

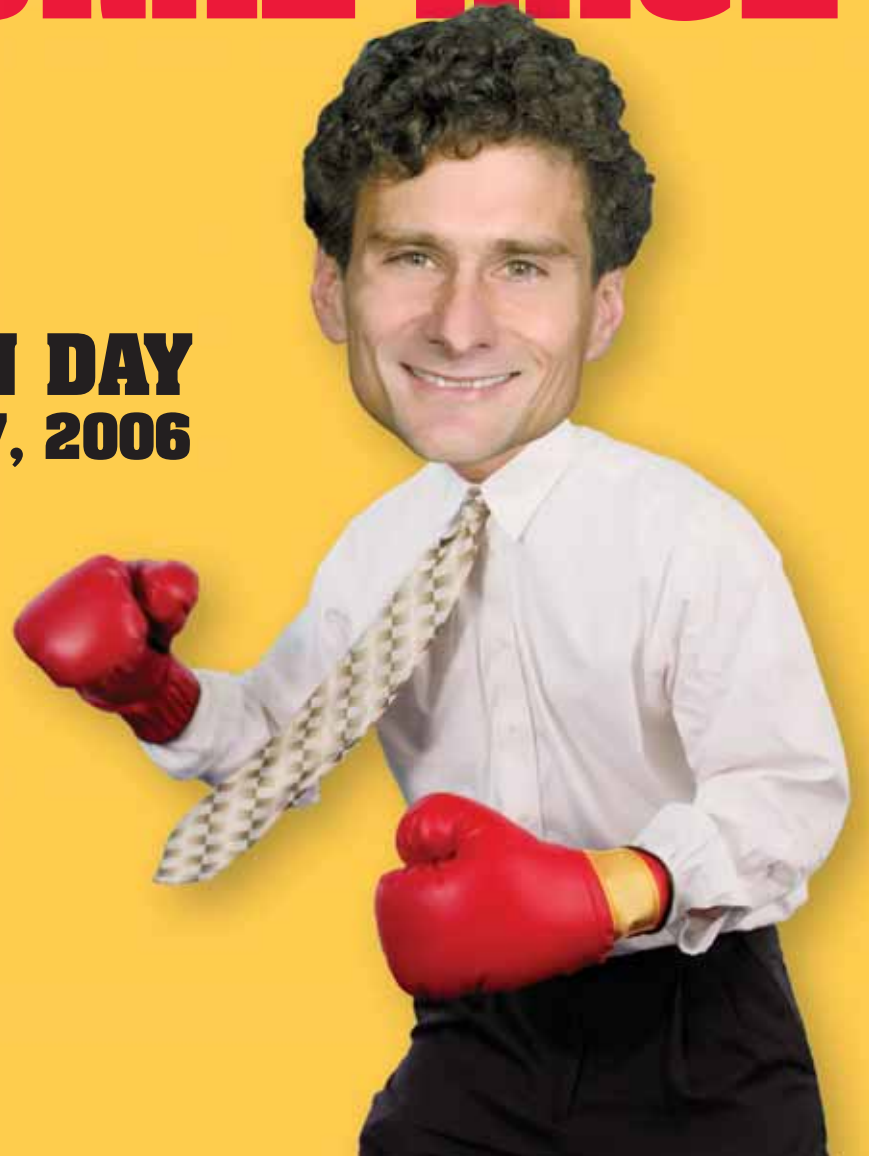
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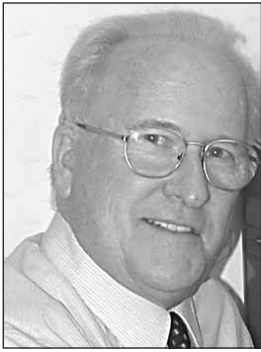
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Amador's Ladd is Teacher of the Year

Amador Valley High School teacher Brian Ladd has been named Alameda County's 2006-07 Teacher of the Year, a long-overdue honor for the career educator who has helped strengthen the hearts and minds of hundreds of students over the last 17 years. A political science major, with undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of the Pacific and West Virginia University, Ladd weighed his interests in government and teaching, deciding to merge the two when offered a civics and history teaching position at Amador in 1990. Except for a one-year stint at Foothill High in 1991-92 because of district reshufflings due to a budget crunch, the San Jose native has taught only at Amador, becoming a key instructor in the school's Social Sciences Department. Starting in 1992, he also became involved in competition civics, working with the group as it won regional and national honors. He led his 30-student team to Washington, D.C. last April, where they took second place among the 51 competitors in the prestigious "We the People" competition.

Ladd is a hands-on teacher who makes history, civics and other social science subjects come alive in the classroom. This past week he shared with students political materials being broadcast and mailed in 16 of the hottest state and Congressional elections that he downloaded from "YouTube." With only a few in his senior classes old enough to vote by Election Day Tuesday, he encourages everyone to get to know the issues and candidates and to volunteer to help in the campaigns and at the polls.

While many of the 186 students Ladd teaches every day in five separate class periods are college-bound "achievers," he believes more can be done to help those who are in the middle or falling by the wayside. Not every Amador grad can go to Stanford or UC Berkeley—and few do, actually—but that's the mind-set at Amador and Foothill high schools in a city that now has the highest personal income for any

city its size in America. Because of this concern, he launched AVID at Amador in 2003, a national program that stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It's a college preparatory program for students in the middle who may feel they are disadvantaged in a super-achieving education environment, and yet quite capable of doing better.

Founded in 1980 and now offered in more than 2,300 schools in the United States and abroad, the program has seen steady growth and success at Amador where Ladd's first class of 25 students graduated last June. It's tough work for both students and five other AVID instructors Ladd has recruited to handle this year's seven AVID sections. Meeting once a day, the teacher stays with the same starting class all four years, helping the small group of students learn skills as basic as proper note-taking, and giving them tutorials and academic help that's possible in a small-size class environment. For Ladd, the workday at Amador starts about 6 a.m. and ends at 6 that night, with before- and after-class time spent with both his AVID students and the scores of others who have varied interests and needs.

Ladd said high school courses are tougher and the demands on students considerably higher than when he started teaching 17 years ago. High school work, such as freshman algebra, has been pushed back into the middle schools with more students signing up for college-level advanced placement courses. That adds to the homework load, with a typical AP course requiring a minimum of an hour's work at home each night. Although the course work and study load are tougher, the Internet, laptops, e-mails and instant messages have made communications between teachers and students much better. Ladd posts all his assignments on his Web site, along with notes and other messages. Parents, as well as their students, can sign on with individual passwords to check on grades and homework. ■



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About the Cover

With Election Day just four days away, the Pleasanton mayoral and city council races are sizzling hot. Campaign finances were released Oct. 21, showing mayoral candidate and current City Councilman Steve Brozosky with a nearly 3-to-1 lead in monetary donations over Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is running for re-election.

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Streetwise

Q: Are you voting in the November 7th election by absentee ballot or at a polling place?

Asked Downtown



Virginia Provenzale

Semi-Retired

I am voting by absentee ballot. As a retail store owner, I found it much more convenient. I couldn't leave the shop to go to the polling place and I wanted to make sure my vote got counted.

Cathy Bradfield

Retail Manager

I go to the polling place. I like to physically fill out the form, hand it to a person and see it recorded.



Mike Rigley

Owner of The Treehouse

I enjoy going to the polling place. I like to talk to the people processing the votes. It's easier and I like the social aspect of everyone coming together to support the democratic process.

Darlene Sweet

Retired

I enjoy going to the polling place. I like to make sure I fill the forms out and hand them over. I have voted at the same place in my neighborhood for years. It's kind of tradition.



Andy Smith

Marketing

I voted absentee already. I took my time to read all the literature, filled out the forms and sent them in. It's very convenient. Now I don't have to think about finding time to vote or standing in line on the 7th.



Re-Elect Ayn Wieskamp East Bay Regional Park District Director Nov. 7, 2006

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"Ayn is a great EBRPD director. We are working to establish a public trail through Niles Canyon and to find funds to add more open space for the public."

--Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda Co. Bd. Of Supervisors

"A former Livermore Council Member, Wieskamp has served two 4 year terms on the EBRPD board and now seeks her 3rd. She herself is an avid park user, and has been a mover in making parklands all they can be. --Ayn Wieskamp deserves a third term."

--The Independent Editorial October 12th.

Partial List of Endorsements

East Bay Parks AFSCME Local 2428

EBRPD Police Officers Association

National Women's Political Caucus

Central Labor Council of Alameda Co. AFL-CIO

To read more endorsements and get more information about Ayn, check her out at [HTTP://www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) or call her at 925-447-8426.

Paid for by Elect Ayn Wieskamp, EBRPD, 2409 Chateau Way, Livermore CA 94550 Campaign ID 961913

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

Compiled by Cybele Ryan

Newsfront

News Digest

PPIE raised \$80,000

The Pleasanton Partnership In Education Foundation (PPIE) recently announced it raised \$80,000 during this year's "Bon Appetit: A Star Studded Culinary Affair." The proceeds will fund student and teacher grants.

Pleasanton residents asked to Tip a Cop

Pleasanton police officers will be out in full force today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Strizzis restaurant, 649 Main St., to raise money for the Special Olympics. Called "Tip a Cop," off-duty officers will help serve customers meals and assist restaurant staff. All the tips given to officers will go towards supporting Tri-Valley Special Olympics athletes.

Cat in the Hat art

Studio 7 Fine Arts is honoring the legacy of Dr. Seuss with a display and reception from 5 to 8 p.m., Nov. 4. At the reception will be Leo Rijn's 4-foot tall bronze sculpture of Cat in the Hat, curator and Seuss expert William W. Dreyer and more newly-released artwork from The Art of Dr. Seuss collection. The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 12.

ClubSport party to benefit Boosters

ClubSport will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a party and will donate the proceeds to Amador Valley and Foothill Booster clubs. Those ages 21 and over are invited to dancing, casino games, hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at 7090 Johnson Dr. Tickets are \$50, with \$1 off for members per year of continuous membership. Call 463-2822, ext. 570.

Student interrogation presentation

The Pleasanton PTA Council will be hosting a student interrogation presentation from Sgt. Brian Laurence of the Pleasanton Police Department. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Nov. 6 at the Pleasanton Unified School District office, 4665 Bernal Ave.

Corrections

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

Council, mayor to consider 40% boost in monthly stipends

New car allowance payment would add \$200 each month

by Jeb Bing

City Council members will hold a public hearing Tuesday on an ordinance that would raise their salaries by 40 percent from \$500 a month to \$700 for council members and from \$600 to \$800 for the mayor.

Also proposed is a monthly allowance of \$200 for car expenses, ending a requirement for receipts before car allowances are paid.

Mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky said he will vote against the proposal, adding that he believes it is inappropriate to be considering pay raises for the council at election time.

"We're not doing this for the money in the first place," Brozosky said. "I might support giving those who serve more money, but this should be considered in an off-election year, not now."

The proposed increases are contained in an ordinance that must be approved by a majority of three on the council Tuesday if they are to take effect when the next council is seated on Dec. 5. Otherwise, a new ordinance would have to be drafted and taken before the next council for pay increases the following year.

City Attorney Michael Roush said state law permits a City

Council to increase its salary by an amount no greater than 5 percent for each calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment. In Pleasanton, the council last received a pay boost for its services in December 1990 when the pay was raised to the current \$500 a month. By agreement, the mayor receives an additional \$100.

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Running for leukemia research

Pleasanton friends Frances Hewitt (left) and Dawn Wilson cross the finish line at the end of their 26.2-mile run in the San Francisco Nike Marathon held Oct. 29, where they helped raise more than \$250,000 for leukemia research. Hewitt, a local businesswoman, and Wilson, membership manager for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, ran in the marathon as a tribute to their close friend and fellow Chamber manager Jenny Doehle, who died of MLL leukemia Sept. 28. More than 15,000 participated in the event to raise funds to find a cure for the disease.

Ruby Hill winery and event center moving forward

Planning Commission, audience express support of project

by Janet Pelletier

A plan to build Pleasanton's second winery moved one step closer to reality.

The man behind the proposal is Michael Callahan, developing partner of Pleasanton's only winery—Mitchell Katz, next to where the new winery is proposed.

Included in the plans are a 4,800-square-foot winery and 19,872-square-foot event center on a 55.2-acre site at the southeast corner of Vineyard and Isabel avenues—near the entrance of the Ruby Hill community. Callahan is also proposing to use an existing residence as a

caretaker unit for the vineyard and existing farm/accessory buildings as a tasting room, barrel room for production and equipment storage.

The architecture of the winery and event center is designed to compliment the nearby Palm Event Center at the Mitchell Katz Winery.

The majority of audience members attending the commission meeting to hear the Callahan item supported the project, saying it would be a boon for Pleasanton and expressing their fondness for Callahan and the way he has

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Superior Court candidate speaks to 6th graders

Dennis Hayashi tells Pleasanton students of landmark Japanese internment case

More than two decades ago, Dennis Hayashi was a rookie lawyer who was about to litigate one of the most important cases of his life.

The civil rights attorney, who practices law in Hayward and lives in Castro Valley, was successful with a team of four other lawyers in overturning the conviction of Japanese American Fred Korematsu for his failure to report to an internment camp during World War II.

Hayashi, who is running for Alameda County Superior Court judge, spent an hour Oct. 26 with sixth graders at Harvest Park Middle School. Teachers Mark Macur and Carol Raimondi just completed a lesson plan about the federally-imposed Japanese intern-

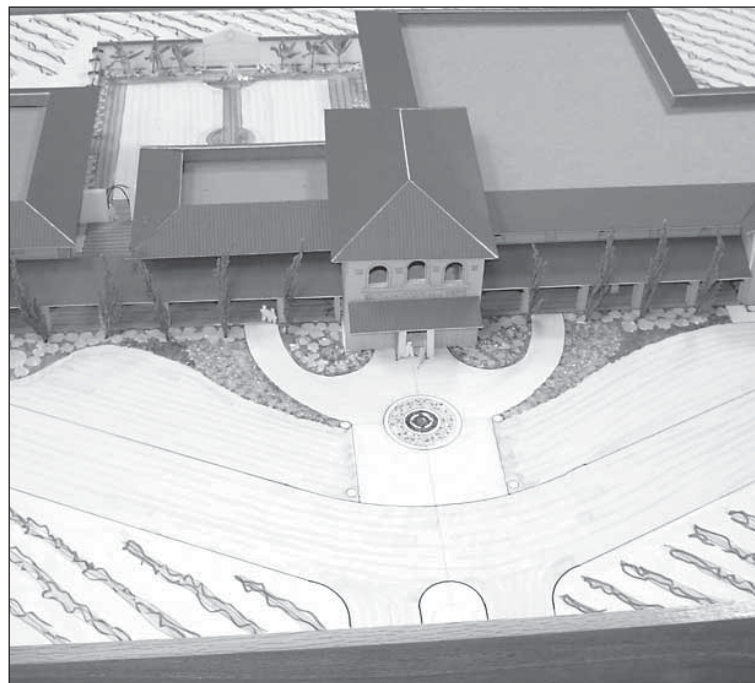
ment camps. The students read "The Bracelet" by Yoshiko Uchida—the fictional story of a 7-year-old girl from Berkeley who was sent to an internment camp in Montana—and read about Korematsu v. United States.

