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By JEB BING

Realtors concerned about housing, climate change laws

Prospective home buyers and sellers are breathing sighs of relief after Pleasanton Housing Commissioner Dave Stark explained that a recent court order on low-income housing won't change the city's housing mix much. It certainly won't affect established neighborhoods where there's no land left for new construction. Stark spoke to Realtors and their associates at a meeting of the Valley Real Estate Network (VREN) where there's been concern that the court ruling could leave the city awash in low-to-moderate income, high-density housing, with block after block of high-rise apartment buildings much like those we see across I-580 in Dublin. Some Realtors said the ruling cooled the interest in moving to Pleasanton for some of their prospects who think the city caved in to special interest groups seeking more housing for low-income families here.



Dave Stark

Stark says the agreement signed last month by the City Council with Urban Habitat and Public Advocates, two affordable housing coalitions, does commit the city to revise its housing element numbers to meet those required by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the state's housing authority. Those numbers needed to be updated since it's been since 2003 that Pleasanton has revised its plan while it researched, reviewed and finally approved a revised General Plan last fall. The coalitions' lawsuit, which was approved by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch, orders Pleasanton to submit its new housing element numbers to the state by next August. Pleasanton also was ordered to remove its housing cap ordinance that was approved by voters in 1996, setting 29,000 housing units as the absolute top number that could be built here. With more than 27,000 units already built, the housing coalitions convinced Roesch that Pleasanton could not comply with the 3,000 and more housing units it would

need over the next few years to comply with state numbers.

Stark says that Roesch's ruling doesn't require the city to build anything, only to rezone sufficient acreage for more housing in the 30-units-to-the-acre amount range to serve builders who specialize in high density and lower-income housing. Lower income, he explains, doesn't mean subsidized rentals, although there are a number of those in Pleasanton. It means housing that should be more affordable to those in the Pleasanton workforce whose incomes, although livable, just aren't high enough to afford most of the city's current housing stock. Property that's likely to be rezoned for high density housing lies in Hacienda Business Park and the undeveloped land east of Valley Avenue near the quarries that are gradually shutting down.

Also, Stark points out that just because Pleasanton rezones some acreage for high density housing, don't expect builders in the current weak economy to start plowing the ground for new buildings. Whether units for low-to-moderate income tenants or upscale apartment complexes, Stark says the projects must "pencil out" to be profitable. He also notes that Pleasanton's tough standards are still in place. With Growth Management policies limiting permits to no more than 350 units a year and firm design review policies, whatever is built will look much like apartment buildings already here. In fact, Stark says, we can drive through Hacienda Business Park to the BART station now and pass scores of subsidized, affordable apartments and town homes that even next door neighbors don't know are being rented or were sold in that category.

Stark says a bigger concern for Realtors and their clients in the court settlement just approved lies with Attorney General Jerry Brown's office. Brown joined the affordable housing coalition suit and also filed one of his own against Pleasanton's revised General Plan, claiming that its housing cap restricted the construction of an adequate number of dwellings for the much larger workforce that commutes to Pleasanton. All this driving causes greenhouse gas emissions and contributes to global warming. Brown dropped the lawsuit once Pleasanton settled with Judge Roesch and the others, but he's moving forward on climate change regulations that could require extensive and expensive retrofitting of existing homes where they're sold. For Stark, that's a much greater worry for Realtors and their clients in today's already-struggling housing market. ■

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Walt Bettencourt in his field of grain, circa 1950. His son Howard Bettencourt was one of five ranchers who spoke recently on the ranching and farming life of yesteryear in the Tri-Valley.

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—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Thirty participating wineries will be pouring at their tasting room locations across Livermore Valley, and 11 more wineries will be pouring and hosting festivities at either Concannon Vineyard or Wente Vineyards on Tesla Road.

For more information, visit www.LVwine.org, call 447-WINE (447-9463), or go to the Wine Steward in Pleasanton.

Green business conference

U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D., 11th) is holding a Tri-Valley Green Business Conference to provide information about federal, state, local and private resources to grow local green businesses. The conference will take place from 1:30-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Shannon Community Center, at 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

Remarks by Erik Stenehjem, director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Industrial Partnerships Office, will be followed by panel discussions on resources available to green businesses. The panels will include Elizabeth Echols of the Small Business Administration; Bob Borchers, General Partner, Opus Capital; California Energy Commission; Tri-Valley Business Council; Workforce Incubator; Alameda County Green Business Program; and the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore.

RSVP to McNerney's office at 737-0727 or email cal1districtschedule@mail.house.gov.

Golfing teens headed for Pebble Beach

Two Pleasanton teens will tee off at the Home Care and Hospice First Tee Open, a Champions Tour, scheduled for Sept. 3-5 at Pebble Beach. Natalie Bodnar, a junior at Amador Valley High School, and Kortnie Maxoutopoulos, who is a senior at Foothill High, will be representing the First Tee Tri-Valley.

The tournament is a 54-hole golf event featuring 78 players from the Champions Tour, 78 junior golfers representing The First Tee Chapters, and 156 amateurs. Admission to the event is free.

Candidates for mayor, City Council share views on how they'd govern Pleasanton in years ahead

Senior housing issues dominate forum as Stoneridge Drive, other long-time concerns fade

By JEB BING

Candidates for Pleasanton mayor and City Council in the upcoming municipal election on Nov. 2 took to the stage for the first time Monday to publicly talk together about their views on the challenges facing the community and how they would handle them if elected.

The candidates for mayor are:

■ Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who has been on the council since 2002 including the last six years as mayor. She is seeking re-election to a fourth and — because of term limits — a final two-year term in the top post.

■ Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who was re-elected to the council for a second four-year term two years ago. She served on the Pleasanton school board from 1993 to 2003 before being elected to the council in 2004.

Candidates for the City Council, where there are two seats available, are (again in alphabetical order):

■ Karla Brown, a Realtor with Keller-Williams Realty, president of the Dublin Women's Realtors



Tim Hunt introduces candidates for mayor and City Council at the first candidates' forum Monday: (l-r) Jennifer Hosterman, Cindy McGovern, Karla Brown, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Jerry Thorne and Fred Watson.

Association and president of the Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Association, who is seeking her first elected post with her bid for a council seat. She has lived in Pleasanton 18 years.

■ Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who is seeking re-election to a second four-year term on the council. An advanced placement history and government teacher at Irvington High School in Fremont,

where she also coaches the school's "We the People" competition civics team, she has lived in Pleasanton for more than two decades.

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Planners OK new Safeway 'Lifestyle' store near Fairgrounds

58,000-square-foot supermarket, to open late next year, will be city's largest

The Pleasanton Planning Commission gave its unanimous approval last week to plans by Safeway to build one of its new "Lifestyle" supermarkets in Pleasanton with a scheduled opening of November next year.

It was the second preliminary approval last week of multi-million-dollar development projects in the city. On Aug. 24, the City Council approved an agreement that will allow the annexation and commercial and senior residential projects on Staples Ranch in the city's northeast corner.

Safeway officials told planners that their new store will be on a 12-1/2-acre site Safeway is acquiring from South Bay Construction, which also has plans to build seven office buildings on the rest of the 40-acre parcel.

The multi-million-dollar Safeway complex will include the large supermarket and other small retail shops, restaurants, a drive-through pharmacy and outdoor dining. Safeway also is reserving an additional 10,000-square-feet for future expansion of its store.

Earlier plans to include a fuel

station on the store site have been dropped.

That brought the only complaint from the Planning Commission as it completed its final consideration of Safeway's application.

"I was sorry to learn that Safeway has dropped the fuel station from its plans," said Planning Commissioner Arne Olson.

But when Safeway representatives first discussed their long-range plans for the Bernal site with the city Planning Commission in 2008, several commissioners indicated they might not approve the plan if Safeway insisted on including the gas station. Opposition also was expected from the owners of the Shell Oil service station that is located directly across Valley Avenue from the proposed Safeway store.

Safeway said its new store would be patterned after Lifestyle stores already open in Livermore, San Ramon, Alameda and Novato. Similar to those stores, it will feature foods under the "Eating Right" label for the

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It's campaign time: Here come the signs

Saturday marks 1st day political signs can be placed in front yards

If you like a wide variety of political campaign signs, look out your front window tomorrow morning. You're likely to see quite a few.

Saturday is the first day Pleasanton allows political signs to be posted in front yards. They must be removed within three days after the election, which will be held Nov. 2.

Because of active campaigns already under way for governor, the U.S. Senate and Congress, and other state and local races, it's expected there will be more political signs posted on city streets and fences, including areas where signs aren't allowed. Pleasanton's code enforcement office will no doubt keep busy removing those that are illegal.

In Pleasanton, two candidates are vying for mayor, four for two seats on the City Council, and three for two seats on the school board. They're all expected to have yard signs which campaign managers will offer to supporters. Generally, they can be obtained on a candidate's website with delivery included. Of course, donations to that candidate's campaign always are appreciated.

