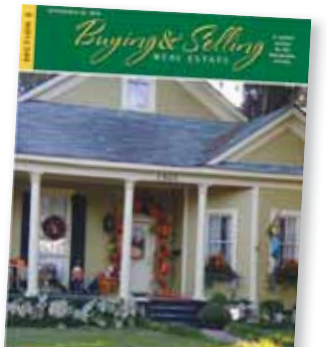


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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

More open space boosts Adobe appeal

With the acquisition by the East Bay Regional Park District of the 150-acre Castleridge hillside and final approval of a nearby eight-home subdivision that will add another 22 acres of permanent open space for Pleasanton, the new citizens' task force looking at ways to boost interest in the adjacent restored Alviso Adobe should have an easier time.



JEB BING

Historic Alviso Adobe

When the Alviso Adobe was opened to the public, there was an expectation that this unique site that tells the story of California from its earliest human history would be one of the Tri-Valley's, if not the Bay Area's, best interpretive parks.

Sadly, that hasn't happened, and the \$4.5 million project seems to be languishing, both in its appeal beyond Pleasanton and its relatively obscure location without any major promotional signs on the nearby freeways or even on Foothill Road where it's located.

The Castleridge hillside behind the adobe will attract hikers to that section of the Pleasanton Ridge and the adobe itself could become a staging area for what will be a much easier climb up the ridge than other pathways. Both at the start and at the end of their journey, hikers could be provided with refreshments in an adobe canteen, one of many amenities the historic site needs to draw more visitors.

As it is, there isn't even a kitchen sink that you think would have been included in the multimillion-dollar restoration. Pleasanton Naturalist Eric Nicholas, the sole caretaker of the adobe park, has to fill canteens for those enrolled in activities, classes and organized hikes from faucets in one of the two restrooms at the site.

The long-awaited completion of plans for the 30-acre Austin property, just across Old Foothill Road from the adobe, gives the task force more options in planning for ways to spice up the historical landmark, which includes a 7-acre park built around an adobe house constructed in 1854.

But except for Nicholas' work with school children who meet with him for a short visit to the adobe and a more entertaining walk through the nearby hills, there aren't many visitors to the adobe. Drive by the park most days on Foothill Road and you'll see few, if any, visitors' cars in the parking lot just off the roadway.

Once more parking spaces are

added for Ridgeland hikers, the Adobe will be at the center of what could be one of Pleasanton's best outdoor attractions. The newly added 22 acres of open space also will give Susan Andrade-Wax, the city's director of Community Services, and the Parks and Recreation Commission more opportunities to add public park amenities to make this area even more inviting.

There are some actions the task force should consider. Modest weddings, poetry readings, outdoor musical events or a version of Shakespeare in the Park could be held at the Adobe Park, possible with small fees added to paying for some improvements, notably a kitchen. Even a few goats or one or two heads of cattle could make a visit to the park more realistic.

The Cultural Arts Council has hosted several art shows at the site. These should be continued, with picnic tables added for families to lunch at with a panoramic view of Pleasanton and the valley below that is truly spectacular.

Yet the task force has to recognize long-standing sensitivities. Restrictions against events were imposed when the adobe was opened at the insistence of homeowners across Foothill Road that feared heavy traffic into the Adobe Park and noise that might adversely affect their neighborhoods.

Protests even doomed the once-planned rebuilding of a silo that dominated the property when it was a dairy — a potential eyesore some said, although it would have been a landmark for those trying to find the site.

Still, what few major public activities have taken place have occurred without complaints and show that the park, both in its steep hillside location above Foothill and Eric Nicholas' insistence on peaceful gatherings, and its historical attractions have been good neighbors. ■

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In advance of the Pleasanton Weekly and Tri-Valley Community Television candidates' forum Thursday, Oct. 2 in the Pleasanton Civic Center, we asked the Mayor and City Council candidates to state their views as to why voters should cast their ballots for them. Their profiles start on p. 8. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are some things that you think helped Pleasanton to get recognized as the nation's fourth best city to live in?



Fran Cassell

Retired teacher

Well, Pleasanton has a great, small-town feeling, yet at the same time it is a real city with so much going on. Even for seniors, there are just so many activities and interesting things to do here.



Janine Mattison

Retired

Some of my favorite things that make Pleasanton such a great city to live in are its quaint downtown, its great schools, its beautiful parks, its fantastic businesses and the warm sense of community we enjoy here.



Bill Cassell

Retired businessman

I think Pleasanton is an exceptionally well-managed city. There are many people here who work hard to keep tabs on our resources and to keep the city running so smoothly.



Tara Nazel

Caregiver

Well, I'm still pretty new to town, but I'd have to say it's Pleasanton's people. Everyone I meet here is friendly and seems to genuinely want me to feel like I belong here.



Jim Brunicardi

Retired

Pleasanton offers a really terrific, family-friendly environment for people of all ages, and we have a very warm and welcoming community of people who live here.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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The Pleasanton Police Department and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will hold the ninth annual Drug Take-Back event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday in the police department lobby, 4833 Bernal Ave.

The public will have the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by properly disposing of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The drop-off is free and anonymous.

During the last eight events, almost 1 million pounds of prescription drugs were turned in at more than 5,300 sites nationwide.

According to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than those using cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined.

Pleasanton police said the initiative locally helps address a vital public health and safety issue. For more information, contact Sgt. Penelope Tamm at 931-5100.

Fall book sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library will host its fall book sale today through Sunday in the large meeting room of the library.

More than 35,000 donated books of all types, as well as video and other media, will be on sale. All revenues will support new materials, programs and equipment at the library.

Tonight, the sale will run from 6-9 p.m. and is open only to members of the Friends of the Library. The sale is open to everyone on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information about the sale or volunteering, call Nancy Bering at 462-4362.

Museum Day Live!

