars pay a fee to use the lane. That fee will vary based on how crowded the highway is and would ease congestion by moving some drivers off the regular lanes and onto the HOV lanes.

Automated overhead signs will indicate how much the toll will be for each section of the road. Once a driver moves into the lane, an overhead sensor will bill the FasTrak sensor inside the car.

Frank Furger, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) Chief Deputy Director of Projects said the minimum toll from one of the sensors to the next would be \$.30 to \$.50.

"The maximum toll has not been determined. We anticipate the average toll will be about \$3.00," Furger said. The price would climb as congestion increases Furger said in Florida, where a similar system is in place, some drivers immediately pull into the pay lane when they see the price rise.

"There's a confirmed number of commuters who say, 'The toll is higher, there must be some congestion ahead. I'm jumping in,'" he said.

Furger said the system will require some adjustment to determine the right tolls. If they're too high, drivers won't pay; if they're too low, the HOV lanes could become nearly as crowded as the regular lanes.

An ad campaign to raise awareness and promote use of the lane is planned, but Furger said there would be a grace period of about a year for drivers to get used to the idea of paying to move into the lane.

Drivers with passengers won't have to pay the toll, but ACCMA officials warned those drivers could be billed if they don't put their FasTrak transponders back into the Mylar bag they come in. ■

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Harvest Park Middle School team + math = winners

Cool, but not too cool for school

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A team from Harvest Park Middle School is defying the stereotype of smart kids. These middle-schoolers, who are going through the same experiences as their peers — growing up, fitting in — say liking math and being cool aren't mutually exclusive.

They are seriously smart, too. The Harvest Park MATHCOUNTS team has won state and even national recognition. This year alone, the team won the Diablo Chapter championship for the sixth consecutive year; placed second in the state championship; and sent one student, Eugene Chen, to the national competition in Florida.

In the statewide competition at Stanford University, Chen scored a perfect 46 points in the individual round, then finished first in the Countdown Round for the second consecutive year. His perfect score gave him a second-place finish and earned him a spot on the California team. His Harvest Park teammates were among the 150 students who watched the live webcast of the national results and saw Chen com-

pete as part of the National Champion California team where he individually finished in fifth place.

Two additional students qualified for the state championship as individuals: Rick Huang, who finished seventh, and Christine Xu, who placed eighth in the Diablo Chapter competition.

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program. The competition consists of three rounds: Sprint, which is 30 questions in 40 minutes without a calculator; Target, four pairs of questions in six minutes per pair with a calculator; and Team Round, 10 questions in 20 minutes solved collaboratively with calculators.

Teacher Randy Lomas has coached the team at Harvest Park for years but called this year's squad an exceptional one.

"They are a special group," said Lomas. "I've never had one quite like this in all my years of teaching."

Lomas said the team meets year round to practice, even when he's not there to lead them. Last summer, for example, he was on jury

duty and eighth-grader Jerry Li led the group.

"They are so driven. I've never had a group that got together without me," Lomas said. "Low and behold, it paid huge dividends. They've got a large and intrinsic motivation."

There are as many explanations for joining MATHCOUNTS as there are team members.

"We're cool because we do math," said Xu, an eighth-grader.

Huang, a seventh-grader, said it "gets people to think."

Eighth-grader Brian Shimanuki said the challenges go beyond the "drill and kill" classroom work.

Chen, who works hard not to smile in pictures taken of him, said the best part of his experience was the free trip to Florida.

Despite their gift for all things mathematic, these young teens were easily enough distracted to run out in the middle of a meeting last week to check out a short hail-storm.

Find out how your math skills measure up by going to www.artof-problemsolving.com. ■

Courts: Woman in April crashes drunk at 9 a.m.

Charges stem from hit and runs on April 22

A Pleasanton woman facing multiple charges following a multiple hit and run in April had a blood alcohol content of .28 — three-and-a-half times the legal limit for driving, court records show.

Fifty-two-year-old Megan Martin of Pleasanton was charged felony DUI, two counts of hit and run and one count of evading a police officer in the incident that began with a 9-1-1 call around 9 a.m. Thursday, April 22.

A police report from that time said Martin was involved in a collision near the intersection of Valley Avenue and Danbury Park, left that scene and continued to travel east-bound on Valley Avenue, where she struck a fire hydrant near the intersection of Quarry Lane.

She continued on Valley Avenue to the intersection of Boulder, where she was involved in another accident, police said.

Court records show Martin — whose car had lost its left wheel by that time — was spotted at the intersection of Valley and Stanley Boulevard, where she accelerated to 53 miles an hour in a 40 mile-per-hour zone as she attempted to flee police.

Martin has been required to wear a SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) ankle bracelet.

Her attorney has asked that Judge Hugh Walker be removed from the case, claiming he's prejudiced against her.

Martin's next court appearance is set for July 15.

—Glenn Wohlmann

Bay Bridge tolls now \$6 in rush-hour

Car-poolers have to pay — \$2.50

By **JEB BING**

The Bay Area Toll Authority raised tolls yesterday on its seven state-owned toll bridges, ending the free ride car-poolers have had for years.