The inquisitive 11- and 12-year-olds asked Hayashi anything from what it's like being a lawyer to how he argued Korematsu's case and how much money the plaintiffs received from the 1983 court ruling.

Korematsu was born in 1919, lived in the East Bay Area and died in March 2005.

Japanese-Americans were ordered to internment camps

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A 3D model shows what an event center would look like at the proposed 55-acre site at Vineyard and Isabel avenues just north of the Ruby Hill community.

Janet Pelletier

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Church projects to go before Planning Commission

*Trinity Lutheran, St. Elizabeth Seton
submitting plans for approval*

by Janet Pelletier

The Planning Commission will be getting an earful at its Nov. 8 meeting. A couple of significant projects are slated to go before the commission at its only meeting this month.

Included in what has become a sort of building boom for Pleasanton churches lately, planning commissioners will be asked to approve a proposal by Trinity Lutheran Church to expand its facilities. A workshop to get public comment and feedback from commissioners was held in September.

Their proposal includes replacing existing portable buildings with an 8,110-square-foot education building, construction of a 3,108-square-foot multipurpose room and the expansion of the existing parking lot at 1225 Hopyard Rd. The education building will be a permanent location for the existing programs that are held at the church facility, which includes Trinity Lutheran Christian education, outside community group meetings and the Sunshine preschool, according to a city staff report. The multipurpose room will accommodate the church's youth program. The construction work is the final phase of the church's expansion plans from 1999.

At the September workshop, a handful of people expressed their concern of the church's plans,

saying they were worried about increased traffic and safety in their neighborhood on Golden Road. Some suggested the construction would increase the size of the congregation as well as increase traffic. The issue of parking was heavily debated because there are currently two parking lots at the church—a smaller one on Del Valle Parkway and larger one on Golden Road and residents say churchgoers often circle to find a spot or park in their neighborhood. A couple commissioners suggested a back road be built behind the facility that connects the two parking lots to alleviate the problem. Another workshop between neighbors and city staff was held Sept. 27, with more demands made such as closing the main parking lot off Golden, enlarging the Del Valley lot and moving the ministry center building. In an October newsletter sent to church members, it says "those demands were unworkable, so we have maintained our former plans and will move to meet with the commission members and prepare for our presentation..."

The commission is also expected to receive a presentation for a proposal involving St. Elizabeth Seton Church, which is located at Stoneridge and Rheem drives. They will then be asked to approve the project.

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Shiver me timbers

An almost life-size pirate ship built by a team of volunteers from Hearst Middle School is showcased at the Hearst Fall Festival Oct. 20.

Planning

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The church plans to construct a 22,296-square-foot parish center building with a gymnasium on an undeveloped site and make various improvements at 4001 Stoneridge Dr. where the church resides.

The current application is part of a master plan for the church that was approved in 1989; the projects have been built in phases. The latest proposal is part of a larger effort that also includes plans for an elementary school and rectory build-

ings that have yet to be brought to the city for approval.

The parish center would be used for Catholic Youth Organization basketball practices and games, meetings for church programs, a youth group center, religious education classes, nursery for infants and toddlers during Sunday services, religious guest speakers, seminars and conferences, funeral receptions, banquets, dances and after-service brunches.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 at the City Hall Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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Laura Bush here to boost Pombo's re-election campaign

Security tight at Hacienda park for First Lady's one-hour visit

by Jeb Bing

First Lady Laura Bush is scheduled to join a rally for Rep. Richard Pombo (R-Stockton) starting at 9 a.m. this morning at Goal Line Productions in Hacienda Business Park.

Arranged by Pombo's 11th District re-election team and California Republicans, the rally is aimed at bolstering Pombo's chances in Tuesday's election where he is facing a strong challenge by Pleasanton businessman and Democrat Jerry McNerney. McNerney, who has never held public office, is the focal point of a national campaign by Democrats to oust Pombo.

Polls show the First Lady with a 2-1 margin of approval over her husband President George W. Bush, who was in Stockton two weeks ago to urge voters to choose Pombo in the Nov. 7 congressional election.

The Pleasanton rally will be restricted to 500 pre-invited guests only. Goal Line Productions, located at 5959 Coronado Lane, is owned by Joe Madden, son of football Hall of Famer and television broadcaster John Madden, who also lives in Pleasanton.

Mrs. Bush, who was scheduled to speak at a rally in Rocklin yesterday for Rep. John Doolittle (R-Granite Bay), was to arrive at the Oakland Airport by helicopter at

8 a.m. and travel by motorcade to Pleasanton for the Pombo rally.

Security forces planned to close Coronado Lane and nearby access streets last night in preparation for the rally and to allow television crews to set up cameras and remote broadcast facilities.

Cook-Kallio gains endorsements

City Council candidate Cheryl Cook-Kallio has been endorsed by Congressman Pete Stark, State Senator Liz Figueroa, Assemblymen Alberto Torrico (D-20th) and Johan Klehs (D-18th), 10th District State Senate candidate Ellen Corbett and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

"I am pleased to have the support of our representatives at the federal, state and county level, particularly, because regional issues are so important to Pleasanton," Cook-Kallio said. "When elected to the City Council, I will use the working relationships that I already have with these representatives to lobby for dollars and support we need in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley."

Brozosky support keeps growing

Mayoral candidate and Councilman Steve Brozosky has collected a record number of individual donations for a Pleasanton mayoral campaign, with donations

to date reported at \$63,363, according to his campaign manager Mary Roberts.

"It is significant that we've received donations from nearly 300 different individuals and business owners over the past several months," Brozosky said. "The support is broad-based from school teachers and retired individuals to local CEOs who want a change in leadership."

Brozosky also said that his campaign team has placed more than 900 signs requested by business owners and residents for their curbsides and front lawns, which is likely a record number of signs.

Voter registrations dip in Pleasanton

The number of registered voters in Pleasanton fell by nearly 1,500 for Tuesday's election, totaling 36,242 compared to 37,777 in the 2004 presidential election.

The county voter registrar's office reported that of the 30 percent of Pleasanton voters who cast ballots in the June primary, 22 percent voted absentee and the rest went to the polls.

Voters can find their polling place in the Sample Ballot that has been distributed to all registered voters here. City Clerk Karen Diaz said her office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day to

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TV30 turns into election central Nov. 7

Local cable station to broadcast live show featuring Tri-Valley election results

by Janet Pelletier

With more than 50 local races in this year's election that's just days away, TV30 will have its hands full when the "on air" lights flash in the studio Nov. 7 for a live broadcast.

The community television station, which broadcasts on Comcast Cable in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon, will air election results affecting Tri-Valley residents in a live report beginning at 8 p.m. The election coverage will feature live field reports, results analysis, interviews with candidates at campaign headquarters and reporting, analysis and commentary from a variety of journalists.

TV30 reporters Carolyn Siegfried and Robin Fahr will host the show, which could last late into the night. Tim Hunt, former associate publisher and current columnist for the Tri Valley Herald and Jeb Bing, publisher and editor of the

Pleasanton Weekly, will provide analysis and commentary.

TV30 Elections Producer Derek Highsmith said the station is gearing up for what's expected to be one of the busiest election nights they've ever had.

"It's an exciting show," he said. "It's all live, unscripted and obviously not rehearsed, so anything can happen."

He said residents should flip the channel to TV30 because it's the only place where they will get live results devoted solely to the Tri-Valley area.

"Just in this area, you can see that there's over 50 races that are on our ballot," Highsmith said. "Think of how many races there's going to be on every Bay Area ballot that the other [news] stations are going to have to cover. It really makes sense to tune in because it's going to be focused on the races people here care about."

The station has been prepar-

ing for election night by holding numerous candidate forums for Pleasanton and Dublin and the live broadcast will include coverage on everything from the governor race, Congressional and Assembly district races to City Council and school board races.

"We're basically going to stay on the air until we have complete results," Highsmith said.

He said he's expecting the new Sequoia voting system Alameda County is using this election will help the station get results in sooner.

"Last year, the county decided to count the ballots by hand and so the results came in very slowly," he said, adding that the broadcast went until midnight. "This year, they're going to be scanning them in as people put their ballots in. Hopefully, the results should come in more quickly this year so we can have the good numbers earlier in the evening." ■

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Holiday boutique to benefit local animals in need

Various items for sale will help Valley Humane Society

by Janet Pelletier

Jackie Barnett is a self-professed cat lover.

Her license plate and e-mail address share the words "five kitties"—a reference to the five cats she's owned over the years. She has spent the last 15 years volunteering for the Valley Humane Society, creating the Just Like New Fund, and for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue as well as operating a small boutique selling animal-themed merchandise at the Feline Medical Center.

Next weekend, she will open her house to the public, offering animal-themed gifts as well as other holiday items in an effort to raise even more money for the Valley Humane Society. This will be the seventh year she's done that.

"My house right now is essentially empty of all my belongings and as of next Wednesday, I have about 13 volunteers that are going to be coming and unloading all of the wonderful things and putting up Christmas decorations all over my house," Barnett said.

The holiday boutique will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 10 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at Barnett's house, 5410 Entrada Ct.

To prepare, Barnett's e-mailed a list of 500 people who either come to the annual event year after year, or have visited at one point or another. She said neighbors, friends and people she's never met enjoy perusing through the gifts that are displayed in her living room, bathroom and bedrooms.

"I usually get about 300 people coming through the house," she said. "It's gotten to be something that people look forward to."

On Barnett's deck will be small bags and pillows filled with cat nip which she both grows and packages herself—a favorite among shoppers.

"We've filled hundreds of those over the years. People say their cats have never had such a cat nip feast," she said, laughing.

The items that are for sale are

bought wholesale by Barnett, who operates a small business called the Cat's Meow Toys & Fashions. She donates the profits from the holiday boutique to the humane society; about \$10,000 was raised last year.

Among the items for sale include cat- and dog-themed socks, shirts, wrapping paper, dishes, notepads, ornaments; handmade goods such as the Warm Fuzzy—a flannel pillow that can be heated in a microwave to soothe aches and pains; original artwork by artist Leslie Cobb; children's gifts; a "litter box" table selling new or gently used donated items and upscale items such as jewelry, greeting cards, home decorations and garden art.

A raffle will also be held for a chance to win any of 10 prizes—proceeds for that will benefit Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's Cinderella Fund—which is similar to the Just Like New Fund at Valley Humane Society.

Fundraising for animals has a special place in Barnett's heart. Having owned five cats over the years, Barnett's 16-year-old cat Sizzler had to be put down a few weeks ago, leaving her with just one cat, Patches.

But Barnett is planning to add to her family after the boutique's over.

"When things settle down, I will be getting more kitties because I can't live without cats," she said.

And she will get the furry felines from the humane society, which she said is a need in the community.

"We've helped hundreds of animals and people over the last 15 years or so," she said, adding that the money collected from the fundraiser will help pay for year-round veterinary costs to assist low- and fixed-income pet owners and their animals. The fund also helps stray animals that are brought to the shelter.

For more information about the boutique, call Barnett at 846-2512 or visit www.valleyhumane.org. ■



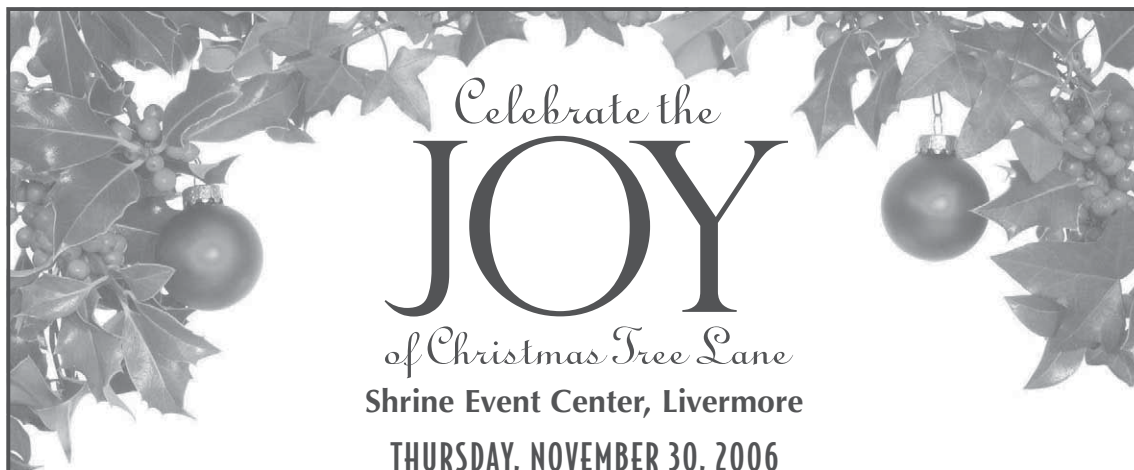
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Raise

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"Generally, city council salaries are determined by population," Roush explained. "When the city's population reached 50,000 in 1989, the council adopted an ordinance raising its salary to \$500 a month."

Because city council salaries, based solely by population, will not be able to be increased until the city's population reaches 75,000, the Government Code also pro-

vides that compensation may be established by the adoption of an ordinance that can increase the monthly salary by 5 percent for each calendar year from the time of the last raise.

Roush said that provision would allow council members to boost their salaries by as much as \$400, but that city staff recommended limiting the increase this year to \$200.

"In addition, council members and the mayor routinely use their personal cars for city business,"

Roush said. "In recognition of that, staff is also recommending that the council establish a \$200 a month car allowance for the council and mayor."

If approved, the new salary and car allowance schedules would require a budget adjustment of an additional \$15,380 for the current fiscal year.

The public hearing will be heard near the start of the regular City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the City Hall Council Chambers at 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

Council eyes 4 percent pay boosts for city administrators

Compensation plan would add \$397,000 to municipal budget

by **Jeb Bing**

Pleasanton city management personnel could receive pay increases retroactive to Sept. 1 if the City Council approves a resolution Tuesday that recommends the salary adjustments.

City Manager Nelson Fialho asked for a 4.0 percent increase in the salary pool that is then distributed based on performance to his 55 managers and eight confidential employees. Fialho said the increases, which would cost the city an additional \$397,000 this year, could mean those in the management pool might receive increases above 4 percent or some below that based on their last performance reviews.

The confidential employees are executive and administrative assistants and secretaries who perform work that is confidential in nature, including payroll, personnel records and similar duties. They, like the managers, are not represented by a formal bargaining group or union.

Fialho, himself, and City Attorney Michael Roush are not part of the management group subject to the pay increases.