—Jeb Bing



Heather Haugen Rizzoli works with other supporters of Councilman Jerry Thorne in his garage organizing signs for his campaign.

Valley Humane Society to break ground for new digs

Facility will triple number of animal lives saved each year

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Valley Humane Society is holding a groundbreaking and ribbon cutting for the public at its site on Nevada Street at 5:30 p.m. Thursday although work is already under way on the new 5,000-square-foot animal shelter.

"We purchased the Nevada Street property in 2001," said board president Lori Rice. At that time the

cat rescue organization was leasing property on Spring Street in downtown Pleasanton.

In 2006, the group moved into a 1,700-square-foot modular unit on the property, at 3670 Nevada St.

"We were able to house a lot more cats, and there was room for offices and room to spread out," said Rice.

The board of directors studied

animal shelters in the Tri-Valley to decide what its mission should be, Rice explained, to complement the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, the SPCA and East County Animal Shelter. It decided to focus on education and activities to help animals stay in their homes, said Rice, in addition to its shelter and adoption services.

Valley Humane Society programs — and its new facility — have been made possible by the bequest of \$1.4 million from the late Joyce Keeler, a former school teacher in Livermore, Rice said.

"We do a lot of work with education programs," she noted. "We do Keeler's Kids in all the second-grade classes in Pleasanton. A volunteer goes in and teaches about what it takes to adopt an animal."

At the end of the lesson, children who prove they understand the responsibilities of pet ownership are allowed to adopt a small stuffed



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The Valley Humane Society moved into this modular unit on Nevada Street in 2006 until it could raise funds to build its new facility on the site.

dog or cat.

Valley Humane Society also works with Tri-Valley Haven and Open Heart Kitchen.

"When they give out food, we give out pet food," Rice said. "Those are ways that save animals from being given up."

She said they hope to provide more services in the new facility, including a place for people to bring pets with problems, such as barking dogs or spraying cats. She also wants to offer help with pet bereavement.

Rice hopes the new facility will

open in the late spring.

"That's why we need to do a big push for the rest of the money we need to finish," she said. "We need to raise about \$750,000 more."

The next fundraiser is the Great Catsby Casino Night on Sept. 11 at the home of Becky and Murray Dennis, 838 Gray Fox Circle in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$65 and include a catered buffet dinner, two drink tickets, valet parking and gambling chips for casino games. For information, go to www.valley-humane.org, or call 426-8656. ■

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■ Councilman Jerry Thorne, a retired business executive with Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies, was appointed to the city's Parks and Recreation Commission 15 years ago. He was elected to the council in June 2005 to fill an unexpired term and then re-elected in 2006. He is seeking re-election to his second full four-year term.

■ Fred Watson, who moved to Pleasanton in 2000, is manager of volunteer services for Open Heart Kitchen, a Tri-Valley nonprofit that is also the area's only "food bank" serving the needy. Watson said he is a member of the Pleasanton Tea Party Association.

Since the candidates' forum, the first of the current campaign, was held at Pleasanton Gardens, a subsidized senior housing facility on Kottinger Drive, much of the discussion concerned the housing needs and services that will be required as a larger portion of Pleasanton's population matures. The forum was moderated by Tim Hunt, former associate editor of the Tri-Valley Herald and a newspaper columnist, who is also on the board of directors of Pleasanton Gardens.

Candidates generally said they favor a plan under development that would rebuild Kottinger Place across from Pleasanton Gardens into a larger, multi-story senior housing complex for low income residents, taking part of a park next to Kottinger Place on Vineyard Avenue. Under the plan, Pleasanton Gardens would be folded into the

new complex, with the city deciding what to do with the current facility that is now privately owned and managed.

That plan brought the only heated debate in Monday's forum after McGovern said she favored renovating both senior facilities, not replacing them. She wants the city to use available federal and state funds for senior housing to build a new facility somewhere else in Pleasanton, not on a park site.

But Hunt, momentarily taking off his "impartial" moderator's hat, told McGovern her plan wouldn't work. He said Pleasanton Gardens is more than 60 years old and could not meet new building standards without a complete rebuild.

"It's ready for the bulldozers, Cindy," Hunt told her.

Candidates touched on environmental, business and municipal government issues, with Hosterman, Cook-Kallio and Thorne highlighting the strong fiscal policies already in place in Pleasanton and recent decisions to add more housing and tax-revenue-supporting businesses on Staples Ranch and in Hacienda Business Park.

"Money Magazine recently named Pleasanton as one of the top 100 cities in the country," Hosterman said. "We want to keep it that way. These are tough economic times but the fact is that our city's budget is balanced and we haven't had to lay off any employees or cut back on the high quality of services we have here."

Cook-Kallio agreed, but added that Pleasanton hasn't kept pace in terms of providing enough housing to serve low income seniors.

pus haven't changed much since 2000, when South Bay joined with Greenbriar Homes and others to acquire the full 510-acre Bernal site from the city of San Francisco, which had owned the land since the 1930s.

Greenbriar and KB Home have since built the homes and apartments the city of Pleasanton approved as part of the purchase agreement, which included 370 acres as a gift to the city for public uses. The city's first development on its property — lighted baseball fields — was completed last year.

In a presentation earlier to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Trobbe said the office building market is still sluggish, but the synergism he expects potential office tenants to see with the Safeway complex could spur development.

His firm recently received a five-year extension of its building rights on the site.

"Times have changed in the 10 years since we bought this property and proposed the office buildings," Trobbe said. "People want to live closer to transportation, spend less time in their cars, walk to work, bicycle everywhere, and the Safeway store and other outlets will give them a nearby place to go."

At the council meeting when Trobbe was granted the development extension, Councilman Matt Sullivan suggested that perhaps the office park site should be considered for residential uses.

—Jeb Bing

If re-elected, she vowed to move forward "expeditiously" on the Kottinger Place rebuild plan and to also make sure transportation and other special services that serve Pleasanton's senior population keep pace with rising demand.

Thorne, who is currently the city's vice mayor and is also vice chairman of the organization that operates Wheels buses, said he would work to have dollar-a-ride bus service available to seniors and to keep Wheels' Route 8, which seniors use to reach medical and other services.

"I, too, want to move forward on the Pleasanton Gardens project," Thorne said. "We need to quit dragging our feet on this important effort."

But McGovern said that while the city overall appears to be in good financial shape, she is concerned by the influence of developers and special interest groups on the others not sitting on the council.

"I decided to seek the mayor's post because I want to renew trust in our local government," McGovern said. "I promise to focus on

what is best for our citizens, not outside interests. I believe in the public process and the right of our citizens to object to whatever actions the council takes."

"I also will not seek or accept any funds for my campaign from special interest groups of political action committees," she added.

Brown, who served as co-chairwoman to "Save Pleasanton's Hills," a citizens' coalition founded by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, said her concerns over hilltop developments and other issues caused her "to get out of my comfortable chair at home and run for council where I will listen to citizens when they come to speak."

"My goal is to restore representative government here in Pleasanton," she added. "I remain committed to ridgeline protections. I also want to revitalize economic development in our city to make our downtown vital and strong and to bring more stores back to our downtown."

Watson said that as a manager at Open Heart Kitchen, he has seen first-hand the growing needs of

many in the Tri-Valley caused by a downturn in the economy.

"As a taxpayer, I want to be more fiscally involved in the city, working to create a more financially healthy community," he said. "We need to keep our taxes lower, our community employed and city service intact. Our parks will not be safe if they are surrounded by foreclosed homes and businesses."

Although Hunt's questions and the candidates' responses touched on a number of long-controversial issues, such as low-income housing, development on the hillsides and the annexation and development of Staples Ranch, what's generally considered the most controversial issue over the last decade and longer — the extension of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore — was never mentioned.

That extension plan, which would block access to El Charro for the time being, is part of the overall Staples Ranch environmental plan that was approved the City Council two weeks ago and will be finalized at the council's meeting Sept. 7. ■

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calorie conscious and the big "O" for organics sections of foods.

Large open areas will include open bins for salads, pastries and cold cuts for the luncheon crowds with a sit-down area for dining. The store will include a Safeway pharmacy and space for allied vendors, including a bank and other services. The store will employ between 150 and 200 workers.

The firm's application for final approval is expected to be considered by the City Council next month. If approved then, Safeway said construction work will start immediately. Safeway has its funding in place and wants to open the new supermarket by November 2011.

Facing Valley, the store will back onto the northbound I-680 off-ramp. Driveways will be positioned along Valley Avenue, and one on Bernal will link with the Koll Center driveway on the other side with a full-phase traffic signal to allow turns into and out of both centers in either direction.

Although larger and newer than the Pleasanton Safeway at Valley and Santa Rita Road, that popular store will remain open.

Scott R. Trobbe, a principal partner at South Bay Construction, said he still plans to develop the rest of the 40-acre site it owns into an office building complex. Plans for the four-story cam-

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By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A new fitness facility planned for Vintage Hills Shopping Center will be accessible to members around the clock, using security systems including a dedicated 911 line and the option for exercising patrons to wear necklaces that send out distress signals.

