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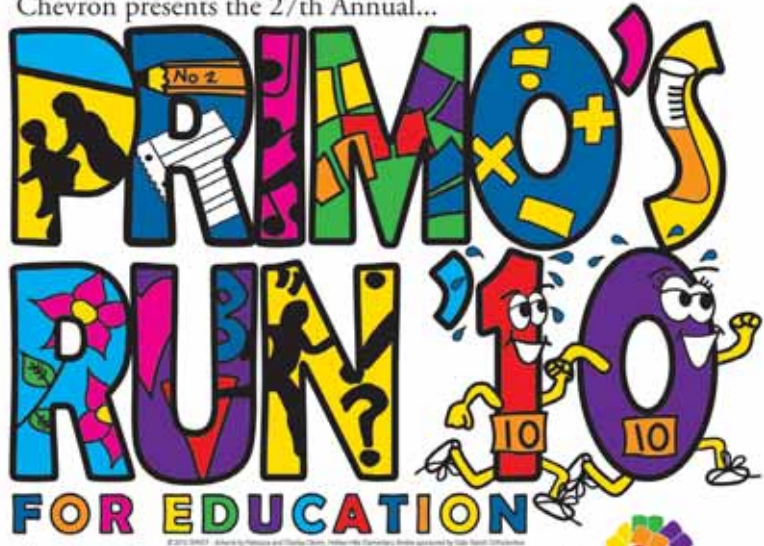
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The following is a partial list of my goals as a Pleasanton City Councilmember:

- #1 Remain Committed to Ridgeline Protection
- #2 Retain Slow Growth and Planned Progress
- #3 Restore Ethical and Representative Government
- #4 Revitalize Pleasanton's Economic Development
- #5 Revisit the Community/Youth Center Plan

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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Pipelines and Pioneer

Jim Miguel, the newly hired chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, and his deputy chief Joe Rodondi were fast on their feet to calm the two communities following the devastating natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno last month that has now taken the lives of nine people. Miguel and Rodondi appeared before the Pleasanton Planning Commission and most recently the City Council, as they've also done in Livermore, to talk about how they are working with PG&E and state public utility inspectors to ensure that buried gas pipelines that pass through part of Livermore and skirt Pleasanton's southeastern border along Vallecitos Road and Highway 84 pose no threat to the area. That's not to say these pipelines are without worry. PG&E has reported that parts of it are on its "at risk" list, although "risk" may have been too strong a word for a pipeline that is aging and is on PG&E's schedule for physical inspection and possible replacement.

Miguel said he and Rodondi are meeting with PG&E on a regular basis, have joined in the above-ground inspections, are reading and being updated by PG&E's aerial surveillance teams, and have specific route information on where the pipeline is and nearby homes and businesses. A big relief Miguel points out is that the section of the gas pipeline that travels directly through and under parts of Ruby Hill has been abandoned — although it's still there — and replaced at the time Ruby Hill was developed with a newer section (that's not on the at-risk list) that follows the Highway 84 route.

I also saw Tom Guarino, head of PG&E's government relations team, at a ceremony opening the new I-680 toll lane. Back from several days of 24/7 onsite duty in San Bruno, Guarino said the Livermore pipeline extends into Sunol and then south to Fremont. It's on PG&E's "Top 100" list of gas pipelines that are part of the utility's ongoing risk management program that is used to prioritize engineering analyses and future work on transmission pipelines. In many cases, that consists solely of monitoring, whereas in others it means repair or replacement. But it's a list of projects PG&E has identified as priority candidates for replacement or upgrade for reasons of public safety. Any issue identified as a threat to public safety is always

addressed right away, Guarino said, adding that PG&E doesn't delay or defer work that is necessary for public safety.

As forthright as PG&E has been since San Bruno, it should be noted, however, that the pipeline that exploded there was not on the "Top 100" list of locations that PG&E has since released. Miguel also pointed out that the National Transportation Safety Board investigation of the San Bruno explosion is not complete. It's still unknown why the pipeline there ruptured, exploded and caught fire. Clearly, he said, PG&E and its team of investigators need to know what happened in San Bruno before they can say with confidence that a similar tragedy is highly unlikely in Pleasanton or Livermore.

Still, Miguel and Rodondi's immediate response to check on pipeline safety in the communities they serve makes it comforting to know that they are on top of potential dangers with the data and other tools they would need if a pipeline failed here. They also will report back to both cities and the public as more information becomes available.

Pioneer Cemetery a disappointment

Gravesites go on sale today at Pleasanton's newly expanded Pioneer Cemetery but buyers beware. The cost for double-burial gravesites at \$10,198 for full burial and \$4,277 for plots holding the remains of two individuals seems steep given the condition of the cemetery, which the city plans to leave as is. No grass, no sprinkling system. Add to that a regulation stipulating that the sites can't be re-sold once purchased could leave the cemetery with a number of unused plots if owners move away from Pleasanton. These prices and policies need to be revisited. ■



JEB BING

New gravesites at Pioneer Cemetery. What you see is what you get for \$10,000.

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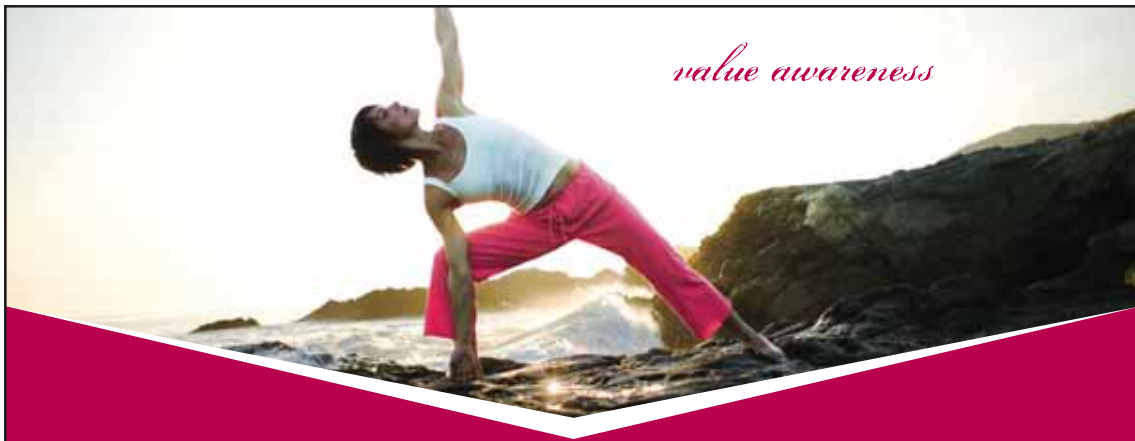
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I've always been a problem solver. I believe Pleasanton needs strong leadership and a strong experience base in both business and community leadership when it comes to solving the complex financial, job retention, job creation, infrastructure and quality of life issues facing this community going forward.

Please take a moment to browse my website which contains information on where I stand on the major issues facing our City. Let me know what you think.

I truly appreciate your consideration, your support, and your vote.

Warmest regards,

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Are you concerned about the natural gas pipelines near Pleasanton that PG&E says may be at risk?



Diane Joaquin-Romero
 Dental Hygienist

Yes. I think there should be more investigation of the existing pipelines. It was reported that the residents of San Bruno smelled gas fumes prior to the explosion, and that makes me wonder if it might have been prevented. As customers of PG&E, we want to be protected.

Elaina Gates
 Student

The possibility of an explosion here like the one in San Bruno does worry me. I think the pipeline should be fixed right away.



Rich Marpoglio
 Retired

I'm not overly concerned, but the age of the pipelines does bother me. They haven't been maintained properly for many years, and it could pose a risk. In general, I'm not that worried, though I do believe they should be examined.

Tim Waters
 Manager

Yes, I am concerned. The age of the infrastructure indicates that it needs to be thoroughly checked out.