Auto tolls on the Bay Bridge are now \$4 during weekday off-peak hours, \$5 all day Saturdays and Sundays, and \$6 from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

In addition, a carpool toll of \$2.50 has been introduced for the first time, with a \$3.50 discount off the new \$6 peak-period toll at the Bay Bridge. The discounted toll for carpool vehicles with FasTrak will be in effect between 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The regular auto toll rose to \$5 at all times on the Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael and San Mateo-Hayward bridges, according to the toll authority.

A spokesman for the Bay Area Toll Authority urged drivers to pay bridge tolls with FasTrak, which is available at many local Walgreens, Safeway and Costco stores. New customers who buy a FasTrak at a participating retailer through July 15 can get up to \$10 in free tolls.

For more information, visit www.bayareafastrak.org or call 511. ■

HANSEN

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Mitchell describes Hansen as "warm and personable." "All these years after my son attended his school he (Hansen) still remembers his name and asks about him," she said.

Mitchell admits that Amador's gain is Harvest Park's loss. "Those are going to be big shoes to fill," she said. "I think there won't be anyone like him. They have to opt for equal talents but not the same ones."

She said there's some consolation for Harvest Park parents, though.

"They can at least look forward to having him in their student's high school years," Mitchell said. ■

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New funds allow city to continue downtown paratransit service

More stops added to fixed-route, same-day service

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's paratransit service has been granted an extension on a gap grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) that will allow for continued service of the popular downtown route shuttle.

The downtown shuttle, also known as the DTR, is a same day, fixed route bus service that operates Monday through Friday for the

low fare of \$1.50 for all day use. The Pleasanton paratransit service also offers door-to-door service.

Residents of Pleasanton and Sunol age 60 and older or persons between 18 and 59 years that are ADA qualified are eligible to use the service.

ACTIA supported the downtown route pilot program and provided the resources to purchase a new 23-passenger bus which can be seen throughout town. Beginning Thursday, \$147,701 in Measure B funding will become available to continue the service and to include stops at Lucky's, Gene's Fine Food, 99 Ranch Market and Trader Joes.

The DTR has more than 130 registered riders and provided over 5,500 rides in its first year of service. In the first six months of this year, there has been a 31 percent increase in readership with customers noting that the same-day appeal and low fares are their main reasons for using the service.

Downtown Route rider Annabelle Culbertson of Pleasanton uses the DTR shuttle on a regular basis to destinations in both downtown Pleasanton and Stoneridge Shopping Center

"I've been able to schedule my doctor appointments near Stoneridge Mall around the DTR schedule and also use it every week to meet friends for lunch downtown," she said.

Pleasanton spokeswoman Joanne Hall said riders appreciate the excellent customer service provided by the shuttle drivers and enjoy the social atmosphere of meeting new people on the bus.

A new DTR schedule will be sent to all registered riders and will be available on the city's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/transportation after Thursday, Hall said.

ACTIA and the city of Pleasanton have also partnered on a Rider Assessment Service which uses a team of professionals to provide assistance to riders with challenges using public transit. This service provides individuals with assistance on applications, policy and procedures, and provides the support necessary to help people feel comfortable with public transit.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Celebrate the Fourth in Pleasanton

"Cherish Your Heritage" is the theme of this year's 12th annual Fourth of July community picnic and Independence Day celebration in Lions Wayside park at Neal and First streets, traditionally one of the best family events in the Bay Area. Still the work of a small, but distinguished all-volunteer committee, it's a chance for all age groups to grab a blanket or folding chair and enjoy 1-1/2 hours of non-stop patriotic band music, songs and special entertainment. This year, the event starts at 12:30 p.m. with sign-off at 2 p.m. sharp, giving everyone a chance to join in the patriotic festivities while still having plenty of time for those afternoon July 4 barbecues.

Providing the music will be the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the band, which played its first concert at the park's bandstand. Vocalist Ward Belding, as "Uncle Sam," will be featured along with Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman, who has composed an original poem for the occasion — "Boots on First." This year's special guest will be award-winning speaker Ann Collins, whose presentation is entitled "Cherish Your Heritage." Ken McDonald will serve as master of ceremonies. A special tribute also will be paid to the military, with a color guard from Pleasanton's American Legion Post 238 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 posting the colors, followed by the National Anthem. This is the 100th anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts and members of Pleasanton Troop 908 will help with the set-up and clean-up as part of their community service.

As part of the program three community leaders will be recognized as recipients of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award: Brad Hirst, Dave Wright, and Rosiland Wright. Brad Hirst moved to Pleasanton in 1967 and within a year was serving on a committee to review and update the city's General Plan. Since then he has volunteered hundreds, if not thousands, of hours serving on civic, city and business endeavors including Pleasanton's planning commission (1969-72) and its Economic Development committee (1992-2000).