The council considered the compensation increases at the end of its meeting Oct. 17, near the midnight hour. It scheduled a public hearing for next Tuesday to give the public an opportunity to

review the proposal and have an opportunity to comment on it near the start of the meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Civic Center at 200 Old Bernal Ave.

"I'm glad we're going to review this proposal at a better time," said Councilwoman Cindy McGovern. "Right now (about 11:40 p.m.), most people are in bed and asleep."

The compensation resolution was supposed to have two components: a compensation adjustment based on the city staff's customary review of management salaries in nearby and similarly-sized cities, and also results of a new study that the council ordered that compared Pleasanton city salaries to similar jobs and responsibilities in the private sector.

Council members Jerry Thorne and Cindy McGovern were assigned to supervise the project, with \$50,000 appropriated to hire a consultant to conduct the study.

But that work has been delayed while a consultant was located with experience to undertake that work. The consultant then found it difficult to gain cooperation from local companies who fear that by opening their payroll books for a government inquiry that the information could become public and reported in the media.

Thorne said that while that study is now under way, a pre-

liminary survey showed that the 4 percent increases proposed for managers now is "within the rate of increases we're seeing in the private sector."

Fialho said salary adjustments for Pleasanton managers are considered and usually made annually, with the effective date for making payroll changes Sept. 1. If his 4 percent proposal is approved Tuesday, the pay raises will be retroactive. Even then, that would be better than last year when managers received raises in the 3.5 percent range in mid-November.

In determining the adjustment, Fialho and his finance staff survey other cities, with the objective of making sure Pleasanton salaries are competitive. In their most recent survey, the group found that a few cities granted salary increases as high as 7.6 percent for Santa Clara fire department managers, and as low as nothing in Hayward, where negotiations are under way. Close by, Dublin declined to disclose its compensation increase percentages, Livermore reported 3.9 percent and San Ramon 3 percent. The survey also showed the managers in emergency services, such as police and fire, tended to have higher rates of salary increases than those in mainline management and administration. ■

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Janet Pelletier

Civil rights attorney Dennis Hayashi speaks to sixth graders at Harvest Park Middle School about litigating the landmark case *Korematsu v. United States*.

Hayashi

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after the Pearl Harbor attack, but Korematsu refused, hiding until his capture in May 1942. After he was convicted, he filed numerous appeals, but the conviction was upheld. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed a commission to investigate the internment camps and it concluded that the action was unjustified. Eight years later, it was ruled that surviving prisoners would be compensated with \$20,000. In the early 1980s, the case against Korematsu was reopened.

Hayashi told the students that after World War II, Korematsu never spoke about his conviction until his daughter learned of the case in one of her classes at Cal State East Bay.

“She asked her father if they were related to Korematsu,” he said. “Fred told her, ‘that’s me.’”

How did they locate Korematsu after all those years to defend him once again—the students asked?

“They looked him up in the phonebook—he was still living in San Leandro, right where he lived his whole life,” Hayashi said.

The Korematsu case is special to Hayashi, who also is Japanese-American—his own parents and grandparents were sent to internment camps, he told the class.

It was that very thing that motivated him to become a lawyer, he said.

“My family had suffered such great pain, so that’s what motivated me to become a civil rights lawyer,” he said. “This is something that just shouldn’t happen to people.”

—Janet Pelletier

Ruby Hill

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worked with the community in the past.

Some residents of the Ruby Hill community had been in opposition to the plan previously because the original proposal showed the event center and winery close to their homes. They were concerned about noise, obtrusive lighting, lack of parking and that their views would be impacted.

However, after a couple of meetings between the community’s homeowners association, the proposal was modified to relocate the two buildings closer to Vineyard and Isabel avenues. Callahan, who had lived in Ruby Hill for 10 years, also agreed among other concessions to shaving an hour off of the event center’s hours to close at 10 p.m. The center is planned to be operated by Beets Fine Catering, which also operates the Palm Event Center.

At the Planning Commission meeting, per the request of commissioners and audience members, a few slight modifications were put into the writing of the proposal including enclosed space for trash

storage, lighting that will shut off at night and specifications on the level of noise permitted—including a decibel measurement.

Another proposal related to the Ruby Hill region will go before the Planning Commission at its next meeting on Nov. 8. The Nagy family is proposing to take the old Ruby Hill development’s sales office at 2001 Ruby Hill Drive and convert it into a gourmet restaurant. The restaurant, planned to be called Liliom, would also host special events such as weddings and will hold wine tastings and cooking and self-enrichment classes, according to a city staff report.

That plan has received some backlash from some Ruby Hill residents who are concerned, similar to the Callahan proposal, about noise, lighting and parking as well as traffic. In a letter submitted to the city, Ruby Hill resident Donald Hubbard said “the noise of dining and party activity outside this location would echo up the golf course and into the lots of homeowners of the 5th, 6th and 7th fairways.”

The item will be a workshop, meaning the public and commissioners will review the project and be able to make comments on it, but no action will be taken. ■

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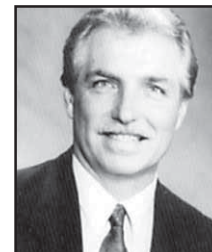
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Total eclipse of the Weekly

Even though (l-r) Alyson, Glynnis, Jim and Darren Kaye are technically not reading the Weekly during their trip to Silyon, Turkey, we can forgive them considering they instead viewed the total solar eclipse on March 29, 2006, with their trusty solar glasses of course.

The Weekly makes it 'modern'

Aidan and Logan Roloff may not be able to read yet, but that didn't keep them from working the Weekly into their sandcastle landscape during a family trip to Anna Maria Island in Florida.



What a send off

Specialist Nick Baranzini (right) and his father JB catch up on hometown news at Camp Shelby, Miss. following the military post's Departure Ceremony on March 16. JB and his wife, Marlene, were among hundreds of families who attended the event, sending off 4,000 troops—of which Nick was one—to a year-long deployment in Iraq.

Election 2006

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handle phone queries at 931-5027. Two voting machines also will be available for use by any registered voters in the clerk's office that day. On Election Night, people can visit the city's Web site at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us for election results.

Times of the signs

If all goes according to municipal code regulations, the city will be free of campaign signs Nov. 12. Any signs remaining six days after Nov. 7 will be taken and stored for 20 days by the City Manager and/or authorized city agents until a responsible party claims them. The candidate or committee leader usually assumes liability, unless the City Manager is notified of another a responsible party. Signs confiscated before or after the election will be returned for a fee of \$5 per sign. An unspecified fee may be charged if removal requires any unusual effort—cutting or removal of support structures, towing trailer signs, etc.

Code enforcement will continue to patrol for unlawful placement of campaign signs in the days preceding and following the election. The municipal code can be found online at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/government/search. Anyone who sees an illegal sign can call code enforcement, 931-5621, or the police department, 931-5100.

—Emily Atwood

From the polls to the parties

After much campaigning, candidates will try to relax during election night in what many hope will be victory celebrations. Here's where the parties will be:

- Brian Arkin - The Crush Winemaking Club, 1249 Quarry Ln. Ste. 140
- Cheryl Cook-Kallio - The Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St.
- Dan Faustina - Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St.
- Jerry Thorne - The Hop Yard, 3015-H Hopyard Rd.
- Steve Brozosky - Main Street Brewery, 830 Main St.
- Jennifer Hosterman - Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5424 Sunol Blvd. #8

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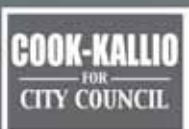
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Organizations:

Tri-Valley NOW * Alameda County Democratic Party * Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce * Bay East Association of Realtors * Central Labor Council * IBEW Local 595 Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters Local #1974 * National Women's Political Caucus * The Pleasanton Weekly

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Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Pleasanton pilot dies in crash

Stephen Daleo, 50, of Pleasanton was killed in the crash of an ultralight plane at 12:35 p.m., Oct. 28 in the unincorporated town of Knightsen, about four miles northwest of Brentwood. Daleo borrowed the single-seat plane, which does not have an enclosed cabin, from a friend, according to Sgt. Sandra Douglas of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department. Daleo took off from a private air field and his destination was unknown. The plane experienced problems during takeoff, but the cause of the crash is still unknown, Douglas said. Although the plane has been taken as evidence, Douglas said there will be no formal investigation from the FAA.

According to reports, Daleo was a flying enthusiast with master pilot ratings who worked

for a hang glider manufacturer. Ultralight planes do not require a license to fly, according to FAA regulations.

Music equipment, camera stolen from locked car

Between the hours of midnight and 6:20 a.m. on Oct. 29, a suspect broke into a locked car and stole goods—a preamplifier, bass guitar, CDs and camera—valued at \$5,100. The amplifier and guitar were located in the trunk, while the Nikon camera with two lenses and CDs were inside the car. The center console and glove box were also ransacked. The 1997 four-door Dodge Intrepid was parked and locked in front of the victim's home on Diablo Vista Court. The victim came outside around 6:20 a.m. and discovered the garage door and car trunk were open. If anyone has information about this incident, call the Pleasanton Police Department 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.

October 23

- Burglary from vehicle:
 - 7:00 p.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadow Circle; worth \$200-400
- Attempted burglary:
 - 8:17 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road

October 24

- Found property: 1
- False personation:
 - 9:05 a.m. in the 2800 block of Foothill Oaks Terrace
 - 2:02 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive
- Misc. theft:
 - 4:33 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road; cell phone worth \$200-400
 - 4:45 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; vehicle parts worth over \$400
- Vandalism:
 - 10:43 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita and Stoneridge roads; public, over \$1,000 in damage
 - 5:18 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; less than \$1,000 in damage

October 25

- Found bicycle: 2
- Found property: 1
- Forgery:
 - 4:11 p.m. in the 5900 block of Las Positas Boulevard
- Shoplifting:
 - 8:15 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; worth \$50-200

October 26

- Found bicycle: 1
- Found property: 1
- Public drunkenness:
 - 2:00 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- Misc. theft:
 - 8:21 a.m. in the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive; worth over \$400
 - 2:27 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road; worth \$50-199
- Burglary from vehicle:
 - 8:46 a.m. in the 1600 block of East Gate Way
- Assault:
 - 3:15 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

- Residential vandalism:
 - 4:50 p.m. in the 480 block of Sycamore Road; worth less than \$1,000

October 27

- DUI: 1
- False personation:
 - 7:58 a.m. in the 2900 block of Amoroso Court
- Misc. theft:
 - 9:40 a.m. in the 3300 block of Las Positas Boulevard; worth over \$400
 - 3:11 p.m. in the 1900 block of Harvest Road; worth over \$400
 - 4:38 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road; a cell phone worth between \$200-400
 - 5:00 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; worth \$50-199
- Assault:
 - 11:28 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road
- Public vandalism:
 - 4:35 p.m. at the intersection of Las Positas Boulevard and I-680 south; less than \$1,000 in damage
- Residential burglary:
 - 7:46 p.m. in the 400 block of Division Street

ACCIDENTS

October 24

- 6:36 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Churchill and Fairlands drives

October 25

- 11:50 a.m. - Non-injury, hit-and-run accident in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 4:05 p.m. - Non-injury accident in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 5:53 p.m. - Non-injury accident at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

October 26

- 4:54 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Angela and First streets

October 27

- 10:40 a.m. - Property damage at the intersection of Main Street and Bernal Avenue
- 7:54 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of I-580 and Hopyard Road
- 11:13 p.m. - Property damage at the intersection of Muirwood Drive and Foothill Road

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, November 7, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- PAP-95, Stan and Stacey Knight, appellants, consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission decision approving the appeal by Dennis and Barbara Georgatos of the Zoning Administrator's administrative design review, approval to construct a 180 square-foot covered patio, a 292-square-foot first floor addition on the rear; and an approximately 1,251 square foot second-story addition over part of the center and side portions of the existing residence located at 779 Mirador Court
- Results of Feasibility Study for Alamo Canal Trail Extension Under I-580 Project
- Consider Adopting a Resolution Amending Compensation for City of Pleasanton Management and Confidential Employees
- Second reading of Ordinance No. 1943 amending Section 1 of Ordinance 1422 and Section 2.04.020 to the Pleasanton Municipal Code concerning Council Salaries and Adopt Resolution establishing a Car Allowance – Brozosky Voted No.

Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

- PUD 93 02 09M/PCUP 182, Barnabas Nagy
Work session to review and provide comments on an application for: (1) a major modification to the Ruby Hill PUD development plan to allow the conversion of the existing sales office located at 2001 Ruby Hill Drive to a restaurant, the revision of the configuration of the existing parking lot, and the establishment of a new driveway off of Vineyard Avenue; and (2) a conditional use permit to allow alcoholic beverage service after 10:00 p.m. at the restaurant.
- PCUP-155/PDR-513, Trinity Lutheran Church
Application for a condition use permit and for design review approval for the expansion of the existing Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 1225 Hopyard Road, as follows: (1) replacement of the existing temporary modular buildings with the construction of an approximately 8,110 square foot one story education building to the east of the existing church facility; (2) construction of an approximately 3,108 square-foot multipurpose room addition to be attached to the south of the existing church facility, fronting Hopyard Road; (3) expansion of the existing parking lot; and (4) on site landscaping removal and replanting.
- PDR-561/PV-158, John Miller Architects/Saint Elizabeth Seton Church
Applications for: (1) design review approval to modify the Saint Elizabeth Seton Church Master Plan to construct an approximately 22,296 square foot parish center building with gymnasium and related site improvements on the existing church site located at 4001 Stoneridge Drive; and (2) a variance from the Municipal Code to allow the proposed parish center building with gymnasium to be approximately 34 feet tall, where 30 feet is the maximum height limit.
- Consideration of the City Council Annual Work Plan/Priorities for 2007-2008

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, November 6, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

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Youth Commission

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

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Library Commission

Thursday, November 9, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pleasanton Public Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal

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Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 9, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal

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Obituaries

Gerhard Schwaegerle

Gerhard Schwaegerle died Oct. 20 at the age of 80.

Mr. Schwaegerle was born in Czechoslovakia and orphaned in his early years. Drafted into the

German Air Force, he was captured in Normandy in June 1944 and taken to Virginia as a POW for two years. After World War II, he was sent back to Germany and worked in communications for



U.S. Civil Defense. He married his wife Anneliese on Oct. 21, 1950. She died April 20 of this year.

Remembering the good treatment and food in the United States, they immigrated to America aboard the Andalusia in 1954. They resided in Washington state, Marin County and San Bruno before settling in Pleasanton in 1968. He worked meticulously in the automotive business as a distributor for Reynolds

C. Johnson VW distributor for 20 years, as well as BMW, Nohr Imports and also worked in real estate. He was named Volunteer of the Year by the Southern Alameda County Board of Realtors.