"Where Anytime Fitness really stands out from the crowd is in their use of proprietary access software, security and surveillance technology," said Jordan Boreman and Debra Casados in their application for a use permit. "The integration of these systems allows owners to operate safe and secure clubs with greatly reduced staffing needs."

Boreman and Casados already own Anytime Fitness studios in Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon.

"From our experiences, we average about 10-15 members in the studio during peak operating

hours," they reported.

The Pleasanton Planning Commission approved the conditional use permit for the new Anytime Fitness at its Aug. 25 meeting, and the owners are planning improvements to the space in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Vineyard Avenue/Tawny Drive.

"We're going to have a stretching room and an office, and the entire gym will be open outside of those two rooms and the bathrooms," said fitness consultant Adam Chan, who was transferred from the San Ramon facility to work at Vintage Hills.

The facility will join 1,300 gyms worldwide in the 7-year-old Anytime Fitness franchise, headquartered in Hastings, Minn. The co-ed club specializes in its 24-hour access, affordable membership fees, quality exercise equipment and neighborhood locations, according

to its website.

The Vintage Hills facility will have one employee on site from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. daily, as well as personal trainers, according to the city staff report. There will be no group fitness classes or locker rooms although there will be two restrooms. A small tanning room is also proposed.

Neighbors sent emails to the city supporting the project.

"I think it's great to see new businesses move in," Kurt Brockett wrote. "The center being empty is a real bummer and I hope by creating recurring customer traffic the facility will help draw other business such as a coffee shop and hopefully a grocery store in the large space."

"I feel it will be a good addition to the center," wrote Kenneth Blair, who said he has already joined the gym. "Anytime Fitness has no de-



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Anytime Fitness has received the Planning Commission's OK to open in Vintage Hills Shopping Center and will begin renovations soon.

liveries, no construction except the inside of the building. I am sure the majority of the people who join the club will be neighborhood people."

Vintage Hills Shopping Center, despite the vacant 20,000-square-foot space that once was occupied

by Romley's market, is home to some thriving businesses. These include a hair cutting salon, a spa, a frozen yogurt shop, a laundry and dry cleaning shop, a jewelry store, a sushi restaurant, a dance studio, and a tae kwon do studio. ■

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Youth jobs program to hold forum

Event to air video by Las Positas students

Nearly 200 Tri-Valley young people were employed over the past two years in the Summer Youth Employment Program conducted by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation in partnership with Alameda County Workforce Investment Board and Las Positas College. Leveraging economic stimulus funding, this year's program targeted young people in families hit hardest by the current economic downturn.

"In the middle of one of the worst recessions in U.S. history, local businesses stepped up to give our young people summer employment," said Aaron Ortiz, program officer for the Foundation.

To celebrate the success, the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and the Tri-Valley Business Council will host a forum from 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday at the Robert Livermore Event Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Participating students from Las Positas College produced a video about the summer jobs program that will be shown at the event, which will include officials from city and county governments, business leaders and educators.

"This forum will allow the youth and businesses involved in the summer program to interact with the community," said David Rice, president of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. "We want to encourage more businesses to participate in youth employment projects like this, which help young people develop school-to-career skills."

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GUEST OPINION

By WILLIAM R. BUTLER

Community supports Firehouse Arts Center in a big way

Following the Around Pleasanton column in last week's edition ("Amador Theater Staying Open"), I would like to discuss the role the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) has played in the Firehouse Arts Center project. Our foundation was formed in 2004, as an offshoot of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC), to conduct a capital campaign for the Firehouse Arts Center. Our primary goal has always been to raise \$2 million to complement the investment the city is making in this public arts facility. We can look to surrounding communities to witness that successful public arts facilities are a partnership of public and private funds.

Once the project design was formally approved by the City Council in 2006, our fundraising efforts truly began. To date, we have donated \$500,000 to the city and will be presenting an additional \$150,000 at the Sept. 7 council meeting. Donations to our foundation have been in the form of cash, stocks, bequests and, in some cases, multi-year "pledges." These future multi-year pledges will hopefully get us to our end goal.

To clarify, contributions to PCAF have not "dwindled," but rather we have been overwhelmed with the flood of interest in the Firehouse Arts Center in the weeks leading up to the Opening Night Gala on Sept. 17. We believed this might be the case as the building began to take shape. Our gala committee should be applauded for its efforts, and the more than 350 guests that will be attending clearly demonstrate the

excitement our community has for this project. We look forward to building on the community's continued support to meet our financial goals as our campaign concludes over the next several months.

The foundation believes the Firehouse Arts Center will truly complement not only the Amador Theater but the existing arts facilities in the Tri-Valley, by offering a more intimate setting and a broader arts experience than are currently available in traditional performing arts venues. This wonderful facility, with its 240-seat flexible theater, spacious art galleries, dedicated classrooms and grand lobby will provide a multitude of benefits to our community. In addition to bringing quality arts and new cultural experiences to our residents, it will also provide opportunities to enhance the arts education of our youth. No less important is the positive economic impact the facility will provide in the added economic vitality and expansion of our downtown.

As members of the board of PCAF, we are proud of our accomplishments in advocating for, bringing visibility to, and raising funds for the Firehouse Arts Center. Our collective efforts have built a positive momentum for the arts in this community despite facing the most challenging economic times in recent memory. We are now ready to transition our efforts back to PCAC knowing it will continue the important work of supporting and providing leadership for the arts in our community. We hope those that have supported this project will continue to support the arts through their endeavors.

William R. Butler currently serves as the president of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF). He works with Citi Private Bank and lives in Pleasanton with his wife Christine and their three children.

LETTERS

Cemetery much improved

Dear Editor,

We just buried my brother John Brenden McWilliams last week at the cemetery in Pleasanton. My husband and I were very impressed with the work done by St. Augustine's committee. It looks like a new place because of their cleaning, sweeping and new white paint. It was really a terrible embarrassment and didn't look like it belonged in the upscale commu-

nity of Pleasanton. They are to be commended for their hard work. A big improvement.

Lynne Champlin
Napa

Feeling welcomed

Thanks for the event coverage in the P'town Weekly on the West Coast Nationals Goodguys show. This is the fourth time I have come to this event from Australia, and this time there were a heap of us. We had a ball, and the atmosphere and locals made us feel welcome.

Ray Bedson
Australia

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Look for a crowded (and profitable) weekend

For those in the restaurant, hotel and retail businesses, last weekend and the coming three-day holiday weekend are giving financial relief in what's been an economic struggle all summer. Crowds filled our town for the 24th annual Goodguys West Coast Nationals last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, attracting more than 60,000 to the Alameda County Fairgrounds and filling more than 3,500 hotel rooms. Between those who spent the night and the day-trippers who came for the fun and possibly a lunch or dinner downtown, the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) estimates that the event had a \$4.8 million impact on our Tri-Valley economy with a large portion of that spent in Pleasanton.

This weekend two more major events get under way: the Scottish Games at the Fairgrounds and the 29th annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Festival. This year's Wine Festival, which is being held Sunday and Monday, expects to welcome more than 7,000 visitors from throughout the Bay Area, earning an estimated \$420,000 in revenue. New this year is an agreement by two major wineries, Wentz Bros. and Concannon, to host a number of the smaller wineries at their larger facilities, allowing wine aficionados to sample a wide variety of wines at each location.

The Scottish Games, with special events starting today and the games on Saturday and Sunday, is a much larger event with at least 35,000 expected to be in Pleasanton during the three-day period. Again, with many planning overnight stays, the CVB is estimating that more than \$2 million will be spent on food, hotel rooms, shopping and gasoline.

With the Goodguys crowd especially and to some extent the families who come for the Scottish games, not everyone stays at the event. Spouses, teenagers and younger children often take breaks, which is why Stoneridge Shopping Center and downtown streets are jammed with shoppers and sight-seers. Major hotels serving the Tri-Valley are already booked, which means many move to "second brand" locations both here and in outlying locations. Those hotels often find guests come back the next time to facilities they otherwise might have overlooked.