Longtime resident Dave Wright taught at Chabot College for 10 years before transferring to Las Positas College, where he taught until 1999. He was part of the original faculty at Las Positas, in what he describes as a "pioneer effort," when the school had only four buildings and 15 faculty members. He served as the chair of the humanities and arts department for five years and became president of the academic senate before his retirement. He was also a founding member of Pleasanton's civic arts commission, serving on that group from 1997-2002 and has been involved in establishing the city's poet laureate program.

Rosiland Wright's contributions are just as impressive. An advocate for senior citizens, the arts, and history, she shares her husband Dave's enthusiasm for community volunteerism. Until her retirement in 2003, she was a medical social worker in skilled care facilities. This meant that she was the patients' advocate and the mandated reporter if she found instances of elder abuse. She also was responsible for discharge planning, making sure that patients being sent home would have adequate care to fully recover and maintain their health. She was the executive director of the Diablo Foundation for Aging for five years and now serves on the Alameda County Commission on Aging, the group that is overseeing allocations under the California Older Americans Act.

Sunday's community picnic at Lions Wayside Park offers all of us a chance to celebrate Independence Day together while also honoring these extraordinary Pleasanton volunteers. ■

LETTERS

Holiday Fund helps Axis

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Axis Community Health's patients and staff, we would like to thank you for the generous contribution we received last week from the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund.

This donation will allow us to provide additional pediatric medical visits for children from low income working families in the Tri-Valley.

These difficult economic times have affected many Tri-Valley families many have lost jobs, and with that, their health insurance. The number of medical visits we are providing at Axis has increased by 25% over the same time last year. Support from the community is especially important this year as we strive to meet this growing need for care.

We are very fortunate to be a part of this generous and caring community and we thank everyone who contributed to the Holiday Fund.

Sue Compton
Chief Executive Officer
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By JEB BING

Every year, hot summer days seem to roll into Pleasanton at the same time as the Alameda County Fair, and this year's 98th annual fair has been no exception.

Temperatures reached 100 degrees last weekend but have since "dropped" into the more comfortable 80s, raising expectations that this will be the best-attended county fair ever by the time it ends a week from Sunday, July 11.

April Mitchell, event sales and marketing manager for the fair, said this year's 98th annual fair offers an array of attractions, special exhibits, contests and unique gifts that are drawing crowds from throughout the Bay Area. Tonight's fireworks display, always one of the best around, should appeal to thousands as the Fourth of July holiday weekend begins.

The fireworks will start at dusk on the racetrack with good viewing from the grandstands. By the time the display begins, concert-goers at Pleasanton's Lions Wayside Community Park will have had time to grab their blankets from an early evening listening to Burton & Company and walk to the fairgrounds.

With "Come out and Play" as this year's theme, fair organizers have filled the fairgrounds with fantastic food, including chocolate covered bacon and other "delicacies" that only fairs offer, as well as music, competitive games and contests and rides galore. Among the highlights are:

- Michael Jackson and Elvis — from the "King of Pop" to the "King of Rock," enjoy the Balloon Samba carnival ride, straight from Jackson's Neverland Ranch along with a new ride, the Michael Jackson Moonwalker. Elvis Presley loved his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. So much so, only 30 replicas have been reproduced. See the "Elvis Cycle" along with memorabilia from Graceland at the Alameda County Fair.

- Mutton Bustin' for the little ones; must be 6 years old or younger, weigh 60 pounds or less and ride for at least 6 seconds. Cost is \$10. Mutton Bustin' is a pint-sized version of rodeo riding. Children attempt to ride galloping sheep in the ring and the riders have their work cut out for them! The longest rider will be entered into the World Championships in Fresno this October.

- Puppy Party Palooza — This hands-on, interactive and fun-filled learning exhibit brings families and Fidos together! Learn everything you need to know about dogs and view demonstrations on dog grooming and health care. Check out the popular "Pup-E-Harmony" to help match your family with the perfect dog! Twenty-nine dogs have been adopted to date onsite at the Alameda County Fair.

Of course no county fair is without exotic foods that most don't find anywhere else, including chocolate covered garlic and bacon to corn dogs, funnel cakes and deep fried Twinkies. There's also a BBQ Rib Cook-Off, where contestants vie for the coveted title of Best Ribs at the Fair, a Hot Dog Eating Relay Contest, which is guaranteed to get loads of laughs and plenty of full stomachs by the contestants, and "Make it, Take it, Bake it and Grow it" exhibits where blue ribbons show the best in the show winners from numerous competitions during the fair.

The Alameda County Fair also is known for horse racing on a racetrack, that's oldest one-mile race track in the country, and for its scores of carnival rides. This year, these include the Grand Carousel, Himalaya, Cyclone, Wacky Worm, Fun Mardi Gras and Orient Express.

The fair is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, except for July 4 when it closes at 6 p.m. This year, the fair is also closed on Tuesdays. ■



Fireworks tonight at Alameda County Fair

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As riders swing on one of the fair's main attractions (above) Robert Bell watches a hypnotist show as two-year-old daughter Scarlett eats ice cream to cool down at the Alameda County Fair, on a day when temperatures topped 100 degrees. Below right, 10-year-old Tage Lindig hangs on for dear life during a Mutton Bustin' competition at the fair. The goal of the rodeo-style event is to ride the sheep for six seconds or more.