Pleasanton's Museum on Main is partnering with Smithsonian Magazine for the 10th annual free Museum Day Live! this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is a national effort coordinated by Smithsonian to spread and promote access to museums. Last year's event drew more than 400,000 participants across the country.

In conjunction with the museum's current exhibition, "The Art of Porcelain Painting," the public will be offered free admission to porcelain painting demonstrations by Livermore artist Eugenia Zobel on Saturday from 12-3 p.m.

Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. ■

Weekly, TV30 hosting candidate forums

Hear mayoral, Council hopefuls in free, televised event in Civic Center Thursday

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly and TV30 will host two free and public forums for Pleasanton mayoral and City Council candidates starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2.

The forums will be held in the City Council chambers and will be taped by Tri-Valley Community Television for broadcast at various times and days leading up to the Nov. 4 municipal election on TV Channel 30.

A videotape of the forums also will be shown on the Weekly website, www.pleasantonweekly.com.

Moderators at the forum will be Tom Morrison of Tri-Valley Television and Gina Channell-Allen,

publisher, and Jeb Bing, editor, of the Pleasanton Weekly.

The mayoral forum will start first, at 7 p.m., featuring incumbent Mayor Jerry Thorne, who is seeking re-election to a second two-year term, and Matt Morrison, a Pleasanton attorney, who is also seeking election to the mayor's post. Both candidates will have two minutes for opening remarks and then will respond to questions for the next 28 minutes.

Then at 7:40 p.m., City Council candidates will be ushered into the Council chambers for a full one-hour forum. They, too, will have two minutes for opening statements followed by questions.

The moderators will ask the

questions, including those submitted by the audience in advance of the forums, with candidates given 1 1/2 minutes at the most to respond.

Four candidates are seeking two available seats on the council. They are incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum, who was elected in a special ballot-by-mail election in May 2013 to fill Thorne's unexpired term on the council after he was elected mayor. She is seeking re-election to a full four-year term. Also campaigning for election are George Bowen, Arne Olson and Olivia Sanwong.

Bowen, who has never held an elective or appointed office in Pleasanton, is perhaps best known for his work with veterans' organi-

zations in promoting a Wentle Concert fundraiser last October that raised funds to support wounded soldiers. Recently, he also led the formation of a citizens' coalition, Pleasanton Voters for Smart Growth, an organization that is opposed to adding more apartment houses in the city.

Narum, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from UC Davis, served five years on the city's Planning Commission before her election to the council. Earlier, she served on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission for five years. She is also past president of the Pleasanton

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JEB BING

Ken Mano, Scout, church and community service leader, thanks celebrants at Friday night dinner where he received prestigious Mayor's Award for 2014.

Mayor's Award goes to Scout leader, Special Olympics chairman Ken Mano

Trail-blazer in host of Tri-Valley activities wins coveted Pleasanton award

Ken Mano — a trail-blazer with Special Olympics, the Boy Scouts, and a host of Tri-Valley activities ranging from blood drives to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life — was presented with the Mayor's Award by Mayor Jerry Thorne last Friday night.

Nearly 300 attended the award celebration in the Pleasanton Senior Center, which was decorated in a Western theme with many wearing cowboy hats, checkered-patterned neck scarves and knee-high boots. A musical group, the Extended Roots, entertained early, followed by a country buffet.

Thorne presented Mano with the coveted annual award at the

end of a two-hour program that included a video produced by the city's staff and shown by Susan Andrade-Wax, director of Community Services. The film highlighted the work of the City Council and members of city commissions and committees who were honored at the dinner.

Mano came on stage with his wife, Carolyn, and 20 members of the couple's large family as the crowd rose to its feet in loud applause.

The award has been given since 1971 to an individual or group whose contributions over time have been so outstanding as to warrant special recognition.

Many of the previous award-winners were at Friday night's event.

Mano, who received the Community of Character Award in 2009 and was named last year as a Tri-Valley Hero by the Pleasanton Weekly, serves the community at a hectic pace as well as his "day job" as a business analyst for Kaiser Permanente in Pleasanton.

A member of the Pleasanton stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, last year he helped with local festivities that were part of the Mormon church's spectacular "A Century of Honor" national celebration, marking 100

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Pleasanton continues high exit exam rates

San Ramon Valley sophomores lead all Tri-Valley districts

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Pleasanton Unified sophomores have continued to excel in the English and math portions on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).

All students in California public schools are required to pass the test in order to earn a high school diploma.

They take the exam for the first time in the 10th grade. Sophomores who do not pass it on the first try have two opportunities as juniors and five opportunities as seniors to retake the test.

Data released by the California Department of Education showing preliminary results of the 2013-14 exit exams shows that 96% of 1,176 Pleasanton sophomores passed the English section and 97% of 1,163 sophomores who took the test passed the mathematics section during the 2013-14 school year — the same percentages for the 2012-13 school year.

"Having over 96% of our students pass the CASHEE the first time they take the exam is not a small feat," said Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. "It is indicative of our students' hard work and our staff's ability to prepare them, along with incredible parent support."

The English portion is administered on the first day of testing, and math on the second day, which can lead to a different number of stu-

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Pleasanton snags top recognition on Money Magazine survey

By JEB BING

Just a week after Pleasanton was ranked No. 4 in a recent survey of America's 50 Best Cities to Live, two other national surveys have given the city similarly high marks.

Money Magazine has included Pleasanton on two of its annual Best Places to Live lists. Pleasanton came in at No. 31 on the publication's list of the Best Places to Live 2014, and was also recognized by the magazine as No. 9 in the country for its economic vitality.

Pleasanton came in No. 9 in the magazine's designation as one of the Top Earning Towns in its list of the 50 Best Cities to Live, with the publication noting the city's high median household income and its top-notch schools.

Last week, a survey of America's 50 Best Cities to Live In conducted by 24/7 Wall Street, a nationally recognized online website targeting

investors and the business community, placed Pleasanton in the No. 4 position nationally.