Mazella
 Singer for The Black Pearl Project

I am worried because the aging infrastructure of this country needs to be addressed and considered a priority. The disaster did raise concerns for me, though the pipelines aren't the only things that need to be maintained. Our entire infrastructure should be examined and repaired when necessary.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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DIGEST

Walk to School Week

Pleasanton elementary schools will participate in the International Walk to School Week from Oct. 5-8. Schools will hold morning celebrations for students and parents to enjoy refreshments hosted by the city beginning 30 minutes prior to the first bell.

"Walk to School Day will allow parents to spend time with their children and see how beneficial walking to school is for their children and their school," said Lisa Adamos, Economic Development Specialist with the city of Pleasanton.

The annual event is part of Rides to School, Pleasanton's School Traffic Calming Program. Parent volunteers will help coordinate the refreshment parties, which will welcome the hundreds of walkers each morning.

Party Palooza 2010

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation invites everyone to Party Palooza 2010, a series of special events to raise money plus spread the word about the foundation, which provides financial help to cancer patients for therapies not covered by insurance.

Palooza launches tomorrow night with an International Food Flight as well as Under the Tuscan Sun, an evening of Italian food and bocce ball. Other events include Art Palooza with a trip to the De Young Museum; Comedy Night: Stand Up Against Cancer; and Abracadabra: A Magic Show for the Entire Family.

For a complete list of events, call (866) 862-7270 or visit www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org/palooza.

National Crime Prevention Month

October is dedicated to stopping crime, and McGruff the Crime Dog will be at the Pleasanton Police Department from 3-5 p.m. today giving out crime prevention materials and other goodies in reusable Halloween bags. The quantities are limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

The Pleasanton Police Department reported that crime is down both nationally and locally. On the national level, violent crimes have gone down since the 1990s with a 5.5% drop in violent crimes and a 4.9% decrease from 2008 to 2009 alone.

Police also said Pleasanton had its lowest crime rate in 22 years in 2009 but noted that preventing crime takes action from everyone. The city has more than 200 Neighborhood Watch groups, and the Police Department has nearly 30 volunteers, citizen and teen academies, D.A.R.E. and other outreach programs.

Finances, test scores among topics at PUSD

With no state budget, district unsure about funding

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Three months into the Pleasanton school district's fiscal year and a month into classes, and there's still little word about how much the state will actually be giving schools.

"We still don't have a state budget," Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, told the board at its meeting Tuesday. "We now have a new record."

The budget is more than 90 days late, and Cazares said the current estimate is that a final vote could come "sometime next week."

However, some federal stimulus money — about \$2.7 million — is headed to the district and should arrive any day. The money is part of the \$10 billion federal jobs bill, designated to help schools keep employees on the payroll and reduce furlough days.

The catch, Cazares recently said, is that California could ultimately want some of the money or could reduce funding by the amount of the federal funds — or more.

Meanwhile, with public institutions coming under increasing scrutiny, the board discussed its commitment to show the public "where we spend every dollar," Trustee Pat Kernan said.

Kernan mentioned that the board hadn't voted itself a raise in 14 years; board members currently make \$400 per month.

He also said budget issues were part of the reason for hiring Parvin Ahmadi as the district's new superintendent.

"She's very data-driven," Kernan said.

Other board members agreed that the district has to keep its books and its decision-making process available to the public.

"We do need to be as open and transparent as possible," Jamie Hintzke said.

The board approved the district's unaudited fiscal financial statements from the 2009-10 school year, which among other things maintains a 3 percent reserve, nearly \$3.5 million, for economic uncertainties; Cazares explained that reserve will help the district when seeking money from outside sources.

The district's inability to fully finance a trust for retirees brought some concern from school board candidate Sandy Piderit.

"We should have made \$1.3 million in payments," Piderit said. "We still need to make sure, as a district, how to honor that obligation."

The board approved borrowing \$100,000 from the Sycamore Fund, to be repaid with interest over five years.

The board also heard a report about its Academic Performance Index (API), Advanced Placement (AP) tests, Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) scores. In general, the district is doing well; with scores above average and improving every year. However, some students, particularly those with disabilities and the socio-economically disadvantaged, score far below their peers and are of particular concern for the district, which is required under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act to improve the scores of all subgroups.

Ahmadi said improving scores for underperforming students is "a moral imperative."

However, Board Member Jim Ott pointed out that the 100% success rate expected by 2010 is unrealistic.

"If you have a school with 1,000 students, one of them is not going to be proficient," he said.

School board candidate Joan Laursen said it's more likely that NCLB will not require 100 percent proficiency but will look for improvement instead.

"What are we doing and what can we do to increase parent involvement?" Laursen also asked.

In other matters, the board did the following:

■ Thanked two organizations that provided backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children in the district. The National Charity League, a mother-daughter organization headed locally by Dana Dotson, Renee Kantor and Lainie Krieger, donated 125 backpacks; Darlene Phillipe and Loren Hirst, founder of Physical Therapy Specialties, donated 32.

■ Heard from teachers' union president Trevor Knaggs, who talked about a growing national trend of blaming teachers for poor performance. Knaggs mentioned a new movie, "Waiting for Superman," which was featured on Oprah Winfrey's television show, and the Los Angeles Times database of teacher effectiveness as examples.

■ Acknowledged a gift of \$10,000 for a science mobile lab at Hart Middle School from Law-

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BARBARA KUSHA

Coastal Cleanup includes our creeks

Michaela (left) and Simone Johnson Blanchard brave the heat and dusty air Saturday to pick up debris along Arroyo de la Laguna. The girls were part of a corps of volunteers who helped pull more than 280 pounds of trash and recyclables and 53 tires out of creeks in Pleasanton as part of the 26th annual California Coastal Cleanup. Experts believe that a large portion of the trash found along California's beaches originates from inland sources and reaches the coast via creeks that drain to the Bay or the coast.

Pleasanton city staff reported a significant reduction in the amount of trash collected this year, attributing the change to a combination of factors: Pleasanton has participated in the Coastal Cleanup for 13 years, so past accumulations have previously been cleared; CalTrans has been more diligent in cleaning up debris along I-680 that can end up in the adjacent creeks; and the public is more conscientious about not littering.

Neighbors protest proposed cell phone tower

65-foot 'faux pine' would be ugly health risk, they say

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Searching for better reception for its clients, Verizon Wireless hopes to install a 65-foot tower disguised as a pine tree in a city-owned pump station facility off I-680 in the northwest corner of the Bernal Corporate Business Park on Koll Center Parkway. But neighbors of the business park are objecting.

"The fake tree will take away from the quality look of our neighborhood," Gerri Gire of Corte Monterey told the Planning Commission on Sept. 22. "They said it was not visible to the neighborhood, but it is visible to the neighborhood."

Neighbors also stated that the proposed cell tower raises health fears. Pleasanton has an ordinance that cell towers may not be located within 300 feet of a school or a park and the neighbors interpreted that to mean a health danger. Several women stated that their children play near the arroyo between their neighborhood and the business park so it should be treated like a park.

Planning Manager Janice Stern clarified that the 300-foot regulation, which is unique to Pleasanton, is strictly for aesthetics, not due to health issues.

"We have towers on schools and parks all over the state," said Mark Lobaugh of Complete Wireless Consulting Inc., which would install the tower for Verizon.

Lobaugh first applied for approval with the city in September 2009, noting that it would provide coverage for the residential

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neighborhoods of Highland Oaks, Oak Hill, Foothill Knolls, Laguna Oaks, Valley Trails and Del Prado.

After several site visits and meetings, the city sent out a notice regarding the proposal to neighbors, who responded with concerns about visual impact, health effects and the subsequent impact on their property values.