Where to watch the fireworks

By BRITTANY HERSH

Although many cities across the country have cancelled Fourth of July fireworks displays this year because of budget woes, the festive celebrations in the sky are very much alive in the Bay Area, including here in the Tri-Valley.

In a pre-Fourth display, the Alameda County Fair will set off an array of dazzling fireworks starting at dusk tonight at the race-track. The best seats are in the fairgrounds grandstands but each year hundreds enjoy the show from outside the fair fence on Rose Avenue and from the higher elevations on Bernal Avenue and Vintage Hills.

Other fireworks displays are planned in:

Livermore

The 27th annual 4th of July Celebration at Robertson Park will be from 3-10 p.m. The cost is \$5 per walk-in over age 10 and \$20 per car. The festival features live music, carnival area, petting zoo, pony rides and a hat making booth. The fireworks show starts at 9:35 p.m. and the pedestrian gate closes at 9:15 p.m.

San Ramon

The city's Red, White and Blue Picnic and Fireworks event will be from 1-10 p.m. at San Ramon Central Park. There will be a kid's area with rides, games and inflatable features and a DJ from KKIQ 101.7. Parking is \$10 per car and the fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m.

Berkeley

The Berkeley Marina will feature live music and entertainment, arts and crafts, free sailboat rides, and a kid's area from noon-10 p.m. on the 4th of July. At 9:30 p.m. the fireworks show starts at the end of the Berkeley Pier.

San Francisco

PIER 39 will be full of activity from 3-9:30 p.m. this 4th of July with street performers and live music. The City of San Francisco's fireworks display will start at 9:30 p.m. over the Bay.

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The USS Hornet is throwing a 4th of July celebration complete with live music, games, ship tours and fireworks from 1-9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for youth ages 5-17, \$20 for adults (\$25 at the door) and free for museum members. Parking is free and the fireworks start at 9:30 p.m. ■

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Book Clubs

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

TOWNE CENTER BOOKCLUB The club meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit www.townecenter-books.com for the current selection.

Class Reunions

AMADOR VALLEY CLASS OF 1990 This private party reunion is from 7:45 p.m.-midnight. Sept. 11 at Redcoats, 336 St. Mary St. Tickets are \$35 by June 11 or \$40 by Sept. 1. No tickets at the door. Call (916) 768-5734 or visit www.amadorvalley1990.com.

Classes

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT Classes to help you understand and learn to manage your Type 2 Diabetes. Classes are from 10 a.m.-noon July 6 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. This 7-week series teaches you to eat the foods you love, how and why to check your blood sugar, the effects of exercise and emotions on blood sugar, medications and more. Registration required call 510-383-5185.

JEWELRY STAMPING CLASS Jewelry stamping classes are being held from 5-8 p.m. July 8 at the Berry Patch, 350- A Main St. Learn to stamp your own sterling silver creation. Choose from over 10 pendants and 25 different design stamps. Cost \$40. Call 846-0855 or visit www.VillainAccessories.com.

PLEASANTON LIBRARY ENGLISH CONVERSATION The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal

Ave., offers free English conversations classes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays; noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays; and 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Call 931-3411.

YOGA BASICS COMMUNITY CLASS Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, teaches Yoga Basics, a yoga class that is open to the public and meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Supplies are available for class. Cost is \$12. Call 200-4060.

Clubs

BOOST YOUR CAREER AT TOASTMASTERS Grow professionally at Chamber Chatters, a Toastmasters club that meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. Visit www.chamberchatters.wordpress.com/.

EAST BAY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION The East Bay Executives Association is a non-profit organization for helping businesses network with other businesses. It meets at 7:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays monthly at Shari's, 3360 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. Call 600-7342.

KIWANIS CLUB The Kiwanis Club meets at 11:45 a.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. For information, call 1-800-Kiwanis.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

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. It has 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.



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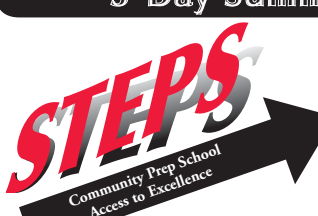

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Concerts

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Fridays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park (at the corner of First and Neal St.) for some great music! Enjoy some rockin' blues from Rooster's Teeth on July 9, then come back on July 16 for country rock from Dave Crimmen. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

THE FRISKY FROLICS They will be performing at 2 p.m. July 11 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Sit back and enjoy the jazz. Alley-era classics as "Cake Eatin' Man" and "My Canary Has Circles Under His Eyes." The Frisky Frolics are "hotcha", up-to-date in the latest 20's style: a sheer delight. You are invited to wear vintage clothing to further enhance the magic of the long-lost musical treasures. Call 931-3405.