That list was profiled in an article in The USA Today and was also talked about on "Live with Kelly & Michael" morning television show on ABC.

The Money Magazine list of Best Places to Live is compiled in a months-long process that begins with 781 cities with populations of 50,000 to 300,000, and is trimmed down to just 50 cities. The final list is based on data such as education, crime rate, economic factors, cultural arts and recreation, and quality of life.

"Our primary goal as a city has always been to provide the highest quality of life for our residents and our workers," according to Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho. "It is very rewarding to see Pleasanton and its schools recognized as among the best in the nation."

Pleasanton ranked highest on safety, with a 97.4% score in the category, not surprising considering that violent crime per 100,000 residents is 68.2.

Education in Pleasanton garnered another high score, at 91%, and the survey narrative describes local students as "having access to a high-quality education, with secondary students performing well above the state average in math, language arts, and science last year."

The website nerdwallet.com ranks Pleasanton Unified School District among the Top 10 school districts in California, and both of the city's comprehensive high schools consistently rank among the Top 100 High Schools in California by U.S. News and World Report.

Economic indicators were also factored into the formula to determine America's 50 Best Cities to Live In, and Pleasanton ranked high in this category, with an 84.7.



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Pleasanton, with its popular downtown, has received high rankings on recent Best Places to Live lists.

The median income in Pleasanton (\$112,000) is among the highest in the country, and the unemployment rate in the city is just 3.7%, one of the lowest rates nationwide. Several large business parks, including Hacienda, a business park that is the largest in Northern California, pro-

vides employment for more than 40,000 workers in the city.

The high employment is complemented by Pleasanton's central location, at the axis of Interstates 580 and 680, and with two BART stations, giving it an average commuter travel time of 28.9 minutes. ■

MANO

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years since the LDS church took on the Scouts as a chartered organization. He is now director of the Just-Serve committee, which coordinates service activities for the church.

In fact, Mano is finance chairman for the Twin Valley District for the Scouts and works on the Friends of Scouting campaign. He has been a Scoutmaster twice and Scout Committee chairman about three times as well as on the Council Explorer committee. He also is the recipient of the BSA District's Award of Merit.

"Not only has Ken been involved in scouting for over 40 years, he worked as a Scout leader with his three sons — Gary, Brian and Trent — and they are all Eagle Scouts," Thorne said.

Mano met Carolyn at Brigham Young University, they were married in 1964 and just celebrated

their 50th anniversary Aug. 14. Besides the three sons, they have three daughters, Natalie, Janelle and Melissa, and nine grandchildren. All six of the Mano children are graduates of Amador Valley High.

"Ken Mano served as treasurer for the Amador Boosters Club for eight years and was instrumental in starting the eScrip program which became the top earning program in the nation earning more than \$1 million for the boosters," Thorne said as he presented the award. "He was also instrumental in saving Emeryville High School's athletic program through the eScrip program."

"He still remains on the booster board as the volunteer chairman for the Special Olympics for the past 11 years and is instrumental in bringing the Olympics to Amador High for the purpose of helping the athletes of Amador and community to pay it forward through service," Thorne added.

Mano is on the committee of

the Pleasanton Community of Character organization, chairman of volunteers and luminarias for the Relay for Life, and committee member for the interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner with St Raymond Church. He works with recruiting volunteers for the interfaith blood drive for the Red Cross, the East Bay Stand Down held here last weekend, and is involved with Dublin's Integrity in Action Committee and Make a Difference Day.

Honored last Friday night were the Civic Arts, Planning, Housing, Human Services, Library, Parks and Recreation and Youth commissions. Also honored were the Cultural Plan Update Steering, Economic Vitality, Energy and the Environment, Pioneer Cemetery and the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails committees. Additionally, the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, Historic Preservation and Kottinger Place task forces were recognized. ■

—Jeb Bing

FORUMS

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Seahawks swimming organization, and served on the city's East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force and as chairwoman of the city's Heritage Tree board of appeals.

Olson, a retired bank executive, has lived in Pleasanton for 28 years. He stepped down in May from the Pleasanton Planning Commission, where he served eight years including a term as the commission's chairman.

Sanwong, is a long-time member of the city's Economic Vitality Committee, where she is this year's chairwoman. A global biotechnology analyst at a Fortune 500 firm, she is a graduate of Amador Valley High School and holds a master's degree in business administration from the Simmons School of Management in Boston. Sanwong, who ran unsuccessfully for council two years ago, lives in downtown Pleasanton.

In the mayor's race, Thorne served seven years on the City Council before being elected mayor in 2012. He previously served 10 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission. A retired executive from Hewlett Packard, he has lived in Pleasanton for more than 30 years with his wife, Sandi, and where they raised their daughter Keri.

During his years on the council and as mayor, Thorne serves or has served on dozens of Tri-Valley and regional committees and commissions, including the Association of Bay Area Governments, the League of California Cities, the Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority and the Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency.

Morrison, who has lived in Pleasanton since 1969, has been an activist on environmental, growth, and preservation issues. Like Bowen, he has never held an elective or appointed office in Pleasanton, although he is treasurer

of the Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay Chapter executive committee and has held other volunteer roles that focus on water issues.

He worked 11 years for Triad Systems in Livermore and 7 1/2 years for ProBusiness/ADP in Pleasanton. A graduate of Foothill High School, he received his law degree from the University of San Francisco.

Doors to the council chambers will open at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 2. Question cards will be available at that time. Once the forums have started, there will be no questions allowed during the television taping.

The event will be held in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

The pre-election forums are being produced by TVCTV and will be broadcast several times on TV30 at various times before the upcoming election. Video on demand will be available on the TVCTV website as well as the Pleasanton Weekly website. ■



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dents taking each of the exams. Students who missed one of the tests will make it up as a junior.

Pleasanton's passage rates surpassed Alameda County's 83% mark for English and 85% mark for math.