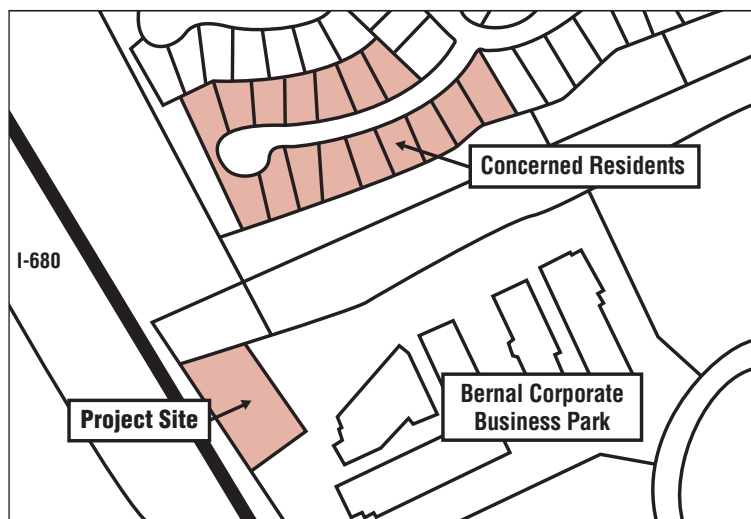
At the meeting, city planning staff asked if the applicant could look at the T-Mobile tower located in the business park that is farther away from the neighborhood and see if the two wireless services could be combined. Lobaugh said this is not an option.

"We started our search for a site one-and-a-half to two years ago," said Lobaugh. "We spent a lot of time looking at various sites. We thought it was the ideal site. It's completely ringed by trees."

He noted that designers had gone to great lengths to make the tower resemble a "mono-pine" that would blend in with the landscaping near the freeway as part of the existing tree canopy. He also said that the city's pump station facility site has room for Verizon's ground equipment.

"We have a backup diesel generator. We need it onsite," said Lobaugh. "We have a pretty robust footprint."

"I know it will generate revenue (for the city) and I'm sure that's appealing but it is not what we want,"



LILI CAO

Neighbors are objecting to a cell phone tower proposed for the northwest corner of Bernal Corporate Business Park.

Nancy Wedge of Corte Monterey told the commissioners.

The Planning Commissioners had questions about how the mono-pine would look although the applicant provided some simulations.

"I am not satisfied with these visuals," said Commissioner Kathy Narum. "It's not about how it looks on the freeway. It's how it looks in the neighborhood."

She also requested a diagram showing the area the cell tower is being erected to cover.

"I would like some concrete reasons why other buildings wouldn't work," she said.

Commissioners also requested close-up photographs of the pro-

posed faux tree, and asked the applicant to evaluate the southeast building in the business park. They gave the applicants 15 days to provide the following:

- Written evaluation on how far south on the site they could move the tower;
- Additional photo simulations taken from the arroyo between I-680 and the homes on Corte Monterey;
- More photos of what the mono-pine tower would look like; and
- An evaluation of wireless coverage available from the immediate building to the south of the site.

The matter was continued to the Planning Commission meeting of Oct. 27. ■

Teachers' union endorses Bowser, Laursen for school board

The Pleasanton schools teachers' union has endorsed Jeff Bowser and Joan Laursen for election to the school board on Nov. 2.

In announcing the endorsement by the Association of Pleasanton Teachers, its president Trevor Knaggs did not mention a third candidate, Sandy Piderit. Piderit, a visiting associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, served as chairwoman of the superintendent interview panel that ultimately chose Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi to head the district.

The three candidates are vying for two open seats on the school board. Incumbent board members Jim Ott and Patrick Kernan chose not to seek re-election.

Knaggs said the union's selection came "after an extremely thorough selection process."

In its endorsements, the union's selection committee, according to Knaggs, had these comments on the two candidates it has endorsed:

Jeff Bowser

"He knows how education works. He has a master's degree in Educational Leadership with a

credential as a professional educator. He worked for 13 years as a teacher and an administrator at the school, district and county levels.

"However, he combines this experience with his expertise in business and management in the private sector, which gives him a unique perspective on education in our district."

Joan Laursen

"Joan Laursen cares deeply about Pleasanton schools and she has gained invaluable experience through serving on the boards of numerous school and community organizations. She has a solid understanding of governance, oversight and fiscal responsibility.

"Her extensive knowledge of education and finance will help the district navigate these challenging fiscal times, while continuing to ensure that all students in Pleasanton receive an outstanding education."

The Association of Pleasanton Teachers is affiliated with the 340,000-member California Teachers Association and the 3.2 million-member National Education Association, Knaggs said. ■

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

New uniforms for Amador band

Give me an A! Give me a V! Members of the Amador Valley High School Marching Band (l-r) Ian Toy, Emily Truax, Myles Han, Nick Park show off their new uniforms with band director Jonathan Grantham. The uniforms — the school's first in 13 years — have stylized letters A and V in front and were donated by the Amador Friends of Music. The fundraising group has raised more than \$200,000 for the school's music programs, with the money going for, among other things, uniforms and instruments. The uniforms' official debut is Oct. 8.

Chamber endorses Hosterman, Cook-Kallio, Thorne

McGovern, Brown, Watson fail to gain business group's support

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has endorsed Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and City Council incumbents Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne for re-election on Nov. 2.

Scott Raty, president of the chamber, said the group's Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) believed the three candidates provided "decisive leadership" and experience during their current terms in office. At the same time, City Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who is challenging Hosterman for the top post, too often delayed decisions, costing taxpayers more money, the chamber PAC decided.

The PAC also rejected council candidates Karla Brown and Fred Watson as lacking the experience needed for the positions.

"The Chamber based its decisions on interviews with five of six candidates and a recent public forum sponsored by the chamber in which all six candidates addressed priorities and answered questions rooted in 'Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision,' the chamber's local public policy platform with goals for education, transportation, public safety, health, jobs, housing, arts, culture and recreation," Raty said.

McGovern declined an invitation by the chamber BACPAC to be interviewed as part of its candidate review process.

In the public forum, all six candidates agreed that Pleasanton is doing well, in spite of a weak and sluggish economy.

"Three candidates truly distinguish themselves with proven track records of accomplishment, demonstrating the leadership skills necessary to keep Pleasanton on the right track," Raty said. "Incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne have earned our support and deserve to be re-elected."

"Two challengers, Karla Brown and Fred Watson, lack experience

and are simply not well versed enough in the issues to keep Pleasanton on the right track," according to the BACPAC report. "Over the next two years, in a challenging economy, Pleasanton will need the experience of proven leaders, and cannot afford the distraction of the kind of 'on the job training' both will demand."

"In council member McGovern's challenge of Hosterman, we see a candidate who has made a habit of delaying action to the point of impeding sound proposals, often saying she needs more time — senior housing at Pleasanton Gardens and Kottinger Place are but two examples," the BACPAC statement continued. "Such delays often result in increased costs to the City in staff and consultant time, not to mention lost tax revenue to support needed public services."

"The community needs the commitment to service and decisive leadership Jennifer Hosterman brings to help Pleasanton remain one of the most highly desirable communities in which to live, work and raise a family," it added.

In its analysis of the candidates it endorsed, the BACPAC group made the following observations:

Jennifer Hosterman

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman has become an effective public executive and leader. Mayor Hosterman (along with Council members Cook-Kallio and Thorne) worked hard to make senior housing, a new auto mall, freeway oriented retail and a community park a reality on the former Staples Ranch property at El Charro Road and I-580. This project is important to protecting Pleasanton's tax base, creating new jobs, and helping our seniors, while providing new recreation opportunities for all ages.

She was effective in securing the county's railroad right-of-way for additional parking in downtown Pleasanton. Anyone who attended the opening of the Firehouse Arts Center this month knows the value of that additional parking. She understands the value and importance of business to a community, and has been a proponent of streamlining government to become more efficient and responsive.

She has worked hard to earn the trust of elected colleagues in the region (she is endorsed by Liv-

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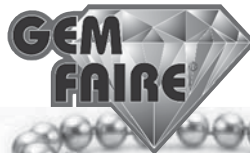
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rence Livermore National Laboratory and a \$2,500 gift from the Wells Fargo Community Support Program, which will pay for “smart classrooms” at Alisal Elementary School.