Events

FARMERS MARKET TOUR AND ORGANIC COOKING CLASS Tour Farmer's Market and utilize local organic produce in practical healthy dishes from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 10. Suzanne Aziz, a certified nutritional educator and holistic chef will lead the tour and cooking class. Adults ages 18+. Cost \$40 resident and \$45 non-resident plus \$12 for supplies. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

FIREWORKS! Experience the Fair's spectacular fireworks display at approximately 9:30 p.m. July 2 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Best viewing location is from the Grandstand area. Visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT & CELEBRATION The event will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m. July 4 at Lions Wayside Park (corner of First & Neal Street). Providing the music will be the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the band, which played its first concert in the Lions Wayside Park bandstand. Vocalist Ward Belding, as "Uncle Sam," will be featured. Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman has composed an original poem for the occasion, entitled iBoots on First. A special guest will be award-winning speaker Ann Collins, whose presentation is entitled "Cherish Your Heritage." Master of ceremonies is Ken McDonald. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE) Federal Employees and Retirees are invited for food, and fun at noon on July 8 at the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore.

The NARFE annual picnic is a social event for members and perspective members to meet the officers and leaders of the local chapter. Enjoy a silent auction and bingo party. Call 922-0667.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE is sponsoring a Vigil at 7 p.m. July 14 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Call Cathe at 462-7495 or visit www.pleasantonians4peace.org.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF VINCENT VAN GOGH A presentation by artist Marlene Aron at 2 p.m. July 18 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Explore through slides and photographs the intense, personal journey of Vincent Van Gogh, a journey of self-discovery that led this great artist to experience the depths of despair and the heights of exaltation. Call 931-3405.

Exhibits

SEWARD JOHNSON SCULPTURES IN DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON Pleasanton is hosting an interactive art exhibit by internationally known sculptor J. Seward Johnson at sidewalk locations in downtown Pleasanton, from April 1 through July 7. Eleven life-size, three-dimensional bronze sculptures depict the everyday activities of people who may be found anywhere. Call 931-5355 or email jfinegan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Film

THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA The film starts at 7 p.m. July 15 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Exclusive Tri-Valley Screening! This is the riveting story of one man's profound crisis of conscience that shook a nation, its courts, its free press and its presidency to the core. It is also a piercing look at the world of government secrecy in wartime as revealed by the ultimate insider. Call 931-3405 or visit www.firstrunfeatures.com.

Fundraisers

A DAY AT THE RACES Foundation for Axis Community Health will sponsor "A Day at the Races" from noon-6 p.m. July 10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Tickets for \$50 include admission to the fair, a buffet luncheon, a lesson on placing bets, an afternoon of horseracing, a "Best Hat" contest, prize drawings and a no-host bar. Purchase tickets at www.axishealth.org. Call 426-2347.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS Sleep Train is holding its annual Clothing Drive for Foster Kids from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 24 through July 11. Drop off new clothing items at Sleep Train, 6050 Johnson Dr. Ste. C. Donations will be distributed among Sleep Train's partner foster care organizations. Call 800-378-2337 or visit www.sleeptrain.com.

Health

TAI CHI CHIH Sit or stand to complete a series of movements to stimulate the body, mind, and spirit. New students welcome to join and follow along. Class is from 1-2 p.m. every Thursday from July 1 through Sept. 30 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost \$1.25 per class. Call 556-4511 or visit www.dublin-seniorcenter.com. Led by Corazon Santos \$1.25/class

TEAM IN TRAINING INFORMATION MEETING Walk, run, cycle or hike with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training (TNT), and begin with a meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 15 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. TNT provides coaching, support and inspiration to help raise funds to help fight blood cancer. Call 800-78-TRAIN (800-788-7246) or visit www.teamintraining.org/sf. Free

Kids & Teens

BUSY BEES PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Parents can tour the classrooms, meet some of the staff and enjoy some refreshments from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 10 at Busy Bees Preschool, 4300 Mirador Dr. Small crafts available for the children. Call 249-9000 or visit www.busybeespleasanton.com.

CAMP 'I-WANNA-READ' Pleasanton Public Library is hosting "Camp I-Wanna-Read" until Aug. 6. Children read or are read to, and log their reading time to win prizes as they enjoy "summer at camp!" For information, call 931-3400, ext. 8 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

KIDS NIGHT OUT! First- through sixth-graders are invited to a Kids Night Out! from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday June 23 through July 21 at Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Each week features a different theme. \$5 per night. Contact Valerie at 484-2482 ext.106 or visit children@harvestvalley.org.

PEE WEE PLAYTIME Preschoolers and their parents can spend the morning creating art together. Enjoy enriching toys, books and story time. Four-week sessions, 10-11 a.m. July 13 at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$80. Call 462-5915 or visit www.sites.google.com/site/peewearttime.

Lectures/ Workshops

'TRANSFORMATION THROUGH MEDITATION' H.H. Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj, internationally recognized spiritual master and author of "Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation," will talk about "Experience Wondrous Inner Realms" at 2 p.m. and at 4 p.m. will give free meditation instructions on light and sound, Sunday, July 4; and at 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 5 will talk about "Blissful Spiritual Love through Meditation," both at the San Ramon Marriot, 2600 Bishop Dr. For information, call (888) 248-3962 or visit www.sos-ca.org/masters_program.