In addition, other Tri-Valley school districts performed better than the county marks. Dublin Unified had 94% pass rate for both the English and math sections. Students in Livermore Valley Joint Unified had a 89% pass rate in the English section and 92% in the math section.

However, students in San Ramon Valley Unified led the Tri-Valley with 98% of its sophomores passing English and math sections.

At Amador Valley High, out of 643 students, 96% passed the English portion; and out of 640 students, 97% passed the math portion.

At Foothill High, out of 509 students, 96% passed the English portion; and out of 499 students, 98% passed the math portion.

Out of the 18 students tested at Village High, 67% passed the English section and 61% passed the math section.

"Our students who continue to impress us with their amazing academic achievement," Ahmadi said. ■

Chamber endorses Thorne, Narum, Olson

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Chamber's Political Action Committee last Friday endorsed Mayor Jerry Thorne for re-election and Councilwoman Kathy Narum and former Planning Commissioner Arne Olson for election to the City Council.

Six candidates are seeking election Nov. 4 on the Pleasanton ballot. Attorney Matt Morrison also is vying for votes in the mayor's race, and George Bowen and Olivia Sanwong also are competing for two council seats that will be available this year.

Otis Nostrand, co-owner of The Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill and this year's chairman of the chamber's Business & Community PAC, said decisions were based on interviews with all candidates and comments made in a public candidate forum sponsored by the chamber last week.

Most of the forum questions, asked by Chamber Chairman David Stark, were rooted in "Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision." That's the chamber's local public policy platform, which lists the chamber's goals for the economy, jobs, education, transportation, public safety, health, housing, arts, leadership, culture and recreation.

With regard to the race for Pleasanton mayor, the chamber based its endorsement on Thorne's first term in office. Nostrand said Thorne made good on his pledge to focus on fiscal accountability, jobs, Phase 2 of Bernal Park, cemetery im-

provements and shopping locally. "He solidly represents Pleasanton on regional, state and national boards and commissions while remaining a staunch advocate for local control of land use," chamber PAC members decided. "Thorne is best qualified to lead our city and deserves re-election."

In the City Council race, PAC members chose Narum and Olson.

"Kathy Narum's experience as a hardworking parks commissioner and planning commissioner for more than a decade enabled her to hit the ground running after winning a special election to fill the council seat Thorne vacated two years ago following his being elected mayor," PAC members said.

"Narum is passionate about retaining our small-town charm, maintaining a healthy business environment and improving both quality and availability of water for the region," they added. "She deserves re-election and the opportunity to serve a full four-year term."

Nostrand and other PAC members noted that in Olson, Sanwong and Bowen, "Pleasanton is fortunate to have three thoughtful and engaging challengers vying for the seat being vacated by Cheryl Cook-Kallio due to term limits."

"Cook-Kallio has a well-earned reputation for doing her homework, and consistently acting in the best interests of the total community," they said. "Over the past eight years, we have observed these same characteristics in Arne Olson in his ser-

vice as a planning commissioner."

The PAC members said that more than anything else, experience sets Olson apart from his competition.

"He is well prepared to take the next step," they said.

Additionally, the chamber group agreed that Olson, a retired banking executive, would bring invaluable financial expertise to the council as Pleasanton seeks to reduce its unfund-

ed pension liabilities and streamline city services while maintaining the highest of standards for safe neighborhoods, schools and business centers.

"Finally, while there will be an opportunity at a later time to recognize Cook-Kallio for her great service to our community, we would be remiss not to do so at this time," Nostrand said. "Congratulations Cheryl, and thank you for helping Pleasanton to remain one of the very best communities in America in which to live, work and raise a family." ■

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Adventures in E'ire: Bob and Pauline Schroeder along with John and Kim O'Neill spent 10 glorious days touring Ireland this summer, starting in Dublin and ending in Shannon. They even managed to stay on the wrong side of the road while driving all the way.



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Meet the Pleasanton candidates

Vote-by-mail balloting starts Oct. 8

By JEB BING

Sample ballots and voter information pamphlets will be mailed to Pleasanton's 41,150 registered voters Oct. 6 with mail-in ballots ready to be marked and sent to the Alameda County Registrar or dropped off at the City Clerk's office in the Pleasanton City Hall starting Oct. 8.

Or, voters can also wait to cast their ballots at their designated polling places on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, to make sure they have all the last-minute, up-to-date information on candidates.

On Pleasanton ballots will be candidates for governor, Congress, the 16th State Assembly District, Pleasanton school board, and the Pleasanton mayor's post and City Council.

In the municipal election this year, six candidates are seeking election. Mayor Jerry Thorne is campaigning for re-election to a second two-year term of office. He is being challenged by local attorney Matt Morrison.

The race is even more competitive for City Council. Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio is stepping down due to term limits, and Councilwoman Kathy Narum is seeking re-election to a four-year term. Also seeking election to one of those two council seats are former Planning Commissioner Arne Olson, Economic Vitality Committee chairwoman Olivia Sanwong and newcomer to city politics George Bowen.

The Pleasanton Weekly and Tri-Valley Community Television are teaming up to present a 90-minute public forum featuring all six candidates next Thursday, Oct. 2. This free televised forum will start at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave., and will be broadcast during the coming weeks on TV30 as well as on

the Pleasanton Weekly's website, www.pleasantonweekly.com.

In advance of this forum, we asked the candidates to state their views as to why voters should cast their ballots for them.

CANDIDATES FOR PLEASANTON MAYOR

Mayor Jerry Thorne

It has been my honor to serve you as your mayor, councilman, and Parks and Recreation commissioner for a total of 19 years of public service. We have accomplished much together, but we must focus on the future to improve and protect the great quality of life that we have and deserve.

In order to achieve this, we must ensure that all land-use planning is sensible and sustainable without exposing ourselves to additional legal action

by outside sources or the state.

Much will be made during this campaign about the spike in growth we have seen as a result of legal action against Pleasanton by an outside housing advocacy group and the State Attorney General, as well as by the planning process for the East Side.