A 69-year Scouter, Gerhard was involved in the Boy Scouts of America as Twin Valley District Commissioner for 12 years and was proudest of overseeing nearly 500 Eagle Scout Board of Reviews. He received numerous awards, including Silver Beaver; Bronze Burro; Vigil Honor in skills, crafts, and cooking; and many merit badges. In 1972, he attended the International Scout Friendship Tour of Europe. He believed in giving back to the community through scouting. He raised two Eagle Scouts and spent much time with his four grandsons.

He is survived by son Marcus Schwaegerle; son Gary Schwaegerle and wife Phoebe, and their four sons Anton, Owen, Easton and Evan, all of Pleasanton; sister Gertha Lepsch; nephew Walter Lepsch and family in Austria.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held 10 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Interment will be at Pleasanton Memorial Gardens following the service.

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Births

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

September 30

Christy Keeling & Justin Bryant, a boy

October 3

Miranda & Brett Mascari, a girl

October 6

Ruth Morales, a girl

October 7

Linda & Joel Andrews, a boy

October 10

Jeanette & Edward Fried, a boy

Rosalind & Jeffrey Campbell, a boy

October 12

Katherine & Gregory Mickelsen, a girl

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Sports

Foothill girls tennis volleys to first

by Michael Miller

The Foothill Girl's Varsity Tennis team moved into sole possession of first place with a 10-1 record in match play after last week's 7-2 triumph over now second place San Ramon Valley. Led once again by the Arthur sisters, the girls showed off not only their skills but also their passion for the game.

Amanda Arthur, playing No. 2 singles, blasted her way past SRV's Melissa Hirsch 6-1, 6-1; while her freshman sister Melissa Arthur, at No. 3 singles, defeated Brittany Solomon 6-1, 6-3. Junior Kerri Kummer, at No. 1 singles, continued her dominating play with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Katie Malloy. Other singles winners for the Falcons include Teagan Benson and Stephanie Csongor. Christine Chen and Andrea Poljakovic at No. 3 doubles added one more point as they easily took Yvonne Yip and Samantha Nasstrom 6-4, 6-2. Jen Lau and Jacie Lofland added the seventh point for Foothill with a 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3) win.

With only a Halloween match against cross-city rivals Amador Valley, the girls are poised for an EBAL Fall League title.

Battle of undefeated teams

Fresh off a 45-6 win over Washington High School, the unde-

feated Foothill Falcons (4-0 league, 8-0 overall) varsity football team heads into what is likely to be their toughest game to date against senior QB Corbin Louks and the undefeated San Ramon Valley Wolves (4-0, 8-0). Louks who has at least two TD passes in each of SRV's eight games this season leads an offense that has scored 276 points this season. Louks has completed nearly 60 percent of his passes for over 1,600 yards and 20 TDs on the season and will be a tough match-up for the suffocating Falcon defense. The ball-hawking defense is led by senior linebacker Eric Gabbani and averages allowing less than 200 yards per contest. Through eight games the defense has allowed only 57 points with Monte Vista being the only team to score more than seven points in a game.

The Falcon offense is well balanced with a power running game led by Rob Andrews, Austin Day and Ryan Theige. The passing attack is piloted by the steady play of first-year starter senior QB Josh Medonca. Jordan Johnson leads the receiving corps while Adam Miles does triple duty as a running back, defensive back and place kicker.

Dons return to winning ways

After a two-game losing streak against the two Danville high

schools, the Amador Valley Dons (2-2, 6-2) got back on track in a big way defeating the Granada Mustangs 49-0. Dominating from the outset, the Dons out gained Granada 310 to 80. The Dons forced six Mustang turnovers and scored two TDs on defense on fumble returns from Adam Howe and Anthony Penden. The offense scored on two Nick Vuoto to Wes Garwood passes and TD runs of one yard each from Howe and Rick Isabel as well as a 10-yard run from Kyle Perry.

Intercollegiate basketball comes to LPC

The Hawks will hit the hardwood with a historic home opener for the men's and women's teams at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at "The Nest"—the new gymnasium at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd. in Livermore. The men will take on the College of Marin at 6 p.m. and the women will follow at 8 p.m. against Diablo Valley College. Opening festivities will include food, music and prizes from the Golden State Warriors and radio station KKIQ. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and free for student with a valid student body card. Because the game is on election night, those who have a ballot receipt or an "I Voted" sticker will get in free. ■



Henry Yang

Flips, fun for Pleasanton gymnasts

Girls have good showing at Teddy Bear Meet

Girls from the California Gynastics Academy chalked up some good marks at the Teddy Bear Meet on Oct. 15 in San Mateo. Pleasanton athletes included Kristin Hewitt, a level 4 whose team finished in fifth place; level 5 second place finishers Isabella Orecchia, Hannah Skinner, Morgan Fiske, Jessica Fineran, Dori Lucero and Rachel

Yang; level 6 teammates Tiana Hodzic, Shannon Gray, Jacy Rasnic and Jamie Gray finished in fourth place.

The girls and gymnasts from Livermore out to Milpitas will be competing Nov. 4 at the Zone 6 Championship Meet at CGA in Livermore.

—Emily Atwood

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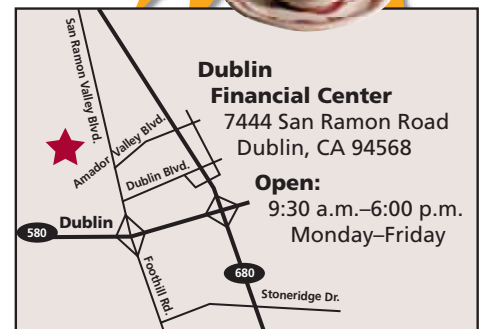
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Hosterman, Brozosky duke it out as Election Day nears

Costly race overshadowing campaigns by 4 for City Council

by **Jeb Bing**
and **Janet Pelletier**



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In what is likely to be the costliest and most contentious mayoral election in recent memory, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and her high-profile challenger Councilman Steve Brozosky are duking it out across the city this weekend as they head to the final rounds of electioneering before Tuesday's vote.

Already, as of the last required financial reporting date for candidates on Oct. 21, Brozosky reported \$63,363 in contributions to his campaign, roughly 3-1 over Hosterman's \$22,415. Donations are expected to flow in at least through the weekend to help pay for TV and newspaper advertisements, mailers and automated telephone calls aimed at getting out the vote on Nov. 7.

Analysts say the race is too close to call, with additional uncertainties among the four candidates seeking election to two open City Council seats. Those candidates are incumbent Councilman Jerry Thorne, former Planning Commission Chairman Brian Arkin, high school teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio and businessman Dan Faustina.

It's estimated that 40 percent, perhaps even half of all Pleasanton voters who intend to vote in Tuesday's election already have voted absentee. Even so, with the closeness of the mayoral race, particularly, those who go to the polls Tuesday—even late on Tuesday—could well determine the outcome of one of the fiercest and most exciting Pleasanton contests ever.

Altogether, the six candidates have raised a record-high \$140,775 in their campaigns with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce raising another \$26,228 to help fund the two candidates it endorsed: Thorne and Cook-Kallio. In previous elections, thousands of dollars came in during the final days of the campaigns.

In this last week of campaigning, the mudslinging between Hosterman and Brozosky and their campaign teams has intensified. Much to the consternation of the City Council candidates, the media in recent weeks has focused on the numerous appeals for endorsements and donations that Hosterman sent from her city-owned e-mail account, which some charge was in violation of California Government Code 8314, which makes it unlawful to use government property for political campaign activity.

At the same time, in an effort to strike back, Hosterman supporters have accused Brozosky of using his elected title as a City Councilman to solicit business for his new software company, Government Outreach. Nearby cities, including San Ramon, Tracy and Manteca, as well as the Livermore Airport and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that operates the Wheels bus system, use the company's products. Kendall Smith, Brozosky's partner in Government Outreach, said the firm gave the software to LAVTA and Livermore at no charge and with no ongoing financial commitment.

Even so, Pat Smith of Liberty Drive asked if despite Brozosky's denials, the firm's business dealings with the Livermore airport "had any bearing on his refusal to consider Pleasanton's participation in the airport noise monitoring program."

"One also wonders how he might be influenced when other contentious issues arise between Pleasanton and our neighbors if he continues doing business

with them," Smith added.

Hosterman's e-mails, however, have received the most attention since Dan Carl, the Brozosky campaign's treasurer, obtained them under the state's Public Records

Act, which, like the federal Freedom of Information Act, makes written and e-mail government-run systems available to the public. Pleasanton Weekly also obtained a new campaign-related computer file long after she was warned not to.

"Oh my goodness, it's something in the morning in my mailbox to be answering e-mails and then to another," Hosterman, who lives in her home, told at TV3's election viewer. "It's unfortunate, but I can't do anything about it."

Brozosky, in the same interview, warned against using the city's e-mail system for campaigning, but that rarely happens. Even after City Manager Attorney Michael Roush filed a lawsuit to Deputy District Attorney Michael White, who continued sending election-related e-mails from his home computer. White said he would sue if they violated state law.

"This is the electronic equivalent of a typewriter, writers, printers and copy machines—akin to elements of a typewriter," Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge said. "This is very hard to be sure that between e-mail systems' security has not already claimed."

Between the mounting accusations of besmirching, voters seem to be concerned about the issues facing the next mayor. Hosterman or Brozosky will be elected to the City Council.

Both were elected to the City Council in 2004, agreed at the time, as they should go on the 318-acre city was given by developer. Both also agreed that traffic congestion is a supply of moderate-priced housing for Pleasanton, and that Smith's plan extended to El Charro and the 1996 General Plan.

Both also have actively participated in the 1996 General Plan, and agree that it's a woefully late but still necessary update.

The two have frequently disagreed noticeably after Hosterman's 2004 campaign against former Councilman Brozosky backed. In the last few years, Brozosky has an agenda based on increased traffic, mental regulations, promising to also become more involved in issues that she believes have a direct impact on the quality of life here, including traffic.

As mayor, Brozosky, 43, has a council agenda on local needs, including development and housing, and time-consuming discussions for those who represent the city.

"No one elected me mayor," Brozosky said. "They want to see problems. Most are saying, for a very inadequate job of handling traffic, and yet you have to do more."

Hosterman, 50, said that she would like to run for another two-year term. She has elevated to top leadership positions in the traffic congestion and housing issues that she serves as the Pleasanton representative.

"I've been able to secure a brand new eastbound lane on the 680 freeway break ground on that project to provide considerable relief to the city to do more."

the federal Freedom of Information Act, and e-mail communications on govern- ments available for public inspection. The city also obtained the material, including related communications from Hosterman who was warned to quit using the city's sys-

ness, it's not unusual for me the first thing in my pajamas with my mug of tea e-mails and bouncing from one account Hosterman, who has a city e-mail system and at TV30 community television inter- fortunate, but it has happened."

In the same interview, said Hosterman was using the city system last summer for that records show she continued to work for City Manager Nelson Fialho and City Council Roush forwarded copies of the e-mails to District Attorney Trevor White, Hosterman said she will look at the materials to see if state law.

"The electronic equivalent of using city type- and copy machines for campaign fil- ings of the Gayle Bishop case in county nearly 10 years ago," Carl said. Hosterman said she would be seen as 'an inadvertent slip systems' as Ms. Hosterman has repeat-

mounting accusations and character blemishes seem to be hearing less about the next mayor of Pleasanton and how Brozosky would handle the job.

Hosterman was elected to the City Council in 2002 and re-elected, as they still do, that no more housing on the 318-acre Bernal public lands, which are owned by developer Greenbriar Homes. They are causing traffic congestion and an inadequate supply of affordable housing are major problems and that Stoneridge Drive should not be widened to El Charro and Livermore, as called for in the plan.

Hosterman has actively pursued an update to that plan and agree that after three years of effort, it is still a necessary project.

Hosterman frequently sparred on other issues, split- ting after Hosterman won the mayor's race in 2002 from former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, whom she defeated. In the last year, Hosterman has pushed for more on increased conservation and environ- mental issues, promising that if re-elected she will be more involved in national and international issues that she believes have an impact on Pleasanton and the region, including global warming.

Brozosky, 45, wants to re-focus the council on local needs, including traffic, business and housing issues, leaving public debates on national and global issues to those who represent the region in Congress. "I've been asked to solve national problems," Brozosky said. "They want us to focus on local prob- lems, for example, that we have done a great job of coordinating traffic signals," Brozosky said. "You get to a red light and there's no one there to sit there."

Hosterman said that she wants to be re-elected for another year term to complete her work on the transportation study committee and to possibly be in leadership positions on the major regional transportation and housing agencies where she now serves as a Pleasanton representative.

Hosterman said she would like to secure a \$75 million project for a four-lane round lane on I-580," she said. "We'll complete that project in 10 months. That will provide relief to traffic congestion. We can

Almost forgotten in the media's focus on the Hosterman-Brozovsky mayoral campaign are the four candidates who are seeking election to one of two open seats on the council. Brozosky, who could have run for another four-term on the council, gave up his seat to run for the mayor's post. Incumbent Councilman Jerry Thorne must run again for his seat.

Jerry Thorne

Thorne, 62, said he is making another run for a City Council seat to finish some of the things he's started. The former Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies businessman was elected to the council in a special election in June 2005 after a seat was vacated when former Councilwoman Jennifer Hosterman was elected mayor.

Thorne said there are some main issues he plans to tackle should voters re-elect him to a new term.

The increasing traffic problem in Pleasanton means the city needs to work on a regional, state and federal level to secure funding for improvements on State Route 84 and Interstate 580 and improvements in public transportation, he said. On city streets, Thorne said he is against a West Las Positas interchange because it would be fiscally irresponsible. He also is opposed to extending Stoneridge to El Charro Road at this time and wants the city to focus on other traffic problems.

He would also like to work with the Civic Arts Council, the Cultural Arts Commission and other groups dedicated to improving access to the arts in Pleasanton to make improvements.

On affordable housing, Thorne said he believes the city should explore all possible methods for providing it. As Pleasanton nears its housing cap of 29,000, Thorne said the city will need a long-term plan for how to navigate that transition as revenue from development will cease, including ways to track expenses and capital spending as well as develop an economic development plan to outline how the city will attract and retain a business tax base to continue a revenue stream. He also advocates that the city streamline its city services and emphasize customer service and satisfaction.

Brian Arkin

Council candidate Brian Arkin, 46, has been active in the local community for about 10 years, first getting involved to block a plan to build 2,500 houses on the Bernal property. This will be the second time he has run for the City Council—the first was in the June 2005 special election to fill former Councilwoman Jennifer Hosterman's seat when she was named mayor. One of his campaign messages has been "Let's build Bernal Park now." He also co-authored Measure V, a ballot initiative that was approved by voters in 2002, prohibiting additional housing on the Bernal property. He had been on the Planning Commission since 1999, until he resigned last month, saying he wouldn't want his role as chairman voting on issues that might be forwarded to the city council to present a conflict of interest should he be elected to the council. It's that experience, Arkin said, that makes him qualified to be a councilmember.