CHILDREN'S WRITING ART WORKSHOP Designed for children entering 2nd-4th grade, the workshop will combine writing, geography, world literature and fun, creative activities from 2:04 p.m. July 19 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. They will write and illustrate two poems in a light-hearted session led by award-winning poet Sherry Weaver Smith. Registration is required. Call 931-3400 ext.8.

FREE SHAKESPEARE — TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA The event is held on Saturdays & Sundays July 24 - Aug 8, at 7:30 p.m., and family day is July 31, 6:00 p.m. at Bernal Community Park, 6700 Koll Center Parkway. Two Gentlemen of Verona is a comedic story of youthful love. Julia conspires to win back Proteus by dressing up like a boy. Appropriate for all ages. Call 931-5340 or visit www.civicsartsliterary.org.

Live Music

CHRIS BRADLEY'S JAZZ BAND Enjoy live jazz music of the 20's, 30's, and 40's from 7:30 to 9:30pm, the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Sunol Jazz Cafe, 11986 Main Street, Sunol. Cost \$5. Call 510-825-0746 or visit www.sunoljazzcafe.com.

Seniors

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER FOUNDATION MEETING The Dublin Senior Center Foundation meets at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER OFFERS MUSIC CLASSES Dublin Senior Center offers two music classes including Sing-a-longs with Judy Kufin and Merrill Ito at 10:30 a.m., Thursdays; and Ukulele Beginning Instruction with Judy Kufin and Merrill Ito at 1 p.m., Tuesdays, both at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each class. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities including "Tattle Tales" which helps seniors write their life story from 12:30-3 p.m., on the first and third Monday of every month; a Reading Group that discusses new books every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month; and the Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting from 1-4 p.m. every Monday; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for each activity. Call 556-4511.

FREE MEMORY SCREENING FOR SENIORS Caring Solutions is sponsoring free memory assessment on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511 for a 30-minute appointment. Preregister by the Monday prior to reserve an appointment. Informational materials are available at the Senior Center.

MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social on the first Thursday of every month at the Dublin Senior Center,

7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All level of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings; and 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday monthly.

TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email seniorctr@ci.dublin.us

Spiritual

5-DAY SILENT CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT Father Eddie Fronske will show how the Franciscan journey reflects a special connection to God's goodness in relation to Mother Earth and all her creatures at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Retreat begins with registration at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 25, and concludes with lunch Friday, July 30. Cost is \$295 for a shared room; \$375 for a private room. Call 837-9141, ext. 315, or visit www.sandamiano.org.

DISCOVER GOD'S GOODNESS THROUGH CREATIVITY, PART 1 "SoulCollage Uncovering Goodness" will be presented by Rena Grant (Chiara's Lantern) from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.), Friday, July 9, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. SoulCollage is a creative process to assist us in uncovering the goodness within us. Cost is \$60, including lunch. Call 837-9141, ext. 315, or visit www.sandamiano.org.

DISCOVER GOD'S GOODNESS THROUGH CREATIVITY, PART 2 "Mandalas: Pathway to Goodness" will be presented by Kathy Miranda from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.), Friday, July 23, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. By incorporating images as well as gifts of nature, create a personal Mandala that reflects the goodness of your sacred story. Cost is \$60, including lunch. Call 837-9141, ext. 315, or visit www.sandamiano.org.

DISCOVER GOD'S GOODNESS THROUGH CREATIVITY, PART 3 San Damiano will host a retreat with Nancy Burchett on "Journaling: Finding the Goodness Within," from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.), Friday, Aug. 6, San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$60, including lunch. To reserve your spot, call 837-9141, ext. 315, or visit www.sandamiano.org.

MEDITATION STUDY GROUP Practice new meditation methods, based on teachings of Shinzen Young, using audio, video and handouts from 7:15-8:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at Tri-Valley Unity's gathering place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehle@comcast.net.

PRAYER CIRCLE Tri-Valley Unity Church hosts prayer, meditation, study and sharing from 7:15-8:30 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of every month, at the church's gathering place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. For information, e-mail Bob at hardyco1@comcast.net.

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH MEDITATION H.H. Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj, internationally recognized spiritual master and author of "Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation," will be speaking from 2:30-4:30 p.m. July 4 and July 5 at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon. Free Initiation. Call (510) 656-7810 or email bhatiasham@gmail.com.

WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments served. For information, call 305-9468.

Sports

BASKETBALL CAMP Las Positas College is holding Basketball Camps for boys and girls at its campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore, Monday-Friday, July 19-23 and July 26-30. Times are 9 a.m.-noon for grades 3-5; 12:30-3:30 p.m. for grades 6-8, taught by college basketball staff. Cost is \$79 per camper. Call 424-1467 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu.

BASKETBALL MINI-CLINICS College basketball staff will hold basketball clinics for boys and girls at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 15-July 15. Clinics are 9-11 a.m. for grades 3-5; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for grades 6-8. Cost is \$79 per player. Call 424-1467 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu.