■ Discussed the Summer GATE (Gifted And Talented Education) program, which focused on creative writing, visual art and renewable resources. The program expected 50 students but 100 signed up for the program at a fee of \$180 per student. ■

CHAMBER

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ermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, and Danville Mayor Mike Doyle), and has earned positions of leadership on public boards and commissions that will benefit Pleasanton directly over the next two years. Foremost among them are the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) where Hosterman is working to secure funding for traffic solutions important to Pleasanton.

She also serves on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) that determines land-use control at our city's borders, where projects like that proposed for the former Staples Ranch are vital to the strength of the local economy and quality of life.

Based on her growth and maturation during her tenure as both a City Council member and mayor of Pleasanton, we believe Jennifer Hosterman is the best candidate for the job, and deserves to be re-elected to serve a final two years as Mayor.

Jerry Thorne

With a strong background in business, Jerry Thorne understands the importance of accountability in government. As a member of the city of Pleasanton's internal audit committee, Thorne championed responsible fiscal policies that helped Pleasanton earn “Excellence in Budgeting” awards from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers for the last seven years.

Since 1995, when first appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Thorne has been a strong advocate of quality-of-life projects and initiatives, including the Veterans Memorial Building, the Bernal Community Park, and the Firehouse Arts Center. He has consistently worked to make Pleasanton

a business-friendly city by streamlining the permitting processes and limiting unnecessary regulation.

He brings years of business experience to the Council so, when other cities turn to their taxpayers to bridge budget shortfalls, Thorne first asks where can we consolidate and streamline government to make it more efficient and less costly.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio

In every deliberation as a member of the Pleasanton City Council, Cheryl Cook-Kallio votes with the best interests of the total community foremost in mind. She supports maintaining a strong local economy and sensible initiatives to maintain and enhance Pleasanton's exceptional quality of life.

She was the early advocate for the Stoneridge Drive/Staples Ranch project. She, along with Mayor Hosterman and council member Thorne, not only recognized the importance of extending Stoneridge Drive to improving traffic circulation in north Pleasanton, but due to their leadership saved Pleasanton taxpayers an estimated \$8 million by agreeing to accept Alameda County's offer to pay for its construction if completed earlier rather than later. Ultimately Cook-Kallio was instrumental in garnering unanimous Council support for Staples Ranch.

Like Thorne, Cook-Kallio has been a strong advocate for the Veterans Hall, the Firehouse Civic Arts Center and other projects that enhance Pleasanton as a place to live, work and play while maintaining a position of fiscal responsibility.

Raty said that the Pleasanton Chamber is a private, not-for-profit association with more than 800 members that employ more than 10,000 area residents. More information about the chamber can be found at its website: www.pleasanton.org. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Down Mexico way: Peggy McLain and Pamela Hamermann read their Weekly while visiting Cabo San Lucas last year.

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LETTERS

Candidate funding

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Council Candidate's financial reports tell us a lot about the candidates. Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio received \$12,000 to \$13,000 in funds during the last reporting period, while their challengers had not yet collected anything. The most telling information is who the donors were: the attorney representing the Lins who have repeatedly filed lawsuits against the city of Pleasanton to force their development upon us, and developers and developer-interested parties.

Their challenger, Karla Brown, is a grassroots candidate who was co-chair of the committee to defeat of the Lins' Oak Grove development. She is receiving support and funds from the residents of Pleasanton. She is the candidate that you can count on to represent your interests as a citizen of Pleasanton. The mayor of Pleasanton had a large campaign fund from which she paid out \$5,000 to a campaign consultant. She may put out some slick mailers, but don't be fooled. Her challenger, Cindy McGovern, is the citizens' candidate. She voted against the Lins' Oak Grove development from the beginning and has consistently represented the interests of the residents of Pleasanton as a councilperson. Let's stand up for our interests as residents of this beautiful city and support the citizens' candidates, Cindy McGovern for mayor and Karla Brown for City Council.

Margo Tarver

Trusts Thorne

Dear Editor,

Jerry Thorne, candidate for reelection to Pleasanton's City Council, has been an excellent steward of our taxpayers interests and funds. On most every City Council action he seeks that which will benefit the most of Pleasanton, not just the few. His business experience as a corporate executive gives him the ability to wisely manage our city's programs and expenditures. I trust his judgment.

Please vote for Jerry Thorne.

Howard Seebach

McGovern for mayor

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton is at a crossroads, both literally and figuratively. We are facing issues that require honest, sound and effective guidance from our elected officials. We need a mayor who treats everyone at City Council with respect, including those who are expressing opinions she may not agree with. We need a leader who will listen to the entire community before making critical decisions that impact us all. Pleasanton needs Cindy McGovern as our mayor.

Looking forward, Pleasanton is facing budget, growth and traffic challenges that will require our

mayor to undertake the hard work of balancing neighborhood, business and individual concerns and issues with the huge task of maintaining quality city services, parks and streets, our great quality of life, and that small town atmosphere we all love. It won't be easy in a down economy. Cindy McGovern will do it with integrity!

Pleasanton needs a mayor whose campaign will not be funded, endorsed nor influenced by the Chamber BACPAC, outside political Independent Expenditure Committees or big developers. We need a council leader who encourages and appreciates citizen participation and collaboration on matters affecting the city. We need a mayor who treats residents and business owners, as well as staff and our commissioners with respect, not contempt. We may not agree with the final decision that the council makes, but with McGovern as mayor we will always know we've been heard and that our opinion is valued.

McGovern has proven that she can and will stand up for honesty, integrity and ethics in Pleasanton government. Elect Cindy McGovern as our mayor.

Billie Otis

McNerney supports military

Dear Editor,

Contrary to the some allegations, Congressman Jerry McNerney has been a supporter of our military. As a retired Air Force officer and having earned seven Vietnam campaign ribbons I admit that I abhor war. Yet McNerney has supported our military and as a junior member of the House Veterans Committee has directly caused Veterans Administration care improvements. His efforts to develop a San Joaquin VA facility and keep Livermore VA open are notable. He also pushed for military pay increases and has visited the war zone several times. His dedication to serving the needs of all those living in Congressional District 11 is apparent to anyone who is unbiased.

**William Evans,
retired USAF Lt. Col.**

'Citizens candidate'

Dear Editor,

Cindy McGovern has championed the best interests of Pleasanton's students, citizens, and the very way of life in our city for the past thirty plus years. A stickler for thoroughness and detail, she has thwarted large developers' ridge efforts to instill their will upon our city. At the same time she has provided stimulus to the refurbishment and vitality of our downtown area. Her efforts and fiscal overview have helped in stabilizing our city government during these difficult times.

Cindy places the interests of Pleasanton and our citizens first, not consultants, lawyers, and outside interests, unlike our present mayor.

Cindy McGovern is definitely the "citizens' candidate" for mayor.

Bill Hayes

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Airport agreement ends years of Pleasanton-Livermore disputes

The Livermore and Pleasanton city councils have put their heads together and come up winners. Last week both councils approved resolutions putting to rest years of disputes over noise and expansion issues at the Livermore Municipal Airport, which both cities now agree is of vital importance to business, local aircraft owners and for emergency preparedness. The resolutions keep in place liaison committees assigned by both councils to meet quarterly on airport issues and to make public noise monitoring reports from end-of-the-runway detection devices and telephone complaints. Livermore airport authorities have long contended that the bulk of complaints from Pleasanton residents come from a few of the same households that don't like the recreational single engine craft flying over their homes, mostly on weekends, and from others complaining about large jets heading to or coming from Oakland and San Jose airports that seem to be flying over Pleasanton at an increasing rate.

When it comes to noise, there's not much Pleasanton, Dublin or even the residents of Livermore can do about it. Noise mitigation measures that were put into place at some local and regional Bay Area airports in the 1980s can no longer be imposed. In the 1990s, in a series of moves to strengthen and solidify regulations at these airports, the federal government ruled that any plane meeting Federal Aviation Administration requirements can land and take off at any airport under FAA supervision, including Livermore. That being the case, the two city councils voted last week to have the Tri-Valley cities jointly lobby their federal representatives to support legislation to phase-out older, noisy jets, which are causing the major problem. Speaking in a coordinated manner, the mayors of the Tri-Valley cities can raise the issue in their annual meetings to federal representatives in Washington, D.C., as well as at national and regional associations they attend.