As a member of the Planning Commission, he said he advised the City Council on land use, worked hard to reduce the impact of proposed developments, voted for needed affordable senior housing and facilitated neigh-

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Joe Bing

Bill Linse of Chateli Court, who was leaving on vacation, votes early at a special touchscreen voting facility in the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Two of these touchscreens will be available to registered voters from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Monday, and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Election Day.



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Jeb Bing

Supporters of Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's re-election bid in Tuesday's municipal contest join her in waving to motorists on Valley Avenue last week-end. Sporting campaign T-shirts and signs are (from left) Brenda Weak, Hosterman, Mark Emerson, Councilman Matt Sullivan and Gary Smith.

Election

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borhood meetings.

The holder of 13 patents and published author works for a semiconductor equipment company in Milpitas.

Arkin said he is against the West Las Positas interchange and Stoneridge Drive extension projects as they relate to traffic issues, because he said they would create more cut-through traffic by non-residents in the city. He also opposed the Livermore Airport expansion because it would increase jet noise.

He supports providing opportunities for business and, while on the Planning Commission, worked to simplify the approval process for residents and small businesses. He is also a supporter of creating more lighted sports parks and more practice fields.

Dan Faustina

This will be the second run for City Council candidate Dan Faustina, 27. A health care insurance account executive and lifelong Pleasanton resident, Faustina ran in the special election in June 2005 for an open council seat that went to fellow candidate Jerry Thorne.

The youngest candidate to run, Faustina said his youthful point of view and being a Pleasanton native are needed on the council. The 1997 Foothill High School graduate has a degree in political science and first became involved in politics as a student volunteer on the Measure B school bond campaign in Pleasanton. Along the way, he has served on State Assembly and Congressional candidates' campaigns. He is currently the president of the Pleasanton Kiwanis Club and an Alameda County Commissioner on Consumer Affairs and Human Relations.

If elected, Faustina said he will bring the citizen's voice back to City Hall. He said he thinks the city needs to look for regional solutions to traffic issues, enhance the quality of life in Pleasanton by adding more recreation opportunities, cultural arts and added infrastructure. He is against the Stoneridge Drive extension because he doesn't feel it

will solve the traffic problem. He also thinks the city must be able to continue attracting and retaining employers to add to the local economy and allow residents to live and work in the same community. In addition, he sees the need to continue addressing housing needs for seniors and younger workers and keeping schools achieving at high levels.

Faustina said he is an advocate for property rights, but wishes to maintain as much open space as possible.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio

School teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio, 52, is the one political newcomer to the City Council race. The 20-year Pleasanton resident said her long history of public service as a United States history teacher and volunteer work with Scouts and schools makes her the perfect candidate for the council. Cook-Kallio has taught for 29 years, currently teaching Advanced Placement U.S. History and Advanced Placement U.S. Government at Irvington High School in Fremont. She has also been the coach of the "We the People" competition civics class since 2000—taking her team to the California state finals every year.

Cook-Kallio said she would be a tireless advocate for the residents of Pleasanton if she is elected. She sees the primary responsibility of the city council as being representative of the citizens of Pleasanton. She cites traffic, community building and workforce and senior housing as the top three issues she would like to tackle as a councilmember.

On traffic, she said she favors finding solutions to cut-through traffic on city streets and does support keeping the Stoneridge Drive extension in the city's General Plan. She also seeks to find ways to fund regional transportation projects such as those involving I-580 and State Route 84 that directly affect Pleasanton.

She also supports providing affordable housing for youths and seniors and adding more recreational and cultural arts facilities. Streamlining city services is also one of her priorities as she said business is very important to the city. ■

Nov. 7 election offers chance for change

The following are propositions that will be on the election ballot

Proposition 1A: Transportation funding protection

Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads. Requires the sales tax on gasoline be spent on transportation projects and services or repaid by the state within three years if used in any other way, which is only permissible in cases of dire emergency.

Proposition 1B: Transportation congestion bond

Will provide \$19.9 billion for highway-, public transit- and transportation-related projects to relieve congestion and improve safety and security of the transportation system.

Proposition 1C: Housing bond

Will provide \$2.85 billion, about half of which would continue state funding for affordable housing programs, offer down-payment assistance and other housing-related grants.

Proposition 1D: School bond

Provides \$10.4 billion for capital improvements and new construction for all levels of California public education institutions with special allotments for vocational training.

Proposition 1E: Flood prevention

Provides \$4.1 billion to rebuild and maintain levees, protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures.

Proposition 83: Sex offenders

Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters, prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of any school or park, and requires lifetime Global Positioning System monitoring of felony registered sex offenders. Also broadens the offenses that would fall under laws governing sexually violent predators and allow municipalities to further restrict the residency of registered offenders.

Proposition 84: Parks and water bonds

Provides \$5.4 billion to pay for projects throughout the state related to drinking water quality, flood protection, parks and other natural resources.

Proposition 85: Abortion waiting period

Amends State Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minors (under 18) until 48 hours after a physician notifies the minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Doctors will be required to report abortions on minors or they will be fined. Allows a court to intercede if the minor is being coerced into having the procedure.

Proposition 86: Cigarette tax

Imposes a \$2.60 tax per cigarette pack and indirectly increases taxes on other tobacco products to fund various health programs, children's health coverage and tobacco-related programs.

Proposition 87: Alternative energy

Tax of 1.5 to 6 percent, depending on oil price per barrel on producers of oil extracted in California, and prohibits producers from passing the tax to consumers, to establish a \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption by 25 percent with research and production incentives.

Proposition 88: Education Funding

A \$50 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for K-12 for lower class sizes, instructional material, school safety and facilities.

Proposition 89: Campaign finance

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Proposition 90: Property rights

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Hosterman for Mayor

Among the two candidates for mayor, we recommend the incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman for re-election to another two-year term of office over her challenger, Councilman Steve Brozosky. In her two years as mayor and two years before that as a councilwoman, Hosterman has focused both locally and regionally on improving our transportation systems, maintaining and strengthening the business community and in being honest about her positions and views on the issues. Even in championing local incentives and regulations to make Pleasanton a better player in reducing global warming and increasing energy conservation, Hosterman deserves credit for thinking more broadly in a city that is in the forefront of technology and medical advancements. Her use of her city e-mail system to solicit re-election funding and endorsements is unfortunate and she may face fines for violating state laws. But these infractions are not criminal and should not stand in the way of allowing her to continue her leadership role in our community.

Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio for City Council

Voters are being asked to select two of four candidates for City Council. Our choices are retired businessman and Councilman Jerry Thorne, who has done a commendable job in the brief 16 months he has served on the council, and high school teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Cook-Kallio is a 20-year Pleasanton resident whose positions on the issues are based on common sense decision-making with an eye towards fairness and not on political expediency.

Corbett for State Senate - 10th

Former San Leandro Mayor and 18th District Assemblywoman Ellen Corbett is well-known in Pleasanton. Experienced in municipal government and needs, Corbett, a Democrat, is our pick for the 10th State Senate District that represents Pleasanton over a virtual unknown Republican challenger, Lou Filipovich.

Guy Houston for Assembly - 15th

Former mayor of Dublin and widely known in Pleasanton, Republican Assemblyman Guy Houston, R-San Ramon, is our choice for re-election to a third consecutive term in the 15th State Assembly District, which covers the northeast section of Pleasanton. His opponent is Democrat Terry Coleman of Danville, who is making a first-time bid for public office.

Jill Buck for Assembly - 18th

Republican Jill Buck is our choice for election to the State Assembly for the 18th District. A Pleasanton resident, PTA leader and founder of the now-national Go Green environmental program, she faces an uphill battle against Democrat Mary Hayashi in the heavily Democratic 18th District.

Alberto Torrico for Assembly - 20th

We support the re-election bid of Assemblyman Alberto Torrico to a second term as our 20th District Assemblyman. This district represents Ruby Hill, Vintage Hills and other parts of eastern Pleasanton. Torrico, a Democrat, is the former vice-mayor of Newark who has a good understanding of municipal issues. His opponent is Republican Ken Nishimura, an electrical engineer who has never held public office.

McNerney for Congress - 11th

The Pleasanton Weekly is endorsing Democratic candidate and Pleasanton resident Jerry McNerney over incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Stockton, to represent the 11th Congressional District. McNerney, an engineer working in wind energy technology, wants the country to move from its dependence on foreign oil to renewable resources while Pombo strives to drill offshore for oil as well as opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We also believe that McNerney will be an ethical representative who will work hard toward solving the nation's problems as well as dealing with local issues.

Letters

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Cook-Kallio's skills right for council

Dear Editor,
I have known Cheryl Cook-Kallio for over 20 years, during the last seven of which we have worked at the same Fremont high school. Speaking as her colleague and as a 15-year Pleasanton resident myself, I wholeheartedly support her City Council candidacy.

Cheryl has lived in Pleasanton for 20 years. Her children went to school in Pleasanton. She has taught American history and American government classes for 29 years. She helped to coach Amador Valley High's "We the People" civics team. She is passionate in her belief and in her support of a free and productive society.

I believe that Cheryl will take the positive qualities developed during her life as a classroom teacher into Pleasanton's City Council chambers. I believe that she will research issues thoroughly and fairly, that she will use her considerable critical thinking abilities to problem solve and that she will work hard to reach a consensus that will allow the city to continue its forward momentum.

I believe that she will bring a much-needed breath of fresh air into city government. I urge you to support her.

*Dave Howell
Pleasanton*

Brozosky: Conflict of interest or ethical breach?

Dear Editor,
Pleasanton City Councilman and candidate for mayor Steve Brozosky has criticized Mayor Hosterman for using her title to speak about global issues such as solutions for global warming, yet Brozosky uses the title "Pleasanton councilmember" on his "Government Outreach" Web site to promote his business making software for cities and other public agencies. Brozosky claims that the Livermore Airport installation was free of charge, yet this elected official cites this under "case studies" in promoting his business to cities for his own personal gain. Check his Web sites, Brozosky has been bribing many local jurisdictions with his software products in exchange for their endorsements in the mayoral race.

It remains to be seen how many of these ethical breaches are punishable by law, but it certainly is cause for all of us to be concerned about his ethics, motives and methodology. Brozosky should resign.

Brozosky has supported Richard

Pombo (No. 13 of the most corrupt congressmen remaining out of prison) and Pombo has supported Brozosky. If you are in the 11th district, you must have seen Karl Rove's NRCC mailers attacking Pombo's challenger, Jerry McNerney. This is Pleasanton, Pombo's corruption and Karl Rove's lies should never be allowed to infiltrate and corrupt our mayor's office.

On the other hand, Mayor Hosterman is one of the most ethical and enlightened political figures that I know of. She deserves your respect and your vote for a second term.

*Charles Clark
Pleasanton*

Accusations against Brozosky are off base

Dear Editor,
As president of Government Outreach (which I co-founded with Councilman and mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky) I need to set the record straight on the wild accusations made by others.

Almost two years ago, Steve suggested to me that we offer our software at no cost to the Livermore airport so they would have a tool to monitor and reduce the impacts of airplane noise in the Tri-Valley. This was a community-relations effort and no funds have been paid to us, or ever will be, for the software or consulting services we provided the airport.

Steve is always generous with his knowledge and time, whether helping Pleasanton by giving our neighboring city free use of our professional software, producing the Pleasanton youth Web site, Ptown411.com, or volunteering extensive technical support in our public schools. Steve should be commended. Those attacking Steve should be ashamed to criticize those who give so much to our community!

People who know nothing about our business have written letters to the papers fabricating information on our company and our sales model. We do have a real business and charge customers for our services, no differently than the mayor whose family owns a personal injury lawyer business. Our business, and Steve's passion, is to make government more accessible, efficient and accountable. Steve's expertise in customer service has made him a recognized leader in this field for 15 years. Pleasanton is lucky to have an individual like Steve freely giving his time and expertise to his community.

*Kendall Smith
President, Government
Outreach, Pleasanton*

Weekly 'blatantly liberal, biased' in Pombo editorial

Dear Editor,
In response to the Weekly's attack on Congressman Pombo (Editorial, "McNerney for Congress," Oct. 20) we ask the question: What do Pleasanton and the other Tri-Valley communities have in common? Some of the most blatantly liberal,

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biased hometown papers in the state!

This paper's attack, bordering on slander, based its information on a Web site, (C.R.E.W., www.citizensforethics.org), that is sponsored by left-wing organizations. We find it unbelievable that a newspaper written by educated journalists would base a story on a candidate with one source of information and no substantiated evidence from any other source.

However, we are confident, that if the Weekly had practiced good investigative journalism, they would have found nothing to back up their wild accusations—hence, their lack of corroborating evidence. It is truly disappointing to think that what we thought we had in a fair and balanced hometown newspaper is really liberally biased in outlook.

You have done a great disservice to the entire community by defaming one of the most honest, humble and hardworking congressmen in this state. We can only hope the electorate in this Valley will investigate on their own and come up with the accurate information on our fine upstanding Congressman Pombo.

Jen Buck
The Executive Board, Tri-Valley
Republican Women Federated

Thorne, Faustina are business savvy

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 7 you will elect two City Council members. I urge you to vote for Jerry Thorne and Dan Faustina.

Jerry Thorne has brought a reasonable voice to the city of Pleasanton as a member of the City Council for the past 15 months. We need to continue his presence by re-electing him to a four year term. He brings a strong business background and has proven his ability to apply this knowledge to the job of representing you both locally and regionally.

Dan Faustina grew up here, and after graduating from Pepperdine University, came back to Pleasanton to work and live in his home-

town. He has been and is actively involved in the community coaching youth football, serving as a youth leader at Trinity Lutheran Church, and is President-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton. He presently serves on two Alameda County Commissions and is an active Chamber member. As a businessman who has a passion for public service and a desire to shape Pleasanton's future, Dan would make an excellent councilmember—bringing a fresh and reasonable perspective to the table as well as relentless energy and the ability to grasp issues and make tough decisions.

Elect Faustina and Thorne for Pleasanton City Council.

Sharrell Michelotti
Former City Council Member,
Pleasanton

Brozosky is a 'one issue' candidate

Dear Editor,

Having worked on local campaigns, twice now I've felt betrayed by people I supported before the elections. These two folks pretended that they cared about the quality of our entire community. Both of these people also got in by attaching themselves to one good issue. Becky Dennis got in when she volunteered to run for the City Council during the "Save the Ridge" campaign, of which I was a part. When Steve Brozosky championed the Bernal property "Field of Dreams" campaign, I hopped on board.

It pained me to see Brozosky become such a curmudgeon while in office. Especially because I remember walking precincts with a lovely elderly man who was suffering from bone cancer. I think of his offering his precious moments to help because he cared about the wild spaces.

That's why I hate to talk down about Brozosky. But, the truth is, Brozosky, like Dennis, has become a lapdog to people with prestige and money. And, in both cases, it became apparent almost right away, immediately after they took office. Both of them had no imagination and were dead in the water on anything that the business community felt uncomfortable about.