BOY'S SUMMER LACROSSE SIGN UP Pleasanton Lacrosse Club has opened registration for its summer program. It is open to new and experienced boys in age groups: H.S., U15, U13, U11, U9. Wednesday evening instruction and Saturday morning scrimmages from July 7-Aug. 7. Cost \$85. Call (408) 203-6397 or visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

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Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE American Red Cross is holding a public blood drive from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 14 at the Safeway Employee Fitness Facility, 5858 Stoneridge Mall Rd. One donation may help save the lives of up to three

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AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION The American Red Cross is holding a volunteer orientation from 3-5 p.m. July 15 at Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave. Tour the center and learn about ways to greet, inform and thank blood donors or help post fliers at key locations. Advanced sign-up required. Call (510) 594-5165 or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

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SHELLY HECKMAN

Tiger Sharks outswim Sharks

The LifeStyleRx Tiger Sharks summer rec team showed fierce competition in the meet against the Rhonewood Sharks last Saturday with Sharks swimmer Miranda Heckman, 9, shown here with her Coach David Tambuwun, earning her first USA Swimming Far Western Qualifying Time. Placing first in their events were Christina Coatney, 6, 25 free, 25 fly, 25 breast, and 25 back; Peyton Hendricks, 6, 25 free, 25 fly and 25 breast; Lucas Anninos, 10, 50 free, 25 breast and 25 back; Kristina Mena, 9, 25 fly; Kaycie Lindland, 8, 25 fly; Jeremy Anninos, 12, 50 breast; Natalie Cook, 14, 50 breast; Arjun Nimmakayala, 6, 25 back, and Lara Serban, 8, 25 back.



Qualifies for golf tourney

Alexandra Sborov of Pleasanton is all smiles as she holds qualification document to play in the 62nd Championship in Pinehurst, N.C. The U.S. Girls' Junior Championship at The Country Club of North Carolina will be held July 19-24. Conducted by the U.S. Golf Association, the tournament hosts top junior girls from throughout the world.

Sborov, who is a member of the Foothill High School girl's golf team, has been playing competitive junior golf for five years and has won a number of tournaments in her skill and age group.

MARTY SBOROV



Ballistic defeats Diablo FC at Boatwright Field

Crain free-kick helps extend unbeaten streak to 3

By ED LECCO

Ballistic United Men's U20 Premier extended their unbeaten run to three games with a 1-0 victory over Diablo FC at Boatwright field Monday night.

Kyle Crain scored the game's only goal in the 36th minute following a Diablo foul on David Norton. Crain unleashed a perfectly hit strike from 24 yards that

found the side netting on the back post prompting a robust celebration from the Ballistic players.

In the second half Diablo pushed hard and sent increasing numbers forward looking for the equalizer. The midfield trio of Tyler Copeman, Jeff Squire and Kyle Crain with some excellent minutes by Aaron Lek combined to make things difficult in the

center of the pitch. Physical play dominated the entire match with things coming to a head in the 60th minute. A Diablo player was felled by a crunching high speed collision that left him down and needing attention for an extended amount of time. Ten minutes later Ballistic was down to 10 men following a red card for retaliation.

With Diablo pushing hard for a goal Ballistic remained organized and turned aside several frantic attacks. Pleasanton was able to launch several counter attacks with 10 David Norton narrowly missed two chances to ice the game.

The Ballistic back line has been outstanding the past two games recording two shutouts. Laser sharp focus and 100% commitment by backs Michael Janjigian, Adam Slouschter, Evan Sherwood, Aaron Gotthardt, Kevin Phillips and Min-Joon Oh led the defensive effort.

On Sunday afternoon Ballistic United defeated Fresno FC Malibu 7-0. Andrew "Boomer" Cruz scored a hat trick in the first half and finished the game with 5 goals scored.

Ballistic goes to 4 wins, 1 loss (tied for 1st place) while Diablo FC falls to 2 wins, 2 losses. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Man Tasered, charged in incident on Stanley Blvd.

A Pleasanton police officer resorted to using his Taser to subdue a man in an incident Sunday.

Miguel Luvian, 31, had been drinking at the fair, according to Sgt. Joe Leonardo, who said when Luvian got into an argument with his wife, she let him out of the car on Stanley Boulevard.

"In his extreme intoxication, he started walking east-bound toward Livermore in the lanes of traffic, stopping traffic yelling at it," Leonardo said. When Officer Brandon Stocking arrived on the scene, he tried to get Luvian off the street and onto the sidewalk.

Leonardo described Luvian as belligerent. "As the officer was trying to give him commands, he was being aggressive, still not obeying the officer's commands," Leonardo said. "He was coming at the of-

ficer in an aggressive manner."

Use of the Taser is an "uncommon occurrence" in Pleasanton, according to Leonardo, who estimated police may have used the device -- which administers an electrical shock to subdue a suspect -- twice in the last year. Leonardo said Stocking's use of the Taser on Luvian solved "a couple of problems."

"It took him off the street," Leonardo said, adding the situation could have ended in a fight.

"It could have gone bad for the person being tased or the officer," he said.

The Taser was fired from about five feet away, and after Luvian was stunned, he was taken to the hospital and checked before he was booked.