Both Livermore and Pleasanton could also establish a community forum of airport stakeholders to meet and discuss noise and flyover issues. Hayward's Community Airport Noise Forum meets quarterly and includes residents from San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward and Southgate, a pilots group, helicopter pilots and jet operators. The Aviation Advisory Committee for Buchanan Field in Concord includes residents from Concord, Pleasant Hill, Diablo Valley College, members at large, representatives from the airport and residents from each of the county supervisors' districts. A similar community group for the Livermore Airport could include the Tri-Valley cities, Las Positas College and those from the new developments planned on Staples Ranch, which borders the airport.

Cooperation between Livermore and Pleasanton has come a long way since the days when an outdated 1975 General Plan for the airport contained the possibility of longer runways and other accommodations that could attract more jets. The Livermore council scuttled that plan and its new General Plan amendment tightly controls growth at and around the airport without stifling the benefits for the region it serves. ■

The Livermore Municipal Airport is holding an open house from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. tomorrow with exhibits, food, entertainment, a display of Livermore-based aircraft, and an aerial performance. The local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association will sign up youngsters 8-17 for rides at a later date.

OBITUARIES

Harry M. Hempy Jr

Harry M. Hempy Jr., a Pleasanton resident for 50 years, died Sept. 21 at the age of 88.

He was born in Pomona on Oct. 20, 1921. During World War II, he piloted a B-17 flying fortress, flying 35 combat missions into Germany. He earned a Presidential Unit Citation for a Sept. 11, 1944, raid in which all the planes in his squadron were lost except his, which was aptly named "Heaven Can Wait." The plane is immortalized in a painting by Nicholas Trudgian depicting Hempy's plane landing in England



on two engines with over 100 bullet holes throughout the fuselage. While home on leave in 1943, he met his future bride, Evelyn Rhees.

After the war Mr. Hempy worked briefly as an air traffic controller before being recalled to duty for the Korean War. He was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he piloted supply planes to the Aleutian Chain. He returned as an air traffic controller which he remained until his retirement in 1973.

A Pleasanton resident for 50 years, Mr. Hempy built his home on Foothill Road where he participated in round-ups with the ranching Moller family and many newfound friends. He was a world traveler, visiting over 50 countries throughout his life, and particularly liked cruises.

Mr. Hempy was predeceased by his wife Marilyn in 1993. He is survived by sons Fred (Dineen) and Rick (Rhonda) of Pleasanton; daughters Sandy Philippe (Tom) of

Pleasanton and Sally Pereira (Dave) of Mountville, Pa.; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Dublin Pioneer Cemetery, 6600 Donlon Way at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Michele Calofilo

Michele Calofilo, a 17-year resident of Pleasanton, died at her home Sept. 24 at the age of 49.

She was born July 25, 1961, and loved running and the ocean.

She is survived by her son, Justin Tijerina of Huntington Beach; mother Iliana Hedean of Pleasanton; siblings Anne Calofilo of Lodi, Eric Hedean (Carol) of Covina, and Karen Dehl (Mark) of Pleasanton; nieces, nephews and cousins. A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 8, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Donations may be made to the Visiting

Angels, 16 Crow Canyon Court, Suite 200, San Ramon 94583.

Irene Hoffmann

Irene Hoffmann died Sept. 25 in Pleasanton just one month short of her 99th birthday.

She was born Oct. 26, 1911, in Davenport, Iowa. She married Wolfgang Heinrich Hoffmann in 1930 and they moved to California in the 1960s. She loved her family, entertaining and musicals. She was an avid bridge player and worked crossword puzzles until recently.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years. She is survived by her son Bob (Margie) Hoffmann and his family; daughter Judy (Dick) Gregory of Pleasanton; granddaughter Kris (Greg) Weaver, grandson Paul (Greta) Gregory and five great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 8 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore.



Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Oakland, after he completed his six months of training with the National Guard. They married in 1961 and lived in Oakland and San Leandro before moving to Pleasanton in 1971. They quickly became immersed in the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, building their lives around church activities. He was a board member of the TMUG (Tri-Valley Mac Users Group) and an active volunteer with the Centerpointe Church Helping Hands group that provides free technology services to folks who need help.

The Griffeaths pursued their passion for square dancing until he could no longer dance, but they still attended square dance festivals. He was an eclectic collector of many things including Chevron cars and trucks, and unusual glass items, such as eyeballs.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; son Dave and daughter Linda Coensgen, both of Livermore; sister Barbara Janosko of Meridian, Idaho; step-mother Bernice Griffeath of San Ramon; and six grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be held at 1:10 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Centerpointe Worship Center, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Contributions may be made to either the ALS Association, Greater Bay Area Chapter, One Embarcadero Center, Suite 1530, San Francisco 94111; or the Centerpointe Church Building Fund, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton 94566.

Ronald Eugene Griffeath

Ronald Eugene Griffeath, a 40-year resident of Pleasanton, died Sept. 22 after a four-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was 74.

He was born in Oakland, graduated Castlemont High School, attended UC Berkeley, and then started his professional career with Shell Oil in the chemistry lab. When Shell moved to Texas, he joined Chevron. About that time he became interested in computers, which led to a 28-year informational technology career with Chevron that ended with his retirement in 1998.

He met his wife-to-be Marilyn at a college-age group at Park



BIRTHS

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

July 31

Dawn and Brian Chapman, a girl

Aug. 8

Silvia and Hector Hernandez, a girl

Aug. 10

Kaitlynn Esplin and Nelson Alves, a boy

WEDDINGS

Fredette-Gehrett

Jennifer Fredette married Matthew Gehrett at the Sagamore in Bolton Landing, N.Y., on Aug. 7. Jennifer is the daughter of Gloria and Richard Fredette of Pleasanton. Matthew is the son of David and Daliah Gehrett of Albany, Ore. The ceremony and subsequent reception were held aboard The Morgan as it sailed on Lake George. Jennifer adorned her gown with her great-grandmother's pocket watch, as had her mother before her.

Jennifer is a graduate of Amador Valley High and Matthew graduated from South Albany High in Oregon. The newlyweds met while they attended the University of the Pacific



in Stockton, where they appeared together onstage. After graduation, Jennifer completed her Ph.D. at the University of Washington in Seattle. The couple resides in Albany, N.Y.; Jennifer is a visiting professor at SUNY-Albany and Matthew is completing a Masters in Public Administration. The couple honeymooned on the French Riviera.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

POLICE BULLETIN

Boat fire may be arson

A Saturday boat fire in the 7800 block of Paseo Santa Cruz may have been deliberately set, according to a Pleasanton police report.

Officers responded to a 911 call at about 1:15 a.m.

near the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, where they found a Malibu ski boat, its trailer and a tree in the park on fire. The Livermore-Pleasanton fire department responded, contained the fire, and determined the source was not electrical. No one was injured, and there was no damage to homes in the area.

Police searched the area but were unable to find any suspects. The investigation is continuing, and police are asking anyone with information to call them at 931-5100.