I'm proud to say that Hosterman has been a steadfast person of con-

science and commitment to all portions of our community as well as building solid alliances with the business community in a balanced sort of way. I have to pinch myself to think that we have such a bright star guiding our community with great care, intelligence and honesty. Beware the "one issue folks." Hosterman represents all facets with grace, honesty and intelligence. I feel blessed to have her as our mayor.

Paulette Kenyon
Pleasanton

Dethrone corrupt Pombo

Dear Editor,

The reader put off by the Weekly's endorsement of Jerry McNerney's ("Weekly's attack on Pombo unfounded," Letters to the Editor, Oct.27) felt it was unfair because it focused too much on Richard Pombo's 14-year anti-public interest record, versus that of someone who hasn't even held public office yet. She also stated that the points made about Pombo were wrong on "every issue." But the only statement I found inaccurate was the one about him being one of CREW's 13 most corrupt members of Congress. With the indictment and sentencing of Representatives Randy Cunningham and Rob Ney, and other changes over the past year, Mr. Pombo has moved up in the rankings to No. 8, just ahead of another Jack Abramoff connected California Congressman, John Doolittle, of Rocklin.

But citing Mr. Pombo's seniority as a reason to vote for him ignores what you would get. When you try to reconcile Mr. Pombo's voting and legislative record with his election-time public statements—on Abramoff, immigration, veterans benefits, the pawing off of national parks and oil drilling off the California coast—it all paints a picture of a candidate who pursues his agenda and then tries to disown the record come election time. It's way past time to give someone else a chance to look after the public interests of the 11th District and the country, rather than someone who doesn't even know the meaning of the term.

Bob Nickeson
Pleasanton

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Brozosky solves problems

Dear Editor,

The people of Pleasanton have an opportunity to elect a uniquely effective leader as mayor—Steve Brozosky. I have known Steve since 1981 when we worked together at a computer company where he was the young “wunderkind”—the software engineer who everyone relied on to solve the toughest problems. The qualities that drove Steve to passionately work on a problem, through the night if necessary, still characterize his approach to everything: precisely define the problem, work hard, be creative, don’t stop until the problem is solved, and give generously of yourself. I can honestly say that I haven’t known anyone who combines Steve’s remarkable native intelligence, commitment, tenacity and generosity of service.

Since moving to Pleasanton 24 years ago, Steve has demonstrated in a myriad of ways that he is dedicated to improving his community—from volunteering at 4-H, Pleasanton schools and senior facilities, to founding Government Outreach, a provider of software that helps connect local governments to its citizens.

As a businessman, volunteer, city council member and father, Steve always solves problems with practicality and creativity. Steve’s priorities for Pleasanton are the right ones—focusing on Pleasanton issues, restoring Council teamwork, traffic, fiscal responsibility and preparing the community for disasters.

One thing you can be sure of: Steve always delivers what he says he will. Some leaders are well-intentioned but impractical. Steve is well-intentioned and effective.

Barbara Langworthy
San Jose

Thriving democracy in Pleasanton

Dear Editor,

As a 13-year resident of Pleasanton, and one who has voted in every election, I found Vice Mayor Matt Sullivan’s letter quite amusing. Mr. Sullivan states that only 20 percent of Pleasanton’s eligible voters will cast ballots in the coming election; interesting figure, I wonder where he came up with it; he doesn’t say. He also states that our “gift of democracy,” in Pleasanton will be lost due to certain “practices” controlled by money. Again, Mr. Sullivan fails to support his statement with facts.

Last time I checked, the political system throughout our country centered on candidates endorsing themselves via contributions. Sources of campaign dollars continue to be a “national” debate, certainly not unique to Pleasanton. In his bid to endorse current mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Mr. Sullivan comments on character assassination and disinformation, in generalities of course. Here he may have a point. Just last week Ms.

Hosterman was accused concerning the unauthorized use of her city account to send e-mails, in one of which she allegedly referred to her challenger, Steve Brozosky, as a “sleazeball.” Mr. Brozosky brushed this off by stating that it was childish, although it does tend to support at least one of Mr. Sullivan’s statements, possibly not the way he intended. There is no problem with the democratic process in Pleasanton, and I believe that most Pleasanton residents would support this statement. I intend to vote for Mr. Brozosky for mayor of Pleasanton.

Mitch Fidziura
Pleasanton

Arkin proves adept

Dear Editor,

Brian Arkin is the perfect choice for Pleasanton City Council. I have known Brian since about 1998, a couple years prior to his service on the Planning Commission. When I first met Brian he demonstrated his devotion to our city by becoming involved in civic decisions as a citizen. Brian tirelessly studied the many voluminous reports prepared by city staff and consultants. Brian formed intelligent and even visionary conclusions that he had confidence in to present and discuss in a variety of public forums. Over the years, Brian earned the respect of his colleagues as an individual of knowledge and integrity.

I believe the reason Brian worked this hard is because the quality of Pleasanton made a difference in the lives of his family and friends, so Brian was prepared to make a difference in the quality of Pleasanton. Based upon my personal interaction with Brian over many years and demonstrated by his six years of service on our Planning Commission, two of which he served as its chairperson, Brian has the expertise Pleasanton needs to tackle our serious housing, open space and traffic

issues. As important, Brian is a member of our community first who has diligently worked for solutions that promote a healthy Pleasanton today and tomorrow.

As a Pleasanton resident since 1968, I have had the opportunity to observe many officials of various capabilities. I hope you will join me to elect a council member who is first rate and vote Brian Arkin for Pleasanton City Council.

Matt Morrison
Pleasanton

Thorne, Buck emulate leadership

Dear Editor,

Jerry Thorne has served our community well during his first two years on City Council. He listens well, does his homework, is always prepared and presents himself with decorum and respect for all others present at council meetings. He does not practice negative politics and he does not lower himself into personal attack.

Best of all, Jerry is a positive person and makes his decisions and recommendations based on best serving the entire community, not on favoring one neighborhood over another, or a personal political agenda.

Jill Buck has demonstrated that she is a positive-minded, classy, well-informed, thoughtful person before and during her campaign for the 18th Assembly District. She is a leader with strong values that reach far beyond partisan politics. Her Go Green Initiative is now at work in 25 states and will be a positive influence for school children for many years to come. She understands the real environmental issues that will impact the lives of every one of us, and our children, and grandchildren.

Jill has a strong fiscal back-

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ground and will work hard to see that our state government delivers services and infrastructure in an efficient and timely manner.

Jerry is a councilmember who can be proud to represent Pleasanton. And Jill is the best person to serve and represent the interests of all citizens, regardless of political preference, in the 18th Assembly District.

*Brad Hirst
 Pleasanton*

Hosterman, Arkin don't encourage cut-through traffic

Dear Editor,

Since moving to Pleasanton in 1973, I've seen the city evolve and grow in many different ways. I remember a small town with only one traffic signal, rural roads and open fields. But, regardless of the changes that have taken place, one constant has been thoughtful planning, especially where traffic is concerned. That's why I am absolutely amazed that the Stoneridge Drive extension is even being considered.

Although it was once in the city's master plan, that was before the massive growth of cities like Tracy and the associated commuter traffic on I-580. Allowing through traffic to El Charro Road would encourage large numbers of frustrated

commuters to exit I-680 north at Stoneridge Drive and follow it all the way across town to escape the freeway parking lot. Those traveling east on I-580 could also easily exit on Foothill Road and proceed to Stoneridge Drive attempting to do the same.

Contrary to those who argue this is a "not in my backyard" issue, the truth is actually much more common sense. Not only will extending Stoneridge Drive not alleviate other congested areas in town, but it will actually create a Tracy cut-through traffic expressway splitting our city in two. Every citizen of Pleasanton will suffer from the constant parade of vehicles driving through on their way to the valley. If you find this scenario disturbing, please join me in supporting Vote Jennifer Hosterman for mayor and Brian Arkin for City Council—the only two candidates who are unequivocally against the Stoneridge Drive extension and traffic gridlock in our beautiful community.

*Dan Maslana
 Pleasanton Teacher*

Pombo puts cattle over California

Dear Editor,

Representative Pombo is wrong for California and wrong for the nation. He is proud of the fact that he is a rancher first, and a congressman second, but we need a representative whose first priority is Californians, not cattle.

Even if we ignore his blatant disregard for the environment, we are still left with the fact that Pombo is one of the most corrupt members of Congress. From his dealings with the convicted criminal Jack Abramoff, supporting the disgraced Tom Delay to paying his own family members almost \$400,000 out of his campaign fund, Pombo is a corrupt politician through and through. Even Republicans won't support him. Pete McCloskey, Pombo's opponent in the primary, is backing Jerry McNerney, saying "I've been a Republican my whole life. But enough is enough! I endorse Jerry McNerney for Congress."

If Pombo is wrong for the Democrats and Republicans, then how can he be right for California? I'll be voting for Jerry McNerney.

*Carl Jantzen
 Pleasanton*

Don't believe Prop. 87's 'alternative' hype

Dear Editor,

The latest buzz word seems to be "alternative." It might be a fuel, a proposition, or a candidate, but alternative doesn't guarantee "better." We are going to be inundated with legislation and slick snake-oil opportunists all eager to get their hands in the public money trough.

The Prop. 87 plan is to tax oil and transfer those taxes to anyone doing alternative fuel experiments. A group of bureaucrats can give money to any buddies they want, without results. Prop. 87 has such a long list of negatives; the Chronicle, Times, and Herald have all said "no" to Prop. 87.

We must also be cautious of

politicians and candidates pushing alternative power while starting up wind and solar companies. Those conflicts of interest could end up coming ahead of the public's interest. I'm exercising that caution by voting no on McNerney. The Times and Herald also said "no." Be it proposition or candidate, don't be fooled by "alternative" buzz.

*Judy Symcox
 Pleasanton*

Pombo revising failed ESA

Dear Editor,

I recently read that Congressman Pombo advocates "gutting" the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This is a grave concern since I enjoy our great outdoors, from hiking in the Sierras to scuba diving off our California Coast.

The ESA, as it was written in 1973, was intended to conserve and recover America's endangered species. But of the 1304 species on the list, only 10 have been D-listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). That's less than a one-percent return on 30 years of work and millions of dollars spent.

If I were running a company based on a 30-year-old business plan, pouring in millions of dollars and getting less than a one percent return, I would call that endeavor a failure, and, after changing my name and hair color, would move to Dubai to avoid prosecution and an angry mob of stockholders. Obviously, like a business, after 30 years the ESA plan needs to be revised and adjusted, incorporating new scientific methods and including new technologies that will better manage the resources.

The intangible, collateral damage of the ESA has placed species like the endangered Sucker Fish at the center of a political shell game, and the constant filing of lawsuits has buried the FWS in litigation, focusing their limited time and money on legal proceedings and diverting their best scientists from field work to courtrooms - even to the point of bankrupting the funding for critical habitat in May of 2003.

The original goal of the Endangered Species Act—to recover failed species—has, quite simply, failed, and is now lost in the political dance of the Special Interest Shuffle. Yet, in spite of the fear-hype of species extinction and the howling of environmental groups, Congressman Pombo is taking a common sense approach to revising the ESA, committed to actual results and saving endangered animals.

*Jody Ward
 Pleasanton*

Cook-Kallio has ideas, fresh approach

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my endorsement for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Pleasanton City Council.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Cheryl and I am impressed with her ideas for Pleasanton and her no-nonsense stands on issues important to our community. She comes across with a certainty, an

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open mindedness and a sense of practicality that we can all appreciate in a representative. She believes in doing the job that we elect her to do. She is not above listening with a fair mind then making the decisions we elect her to make. She will add an element of freshness and unencumbered ideas to our council at a time when we really need it.

I am a fourth generation Pleasanton resident and I raised my family here. I own a small business downtown and my husband works for the city. We have very strong

ties to this town and a deep sense of community. We believe in Cheryl's approach and know she will do her best to represent the citizens of Pleasanton. Our candidate for city council is Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Please join my family and cast your vote for Cheryl.

For more information on Cheryl, visit www.votecook-kallio.com

*Bonnie Shamblin
Pleasanton*

Faustina leads with 'reverence of past, hope for future'

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 7, Pleasanton will elect

two new councilmembers and I urge my fellow residents to vote for Dan Faustina. Dan brings new ideas and perspective to a council often wrought by past promises and pressures. As a native of Pleasanton, Dan will lead with a reverence of the past and hope for the future. As many are aware, Dan has a twin brother and I am that individual. I am also the one who now asks you to join me in electing Dan Faustina. Dan has a passion for our great city and will guide us down the path that is sensible for Pleasanton.

I admire his dedication to protect our voter-approved housing cap and immediately address traffic

issues. I respect his ability to work with regional partners and stand strong behind his moral fiber. Dan is a role model to the students in the youth I serve at Trinity Lutheran Church and a role model to me. Pleasanton will greatly benefit with a sound voice like Dan's speaking on our behalf. I have always said that Dan gets my trust and respect merely based on the fact that he is my brother, however he must earn my vote. Dan has earned my vote and I ask for Pleasanton to join with me in electing Pleasanton's own, Dan Faustina.

*David Faustina
Youth Minister, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton*

Commends Hosterman's stand on moral issue

Dear Editor,

Brozosky never bothered me until he criticized the Mayor for taking a stand on the war. The "pre-emptive" war we started is a moral issue, and moral issues don't begin (God forbid!) at the state or federal level. It's OK to simply take five seconds of time to acknowledge the mess we've created in Iraq and get on with city business. I commend Jennifer Hosterman's courage in this new American world where patriotism has been hijacked by the pro-war indifference of people like Brozosky.

As for Brozosky Field Director Miller's comment (Letters, Sept. 29) about wasting taxpayer time and money debating the issue: Which is worse, wasting minutes "addressing" the issue here in town, or wasting years of taxpayer money and young lives to wage war on an innocent nation? Morality is not beyond our local/Pleasanton conscience, Mr. Field Director, and your admitted disgust at the whole idea has cost Steve my vote.

*Mark Lewis
Pleasanton*

Brozosky has good policies

Dear Editor,

I have known and worked with Steve Brozosky for nine years. I first met him at Vintage Hills Elementary where he managed to create a much-needed computer lab from used computers and empty space. I also served with him on the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee, where he helped to create PTown 411, our city's youth information Web site—again as a volunteer. He has served this community well.

I have also seen Steve, as a councilmember, save this city a great deal of money. Remember the illuminated city center signs proposed a few years ago? Steve's investigation and comments saved \$92,000! Another vivid example was Steve's challenge to Wheels bus executives to explain their request for a double-digit raise on the same planned agenda where they claimed they lacked funds to support additional high school bus service. Wheels managed to see reason and hundreds of cars were taken off our roads.