Of course, there's a downside to all these crowds: traffic. Plan on taking a little longer to drive across town this weekend and make reservations now if you want a table tonight, tomorrow or Sunday at one of your favorite Pleasanton restaurants. There's a reason to smile, too. All these millions of dollars that are being spent by visitors in Pleasanton include substantial sums in sales tax and hotel occupancy taxes that go straight to the city's General Fund. That helps pay the municipal bills for parks, police, street repairs and much more. These folks also go home after their events without any strain on local services or schools. Be kind to those you meet and invite them back. With the 16th annual Fall RV Show coming to the Fairgrounds on Sept. 24 and Fremont's popular Pirates of Emerson show moving here in October, Pleasanton has lots to offer in the weeks ahead. ■



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider Cases PUD-57, PUD-68, and PUD-80 Establishing Planned Unit Development Plans including Allowed Uses for Hendrick Automotive Group, Continuing Life Communities, and a Neighborhood Park/Storm Water Detention Basin at Staples Ranch, and Consideration of Agreements for the Staples Ranch Project, including a Development Agreement
- Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Baird + Driskell Community Planning for services in association with the preparation of a Housing Element of the General Plan; Selection of a process for coordinating public participation in the Housing Element update

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, September 9, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda for this meeting

Library Commission

Thursday, September 9, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Library Commission Goals – Outreach
- Civic Center Master Plan Process Update

Youth Commission

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Avenue

- Review FY 2009/10 City Grant Mandatory Final Performance Reports

GENERAL INFORMATION

The September 6, 2010 meeting of the Civic Arts Commission has been rescheduled to September 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

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

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

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

POLICE BULLETIN

Bad guys target Goodguys

A Walnut Creek man's Harley-Davidson motorcycle was stolen while he attended the Goodguys 24th West Coast Nationals at the Fairgrounds over the weekend. The man told police that he parked his black

Harley-Davidson Road King in the parking lot on Pleasanton Avenue at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and crossed the street to attend the Goodguys car show. He returned at 6 p.m. to find his motorcycle missing. He was the only one with keys and he did not give anyone permission to take the motorcycle, which had about 13,500 miles on it, according to police reports.

Police checked the area for the motorcycle but did not find anything.

POLICE REPORT

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

Aug. 24

Residential burglary

- 5:26 p.m. in the 3400 block of Windsor Court
- 6:14 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue: small floor safe, jewelry, coins

Stolen vehicle

- 9:30 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue/Christina Court: 1995 blue Honda Accord

Aug. 25

Theft from structure

- 2:55 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive: computer equipment

Theft from auto

- 7:10 p.m. in the 1000 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road: new electric jack hammer

Residential burglary

- 9:53 p.m. in the 3900 block of Grand Canyon Court: laptop computers, iPods, jewelry, camera equipment

Aug. 26

Residential burglary

- Noon in the 1600 block of Laguna Creek

Aug. 28

Theft

- 7:25 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street: \$800 cash

Home burglary

- 8:35 a.m. in the 4200 block of Diavila Street: clothing, furs, black/green backpack

Aug. 29

Residential burglary

- 1:35 a.m. in the 5900 block of Via

Del Cielo: computer equipment, jewelry including a diamond solitaire, Frisbee imprinted with "Foothill High School"

Aug. 30

Burglary from auto

- 5:05 a.m. in the 5800 block of Las Positas Boulevard: briefcase, Montblanc pen with engraved initials, car registration

Residential burglary

- 6:03 p.m. in the 3200 block of Omega Circle: bicycle theft from garage, 21-speed silver and green mountain bike

Stolen vehicle

- 4 p.m. in the 100 block of Junipero Street: 1998 pewter GMC Jimmy SUV
- 5:39 p.m. in the 4400 block Hacienda Drive: 1999 silver Honda Civic

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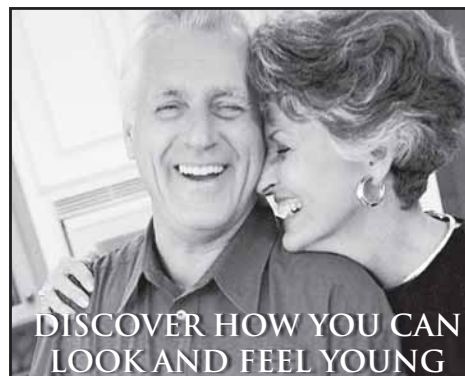
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OBITUARIES

Sylvia Love Becker

Sylvia Love Becker died July 31 at the age of 86 in Pleasanton after a brief hospitalization.

She was born Nov. 26, 1923, in Kansas City, Mo., where she was raised. When she met her husband Milton, she moved to New York City with him and spent her married life there working as a bookkeeper and raising her family. She moved back to Kansas City when her husband died in 1982, and then finally to Pleasanton in 1992 to join her family. She enjoyed listening to music, watching television, and observing the world around her.

Mrs. Becker was predeceased by her husband Milton Becker and her brother Morris Hertzfield. She is survived by her daughter Ilene Becker Forman (Mike) of Pleasanton, son Les Becker of Rockville, Md.; sister Rose Rovick of Prairie Village, Kan.; and three grandchildren. Burial took place at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Fairview, N.J., on Aug. 4. Donations may be made to the American Kidney Fund or the Da Vita Pleasanton Patient Emergency Fund.

Marcus Edmond Peterson

Marcus Edmond Peterson, a Pleasanton resident, died Aug. 9 at the age of 88 from complications of emphysema and Alzheimer's disease, with his niece and nephews at his bedside.

He was born Feb. 12, 1922, in Oakland to Marcus C. and Dorothy S. Peterson and shortly thereafter moved with the family to Southern California. He was a determined young man while in Boy Scouts and made Eagle Scout. He graduated from South Pasadena High School and enrolled at UC Berkeley, where he graduated in general education. As the United States entered World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and later the Army but was discharged for health reasons. He continued his education at Cal, obtaining a master's in history. After his father died, he took care of his mother and lived in Berkeley, near his beloved Cal. He worked for several years at Bethlehem Steel, and later began teaching high school history and English in Berkeley and surrounding cities.



Mr. Peterson was a dedicated writer of Old West histories and short stories and was frequently published in several magazines. In spite of health issues, he loved to row boats, perform gymnastics and hiking, taking summer car trips to Aptos, Yosemite, exploring national parks, and later conducting college campus trips. After retiring from teaching, he moved to Pleasanton to be nearer to his sister. In 2005, he moved into assisted living.

He is survived by his sister Hathily Johnson of Pleasanton; her children, Walt (Pam) Johnson of Seminole, Fla., Marc Johnson of Pleasanton, Hathi Winston (Jerry Prettyman) of Pleasanton, and Chris (Lori) Johnson of Sunol; and seven great-nephews and nieces. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin 94568. Private services will be held with a memorial planned at a later date.

Douglas Wayne Waite

Former Pleasanton resident Douglas Wayne Waite, 85, died Aug. 12 at Mercy Hospital in Redding.

He was born Jan. 8, 1925, in Oakland to Benjamin and Clara Oliver Waite. He served on the USS Dione during World War II, then com-

menced a 32-year career with Pacific Telephone, retiring in 1978. He lived in Pleasanton from 1988-92. He loved his family, friends, fishing, golf, camping and his dog Mocha.

Mr. Waite is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lynne Lockyer Waite of Redding; daughters 1990 Amador Valley graduate Cynthia Waite of Pleasanton, Teri York and son-in-law Matthew Dickerson of Pleasanton; and sister Barbara Betts of Huntinton Beach; as well as a nephew and several nieces and cousins. At his request no services are planned. Donations can be made in his memory to the Shingletown Volunteer Fire Department, 31990 State Highway 44, Shingletown, CA 96088.

Marion La Ferrera

Marion La Ferrera died Aug. 22, one day after turning 80, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was evacuated to the mainland after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She met her husband Frank, who died four months ago, when she was 13.



She was a meticulous housekeeper, excellent cook and was the "glue" that forged her close knit, healthy and loving family. She was an avid poker player, loved watching and playing sports, decorating her home and entertaining family and friends.

She is survived by her children Sandra and Denise, son-in-law Kendall and three grandchildren.

BIRTHS



Matthew Dean Dickinson

Matthew Dean Dickinson was born at 6:47 a.m. June 14 to parents Ray and Michelle Dickinson of Pleasanton, brother Noah and sister Megan. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.