Please remember the following commitments that I have made to the citizens of this community. I will not support approval of more building permits than we are required to by state law. Numbers required by the state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) represent our new housing cap and are the basis for our city's new Growth Management Plan regardless of whether or not it involves moving an urban growth boundary.

That said, I will not support any plan for the East Side that has not been approved by the voters. Also, I will:

- Find new ways to help preserve the high quality of our schools;

- Strive to make local government mirror the cultural make-up of our community;
- Support labor contracts that are fair, but reduce long-term liabilities;
- Advocate for sufficient water infrastructure to avoid future mandated usage reductions;
- Advocate for local control of local issues, particularly land use;
- Continue streamlining permitting processes, which is critical to attracting and retaining great businesses.

Result-oriented leadership has been key to my success in both the private and public sectors, and I am committed to keeping Pleasanton strong. For more information, sign on to www.jerrythorne.com.

Matt Morrison

Pleasanton is on the verge of becoming a larger city with more development than seen in a generation during the worst drought of a lifetime. There has been a dramatic shift from city councils led by Ben Tarver and Tom Pico that fought on behalf of citizens' interests to today where residents are forced to fight the mayor and City Council.

My opponent supports "community" planning for more homes on Pleasanton's East Side. I worked on more than a dozen grassroots slow-growth campaigns including Karla Brown and Matt Sullivan for City Council, No On Measure D (Oak Grove Housing), Yes On Measure PP (Hills & Housing Cap), Yes on CAPP (Citizen's Alliance for Public Planning), referendums for the Oak Grove, Merritt property and Pumpkin Patch housing developments, and Friends of Pleasanton holding our City

Council accountable to environmental laws.

My opponent began planning for a drought last year. I have been leading on water conservation efforts for nearly two decades working on the Safe Water Committee, as chairman of the Sierra Club Bay Chapter Water Committee, vice-chairman for Delta Issues of Sierra Club California Water Committee and a member of the Environmental Water Caucus.

As mayor I promise to:

- Slow down expansion of development here in Pleasanton and honor the spirit of our housing cap;
- Lead on water conservation efforts to ensure that conservation policies are implemented effectively and new construction doesn't wipe out residents' conservation work;
- Work with the Pleasanton Unified School District to fulfill our city's commitment to school excellence;
- Maintain Pleasanton's strong local economy with good jobs and small businesses;
- Work with Pleasanton's neighboring cities so Pleasanton will not get stuck with cut-through traffic or foot the bill for regional transportation.



Mayor Jerry Thorne (left) joins supporters Bob Philcox (a former mayor) and Frank Capilla at a campaign reception.



Matt Morrison, candidate for mayor of Pleasanton.

tion projects like El Charro Road's extension.

For more information, sign on to: www.electmorrisonmayor.com.

CANDIDATES FOR PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

George Bowen

While deservedly ranked the 4th best city to live in nationwide, Pleasanton's quality of life is slipping due to some serious issues that impact its residents daily: namely water, schools and traffic. After conceding defeat in the legal challenge of our housing cap, the city leadership repeatedly uses fear of the state as a reason for not championing the interests of residents.

"Our hands are tied," and "We don't want to get sued again" are the constant drumbeats when it comes to slowing growth. As a result, 1,800 housing units have been approved for building and another 1,500 or more homes are being planned in East Pleasanton.

The East Pleasanton Specific Plan is a major project on the City Council's 2014 priority list. There are no priorities on that list to develop long-term solutions to our traffic, water and school overcrowding problems. The East Pleasanton Specific Plan profits out-of-state landowners and diverts limited city resources. Thousands of new residents will only exacerbate Pleasanton's school, water and traffic issues.

The three other council candidates have stated their support for the East Pleasanton Specific Plan. How can they justify backing a plan that benefits landowners and developers at the expense of solving



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George Bowen, a Parkside neighborhood homeowner, is seeking election to the City Council.



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Councilwoman Kathy Narum, who is seeking re-election, takes a campaign break outside the Pleasanton Public Library.

residents' critical quality-of-life concerns?

I am a 29-year resident of Pleasanton and a respected business leader. As a member of Pleasanton Military Families, I spearheaded a major benefit concert for local Wounded Warriors. I am a board member and co-founder of the country's leading organization to curb teen-distracted driving deaths. I also serve on a national committee that sets policy for safe living-donor organ transplantation.

As the only council candidate not accepting special interest or developer campaign donations, I will boldly fight for the residents of Pleasanton. For more information, visit www.bowen4council.com.

Kathy Narum

I've lived in Pleasanton for nearly two decades. I've raised two daughters here, settled my mother into retirement, managed our commercial property and served this city for much of that time. I served on the Planning Commission for six years and the Parks and Recreation Commission before that.

One of the many things I've learned is that experience matters, and I've had a lot. It's been an honor to serve you on the City Council, but there is more to do, and I'm seeking re-election.

I've witnessed firsthand how a city such as ours can improve the kind and quality of life for all its residents, and I'm committed to preserving what works and making improvements where needed. In meeting neighbors throughout the city, I keep hearing about what makes Pleasanton a safe, stable and satisfying place, and I'll work hard so we can continue to take great pride in calling Pleasanton our home.

My priorities continue to be:

- Sound fiscal policies that promote sustainability;
- Preserving our quality of life by providing outstanding educational opportunities for our children;
- Promoting a vibrant downtown;
- Keeping pace with the increased demands of our aging community;
- Ensuring public safety;
- Continuing our careful entitlement process for housing as required by the courts, as well as RHNA requirements.

Facing the water challenge must also be addressed, and we've taken the first step by borrowing \$14 million to expand the use of recycled water, which will save 18% of the drinking water currently used.

I believe we're on the right track, but we can always do better. As your council member, I will continue to lead in a pragmatic way. For more information, visit www.kathynarum.com.