POLICE REPORT

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

Sept 20

Petty theft

- 11:05 a.m. in the 2600 block of Minton Court

Sept. 21

Identity theft

- 5:40 p.m. in the 6600 block of Singletree Way

Sept. 22

Petty theft

- 3:47 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 8:13 a.m. at the intersection of Pimlico Drive and Santa Rita Road
- 10:18 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive
- 3:04 p.m. near the intersection of Interstate 680 and Stoneridge Drive

Drug/alcohol charges

- 7:59 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; public drunkenness
- 9:47 p.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive; DUI

Sept. 23

Grand theft

- 7:01 p.m. at the intersection of Old Vineyard Road and Vineyard Road

Vandalism

- 3:57 p.m. at the intersection of

- Stoneridge Drive and I-680
- 4:52 p.m. at the intersection of I-680 and W. Las Positas Boulevard

Drug/alcohol charges

- 3:25 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; possession of marijuana
- 11:18 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

Sept. 24

Theft

- 9:35 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 11:26 a.m. in the 300 block of Christina Court; auto theft
- 3:51 p.m. in the 700 block of Bonita Avenue; grand theft
- 5:17 p.m. in the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway; petty theft
- 6:03 p.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive; grand theft
- 9:31 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Battery

- 8:20 p.m. at the intersection of Sonoma Drive and Junipero Drive

Drug/alcohol charges

- 7:33 p.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 9:08 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale

Sept. 25

Theft

- 2:15 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
- 6:54 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:54 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

- 8:37 a.m. in the 3500 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Drug/alcohol charges

- 8:28 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 11:39 p.m. in the 2800 block of Brezza Court; possession of marijuana

Sept. 26

Theft

- 9:36 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; petty theft
- 4:07 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft

Battery

- 1:25 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; battery, assault with a deadly weapon

Drug/alcohol charges

- 12:11 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
- 9:47 a.m. at the intersection of Neal Street and First Street; public drunkenness

- 6:55 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of a controlled substance, possession of a prescription in another person's name

- 8:42 p.m. in the 2300 block of E. Ruby Hill Drive; DUI

THE CITY OF

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2009 (09/10)
- Public Hearing: PUD-80-16-13M, LBA Realty (Paul Thometz) - Consider an application for a modification to an approved Planned Unit Development for an approximately 65,000 sq. ft., two-story research and development building with an enclosed outdoor service yard on the northwest corner of a developed 26.15 acre site located at 4900 to 5040 Johnson Drive
- Public Hearing: PRZ-57, City of Pleasanton, Hacienda Business Park Rezoning Introduce an ordinance to amend the zoning for three sites in Hacienda Business Park to remove Section 5 of Ordinance No. 1998 and to allow the submittal of development applications consistent with the settlement agreement approved by the City Council on August 17, 2010 in the case of Urban Habitat v. City of Pleasanton. Site 1: Southeast corner of Willow Road and Owens Drive (APN 941-2778-013 and a portion of APN 941-2778-012); Site 2: North of Gibraltar Drive and Hacienda Drive (APN 941-2778-011) Site 3: Southeast corner of Gibraltar Drive and Willow Road (a portion of APN 941 2761 003). Zoning is PUD-M-U
- Update regarding the City's Climate Action Plan

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Roundtable Discussion Overview – Health Services

Civic Arts Commission

The October 4, 2010 meeting of the Civic Arts Commission has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be held on November 1, 2010.

Applications are being accepted for the new Ad-Hoc Housing Element Task Force

The City Council is accepting applications for five at-large members for the new Housing Element Task Force. Applicants must be residents of the City of Pleasanton with an interest in understanding the housing needs of the community and recommending where the City should plan for future housing. Applicants should be willing to attend at least one or two meetings a month from late October 2010 through November 2011.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Please indicate you are applying for the Housing Element Task Force. For additional information, please contact Janice Stern, Planning Manager, at 925-931-5606 or jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Applications must be received no later than **Friday, October 8th at 4:00 p.m.** Postmarks are not accepted.

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

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CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Jennifer Hosterman



Pleasanton was named among the top 100 cities to live by Money Magazine, citing great schools, low crime, beautiful parks and a rich culture which values the arts and amenities for all ages. Pleasanton has been the recipient of awards for fiscal health every year I've served as mayor. While other cities have laid off police officers and cut programs, we've been able to protect services.

Despite the economic recession, Pleasanton continues to get better. Through focused and transparent decision making and management, we have accomplished a great deal from creek restoration to greening our city, ensuring that our first responders have the tools they need and attracting and retaining new business. We have been able to forge consensus on contentious issues by focusing on what is best for Pleasanton.

Pleasanton is a great place to raise kids and to grow old; I will work tirelessly to keep it that way. I have been honored to serve you as mayor these past six years. If you give me your vote, I will continue to work diligently on your behalf, to keep Pleasanton the great place it is to live, work and raise families. Thank you for your trust and confidence. www.jenniferhosterman.com

Cindy McGovern



My candidacy offers a change in leadership. I believe in a government that is for the people, by the people, not one influenced by special interests or political action committees. My grassroots campaign frees me to make decisions based on the goal of maintaining a safe, fiscally sound and environmentally sustainable community.

Two critical challenges Pleasanton faces today are our unstable economy and the loss of our Housing Cap. I am fiscally conservative and I serve on the City Finance Committee. I will work for growth management policies that control growth, sustain city services and infrastructure, maintain public safety, and protect our Pleasanton quality of life. I'm committed to ridgeline protection, a strong relationship with the school district, regional traffic improvements and development of a Youth Center.

As a 30-year community volunteer, 10-year school board member and now as a six-year councilmember, I have proven myself to be an effective leader with integrity. I am known for doing my homework, asking the tough questions and listening to the community before I make my decisions. I am a recipient of the Pleasanton Mayor's Award and was named the Pleasanton Weekly's Woman of the Year. I ask for your vote for mayor. www.mcgovern4-mayor.com.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Karla Brown



I believe Pleasanton is ready for a change in leadership. I am a candidate that welcomes citizen participation, listens to issues and acts promptly to save time and money. I stand firmly against paid consultants exercising civic influence through large campaign contributions.

Three years ago, I was co-chair of a grassroots organization that collected 10,400 voter signatures to put ridgeline protection laws and a housing development on the ballot. I was co-author of the new laws and co-chair for "NO Houses on the Ridges." Voters were strong supporters, but both incumbents fought against us every step of the way.

Our city budget is funded 60% by local retail, commercial and industrial businesses. Our office vacancy rate has risen to over 30% in many areas. I will work to attract thriving companies to provide city revenue and local jobs.

A recent lawsuit overturned our voter approved Housing Cap. I represent slow and smart growth. Future housing should be carefully evaluated, should support a range of resident ages and should conserve natural resources.

I am a business woman in Pleasanton, and I hold a degree from San Jose State University. My husband Tim Belcher and I raised our family here. I am proud to be a new voice in Pleasanton-- Karla Brown for City Council. www.Vote4Karla.com.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio



At this pivotal time for Pleasanton, decisions will impact our city for years. Cheryl Cook-Kallio demonstrates the leadership needed to ensure our future. She understands that quality of life is key to our city's economic health. She knows that Pleasanton maintains a balance and retains funding for public safety. She has worked to:

- Redesign city departments, increase efficiency.
- Reduce staff through planned attrition and layoffs.
- Foster cooperation with employees to reduce pension liability.

To foster economic stability and business, Cheryl also ensured the development of Staples Ranch to provide revenues. In Pleasanton, developed a downtown stimulus support entrepreneurship, and streamlined permitting processes to allow business effectively within the vision of the community. With Cheryl's leadership Pleasanton has the Firehouse Arts Center and renovated Veterans Memorial Building, expanded land and trails including the Bernadine Park, Marilyn Kane Trail and Adobe Community Park.

Cook-Kallio's plans for future projects include revitalizing the Kottlinger Park, Pleasanton Gardens senior home, transit-oriented affordable family housing, ensuring carefully planned, slow growth, limited development consistent with community vision for Pleasanton.

and voter information pamphlets have been mailed to Pleasanton's 40,452 registered voters. Mail-in ballots to follow later next week. Those who have them can start voting as early as Oct. 20. Those without them will have to wait until Nov. 2.

That at least one-third of all ballots across the country will be cast before Election Day. We believe many will vote later this year to make sure they have heard, seen and read the candidates' platforms, particularly in California and here in Pleasanton, as well as to become more informed about the issues facing voters in November.

Pleasanton Weekly asked those seeking election as mayor and City Council members to share their vision for the city.

Jerry Thorne



Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne is running for his second full term on the City Council. Thorne's service to the community began over 15 years ago when he was appointed to Pleasanton's Parks and Recreation Commission after spending seven years attending council meetings, commission meetings and more, which resulted in the construction of the 50-meter pool at the aquatic center. He served two terms as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission and was first elected to the Pleasanton City Council in June 2005.