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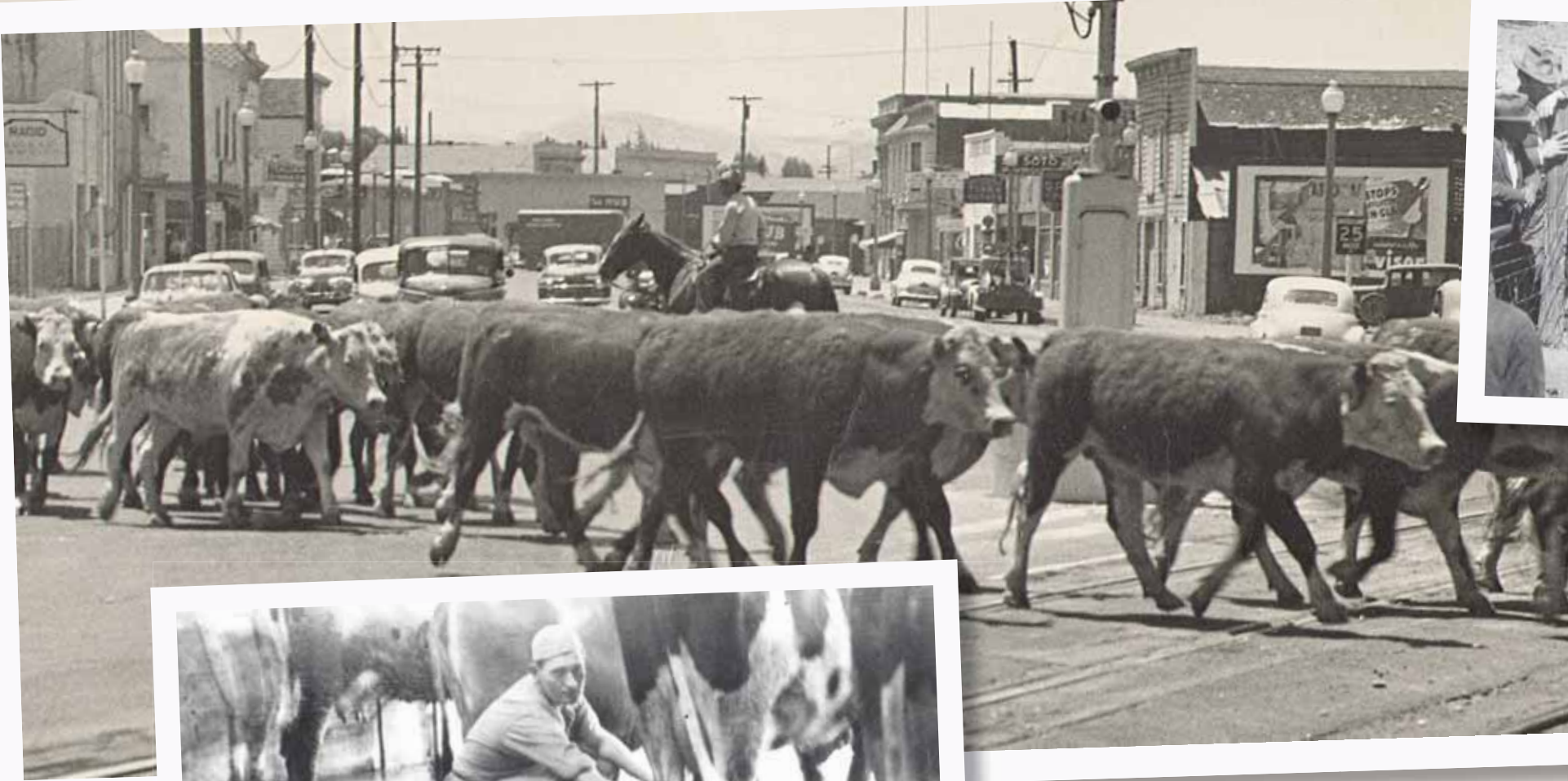
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BY JERRI PANTAGES LONG

If one floated over the Tri-Valley a century ago in a hot air balloon, the view below would have been a patchwork of grazing land and crops, including sugar beets, alfalfa, grapes and hay, plus walnut orchards.

Tractors did not replace horses until the late teens or 1920s, according to cattleman Howard Bettencourt.

He was one of five ranchers on a panel at the Ed Kinney Lecture Series sponsored by Pleasanton's Museum On Main, and the audience was rapt as the men described a lifestyle that most could barely imagine.

Four of the five panel members were descendents of pioneers who settled in the area in the mid to late 1800s; the fifth arrived nearly a century later, when his parents moved to a dairy farm on Foothill Road.

The panel, organized by museum board member Chuck Deckert, included cattlemen Bettencourt, whose family ranch was in Livermore; Tim Koopmann, Sunol; George Rasmussen, Dublin and San Ramon; and Al Spotorno, Pleasanton. The "newcomer" was Bruce Takens, now best known as the owner of the drive-through Meadowlark Dairy.

Joining Deckert as moderator was Donna (Kamp) McMillion, who also grew up on a local farm, later the last pumpkin patch in Pleasanton.

The panelists gave a vivid account of the region as they knew it growing up. Rasmussen noted that what began their collective history was an 1826 land grant which gave 16,000 acres to Don Jose Maria Amador. He later sold 10,000 acres to the Dougherty family, who allowed parcels to be used by tenant farmers.

Rasmussen's mother's family arrived in the area in 1871, his father's in 1885, both of the families from Denmark.

"All the families out on Tassajara Road were either Danish or Portuguese," said Rasmussen.

When they went to the local schoolhouse, each ethnic group coveted the other's lunch from home so swaps were made and friendships formed.

Tim Koopmann recalled that land could be purchased

for \$35 an acre when he went into partnership with his great-uncle. There were only 5,000 residents in Pleasanton when Koopmann attended high school (Amador Valley class of 1970), and neighbors would wave at one another when they passed on the road. His family, originally from Germany, homesteaded in 1878 on what is now Shannon Park in Dublin. Cattle could be herded along roads to be loaded aboard trains at a Pleasanton depot.

Most ranches were self-sufficient, Al Spotorno explained, raising their own vegetables and keeping chickens, sheep and pigs in addition to their cattle. His grandfather and great-uncle, who emigrated from France in 1867, would take horse-drawn wagons of poultry and other game to sell to the restaurants in San Francisco. Fast-forward two generations, and the Spotornos provided some of the food that was served on airplanes, and then aboard the Apollo trip to the moon!

Spotorno, 84, is proud to be the third generation running Pleasanton's oldest business, Spotorno Land & Livestock. He recalled an era when "there were no stoplights in Pleasanton, and we had just one constable on loan from the sheriff's department" for law enforcement. Not that there was much local crime in those days. "It was mostly stuff like kids putting a wagon on someone's roof as a prank," he said.

One of the biggest businesses in town was Perkins & Jenkins.

"They had 600 acres of roses," said Spotorno, "and when they were all in bloom, it was a beautiful sight."

The company exported roses throughout the country. Herds of sheep would be used to strip off the leaves of the rose bushes to make them easier to ship, according to Spotorno. Some may remember when donated rose bushes graced the front of Amador Valley High School and also Wayside and Delucchi parks.

As the region changed, so did ranching, facing increasing challenges to co-exist with newcomers.

"A more lucrative crop sprouted: Houses," Koopmann drily noted.

He explained that most ranches had a core of acreage but depended on renting other land for grazing. "Most of us would have been out of business otherwise," he said.

Some of the grazing rights were on public land, such as 60,000 acres of the East Bay Regional Park system, and

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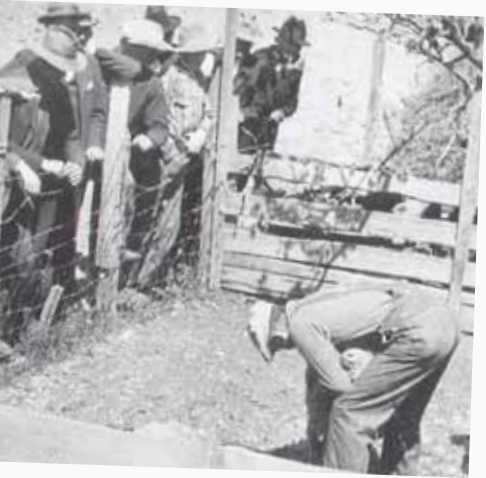
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COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Top left: Even as late as the 1940s, ranchers would herd their cattle through Tri-Valley towns to the railroad stations or the slaughterhouse. This herd is being driven down First Street in Livermore. **Top right:** A crowd appears enthralled by the skill of a sheep-shearer in this undated photo. Sheep were important livestock on local ranches, in addition to cattle. **Bottom left:** Jannes Takens had lots of practice milking cows at Meadowlark Dairy — even in the middle of the night. He and his wife Janna were the dairy's second owners; Bruce and his wife Patti are the third.

were on watershed lands of East Bay Municipal District and the San Francisco Water Co.

Jannes Takens said that after crops were harvested, ranchers would rent the land first for cattle to graze, then sheep to finish off the stubble of what was left, before the next planting cycle.

The dairy was centered around the cows' routine. His family had 200 cows that had to be milked each day. His shift started at 4 a.m., but his parents, Jannes and Janna Takens, arose to milk cows at 1 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Those cows produced about 800 gallons of milk daily, which then had to be processed and shipped out.

Jannes and Janna Takens came to Pleasanton from Holliston in 1950 to manage the Meadowlark Dairy that had been established by owner Walter Briggs Sr.

It was the first certified dairy in the state of California," Jannes Takens said, meaning that it passed rigorous health inspections for cleanliness and maintained a low bacteria count in raw milk — "at that time unheard of." Briggs helped establish the dairy standards we now take for granted.

The Meadowlark Dairy was built on the original spot of the Ohlone Indians and the (site) of the first adobe building in the tri-valley, built in 1946. Francisco Solano Adobe now is a (city) park that is a representation of the Indian era to the Spanish period to the Dairy of California," said Takens in follow-up correspondence. He credited the original owner, Walter Briggs Sr., for preventing the adobe from being demolished and for getting it listed as State Historic Landmark No. 510.