Call that "nitpicking"? I call it good fiscal and environmental policy. Also, complaining that Steve's customer interaction software is somehow a detriment to this city seems ludicrous. Is a program (or the smart person who develops it) that improves customer service in city government a bad thing? I think not. In fact, Steve's company donated software to the Livermore Airport so noise complaints, many of them from Pleasanton residents, can be tracked and properly addressed.

You can do the right thing too, vote for Brozosky for Mayor on Nov. 7.

*Laura Danielson
Pleasanton*



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Calendar

Book Clubs

Great Books of Pleasanton

The Great Books of Pleasanton Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie, 846-1658.

Political Book Club

The Political Book Club meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. Call 462-7495. For information, call 462-7495 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Civic Meetings

City Council

The council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Because of Thanksgiving, the only meeting this month will be Nov. 7.

Housing Commission

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 16.

Human Services Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Dec. 6.

Library Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 9.

Weekend Preview

Pirates in Pleasanton

Deborah Underwood, author of the children's book "Pirate Mom," will visit the Pleasanton Library Friday, 4 p.m., Nov. 17 as part of the "Meet the Author" series. This is Underwood's first fiction book for children. She previously wrote and researched non-fiction children's books with topics ranging from orangutans to the northern lights. The 30-minute program is free and registration is not required. Call 931-3400, ext. 8 for more information or visit the library's Web site at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library.



Parks & Recreation Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is Nov. 9.

Planning Commission

The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Because of Thanksgiving, the only meeting this month will be Nov. 8.

School Board

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the

second and fourth Tuesday monthly in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. Because of Thanksgiving, the only meeting this month will be Nov. 7.

Youth Commission

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The next meeting is Nov. 8.

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Classes

Parent Education Class

The first Parent Education class of the fall semester runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 20 at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. The class is designed for parents of young children 2-12 and is ongoing. Parents may join anytime during the semester.

Clubs

Mothers Club

The Pleasanton Mothers Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Dr., room C2. Call 927-2444, or visit www.pleasantonmothersclub.org.

P-Town Street Rods

Truck or car enthusiasts club meets from 6 to 9 p.m. the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday monthly at Chicago's Metropolitan Deli, 6003 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call George, 846-5550.

Phi Delta Kappa

This international organization includes professional educators and those interested in education and meets at various locations four to six times during the school year. Call Pat, 443-5526.

Pleasanton Amador Valley Lions Club

Meets at noon on the first and third Thursday monthly at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Tom, 846-4749.

Pleasanton Art League

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association features demonstrations by nationally recognized artists held at the Cultural Arts Center, 4477 Black Ave. Call 462-5917 or visit www.pal-art.com.

Pleasanton Downtown Association

Pleasanton Downtown Association meets at 8:30 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Pleasanton Downtown Association, 830 Main St., Ste. A. Call Frances, 484-2199.

Pleasanton Kiwanis Sunrise

Pleasanton Kiwanis Sunrise Club meets at 11:45 a.m. every Friday at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St. Call Irv, 556-1177 or visit www.kiwanis-pleasanton-sunrise.com.

Pleasanton Lions Club

Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday monthly for dinner at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. Call Rick 462-1062.

Pleasanton Newcomers

Newcomers Club meets at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday monthly for coffee and at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly for lunch. Call 215-8409 or visit www.pleasanton-newcomers.com.

Concerts

Harmony Crossroads Chorus "Memoirs of a Diva"

Harmony Crossroads Chorus annual show "Memoirs of a Diva" promises to be an evening filled with music, fun and harmony. The show will feature familiar songs as the Divas reflect on their colorful musical pasts. The show is at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 4 at Livermore High School Theater. For ticket information, call Carrie 846-1857 or visit www.harmonycrossroads.org.

Pianist Robert Silverman

The Del Valle Fine Arts concert series presents Canadian pianist Robert Silverman. He will perform an all-Mozart concert honoring the composer's 250th birth year at 8 p.m., Nov. 11 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St. (L St.), Livermore. Tickets are \$18, or \$16 for ages 62 and over and college students. High school students are free.

Piano Music

Daniel Glover presents a benefit concert for Valley Concert Chorale at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. Call Heidi Massie, 417-8584.

Events

"An Autumn Affaire" Silent Auction & Luncheon

The Livermore-Amador Valley Legal Professionals Association will hold their 14th annual Silent Auction and Luncheon, "An Autumn Affaire" from noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 5, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. in Pleasanton. Admission is \$22. For information and tickets call Helen 251-8512 or Nancy 510-429-9122

Republican Women's Dinner Meeting

Brad Dacus, president of the Pacific Justice Institute, will be the guest speaker at the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 9 at Garlic Di Pasta Restaurant, 3037 Hopyard Rd. New members and visitors welcome, reservations required. Call Marilyn. 485-9869

Veterans Day Parade

VFW Post 6298 and the Auxiliary American Legion Post 237 is hosting the Veterans Day Parade at 1 p.m. on Nov. 5 on Main Street. This Year's program honors "Korea-the Forgotten War" and those who served during the conflict. For more information call John, 510-406-6739 or e-mail johnofstadt@comcast.net.

Veterans Day Program

Tri-Valley Unity's Veterans Day Program will take place at 11:45 a.m., Nov. 12 at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. The program entitled "My Child the Soldier" will feature guest speakers from the American Gold Star Mothers

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Dear Friends,

It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor. During my first term, I have provided leadership to ensure quality city services to all residents and business. I have worked hard on the issues that affect you everyday like traffic management and protecting our special quality of life. We all know that Pleasanton is a great place to live and I will continue my efforts to keep it that way.

It is unfortunate that my opponent has strayed from the issues that you deserve to hear about on this campaign. My focus has been and will continue to be on my work for the people of Pleasanton. We need the kind of leadership that will represent all of Pleasanton in effectuating sound public policy to protect our future. We all know that it isn't just about Pleasanton and I understand that regional solutions and partnerships are important to our city.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I would be honored by your support on November 7th.

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Association, The California Blue Star Mothers Association, and Operation SAM (Supporting all Military). There will be musical interludes by the Tri-Valley Unity Choir. For information, call Cathleen 846-4712.

Exhibits

Surface Explorations

The "Surface Explorations" art exhibit by local artist Denise Oyama Miller will be on display Nov. 4 through Nov. 19 and a special reception will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Nov. 4 at Alexander's Main Street Gallery, 610 Main St. Those attending can enter to win a piece of wearable art from the Denise Miller collection. For information, call 846-6015.

The Cat and the Hat

Studio 7 Fine Arts will showcase Leo Rign's 4-foot bronze sculpture of The Cat and the Hat as it's unveiled for the first time Nov. 4. Exhibition curator and Seuss expert William W. Dreyer will also be on hand with new works from the Dr. Seuss Collection on display. The reception is from 5 to 8 p.m., Nov. 4, and the exhibition runs now through Nov. 12, at Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St. For information, call 946-4322 or visit www.studio7finearts.com.

Fundraisers

Animal Lover's Boutique

A benefit for the Valley Humane Society "Just Like New" fund will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 10 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at the home of Jackie Barnett, 4510 Entrada Court. The purchase of gifts for animal lovers and their companions benefit the humane society. For information, call 846-2512.

Bingo

Choice for Children Education Foundation hosts Bingo at 4 p.m. every Sunday at Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. All proceeds benefit Livermore Valley Charter School. Call Maria, 201-3422 or e-mail ccef@lvcs.org.

Crab Fest & Sports Auction

Greg Papa, Bay Area sports broadcaster, will be the MC at the Biletnikoff Foundation's 7th Annual Crab Fest & Sports Auction from 6 p.m. to midnight Nov. 10 at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishosp Dr., San Ramon. Tickets are \$95 per person and attire is casual. Call 556-2525 or visit www.biletnikoff.org.

Dictionary Project

Bay East Association of Realtors partners with a national non-profit, The Dictionary Project, to provide dictionaries for third graders in local schools. There are more than 200 classes waiting to be adopted. Call Marla, 730-3269 or e-mail marlak@bayeast.org.

Exeptional Needs Network Pasta Feed

Exceptional Needs Network, a non-profit agency dedicated to providing special needs children summer camping experiences at Camp Arroyo, is holding a special pasta feed fundraiser 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 10 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Raffle prizes and live music will also be featured. For tickets call 215-2281 or visit www.ENNnetwork.org

Operation: S.A.M.

The Museum On Main, 603 Main St., is an ongoing drop-off place for donations for Operation: S.A.M., a non-profit organization that sends packages to American troops deployed all over the world. Visit www.operation-sam.org for list of needed items. Call 462-2766.

Recycle for Breast Cancer

Recycle electronics, empty ink jet and toner cartridges to support the fight against breast cancer. Free pick up, drop off, or prepaid envelopes and shipping labels available. Call Larry, 735-7203 or e-mail larry@recycleforbreastcancer.org.

Health

African Drumming Circle

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Join Patricia Frame from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. No rhythmic or musical ability is required. Event is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Reservations required. For information call 933-0107.

Exercise Class

The Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services offers a month-to-month 50 Fitness Plus class for seniors in the morning and Exercitement Fitness class for those ages 13 and over in the evening at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost varies from \$3 to \$4.50 per class. Registration required. Call 931-5365 for 50 Fitness Plus and 931-5340 for Exercitement Fitness.

Frankly Speaking About Cancer Treatment

Take control of side effects with medicine, mind and body. Receive the latest information on managing treatment side effects, and learn how to cope with emotional distress and optimize your quality of life, during and after cancer treatment. The seminar will be held 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 4 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave, Walnut Creek. Event is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Reservations required. For information call 933-0107.

Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer

Join Michaela Strisnicka, MD and Lynn Rodegard, RM, BSN and learn the most current info about the diagnosis, staging and treatment of lung cancer including novel therapies, and side effect management. Event will be held 6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave, Walnut Creek. Free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Reservations required. For information call 933-0107.

Holiday

Auxiliary Holiday Boutiques

Auxiliary Holiday Boutiques will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 2 and 3 at the ValleyCare Medical Center, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd. There will also be a showing at Lifestye Rx, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd. in Livermore, Nov. 6 and 7 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds support ValleyCare Hospital Projects.

Good Neighbors Holiday Boutique

Good Neighbors celebrates its 7th Annual Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12 at 3457 Touriga Dr. The event features handmade gifts for men, women, and children, and artists signings, product demo's, custom jewelry, raffle prizes and more. Call 462-3069 for information.

Holiday Concerts

Experience the joyous sounds of voices, brass, percussion and organ as featured in "Gloria" and the new "Christmas Triptych." Audience members can sing carols along with the Las Positas College Concert Choir. Concerts are at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd.; and 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. Advance tickets are \$17 adults, \$14 for seniors 62 and older. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors at the door. Students 18 and under free with an adult. Call 866-4003.

Mohr Elementary Craft Fair/Boutique

Get your holiday shopping done early at the Mohr Elementary Craft Fair/Boutique from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 6 in Mohr's Multi-Purpose room. Sponsored by Friends Helping Friends Group and Mohr PTA, the event will benefit the Beads of Courage Program.

Kids & Teens

Kids Circle & Teen Talk: When Mom or Dad has Cancer

School-aged children can participate in fun, creative activities to help express themselves and teens have a group where they can discuss concerns. Parents meet concurrently, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 11 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Reservations required, call 933-0107.

Paws to Read!

The Pleasanton Library offers a unique literacy program called Paws to Read for first through fifth-graders. Children of all reading abilities are paired with 22 loving therapy dogs for reading sessions at the library. As children read stores aloud, they will receive stress-free attention and comfort from the dogs. The event will be held Nov. 7 and 14 with two sessions at 7 and 7:30 p.m. Call Sue 931-3400, ext. 23.

Lectures/Workshops

Asian Fusion Cooking Class

Join Pleasanton Hotel Executive Chef Neil Marquis and Sous Chef Jake Witener to learn to cook Asian specialties from 5 to 9 p.m., Nov. 13 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Class includes recipes, loner chef's coat and toque. The cost is \$85 per cook and \$35 for the cook's dinner guests arriving at 7 p.m. Limit 12 cooks and 12 guests. Call Bill Laube for reservations, 846-8106.

Bereavement Workshop

The Bereavement Ministry Team of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton will provide a Fall Bereavement Workshop from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursdays until Nov. 9 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Advanced registration required. Call Kim, 735-3741.

Boutique Textile Art

Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins. Call 935-8972.

Cancer For Two: A Workshop For Couples Affected by Cancer

When a partner is diagnosed with cancer, roles and relationships can be turned upside down. This workshop will help couples learn tools to help communication during difficult situations. Find out how to strengthen your relationship as you navigate the cancer experience. Facilitated by Alan Brast, PhD. 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 14 at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Reservations required. Call for info 933-0107.

Child Care Initiative Project

Licensed and license-exempt child care providers are encouraged to participate in the CCIP project to receive technical assistance and support, free training and support materials, and more. No cost for this workshop. Call Donnamarie, 249-3923.

Christian/Jewish Workshop

A series of workshops sponsored by the Jewish and Catholic communities of Pleasanton will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 and 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. To register, contact Mary Schneider at mary0531@comcast.net.

Free Employee Training for Tri-Valley Businesses

This free on-going workshop includes learning how to choose child care, parenting skills, child development and work/family balance. Call Kim, 249-3940.

Live Music

Barbeque and Blues on the Patio
Enjoy barbeque and the blues on the

patio from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Call 846-8106.

Flamenco Guitar

Enjoy a four course, Spanish-influenced dinner menu accompanied by live Flamenco guitar from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 3 at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Call 371-8200 or visit www.garrewinery.com.

Miscellaneous

American Indian Stories & Dance

Local historian and storyteller Mary Puthoff will present a special family program of Native American stories, history and music at 7 p.m., Nov. 15 at the Pleasanton Library. Puthoff will enhance the cultural experience by bringing artifacts associated with her stories and also conducting a traditional Round Dance. For information, call 931-3412.

Auto Repair: Don't Get Taken for a Ride

Joaquin Murphy from the Bureau of Automotive Repair will share consumer tips and educate people about the Complaint Mediation Program from 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 14 at The Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365.

Donate to Help Fight Cancer

Help fight cancer by donating new or gently used clothing and accessories, household items and furniture to the American Cancer Discovery Shop, 1987-A Santa Rita Rd. Call 462-7374.

Family Read Night

Read stories and do crafts with the family at Family Read Night, offered in English and Spanish. Admission is free. Space is limited so registration is required. Call Donnamarie, 249-3923, for dates and locations.

Farmers' Market

Shop for fresh produce, flowers, and

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CLIENT OF THE WEEK

Heather, a friend of another client of mine, gave me a call for help with her current mortgage.



Heather had a variable rate mortgage with an interest rate and payment that continued to climb each month. She also had a 3 year prepayment penalty on the loan and stuck it out until now.