Thorne retired from Hewlett Packard/Agilent Technologies after 26 years as a senior manager where he was directly responsible and accountable for a multi-function, global organization. He currently serves the community on 18 appointed boards, commissions and committees, including two national policy committees and one state policy committee. He is the chairman of the PUSD/City Council Liaison Committee and the immediate past chairman of the board for LAVTA (Wheels) and the East Bay division of the League of California Cities. He recently received a Bronze level award for Leadership from the National League of Cities.

Thorne and his wife Sandi have lived in Pleasanton since 1976 (34 years). Their daughter Keri was born here and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1996.

Fred Watson



For my campaign, I have selected three principles of integrity that describe my approach to government and public service: Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency.

Accountability: All our elected officials are accountable to the citizens of their community. Officials need to plan for the future accordingly, understanding the long term effects of what their decisions are today.

Responsibility: We entrust our elected officials with responsible contractual agreements on our behalf with other agencies and third parties. Lawsuits based on poor contracts can quickly deplete our financial reserves.

Transparency: The community should always have easy access to how their taxes are being utilized. Enhance Pleasanton's website to encompass all city projects, project costs, project delays, project overruns and project contracts. Wouldn't it be nice to know at a glance where and how our tax dollars are being used?

As a community, we can get accountability and responsibility. Together we can bring transparency to the processes of city government. Together we can get our elected officials to use our taxes responsibly. It is time you and I became involved. I want to be your city councilman. www.fred4pleasanton.com

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OPERA STAR PULLS A 'CANDID CAMERA'

MOZART GOES MODERN
IN NEW PRODUCTION OF 'DON GIOVANNI'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Charlene McKenna and Deborah Edginton shared a glass of wine on the terrace of Campo di Bocce in Livermore recently, they didn't expect the service to be quite so attentive. When a handsome waiter arrived to see if there was anything he could do for them, he stared a little too long and a little amorously at the two women before breaking out into an aria. The "waiter" was noted baritone Eugene Brancoveanu, star of Livermore Valley Opera's upcoming production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni."

"Opera is so much more exciting, fun and playful than most people imagine," said Livermore Valley Opera Executive Director Sara Nealy, "and we're trying to bring the experience to people in a variety of ways. Eugene could not be a better performer for this kind of activity; he's a talented artist, charismatic, and a great actor — actually a Tony Award winner."

Don Giovanni (Don Juan in Spanish) is arguably the most notorious ladies' man in literature, theater and film. Brancoveanu was accompanied by videographer

Chad Caines and crew from Caines & Associates, an interactive multimedia production company based in San Ramon, who had to hide behind plants and even place a microphone in a bunch of grapes to facilitate stealth filming.

The crew also filmed at First Street Ale House and Uncle Yu's in the Vineyard, where sommelier Nick Laing, an operaphile and singer, wined and dined the crew after the challenging shoot, even pouring a sparkling rosé from Venice connected to the Don Giovanni legend.

In one unanticipated scene, a group of women were holding a wedding shower, and Brancoveanu sang to the bride-to-be the same aria that his Don Giovanni character sings to the bride-to-be in the opera as he steals her away from her betrothed.

The Livermore Valley Opera opens its 19th season tomorrow with the contemporary interpretation of the classic Mozart opera, "Don Giovanni." Stage director is Mark Streshinsky, recently named Artistic Director of Berkeley West Edge Opera.

"It's important for LVO to stretch

creatively and to expose our audiences to diverse artistic visions," said Nealy. "We believe that a contemporary interpretation of Don Giovanni will help to engage new and younger audiences by making connections with them that are relevant."

She added that the production remains faithful to Mozart's music.

LVO also uses YouTube to present Streshinsky talking in depth about his vision of this production. Both videos can be seen at www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

"Don Giovanni" opens with a gala at 5 p.m. tomorrow, followed by a pre-opera talk at 7 p.m., and the curtain at 8 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. It also will be presented at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9.

Ice Cream & Opera, a Children's Opera Learning Adventure, will take place at 2 p.m., Sundays, Oct. 3 and 10. After the show, children will have an opportunity to go on stage and experience what characters see while performing and meet the director and cast members.

Adult tickets are \$39-\$64; students 18 years and younger receive



Opera star Eugene Brancoveanu, posing as a waiter, surprises diners when he bursts into an aria.

\$10 off on all days. The gala is \$55, which includes appetizers and wine. Call the box office at 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Included in the ticket price is a pre-opera talk one hour prior to

curtain. A traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance. Some performances will feature a public "after party" at a nearby location with complimentary appetizers and a chance to meet the cast and crew. ■

Video marks anniversary of musician's death

Friends remember 38-year-old family man

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Friends of Michael Gable, 38, who died suddenly last year on Sept. 17, chose that anniversary to launch the Michael Gable HCM Awareness video and new Segue album on the Internet.

Hypertopic cardiomyopathy, which killed Gable, is the No. 1 cause of sudden cardiac arrests in young athletes, said Amy Mayo of the Gable Heart Beats Foundation. Cardiomyopathy also affects

one out of 100,000 children, she added.

"I have also started the Gable Heart Beats Foundation and we are working together with other nonprofits to build heart awareness and raise funds for HCM," Mayo said.

Sept. 17 marked the year anniversary that Pleasanton wife and mother Michelle Gable received the news that her husband had died unexpectedly at the age of 38. They have two children, Matteo

and Grace.

Two weeks after her dad's death, Grace was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, said Mayo, and she spent her first birthday fighting for her life.

Mayo noted that Michael was one of the few bi-racial students growing up in Monroe, Wash., and a soccer star who received a full athletic scholarship to St. Mary's College in Moraga, where he and Michelle met.

Michael was the singer in the San Francisco band Segue, which performed in the Bay Area for 15 years. In honor of Michael, the remaining band members are releasing their new album entitled "One Race Human, a Tribute to Michael Gable," partially to benefit the Gable Heart Beats Foundation.

The album is available at segue-sounds.com. A benefit concert will take place Nov. 27 at St. Mary's College. ■



Michael Gable, who sang in the band Segue, with his wife Michelle and their children Grace and Matteo.

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Author Visits

'RAISING MARIO TWICE' Christine Scharmer will talk about her book, "Raising Mario Twice," at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Her book is about the first seven years of recovery for her son Mario who in 2002 at the age of 18, under the influence of alcohol, drove into a light post at 60 mph. Call 931-3405.

Events

16TH ANNUAL FALL RV SHOW AND SALE Multiple RV dealers will show hundreds of manufacturers and lines at the annual RV Show and Sale from Sept. 24-Oct. 3 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Cost \$7 for adults; \$6 for seniors; and free for 16 and under. Call 931-1890 or visit www.RVShows.net.

BON APPETITE - TOASTS & TASTES OF FALL PPIE Foundation seventh annual culinary event, "Bon Appetite," is from 6:30-10:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at CarrAmerica, 4400 Rosewood Dr., featuring 15 culinary teams, comprised of a school principal, a local chef and a sponsor, plus a martini Bar, auction and live entertainment. Supports PPIE programs for Pleasanton schools. Cost \$65. Call 846-5620 or visit www.ppie.org.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 is hosting its 35th annual Holiday Boutique from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. A variety of handmade gift items, jewelry and home and holiday decorations will be for sale. Call 606-7676.

RUMMAGE SALE Assistance League of Amador Valley, a philanthropic organization serving the needs of children, teens and seniors in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, is having a gigantic rummage sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Amador Valley High School Parking Lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Items will include furniture, household goods, books, toys, children's items, gardening, sporting goods, jewelry, plus Christmas decorations. Call 484-1354.

THE MAGIC OF TIMOTHY JAMES Combining formidable skill, humor and an active imagination, international award-winning magician Timothy James will perform from 7:30-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Bunjo's Comedy Lounge, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Cost \$10. Call 264-4413 or visit www.bunjocosmody.com.