Arne Olson

I'm proud to say that I'm a 28-year resident of Pleasanton. In May 2014, I completed



JEB BING

Council candidate Arne Olson steps down after serving eight years on Planning Commission with fellow commissioners (from left) Herb Ritter, Greg O'Connor and Nancy Allen joining in the farewell.

eight years of service on the Pleasanton Planning Commission. With a thorough understanding of our city's planning process, I strongly favor slow growth policies that ensure local control over land-use decisions while complying with state law. I support completing Specific Plans called for in our General Plan and want to avoid additional legal action against our city, which historically has been very costly for us.

As a councilman, my two highest priorities will be neighborhoods and business. Pleasanton is a collection of individual neighborhoods that together form our wonderful community. Preserving the small-town intimate feel of individual neighborhoods will assure that our community as a whole retains our small-town values. Keeping our neighborhoods strong and attractive involves maintaining Pleasanton's sound financial position and our current high levels of public safety.

People living in Pleasanton feel it's a safe place and I want this to continue. Also, businesses are vital to Pleasanton. They provide us with a large percentage of the revenue needed to keep our community fiscally sound, safe and clean. I pledge to work diligently to preserve and enhance our business base. In particular I pledge to protect the jewel of Pleasanton, our downtown. This means maintaining its vibrancy and uniqueness.

As your city councilman, I will listen to the concerns of the community, work to find common ground with our citizens and implement the best solutions so that we can continue to be, "The City of Planned Progress." I have relevant experience. For more information, visit www.olsoncampaign2014.com.



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Olivia Sanwong, chairwoman of the city's Economic Vitality Committee, is seeking election to the City Council.

Olivia Sanwong

As a lifelong member of Pleasanton's community (since 1981), I know Pleasanton is a wonderful place. Our hometown charm differentiates our city from others and generates the pride in our community that we all share. I am thrilled to see Pleasanton's recognition as one of the best cities to live in the USA.

I am an advocate for sustainable growth policies that balance development with our quality of life and protecting our natural environment. My framework for making policy decisions is based on each item's impact. This includes, but is not limited to: traffic, schools, open space, water supply, public safety, library services, senior citizen services and downtown Pleasanton.

I have over 15 years of business experience and work for a Fortune 500 Global Biotechnology firm. That includes over eight years of service to our city and schools, serving as the 2014 chairwoman of the city's Economic Vitality Committee and judge for Amador Valley and Foothill high schools' We the People Competition Civics teams.

I received an excellent education in Pleasanton and was the recipient of the David Yandell Service Award, Amador Valley High School's highest honor for community service. I completed my master's degree in business administration from the Simmons School of Management in Boston and was the recipient of the Bornstein Award for Leadership in Finance. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in applied mathematics from UCLA.

My endorsements include Congressman Eric Swalwell, Pleasanton Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, and many community leaders and neighbors. For more information, visit www.VoteforOlivia.com. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Woman reportedly assaulted after purse theft

A woman reported being assaulted by an unknown man after she tried retrieving her stolen purse, which was taken from her vehicle parked in the lower lot of Sears at Stoneridge Mall on Sept. 16, according to police.

The woman was outside the mall when she heard her car horn start beeping, police said. She told police that she saw a man with her purse run to an adjacent lot toward a white Volkswagen Jetta.

The woman told police that she followed the man and when she tried to take her purse back, the man struck her with a nail file and took off.

According to police reports, the woman was able to recover her stolen purse.

In other police reports:

- A 21-year-old San Francisco man was arrested Sept. 19 on suspicion of drug- and burglary-related charges.

Police allege Evan Dean Underwood entered Nordstrom at Stoneridge Mall with an empty backpack with a hole cut into the back portion. He then allegedly took a shirt and tried to conceal it in his backpack by putting it through the cutout hole.

Nordstrom loss prevention officers placed him under citizens arrest.

Officers allegedly found the shirt, a wire cutter, magnetic detacher, methamphetamine and marijuana in the man's possession. Underwood was arrested on suspicion of drug possession, being under the influence of a controlled substance, burglary and possession of burglary tools.

- An Oregon woman was arrested on Sept. 17 after a traffic stop on the 5300 block of West Las Positas Boulevard.

Officers reportedly stopped 47-year-old Rhonda Lea Geringer for several vehicle violations.

According to police reports, Geringer refused to provide necessary documents to officers. Police allege that when Geringer found out her vehicle would be impounded, she spit on the two officers and threatened to kill them.

Geringer was arrested for suspicion of obstructing an officer, battery on a police officer and resisting an executive officer.

- A variety of items were reportedly stolen from a man's Chrysler parked in the Stoneridge Mall parking lot between Nordstrom and JC Penney on Sept. 17.

The man returned to his vehicle 8:20 p.m. and found his window smashed, said police. Some of the items reportedly stolen included a suitcase, a men's clothing item, a Dell laptop and an iPad.

A witness told police that a black man smashed the window and then got into another vehicle driven by another black man. The witness reportedly followed the suspects until they got onto westbound I-580 and was able to provide a license plate number to officers.

The case remains under investigation.

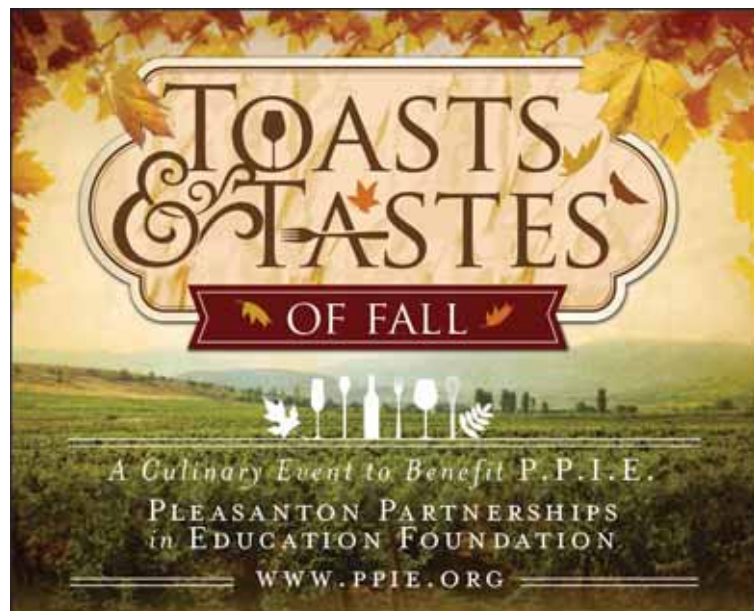
- A homeowner interrupted a burglary in progress on Stone Pointe Way on Sept. 15.