Meadowlark Dairy was purchased by Jannes and Janna Takens in 1968. They moved their dairy cows to pasture land nearby, shipping the milk to the processing plant still located at 57 W. Neal St. Bruce graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1964, one year ahead of the girl he would marry. He and his wife Patti bought the dairy in 1985, turning it into the drive-through business that local residents find so convenient today.

In the decades ago, drive-through dairies flourished in the Bay Area," Takens wrote. "Today there are just a few left in all of California, and one is right here in downtown Pleasanton. Meadowlark Dairy is Pleasanton's link with the past, a throwback to a kinder, gentler era when personal service was paramount." He was proud to note that his son Jesse (Amador Valley High class of 2006) now is

manager of the dairy, continuing the family business.

All of the panelists agreed that ranch and farm work is very hard, but rewarding. Bettencourt, 82, whose ancestors came from the Azores in 1858, said he began milking cows at age 6 or 7.

If a ranch had more milk than needed to feed the family and ranch hands, it was put into 10-gallon cans and set out to be picked up by Bob Casterson (now deceased), who took it to the local cheese factories, said Spotorno — another way ranchers earned money to supplement their cattle business.

"It is physical," said Rasmussen of ranching. "There's nothing about it that is easy. The thing is, you gotta love it."

Rasmussen, 75, is proud that his son and grandson are the fourth and fifth generations to live in the original family ranch house. "I'm tired, but not retired," he said with a laugh.

Much of Rasmussen's farming has been moved to Dixon, and Bettencourt's has gone to Linden, where it is cheaper to graze cattle and to grow crops such as kidney beans, wheat, oats, safflowers and sunflowers.

Besides tending livestock and crops, Bettencourt noted, ranchers are always fixing equipment, working the ground, or harvesting grain. Bettencourt officially retired 19 years ago, but said, "I have a tractor with a bulldozer now, to play with."

Spotorno's ancestors imported grapevines from France when they immigrated to this region, but those were pulled out during Prohibition, although some already had been given to local wineries. The Spotorno brothers planted olive trees along the borders of their land, and in some years those olives paid their property taxes.

"All of us have been forced to subsidize ranching with other endeavors," Spotorno said.

Walnuts were another source of income. The Spotornos were the first in the area to mechanize the drying and hulling part of the operation. Koopman and Rasmussen both recalled the wild ride of being up in the walnut trees when they were shaken to harvest the nuts. The youngsters had to scramble from branch to branch to attach the band from the tractor, then hang on tightly.

"I finally got a tin hat," Koopmann said, to protect himself from the falling walnuts.

"We told our kids, 'The family that picks together sticks together,'" recalled Rasmussen with a laugh. "The best part about (our 30 acres of walnuts) was in 1986, when we bulldozed that whole orchard out. That was the year my wife and I went to Hawaii."

Besides encroaching housing developments and increasing legal restrictions, today's ranchers face problems with new neighbors who do not understand their business. These are people who refuse to believe that the family pet dogs they let run loose at night are the same ones that chase and kill livestock. Or the people who feel free to picnic — and litter — on private land, after cutting through fences for easier access. Or those who move to rural areas and then complain about the sounds and smells of ranching that has been going on since the 1860s.

"We have lovingly cared for and provided quality stewardship of the land," said Koopmann, adding that it would be nice if neighbors and governmental agencies appreciated what generations of these families have done for the area we now call home.

Koopmann has joined the California Rangeland Trust, which he describes as being "perpetual conservation easements to offset other projects." In this way, the endangered species of tiger salamander, red-legged frog and calippe butterfly may all survive, even though the area's ranchers may become extinct. ■

Local history lecture series

Museum On Main sponsors the Ed Kinney Lecture series, offering interesting and entertaining glimpses of the past, at 7 p.m. some Thursday evenings at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Cost is \$5 for museum members and seniors, \$10 for non-members, and a special rate of \$3 for students and teachers (with ID). Upcoming talks include:

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Author Visits

FOUR MYSTERY WRITERS Four Entertaining and Talented Mystery Writers will speak at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 10, at Towne Center books, 555 Main St. Authors include Penny Warner, Margaret Grace, Hailey Lind and Simon Wood. Coffee, conversation and fun. Reservations are helpful. Call 846-8826 or visit www.pleasanton-weekly.com. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St, Pleasanton.

Book Clubs

PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB This club meets next at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., to review "Sag Harbor" by Colson Whitehead, his warm and funny autobiographical coming of age story set in the African-American community of Sag Harbor. October's book is "Stones into Schools" by Greg Mortenson. Call 931-3400, ext. 7, or visit www.pleasantonlibrary-bookclub.wordpress.com.

Class Reunions

AMADOR HIGH CLASSES 1941 TO 1964 Amador High School graduating classes from 1941 to 1964 are holding a joint reunion from 5-11 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Teachers and classmates are invited to see what made the school part of the "Wonder Years." Cost is \$45 for a catered dinner, parking and more. Call Gayle at (209) 602-9057 or Joanie, 462-4312, or email lglund@mindspring.com or jim-joanie@sbcglobal.net.

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.

AVHS CLASS OF 1980 The reunion is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 17. Friday night BBQ meet and greet; Saturday night at the Pleasanton Hilton. Call 453-7673 or email minsmith@aerosurf.net.

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FREE FIFE (FLUTE) AND DRUM LESSONS The Young American Patriots Fife and Drum band "YAPs" is a Pleasanton-based parade band dedicated to perpetuating the music and history of the American Revolution of 1776. It will host free drum or fife (flute) lessons from 6:30-8 p.m., every Friday, at a private residence in Pleasanton. Call Jason Giaimo at 484-0265 or visit www.youngamericanpatriots.com.

HEALTHY COOKING Six Healthy Cooking classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 9 through Nov. 4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Topics include eating for health; stocks, soups and stews 101 (two classes); salads; appetizers; Thanksgiving side dishes; and desserts. Cost is \$40 resident per class, and \$45 non-resident, plus \$12 supply fee. Ages 18 and older. Visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org for detailed schedule. Call 931-5365.

INTRO TO JEWISH CULTURE SCHOOL Intro to Jewish Sunday School, without religion, will begin from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St.,

Livermore. The introduction is in Livermore then the classes will be held in Castro Valley and include music, dance, cooking, history and ethics. There will be activities for children and it's a chance for parents to meet and learn about the twice-monthly affordable school. Call 485-1049 or visit Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Clubs

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.

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB The garden club will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at Alisal Elementary School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Troy McGregor of Garden Natives will describe plants that do well in the Tri-Valley and suggest how to add them to existing landscapes.

Events

ART, CRITIQUE & COFFEE Art, Critique & Coffee (ACC) meets from 10 a.m.-noon every Friday at Borders Cafe, 4575 Rosewood Dr. Artists and art lovers are welcome to view latest works as they discuss how to better each piece before it is released to the public. Call 461-5084.

Last concert of the season: Public Eye will perform rock 'n' roll hits tonight at the last 2010 Concert in the Park, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The music in the park takes place from 7-8:30 p.m. at Wayside Park at the corner of First Street and Neal.

begin at 11:30 a.m., and a business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Call Elaine at 426-7800 or visit www.narfe.org.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE Pleasantonians 4 Peace is sponsoring a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Call Cathie at 462-7495 or email Matt at mjs7882@gmail.com or visit www.pleasantonians4peace.org.

RABBIT ADOPTION EVENT East Bay SPCA, Tri-Valley, is holding a large rabbit adoption event from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, at 4651 Gleason Dr., Dublin, with rabbits from five rescue groups in the Bay Area. The foster rabbits are socialized, healthy, spayed or neutered and ready to find their forever home. The SPCA provides support for new bunny owners. Call 449-6368 or visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com. free

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Exhibits

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE EXHIBIT The Pleasanton Art League and Museum on Main are presenting their fourth art exhibit, "Imagination Expressed 2010," through Oct. 17, featuring the work of 35 PAL members at the museum, 603 Main St. The museum is open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

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party, ticket to the ball game, and drawings. Call Jennifer Dolder (Raimondi) at 321-1747 or email jendolder@gmail.com.

RACE FOR OPPORTUNITY Join the Race for Opportunity from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 18, which will start at one of the parks in Pleasanton. Give deserving, at-risk kids a chance to attend college as you compete against other teams in an exciting and memorable all-day race, with tasks that will test you mentally and expand your comfort zone. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to have fun. Must be at least 18 years old to compete. Cost is \$250 per team. Call 872-0806 or visit www.bridgeofopportunity.org.

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VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT The third annual VPC Golf Fore Life event is being held from 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 13 at Castlewood Country Club to raise funds for this nonprofit organization, which offer counseling, pregnancy-related medical services and compassionate support for women and families in the Tri-Valley area. Event includes a Hole-in-One Prize Toyota RAV4, prize drawings, auction and awards dinner. Cost \$195 includes golf, lunch and dinner. Call 828-4458 or visit www.valley-pregnancycenter.org.