UNCANNY X-FORCE DAY Celebrate Marvel's Uncanny X-Force Day Party from 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Heroes & Villains Comics, 264 Main St. Stop in to receive a free limited edition print and purchase exclusive Uncanny X-Force #1 variants. Call 399-5352 or visit www.heroesvillainscomics.com.

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.

Fundraisers

2ND ANNUAL SPORTS SALE A sports sale to benefit AVHS Winter guard and Winter Percussion ensembles will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. The public is invited to shop the great bargains on hundreds of sporting goods. Call 699-7921 or visit www.amadormusic.org.

MEAT SALE Foothill Athletic Boosters will be selling a variety of USDA inspected choice meats from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Meats (NY steaks, rib eye, filet mignon) and seafood (shrimp and scallops) are purchased directly from wholesale suppliers. Proceeds support all Foothill Athletic teams. Call 989-2036 or visit www.foothillsports.com.

PANAMA RED COFFEE COMPANY BLOCK PARTY The third annual Panama Red Coffee Company Block Party benefiting Tri-Valley Haven begins at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, with a Pace for Peace 5K walk/run at K St., between First and Second St., Livermore. Free attractions include children's games, crafts, activities, live bands, an auction and barbecue. Call 449-5842.

PAWS TO CELEBRATE Enjoy an afternoon of wine, barbecue, music, games, doggy dancing demo, prize drawing and silent auction benefiting Canine Companions for Independence at Paws to Celebrate from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at Retzlaff Winery, 1356 S Livermore Ave., Livermore. CCI provides highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing

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Lectures/ Workshops

'LEARN AND PLAY WITH ME TODAY' WORKSHOP Pleasanton Public Library will host a six-week workshop "Learn and Play With Me Today" for parents and children ages 1-3 from 10-11:15 a.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Nov. 3 and 10, at the Pleasanton Public Library, Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program will emphasize play and the role of parents as their children's primary teachers. Pre-registration is required and open Sept. 15; call 931-3400 ext. 8.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEMINAR Hear how colleges evaluate applicants and the latest in college admissions trends at a seminar from 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Presented by Diane Keller, certified college consultant. Call 963-2932 or email drkellercc@yahoo.com.

OUR FALTERING ECONOMY Economist and author Dr. John Rasmus will present a filmed lecture, "Why the Economic Recovery is Faltering & a Deeper Recession is Inevitable," from 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. It is based on his new book, "Epic Recession: Prelude to Global Depression," followed by a question and answer period. Suggested donation \$3. Potluck, meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m. Call 462-3459.

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Live Music

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On Stage

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PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this support group's mission is to provide support and comfort to the families of Pleasanton residents whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. This group has monthly meetings and other events such as the upcoming Dec. 5 Christmas/Holiday "pack out" of comfort and care items to be sent to these deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where these personnel have yellow streamers displayed with their name, rank and branch of service. Contact Pat Frizzell, Chairman at PleasantonMilitaryFamilies@gmail.com or Chris Miller at millercj3@gmail.com.

Volunteering

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PROJECT READ The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., will present a new Tutor Training and Orientation for Project Read from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, for volunteers to teach adults to read, write and speak English. No teaching experience needed. Tutors volunteer once a week and all materials are provided. Call 931-3411 or email jbaum@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery PLOTS FOR SALE

As a courtesy to the residents of Pleasanton, we want to ensure everyone is aware that the city is now selling property at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. Restricted property sales will begin on October 1, 2010. For best selection of plot location you may want to schedule an appointment soon. If you would like additional information regarding the sales process or have any questions regarding the cemetery, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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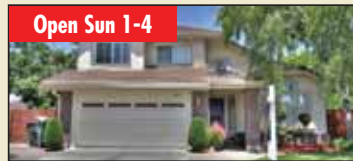
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3258 ROYALTON CT, PLEASANTON
Court Location \$625,000



3 Bd 3 Ba • 1,941+/- sq.ft., 0.15+/- Acres
Value! court location, upgrades; new dbl pane windows, new flooring, new carpet & new baths! New ext/int paint, recessed lights in kitchen. **Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065**

3905 FAIRLANDS DR, PLEASANTON
Lovely Neighborhood \$679,000



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,540+/- sq.ft., 0.19+/- Acres
Very nice home in lovely neighborhood. Hardwood floors, bonus room, large yard perfect for entertaining, great schools & much more! **Lisa Doyle 925.855.4046**

5063 MONACO DR, PLEASANTON
Pleasanton Hills \$975,000



5 Bd 3.5 Ba • 3,079+/- sq.ft., 0.18+/- Acres
Semi-custom Pleasanton Hills home w/Mt Diablo View! 5 bedrooms plus theatre room w/fireplace plus den! Theatre, remodeled kit w/pine cabinets. **Diane Sass 925.583.2168**

RACON HOLLOW CT, PLEASANTON
Beautiful Custom Home \$1,458,000



6 Bd 3.5 Ba • 3,366+/- sq.ft., 0.80+/- Acres
Private park-like setting w/ valley views. Open layout w/ grand entry & luxurious master suite. Crown molding & custom designer features. **Peggy Cortez 925.648.5454**

2670 TREVOR, PLEASANTON
Fabulous Opportunity \$625,000



3 Bd 2.5 Ba • 0.07 +/- Acres
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6224 GUYSON CT, PLEASANTON
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4 Bd 2 Ba • 1,489+/- sq.ft., 0.14+/- Acres
Remodeled rancher, court. All new kitchen granite counters. Extensive new lighting, flooring & moldings. Close to schools, shopping and freeway **Glen Landrum 925.837.7110**

2743 HUFF DR, PLEASANTON
REO/ Bank Owned \$629,900



3 Bd 2 Ba • 1,574+/- sq.ft., 0.12+/- Acres
Great single story home w/ gourmet kitchen, cozy living room w/ fireplace, spacious master bath and tranquil backyard patio. **Joe Ledesma 925.251.2559**

7294 KOLB PL, DUBLIN
West Dublin \$649,000



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,026+/- sq.ft., 0.16+/- Acres
Updated and Expanded Briarhill Beauty Beautiful West Dublin home! Located on a cul-de-sac, this home has it all. **Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547**

4073 ROSEHILL PL, DUBLIN
Greenbriar Home \$739,950



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SummerGlen \$629,000



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1071 ALISON CIR, LIVERMORE
Stratford Park \$599,950



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,400+/- sq.ft., 0.21+/- Acres
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1489 COLLEGE AVE, LIVERMORE
South Side Victorian \$699,000



3 Bd 3 Ba • 2,348+/- sq.ft., 0.19+/- Acres
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Can a Seller Cancel a Contract?

If you have practiced real estate for any length of time, you have likely encountered situations where sellers want to cancel a purchase contract during escrow. Sometimes sellers have a change of heart and simply decide they don't want to move any more. Other times, there are circumstances that change such as a job relocation getting canceled or a home the seller has purchased suddenly falling through. No matter what the reason, when a seller decides they would like to cancel a contract, it is a very stressful situation for all involved.

In simple terms, a real estate contract is a bilateral contract. For the seller, there are provisions in the contract dealing with non-performance on the part of the buyer. If the buyer fails to remove a contingency or take other actions that the contract stipulates, the contract can provide the seller the opportunity to cancel the agreement after giving the buyer proper notice. These contingencies are in virtually every contract.

But what if the seller just changes their mind and decides they do

not want to go through with the sale? There are generally no provisions in the standard agreement that allow the seller to unilaterally cancel a contract. There are three exceptions to this that come to mind.

One exception would be a seller contingency to locate a replacement property. If this contingency is included in the contract, then the seller would have the right to cancel the agreement if they are unable to locate and secure a replacement property. This is commonly known in the industry as a "reverse contingency", and it is not very common. The reason is simple... most buyers do not want to expend time, energy, and effort on a property if the sale is conditioned on the seller finding another home. And in situations where this does arise, there is usually a fairly tight time frame included to avoid stringing the buyer along for an extended period of time. In fact, often a seller will employ this only if they have a specific property in mind that they will aggressively pursue once they have a ratified contract >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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BRIDLE CREEK



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863 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON

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