The homeowner came home around 9:40 p.m. and left his garage door open while he entered his house. After five minutes, he came out and found an unknown male hiding in his garage and his wife's bicycle moved out in the driveway, police said.

According to police report, the man confronted the stranger, who admitted to needing the bike as a way of transportation and then fled the scene. No arrests have been made.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

—Amanda Aguilar



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

Sept. 10

Drug violation

- 8:20 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 8:30 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; residential
- 6:39 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; commercial

Theft

- 7:24 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 8:31 p.m. in the 5000 block of Golden Road
- 8:44 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Battery

- 9:40 p.m. in the 4600 block of Sierra Wood Lane

Embezzlement

- 11:33 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 11

Theft

- 11:33 a.m. in the 7900 block of Paragon Circle; auto theft
- 1:45 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Commercial burglary

- 11:15 p.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 12

Drug violation

- 4:47 a.m. in the 3900 block of Mt. McKinley Court

Commercial burglary

- 7:04 a.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 11:10 a.m. in the 5300 block of Brookside Court
- 3:47 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

Battery

- 9:47 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Sept. 13

Drug violation

- 1:19 a.m. in the 3000 block of Tonopah Circle

Alcohol violation

- 1:29 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Sex offense

- 8:56 a.m. Street information not disclosed.

Vandalism

- 6:05 p.m., intersection of Del Valle Parkway and Main Street
- 6:49 p.m. in the 400 block of Vinyard Avenue

Sept. 14

Alcohol violation

- 12:31 a.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; DUI
- 7:38 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:37 p.m., intersection of Valley Avenue and San Rita Road; DUI

Battery

- 1:04 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street
- 3:01 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Theft

- 8:26 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 6:09 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; bicycle theft

Sept. 15

Burglary

- 3:10 a.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; commercial
- 9:52 p.m. in the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way; residential

Auto theft

- 7:45 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 1:38 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Sept. 16

Graffiti

- 7:19 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Auto theft

- 7:56 a.m. in the 5500 block of

Springhouse Drive

- 6:06 p.m. in the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Residential burglary

- 10:15 a.m. in the 800 block of Hopkins Way

Battery

- 10:15 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Sept. 17

Battery

- 9:12 a.m. in the 5300 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

- 7:49 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

Burglary

- 8:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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Talking to the animals



Children's theater kicks off season with 'Doctor Dolittle Jr.'

The classic stories about "the doctor who can talk with the animals" are coming to the Firehouse Arts Center in musical form in "Doctor Dolittle Jr.," running tonight through Oct 5, presented by Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre.



Cast members of "Doctor Dolittle Jr." throw themselves into their roles at practice for the musical, which opens tonight and runs through Oct. 5.

"Doctor Dolittle" seemed like the perfect season-opener for the Civic Arts Stage Company," said director Rachel Robinson of Bay Area Children's Theatre. "We are fortunate to have a number of students returning from last year, and we wanted to pick a piece that would both excite and challenge them as theater artists."

Author Hugh Lofting invented Doctor Dolittle and his adventures to fill the letters he wrote home during his time in the trenches in World War I. He later explained that the actual news was "either too horrible or too dull." In all, Lofting wrote 12 Doctor Doolittle books, winning the prestigious Newberry Award in 1922 for the second volume, "The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle."

The stories are set in early Victorian England, where the wacky but kind Dr. John Dolittle lives in the fictional village of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh. He shuns human patients in favor of animals, with whom he can speak in their own languages. In later stories, he uses his unique ability to better understand the nature

and history of the world.

His animal gang includes Polynesia, a parrot; Gub-Gub, a pig; Chee-Chee, a monkey; and the llama-ish Pushmi-Pullyu.

Dolittle has a few close human friends, too, including Tommy Stubbins and Matthew Mugg (changed to Madeline Mugg for this production).

"The actors are taking on the challenges of playing more mature adult characters as well as non-human ones," Robinson said.

The cast for this production was selected through a series of auditions and callbacks. Actors did their own song selections as well as monologues to showcase their singing and acting skills. Then the artistic team invited actors back to sing and read cold for specific roles. Everyone also participated in a dance callback.

"We not only consider who is best for each role, but also which roles will be best for our actors in terms of giving them an opportunity to stretch, grow and try something new for each personally,"

Robinson said, explaining that the artistic team then spends literally hours deliberating over where to place each actor.

Robinson also directed the "Secret Garden" in Pleasanton last season.

"Doctor Dolittle" not only touches on the treatment of animals, but also explores wider themes of tolerance and kindness. There have been many adaptations of the stories, possibly the most well-known being the feature films. In 1967, "Doctor Dolittle" starred Rex Harrison. Eddie Murphy starred in the title role in movies made in 1998 and 2001. And an animated version came out in 2011 starring Jane Seymour, Jason Alexander and Tim Curry.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 26-Oct. 5. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; children and seniors are \$6, \$9, \$12. Purchase tickets online at www.firehousearts.org; call 931-4848; or go to the box office at 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



"Dr. Dolittle Jr." brings together young actors for a two-weekend run presented by Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre.