Luvian was charged with public drunkenness, and resisting arrest.

Leonardo said Pleasanton officers are trained in the proper use of a Taser, and during that class, volunteers are taken to receive a shock so they can experience it. He said it's not something officers use lightly.

"It's part of our duty but it's not something we do every day," Leonardo said.

POLICE REPORT

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

June 20

Theft

■ 3:58 p.m. in the 7900 block of Hillsboro Court; grand theft

Battery

■ 12:07 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; battery, vandalism

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 12:47 a.m. at the intersection of Ray Street and Main Street; DUI

■ 2:37 a.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road; DUI

■ 4:00 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Bernal Avenue; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of stolen property

June 21

Theft

■ 10:16 a.m. in the 400 block of Puerto Vallarta; identity theft

■ 2:28 p.m. in the 300 block of Oaks Bridge Place; identity theft

■ 6:35 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Place; identity theft

Vandalism

■ 11:18 p.m. in the 300 block of Saint Mary Street

June 23

Theft

■ 12:50 p.m. in the 2600 block of Chocolate Street; identity theft

Burglary

■ 9:53 a.m. in the 3000 block of Calle De La Mesa; burglary

■ 10:26 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; automotive burglary

Forgery

■ 3:29 p.m. in the 7200 block of Valley View Court

Vandalism

■ 7:42 a.m. in the 3400 block of Hopyard Road

■ 10:43 a.m. in the 700 block of Sunny Brook Way

■ 6:57 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 11:31 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Blackbird Drive; DUI

June 24

Theft

■ 1:40 p.m. in the 5600 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; identity theft

■ 1:46 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; theft

■ 3:40 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 5:52 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; theft

Burglary

■ 10:11 a.m. in the 1800 block of Palmer Drive

Vandalism

■ 6:56 a.m. at the intersection of W. Lagoon Road and Bernal Avenue

■ 2:04 p.m. in the 1000 block of Kottinger Drive

■ 8:35 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

DUI

■ 12:08 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

June 25

Theft

■ 11:35 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft

■ 5:12 p.m. in the 2900 block of Victoria Meadow Court; identity theft

Battery

■ 2:34 a.m. in the 1500 block of Calle Santa Anna

■ 7:34 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; battery, threats, vandalism

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 9:09 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Abbie Street; transporting alcohol by a minor

■ 11:07 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; underage possession of alcohol, possession of false identification

June 26

Theft

■ 2:06 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; grand theft

■ 1:20 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Street; grand theft

■ 6:12 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; embezzlement

Burglary

■ 11:45 p.m. in the 800 block of Montevino Drive

Vandalism

■ 3:21 a.m. in the 700 block of Main Street

■ 9:33 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and W. Las Positas Boulevard

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 12:41 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness, possession of a switchblade knife

■ 1:35 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Bernal Avenue, DUI

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Harold McGill

Kenneth Harold McGill, a resident of Pleasanton for 26 years, died June 14 at the age of 90. He was born to John F. and Cloma M. (Gurwell) McGill on August 30, 1919 in Meridian, Idaho. He graduated from Meridian High School in 1937 and joined the Army in 1941 serving in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Ger-



many during WWII. After the war he returned to Meridian and met and married Althea M. Jolley in 1947. Three children were born to the couple, a boy and two girls. Kenneth returned to active duty military service in 1952 and served tours of duty in France, Korea, the Dominican Republic and several locations across the U.S.. Col. McGill retired in 1967 and moved to Chula Vista in Southern California and began a new career with the Veterans Administration. He retired again in 1984 and moved to Pleasanton.

Col. McGill was preceded in death by his parents, wife, infant son, three sisters, Beulah, Mildred Pottinger and Lola Zinn, and six brothers, John, Warren, Ivan, Wilmer, Leonard and Earl. He is

survived by his loving two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and RJ Grimes of Pleasanton, and Donna and Bill Gordon of Sonora, and a grandson, granddaughter and great-grandson.

Col. McGill was interested in many things: he was an outstanding athlete, an all star basketball player, an expert marksman, an archer, and a professional boxer. He enjoyed riding his Harley in his youth and enjoyed all kinds of music. He was an avid reader, a poet and a stimulating conversationalist. He loved spending time with his family. Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton June 22, followed by military honors and burial at Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery.



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Library Commission

Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Library Commission Goals – Outreach
- Reference and Adult Summer Reading

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Public Art Program Policies and Procedures
- Approve Public Art Giving Plan proposed by Nancy and Gary Harrington
- Review and discuss Trails Ad Hoc Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the Bernal Bridge Offsite Mitigation Pond Observation Deck Project
- Adopt and name the existing single-track trail along the ridgeline within Augustin Bernal Community Park
- Parks Projects Quarterly Status Report for April, May, and June 2010
- Parks Maintenance Division Quarterly Report for April, May, and June 2010

General Information

- City offices will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day
- Civic Arts Commission meeting on July 5th has been rescheduled for July 12th
- City Council meeting of July 6th has been cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for July 20th

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar



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PLEASANTON HILLS



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