Health

DUBLIN PATH WANDERERS Walking, while chatting with friends, is a pleasant way to exercise. Walk about 2 to 3 miles on level paths. Meet at designated sites. Call Rich Guarienti at 829-8376 for directions and more information.

FREE HEALTH FAIR A free Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at Shiva Vishnu Temple, 1232 Arrowhead Rd., Livermore. Medical advice, free evaluation for blood sugar, cholesterol, bone density, blood pressure and bone marrow drive. Call 449-6255 or email suman1218@yahoo.com.

Holiday

ROSH HASHANAH Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will present a non-religious Jewish New Year program of readings and music, followed by an apples and honey reception from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 8 at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Children are welcome to attend. You are encouraged to bring canned or boxed food for the food bank. Free to members; \$10 for adult non-member 13 and over. Call 485-1049 or visit www.Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

YOM KIPPUR Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold a non-religious short ceremony and a series of workshops for adults and children from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 18 at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. The ceremony will include readings, music and a memorial. Adult workshops on guilt, forgiveness, charity and social change. Bring canned or boxed food for food bank. Cost \$10 for non-members 13 and over. Call 485-1049 or visit www.Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Kids & Teens

M.O.M.'S READING TIME This literacy program designed to introduce preschool-aged children to books and activities about unique people, cultures and events in their community will take place from

10-11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Museum On Main, 603 Main St., with the theme Autumn Harvest. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

AN AMERICAN SOLDIER OF 1846 Museum On Main presents the next 2010 Ed Kinney lecture series at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. An American Soldier of 1846, reenacted by Ernie Manzo, recalls both defeats and victories in the American takeover of California. Tickets \$5 for members and seniors; \$10 for non-members; and \$3 for students or teachers with ID. Visit www.museumonmain.org.

DMV OMBUDSMAN A representative from the DMV Ombudsman program will speak from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The program represents the interest of public safety for all Californians and assists as a go-between to ensure that senior drivers are treated fairly and consistently with the laws. Cost \$1.75 resident or \$2.25 for non-resident. Call 931-5369.

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Miscellaneous

FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER GRAND OPENING The new Firehouse Arts Center will have its grand opening from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 18 at 4444 Railroad Ave. Following the dedication, the public is invited to view the facility, which features a performing arts theater, art gallery and arts classrooms. The free open house will have music, refreshments, drawings and activities for children. Call 931-5340 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE YARD SALE This yard sale will take place from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at J. Rockcliff Realtors parking lot, 5075 Hopyard Rd., to raise money to support TVAR's mission to rescue homeless animals, providing them needed medical treatment, and supporting the fostering program placing animals in temporary homes until permanent homes are found. Call 829-4962 or visit www.tvar.org.

On Stage

BOBCAT GOLDTHWAIT Comedian, actor, writer and director Bobcat Goldthwait will perform from 7:30-11:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday,

Sept. 9-11 at Tommy T's Comedy Club, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Tickets range from \$14 to \$34. Call 227-1800 or visit www.tommyts.com.

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Political Notes

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING Share election enthusiasm and learn how to help the Republican tide roll to victory in November at a meeting from 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$26 for TVRWF members; \$30 for guests. RSVP required by Sept. 5; call 462-4931 or visit www.trivalley-republicanwomen.org.

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Support Groups

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CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Call 200-1943 or visit www.clutterless.org.

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE A public blood drive will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at Wells Fargo Dealer Services, 5000 Hopyard Dr.

Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: WELLSFARGOP). One donation can help save the lives of up to three people.

AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE A blood drive will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, at State Compensation Insurance Fund, 5890 Owens Dr. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: STATECOMP). One donation can help save the lives of up to three people.

LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Pleasanton Public Library needs volunteers for its Homebound Service, which provides homebound residents with library books, videos and CD's to community residents. In addition, the library hosts the Pleasanton Reads Project that needs volunteer tutors to provide one-on-one instruction in both basic literacy and English as a second language to residents over 18. Students and tutors usually meet once per week at a mutually convenient time and place. Tutoring and all necessary materials are free of charge. Contact Jan Bauman at 931-3411 or jbauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE Do you love animals? Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is holding an orientation for new volunteers, from 1-2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Learn about volunteer opportunities like fostering dogs or cats, socializing shelter animals, helping at adoption events and fundraisers, and many other roles. For ages 18 and older. Cost is \$10 cash or check to help cover the cost of materials. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvar.org.

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CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

More than 30 pipe bands will perform at the Scottish Gathering and Games at the fairgrounds this weekend. Heavy Lifting Championships include caber tossing, with the object being to throw the pole in as straight a line as possible.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Bring on the bagpipes! And the highland dancers and heavy weight athletes. Don't forget the fish 'n' chips — and the ale.

This weekend is the 145th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, an event presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco that gives everyone a chance to enjoy a wee taste of Glasgow and beyond.

Activities will include performances by 33 pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada, the U.S. Marine Marching Band, Highland Dancing and Celtic Heritage music with six stages of continuous traditional and Celtic Rock music.

Five buildings at the Fairgrounds will present vendors as well as American and British food. Other highlights of the Gathering and Games include:

- Living history: Reenactment guilds with Mary Queen of Scots and her entourage; Highland Warriors, Roman Legions and invading Vikings; period artisans and craftsmen.
- Gathering of the Clans: This is the place, with nearly 100 clan tents, to research one's heritage for Scottish blood.
- For the youngsters: Children's Glen with games and prizes.
- Birds of Prey: More than 20 exotic birds, including hawks, falcons and owls.
- Sheep dog trials: Demonstrations by the Northern California Working Sheepdog Association.
- Clydesdale horse team.
- Highland cattle, aka "coos": With long coats of hair, these magnificent animals are ready for the cold Scottish winter.
- Soccer: The quick game of Five-A-Side soccer with eight teams from California and Nevada.
- British Motor Car Cavalcade with British marquee clubs displaying their automobiles.
- Kilted mile: Competition on Saturday for all ages, running the one-mile track for prizes and glory. Kilt required.
- Whisky Tasting: For an additional cost, sample premium single malt whiskies and/or attend a seminar with a Whisky Master.

Check out the heavy lifters

For athletic spectator thrills, check out the world's premier professional athletes at the 36th U.S. Invitational Heavy Events Championship hosting amateur, women's and masters competition.

The championship is part of the International Highland Games Federation Super Series with competitors from Scotland, Australia and the Netherlands, as well as six U.S. states in the 10-man pro class. They compete for the World Championship in the Caber and Weight-For-Height venues.

The Men's Open Amateur and Women's Open classes, augmented by three women's and men's Master divisions for older athletes, encompass an additional 12 states and the countries of Canada, Belgium, Japan and Switzerland. Each entrant must compete in all eight of the Heavy Event categories resulting with a winner in each of the disciplines, plus the overall champion in all divisions.

The Scottish Heavy Events will be onstage both days, with the morning round of events at the soccer field. The events include the 17.6 Pound Regular Stone Putt, the 26.6 Pound Braemar Stone Putt, the 28 Pound Weight-For-Distance, the 56 Pound Weight-For-Distance, the 16 Pound Hammer and the 22 Pound Hammer.

At 1 p.m. the action continues in front of the main grandstands with the 56 Pound Weight-For-Height and ancient tossing of the Caber events.

March Under the Arch

The festivities begin at 2 p.m. today with the March Under the Arch by the U.S. Marine Band San Diego, with officers of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco and dignitaries at the Pleasanton arch.

Both Saturday and Sunday, at 3:45 p.m., the bands will mass at the bandstand to perform together the spine-tingling sounds of Amazing Grace and Scotland the Brave. ■



Going plaid

What: 145th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games
Where: Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton
When: 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday
Cost: adults, \$18 (two days, \$27); seniors and youths, \$12; under 12, free
Grandstand show: 33 massed Pipe Bands and U.S. Marine Band San Diego in concert; 3:45 p.m. both days.

Leading the pipers

Pleasanton woman is ambassador at Glasgow Piping Fest

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When 8,000 pipers descended in Glasgow, Scotland, recently for its International Piping Festival, Piping Live!, Pleasanton resident Megan Canning was waiting for them.

Canning, 19, worked as an ambassador for the festival, and she was in Glasgow for its launch.

"I've been playing the bagpipes since I was a child and I think it's fantastic that we have a festival to celebrate them," said Canning, who pipes with the Field Marshal Montgomery pipe band. "I hope any young people that think the instrument is old-fashioned will come out and see for themselves how modern the music is and how young pipers are taking it forward."

Festival director Roddy McLeod agreed.

"Piping Live! shows the bagpipes in all of their diverse glory and this year's program is particularly strong," he said. "Whether you are a traditionalist, you like your pipe music with a twist, or you have never heard real world class pipe music before, there is something



Pleasanton resident Megan Canning practices her piping in Glasgow, Scotland, where she worked on its International Piping Festival, Piping Live!

for you to enjoy at Piping Live!"