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

\$4.5 million = 52 affordable housing units

The Pleasanton City Council has voted to waive an affordable housing requirement for an already-approved 345-unit apartment complex and take the developer's offer of \$4.5 million instead and run. Well, not exactly "run," but the money will be deposited in a city account where it can be used for a variety of uses, not necessarily for low-income housing.

E&S Ring and its Ring Financial company that will build the complex at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue, across from McDonald's, told the council that it's willing to include 52 rent-restricted, below-market-rate (BMR) units as agreed when the project was approved. Or, if the council preferred, it would pay the \$4.5 million as unrestricted contribution and offer all 345 units at its upscale rental-only complex at prevailing market rates.

The option was seen as a win-win offer. The city committed to placing \$1,041,421 of the in-lieu fee to its Lower Income Housing Fund for future affordable housing purposes. The rest — \$3,458,579 — will be placed in a special fund for a one-time operating program or capital project, which could also include an affordable housing project.

Ring, for its part, is now freed of any obligation to provide subsidized, low-to-moderate-income apartments in a multi-story apartment complex that will appeal to tenants with higher-end incomes. Ring also would have been required to provide the BMR units in perpetuity at a cost that would likely have exceeded the \$4.5 million payment over time.

The council's decision came after two hours of agonizingly long discussions and various proposals, although only Councilman Jerry Pentin voted against any of the plans to take the money. He wanted the 52 affordable units to be built.

Others on the council, including Mayor Jerry Thorne, favored accepting the \$4.5 million payment and waiving the BMR requirement. In the end, the vote was 3-2, with Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio also voting against the BMR waiver, but only because of her insistence on committing a portion of Ring's contribution to help Pleasanton school students who need financial aid.

The council's majority vote also went against city staff's recommendation that the 52 affordable units be built. In their report to the council, Nelson Fialho, city manager, and Steven Bocian, assistant city manager, pointed out that Ring's multi-family approval included a requirement to provide rent-restricted units, similar to requirements imposed on other developments approved among nine sites rezoned for high-density multi-family development in order to meet Pleasanton's share of its regional housing need.

Councilwomen Karla Brown and Kathy Narum supported accepting the payment, with both saying that it will provide the City Council with the flexibility to consider either an affordable housing project in the future, or a one-time operating program or capital project that would be determined through the city's annual priority setting, budget and capital improvement program process.

Cook-Kallio, however, lobbied repeatedly to have a compromise motion which, although still eliminating the 52 BMR units, would have required a portion of the funds to be dedicated to resources for students of financial need in Pleasanton. Her motions to force that action failed without support from others on the council.

Anticipated rents at the development are expected to be among the highest in Pleasanton. They will start at \$1,900 a month for a studio/one bedroom, going to \$2,262 for a regular one bedroom, \$2,803 for two bedrooms and \$3,427 a month for three-bedroom units.

The complex, to be called Vintage Village, will feature a gateway monument sign at the corner of Bernal and Stanley, elevated slightly to camouflage the parking area along both streets for the retail stores at the corner of the development. The project will include two-, three- and four-story apartment buildings on what is now a barren 16-acre fenced lot just north of Congregation Beth Emek. ■

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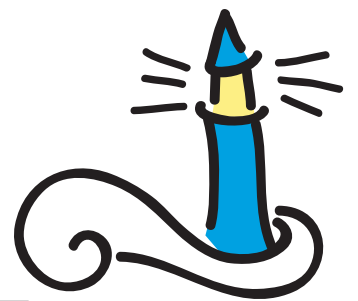


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File No.: 495561

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Thursday, October 2

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Classes

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Suzanne Aziz, nutritional educator and holistic chef, will demonstrate how to make healthy spaghetti and meat balls using organic ground turkey and seasonal organic, unrefined ingredients - all free of dairy, egg, gluten, and grain - from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at New Leaf Markets, 3550 Bernal Ave. Preregister at www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com.

Clubs

TWRWF SPONSORS CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will sponsor a Candidate's Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9 at Cattlemens

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Concerts

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market. The Band will play a medley of tunes fit for a traveling experience through towns in the US and around the world, with show tunes, marches, and more. Contact Director Bob Williams at 846-5897.

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LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE SAFETY EXPO

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department joins the National Fire Protection Association to recognize Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 5-11. LPFD will host a free Fire Safety Expo from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Fire Training Tower, 3333 Busch Road. A pancake breakfast will be from 8-11 a.m. Donations will be accepted in support of the Fallen Firefighters Foundation. LPFD personnel will be on hand throughout the event to answer questions and assist the community in protecting their loved ones from fire. Call 454-2361 or go to www.lpfire.org.

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Exhibits

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE MEMBERS JURIED EXHIBITION

Pleasanton Art League's Juried Exhibition will be from Sept. 27-Oct. 25 at the Harrington Gallery. Art media of all types will be represented, and this show will feature a variety of fresh new works by member artists. A reception with the artists will be from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Sept 29. Donations appreciated.

Fundraisers

'WE CAN' ART EXHIBIT AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

The "We Can" art exhibit will benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank by sale of the paintings and the donation of canned foods. The exhibit will run from Oct. 1-30 at the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts at Las Positas College in Livermore. Paintings can be viewed and bid on in \$60 increments at www.biddingforgood.com/lpc-foundation; cash donations can also be made at this website. Food donations can be made at the college. An opening reception will be held 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1; a closing reception will be held 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30. For more information contact Bill Paskewitz at 424-1265.

2014 STEP UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME WALK

Gather up a team and walk a mile for Down syndrome during National Down Syndrome Awareness Month! The Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area expects over 1000 people in attendance this year, enjoying a bbq lunch, karaoke, fishing, rock climbing, bouncy houses and more! Come Celebrate Acceptance from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 at Little Hills Ranch, 18013

Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Cost is \$30. Call 362-8660 or go to www.dsconnection.org/stepup.

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Join for the Extravaganza Apron Fashion Show from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Memorial Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., to spice up your apron fashion and benefit the hungry. Call 408-2985.

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