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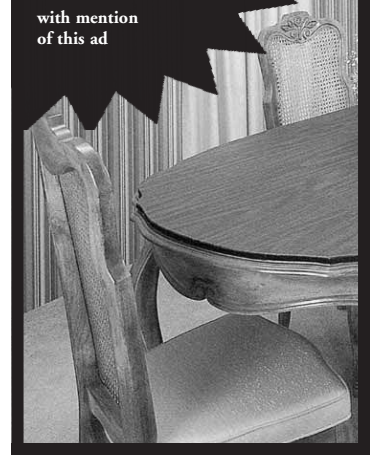
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baked goods from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday on West Angela Street between Main and First streets. Call 825-9090.

GoodGuys Autumn Get-Together Car Show & Swap Meet

Come to the two-day automotive event from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 11; and from 8 p.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 12 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Close to 3,000 hot rods, custom cars, classics, trucks, muscle cars, and street machines of all years, makes and models will be featured. General admission is \$12, children (7-12) \$6, under 6 are free. Parking is \$8. Tickets are available online at www.good-guys.com or at the door. Call 838-9876.

Guest Speaker at PTA Council Meeting

Sgt. Brian Laurence of the Pleasanton Police Department will speak at the Pleasanton PTA Council meeting. He will give a short presentation about Student Interrogation at 7 p.m., Nov. 6 at the PUSD Office, 4665 Bernal Ave., Bernal Room (building to the right of main office).

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)

The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) invites you to attend their Technical Meeting of FASB and GAAP Updates. Guest speaker will be Brad Hosworth, assurance partner with Burr, Pilger, and Mayer. The dinner meeting will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 15 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. The cost will be \$29 per person and includes dinner. RSVP to Sherry Morse, 556-4040, ext. 11.

LifeStyle Rx

Work on swim stroke, endurance and confidence year-round. Call Hope, 454-6342, ext. 5174.

Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen provides hot

meals to the underprivileged from 4:30 to 6 p.m. every Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd.; noon to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore; and 4 to 6 p.m. every Thursday at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 460 N. Livermore St., Livermore. Call Carol, 580-1616.

Pleasanton Hotel: Tenuta Vineyards Wine Pairing Dinner

The dinner is from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Featuring appetizers plus a four course dinner by Executive Chef Neil Marquis. Each course paired with wine from Nancy Tenuta's Livermore Valley Tenuta Vineyards. Cost: \$70 per person plus gratuity. Dinner is by reservation. Call 846-8106.

Pleasanton Playhouse Dinner Promotion

Your ticket or stub from either Pleasanton Playhouse production, "Our Town," or "South Pacific" entitles you to a special three course dinner offer at the Pleasanton Hotel, through Nov. 15, Fri. and Sat. 5 to 6 p.m., Sun. 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner by reservation, 846-8106. Cost: \$19.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. For theatre tickets call Pleasanton Playhouse 462-2121.

Pleasanton VFW seeking Korean War veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pleasanton is seeking Korean War veterans to participate in the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade which will be held Nov. 5 along Main Street in downtown. If you are a Korean War veteran or know someone who is and would like to be an honored participant, contact Gloria Stahlnecker of the VFW Auxiliary at 846-5453.

Poetry Open Mic

Beginners and long-time writers, bring up to 10 minutes of poetry to share for the open mic or listen to poetry from 7 to 9 p.m. every third Thursday monthly at Used and Rare Bookstore, 2911

Hopyard Rd. Call Michelle, 931-5350 or e-mail mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

TVAR Cat and Dog Adoptions

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts dog and cat adoptions from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays at Pleasanton's Farmers' Market, First and W. Angela sts; and noon to 4 p.m. at Dublin PetsMart. Cats are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Livermore Pet Extreme. Cats are also available from 1 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Dublin PetsMart and Pet Food Express. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvarg.org.

On Stage

Laugh-A-Lot Comedy Showcase

Laugh-A-Lot Comedy Showcase will be held at 8 p.m., every Tuesday at Tommy T's Comedy & Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Cover charge is \$7 with a two drink minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.laughalotproductions.com.

Macbeth at Las Positas College

The Las Positas College Theater Department presents "MacBeth" by William Shakespeare. Performances in the Las Positas Theater are at 8 p.m., Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 and 2 p.m. Nov. 19. General admission is \$10 and \$7 for students and seniors. Purchase tickets at the Las Positas Bookstore and at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore or call 424-1812 or 424-1166.

Recreation

Enrichment Classes

Pleasanton Parks and Recreation offers enrichment classes ranging from art, aquatics, sports, health and cooking at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-5340 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/parks.html.

Scholarships

Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship

The Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program provides rental assistance for low-income, full-time students currently enrolled in an academic or vocational program which will be completed within the next 18-21 months. You may apply if you work, attend school, or live in Pleasanton or Livermore. Call Nelida, 373-5313 or e-mail nvillanueva@tricityhomeless.org.

Seniors

Bingo

Play Bingo 12:30 to 3 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Monday monthly and 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Game cards are 50 cents. Call 931-5365.

Emotional Wellness Group

Learn more about depression, anxiety, and how medications and alcohol may affect emotional well-being at 2 p.m. every other Thursday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Charlene or Jode, 931-5382.

Friday Night Dance

Join the crowd for ballroom dancing once a month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Advanced tickets are \$7 for residents, \$8 non-residents, and \$8 for residents, \$9 non-residents at the door. Singles welcome. Reservations recommended. Call 931-5365.

Internet Access Workstation

The Internet workstation is available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon most Saturdays at the library section of the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Luncheons

The Dublin Senior Center hosts special themed luncheons on the second Thursday monthly at the Senior

Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The luncheon fee is \$6.50 for residents and \$7.50 for non-residents and includes special entertainment. Call 556-4511 or visit www.ci.dublin.ca.us. Reservations needed by the Friday prior to the luncheon.

Movie Madness

Seniors are invited to watch free movies on the big screen at 1 p.m. on the first and third Mondays monthly at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Popcorn and refreshments available. Call 931-5365.

Musical Class of the 30s, 40s, and 50s

Celebrate the songs of the 30s, 40s, and 50s. Taught by Linda Zeiser, musician, experienced teacher and well published poet. The ongoing class begins Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Pleasanton Senior Center meeting room, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Free.

Paratransit Service

The paratransit service provides door-to-door bus service to seniors 65 and older, and individuals with disabilities of any age and is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday. Call 931-5376.

Personal Computers Group

Meets 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365 or e-mail please-nior@yahoo.com.

Senior Dinner

Open Heart Kitchen provides seniors 60 years and older with an evening meal from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday at Ridge View Commons, 4200 Case Ave. Suggested donation is \$3. Call 484-5131 for reservations.

Senior Lunch

Spectrum Community Services provides seniors 60 years and older with a noon meal at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Suggested donation is \$3.25. Call 931-5385 for reservations.

Seniors Out Sight Seeing

Seniors are invited to join in a night out on the town in Pleasanton from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 3. Participants will eat dinner at Sweet Tomatoes and then see Pleasanton Playhouse's version of "South Pacific." Space is limited. Cost is \$32 for residents, \$35 for non-residents. To register, stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. or call 931-5365 for more details.

V.I.P. Senior Club

The Pleasanton V.I.P. Senior Club meets the second and fourth Monday monthly from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The second Mondays are business meetings and the fourth Mondays are social meetings. Snappy Cafe serves lunch at noon with a \$3.25 donation. Reservations for lunch must be made by the Thursday before each meeting by calling 931-5385 or call Verla, 846-2992.

Spiritual

African Missionary to Share Story

You are invited to hear missionary Catharine Coon tell of her work with Ugandan and Sudanese children affected by civil war. Catharine, the founder and director of Children of Hope, administers a program providing educational support along with food and medicine to the children of these regions. The meeting will be at 11 a.m., Nov. 7 at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr. The presentation will be followed with lunch.

Compassionate Christian

Compassionate Christian is a confidential self-help group for Christians, using theology and love for the Lord to guide individuals through struggles. The group meets every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Space is limited. Call Kathy for reservations, 462-2777 or e-mail ChristianKindness@sbcglobal.net.

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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

THE HIGHLY APPRECIATED HOME

If you are married and you face more than \$500,000 in taxable gains from the sale of your personal residence (\$250,000 if you are single), you're probably wondering what happened to the sure-fire shelter from any taxation on those gains.

There is, however, a shelter. It requires carefully planning and a few years of careful execution, but since we're talking about potentially saving tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars, it's worth careful consideration. Here's an oversimplified version of the strategy. (Consult with your real estate and tax advisors for a far more comprehensive explanation.)

First, either refinance or take out the largest possible home equity loan on the home you wish to sell. With at least a portion of the loan proceeds, purchase your next personal residence and move into it. Then rent out your existing residence, and continue renting it for at least a year. You may choose to do nothing further, but you can, if you choose, later exchange that first residence into other like-kind properties, creating an investment portfolio that truly suits your personal plans and wishes.

The moral of this story is that you should carefully plan out financial future with your real estate professional and tax advisor. It will pay big dividends to do so! So call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. and Children's Church Program (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m. Every Wednesday the women's Bible study meets at 10 a.m., choir practice and Boys & Girls Mission Crusade Club (grades K-5) all begin at 7 p.m. Singles and young married home Bible study meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. Seniors 55+ meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Call Sophia, 846-8650.

Moms In Touch

Become a part of the worldwide community of mothers praying for their children and their schools. Call Mary, 484-4348 or visit www.momsintouch.org.

The Importance of True Fellowship

Compassionate Christian will be hosting an eight-week series for Christians called "The Importance of True Fellowship." The group will cover the biblical blueprint for relationships to flourish and creating a safe environment for true fellowship from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 7. Space is limited. Call Kathy for reservations, 462-2777 or email ChristianKindness@sbcglocal.net.

Tri-Valley Unity Church

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at 10 a.m. every Sunday at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Worship service and children's school will be offered as well. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Sports

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring Registration

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club's spring 2007 season registration is now open. Programs are available for girls and boys entering grades 3-8. The season runs from February through mid May. Register early, as spots are limited and additional fees for late registration will apply. Call 998-5550 or visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

Sea Devils

The Tri-Valley Sea Devils team is looking for year-round swimmers. Call Hope, 469-8495.

Support Groups

Independent Living

If you or your loved one need a personal assistant to help maintain independent living, Community Resources for Independent Living can help with specific needs. Call 371-1531; TTY, 371-1532. Visit www.cril-online.org.

Jobs Networking Group

CSIX East Bay, helping individuals in career transitions, meets from 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday at WineCentives, 6040 Dougherty Road, Dublin. Cost is \$3. Call Doug Herz, 277-6600.

League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen

This group is designed to create a community between men to resolve problems, express feelings, form friendships and understand and improve relationships with women. The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Anthropos Counseling Center, 326 South L. St., Livermore. Call 449-7925.

TV30

TV30 To Air Live Election Show

The Tri-Valley's community TV station will air election results on a live special report at 8 p.m., Nov. 7 on Channel 30. Hosted by veteran reporters, Carolyn Siegfried and Robin Fahr, the broadcast will provide up-to-the minute election results of all the races on Tri-Valley Ballots, including local city and school board contests all the way up to state and federal offices.

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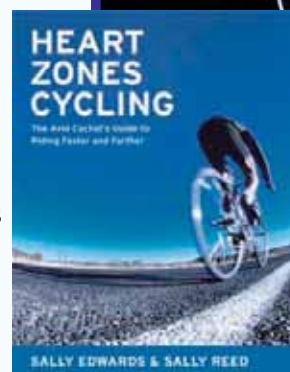
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A former Master's World Record holder in the Ironman Triathlon, as well as a World Record Holder in the Iditashoe 100-Mile Snowshoe Race, Sally has spent the last 30+ years as a professional athlete. She has competed in some of the hardest races on the planet, including numerous multi-day adventure races and the Western States 100-Mile Run (which she won).

From the time she ran the 1984 Olympic Marathon Trials using her heart rate monitor, Sally has been at the forefront of a revolution in fitness training. Never one to trust in guesswork, Sally combined her Master's degree in exercise physiology with her experience as a professional athlete and created the Heart Zones Training System.

A founder of the sport of triathlon (and a Triathlon Hall of Fame inductee), most of Sally's recent races have been performed in her role as the National Spokeswoman for the Danskin Triathlon Series. Sally has finished every Danskin Triathlon (as of 2005, sixteen years worth) dead last, as the "Final Finisher," inspiring more than 100,000 other women to make it across the finish line in front of her. The year 2004 marked her 100th last-place Danskin finish in Denver, Colorado on July the 17th.

A prolific author of more than 20 books and 300 articles on fitness and sports, a motivational keynote speaker, and (with a second Master's degree in Business Administration) an entrepreneur, Sally is committed to helping others improve their health, fitness, and finish by listening to their hearts.



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Volunteering

Alameda County Community Food Bank

Volunteers are needed to staff the Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (510) 834-3663 or visit www.accfb.org.

Community Service for Teens

Open Heart Kitchen's Ridgeview Commons Senior Meal Program needs 10 to 12 teens (at least 16 years of age) from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Job includes serving seniors from the buffet line, helping seniors get to their tables, bussing tables, cleaning, etc. Adults also welcome to apply. Call 580-1619.

Foothill Junior and Senior Parents

Please volunteer your time and talent to make Grad Night an unforgettable and safe celebration. Call Jaylene at 426-5680 or JayGroeniger@aol.com.

Foster Homes Needed

Valley Humane Society, 273 Spring St., is urgently seeking temporary homes for rescued kittens, puppies, cats and dogs. Food and medical expenses are provided. Also needed are Adoption Volunteer Coordinators and counselors. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

Jewish Community Federation

Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay offers opportunities to volunteer within the community, such as serving meals, tutoring children, and serving on Jewish agency committees or boards. Call (510) 839-2900, ext. 261.

Open Heart Kitchen

If you love to cook and have a passion to end hunger, volunteer at Open

Heart Kitchen, the Tri-Valley's only free hot meal service for the needy. There are many volunteer opportunities for teens and adults. Call Dianne, 580-1619 or e-mail dadamson@openheart-kitchen.org.

Sheperd's Gate

Volunteer at Sheperd's Gate Shelter, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore or their thrift stores, 7381 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, and 1362 Railroad Ave., Livermore any time Monday through Friday. Call Lyn, 443-4283, ext. 217.

The American Cancer Discovery Shop

The American Cancer Discovery Shop needs volunteers any time from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, or from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. Call 462-7374.

Tri-Valley Haven

Tri-Valley Haven provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness in the Tri-Valley, and needs volunteers to help with childcare, answer the crisis line and assist clients with restraining order paperwork. Training starts at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Must be at least 21 years old. Call Melissa, 449-5845, ext. 111 or e-mail melissa@trivalleyhaven.org.

ValleyCare Medical Center

The ValleyCare Medical Center's Volunteer Membership Drive is looking for people to work in the gift shops. For more information call Diane, director Gift Shop, VCMC at 734-3368. ValleyCare is located at 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton.

Volunteers Needed at RCJL

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