In addition to the 8,000 pipers, 30,000 traditional music fans from around the globe were expected to descend upon Glasgow for this year's Piping Live! held Aug. 9-15.

Closer to home, everyone can enjoy piping Sept. 4-5 when the Caledonian Club of San Francisco presents the 145th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. ■

POETIC PLEASANTON



BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Movie star meeting inspires a poem

In my job as a journalist, I occasionally meet and interview celebrities. While waiting for the interviews to start, I notice how the celebrities' entourages hover around them, restricting their access to everyday experience. I recently interviewed a celebrity in San Francisco who was representing a Polish vodka. We spoke briefly about the product, and then talked for a few minutes about growing up across the river from each other in New Jersey and Delaware. The end of the poem captures the scene of our discussion.

Celebrity Lifecycle

*A normal cocoon
of baby blankets, blue rattles
and Golden books.*

*The slow crawl out of pupa
on Jersey playground.*

*Years of brick schools
and stern teachers,
finding solace on stage.*

*Fly to Tinsel Town
for some moonlighting.
Battle at Armageddon
and capture die hard fans.*

*Even so, this fragile butterfly
alights in a city suite
amid clouds of security.*

*Managers, agents mill about
like caterpillars
to promote product,
surprised to hear the joy
of growing up Jersey.*

Coming soon: 'Poetry on Main'

Through our new "Poetry on Main" monthly poets' group starting in September, I look forward to meeting first-time poets and those who may have written for years. On Sept. 9, we'll begin a once-a-month, second Thursday "Poetry on Main" group for

feedback and appreciation of each others' poems.

"Poetry on Main" will be held in downtown Pleasanton from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Little Valley Winery, 739 Main St. Marilyn Slade of Pleasanton, author of humorous poetry and prose, will co-host the gatherings. Bring two poems with some copies of each to share and discuss. The event is free with soft drinks provided. No-host wine by the glass with ID.

Deborah Grossman is Pleasanton's Poet Laureate. Email her at pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com.

OF NOTE

Scholarship for achievements

Caroline Federighi, a 2010 Amador Valley High School graduate, received a \$6,000 scholarship from the Operating Engineers Local 3 construction union. Many of her family members belong to Local 3, including her father and two brothers.

Federighi won the first-place female scholarship for her academic and extra-curricular achievements throughout high school. She was a member of the California Scholarship Foundation (CSF) for all four years and also belonged to Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together (GETSET). She was the captain of the varsity lacrosse team and received the Scholar Athlete Award for lacrosse in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

She is attending the University of Oregon to play lacrosse and study human physiology/pre-med.



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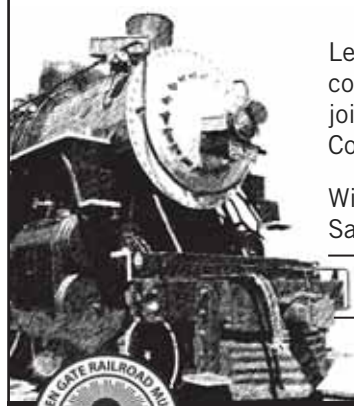
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Rodeo queen competes, too

Foothill High teen touts 'Western life'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Ingrid Cuffe, 16, reigned as Rowell Ranch Jr. Rodeo Queen recently, where she also competed. She has been making appearances to promote the "western way of life" at other events, including the Livermore Professional Rodeo and the California State Fair.

Ingrid, a Pleasanton resident, has special cards with her photo and information to hand out to children.

"Most of them are kind of shy," she said. "But one will come up and then they all come up."

Ingrid, a junior at Foothill High, is the daughter of Sonja and Jeff Cuffe. She began riding horses with her mother about five years ago, she said. She has also raised two Guide Dogs for the Blind.

"On the weekend you can find me on a trail ride, at a jackpot barrel race or hanging out with my friends," Ingrid states on the cards she hands out. "I'm a very happy-go-lucky person and love to laugh."

Perhaps that helped the judges choose her to be Rowell Ranch Jr. Rodeo Queen.

"I had to fill out an application, then there was a day with a personal interview with the judges," she recalled.

They also watched her ride a pattern, and noted how she was with people because being nice is part of the job.

At the rodeo she competed on Loui, her 6-year-old chestnut quarter horse, in barrel racing and pole bending. Barrel racing entails weaving around three barrels in a tight



Ingrid Cuffe, 16, a junior at Foothill High School, reigned as the Rowell Ranch Jr. Rodeo Queen.

cloverleaf pattern, she explained. Pole bending is riding in and out of a line of poles.

"Not only is the rodeo a great way to spend a beautiful summer weekend, but it's also an awesome way to spend time with your friends and family," she notes on her card.

She observed that rodeo activities come from a style of life which is important in this country.

"Rodeo is also unique because the anticipation and intensity can get to the point where the whole crowd is hoping the barrel racer can get a clean run and the bull rider can hold on for just more two seconds," she said. ■



Victorious 'Devils' from Amador Valley

Eleven students from Amador Valley High School were among the 140-plus members of the 2010 Blue Devils B Corps drum and bugle corps based in Concord who won this year's championships in Indianapolis: (l-r) Hugh Huynh, Whitney Herne, Chris Oppewall, David Xenakis, Ian Toy, Alex Richter, Ufkun Erdin, Brian Pratt, Lauren Brown, Scott Oppewall, and Brandon Smart. Not pictured is Jordan Rasmussen, an Amador senior who was a member of Blue Devils A Corps.

Blue Devils B competed in the Drum Corps International competitions this summer first in California and then in Indianapolis, where they took first place and became World Champions of the Open Class of Drum Corps International on Aug. 14.

The Amador Valley members of the Blue Devils are shown standing in front of Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis after winning the World Championship. They are all wearing their gold medals, and six of the 11 are wearing two gold medals because they also were in the World Championship corps in 2009.



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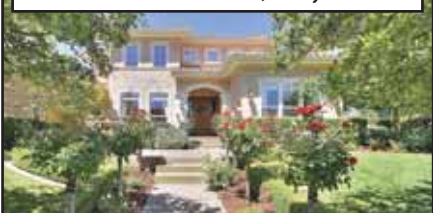
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Average sales reported: \$596,250

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Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$82,000
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Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$169,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,625,000
Average sales reported: \$797,417

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Total sales reported: 22
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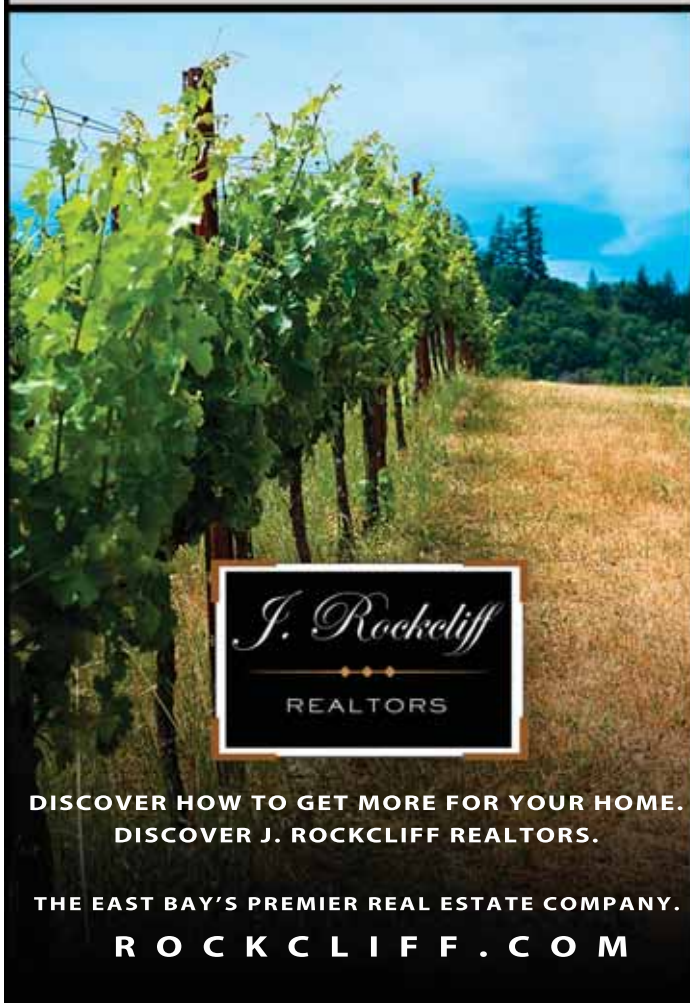
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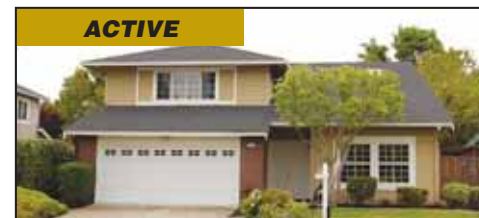
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