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News Digest

Valentine mixer scheduled

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will have its Valentine's Mixer/Business After Hours Showcase on Feb. 14.

The event, scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Holiday Inn, is open to the public. There will be a \$5 donation at the door. For information, call Carol Bush at the Chamber, 846-5858.

Author to visit library

The Pleasanton Library's new Author's Program will continue in February with a visit from Diane O'Hehir, who has written two books and several volumes of poetry.

O'Hehir, author of "The Bride Who Ran Away" and "I Wish This War Was Over," will be at the library on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. She will make a presentation and may be available to sign books.

Seating may be limited. For information, call 462-3535.

Dean to preview new Las Positas educational program

A Las Positas College representative will present a preview of the school's new educational program during a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Dr. Barbara Mertes, dean of institutional planning for the South County Community College District, will also discuss ways Las Positas and Pleasanton can build a partnership to meet mutual needs.

The event begins with networking at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel. Lunch is set for 12 p.m. For reservations, call Carol Bush at the Chamber, 846-5858.

First aid classes available

The American Red Cross will offer standard first aid and adult CPR classes in February.

An adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation class is scheduled for Feb. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is a \$20 fee.

Standard first aid classes will take place Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The fee is \$30.

There are free blood pressure clinics on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Red Cross office in Livermore, 373 North L. Street, and on the third Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at Pleasanton's Veteran's Hall, 301 Main Street.

Pre-registration is required for all classes that require fees. For information, call 449-8550.

School board candidates indignant over district's applicant check list

By Laura Childers
Staff Writer

Candidates for the vacant seat on the Pleasanton Unified School District's Board of Trustees don't like some of the questions district officials are asking them.

Some applicants object to parts of a candidate check list included with applications for the position vacated by Pat Ferreira, who resigned in December, saying demands in her personal and professional life did not leave her enough time for board activities.

Candidates will be interviewed during a public meeting on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the school district office, 4665 Bernal Ave. A selection will be made that night.

The candidate check list includes 16 questions, some of which were contributed by trustees and some that the district had on file from

"There's very little debate (amongst board members). Everyone seems to agree."

-Sally Hill

previous interviews with board candidates, said Jerri Long, district administrative assistant.

One of the questions being challenged asks: "Does the candidate understand that leadership often involves the turning of public opin-

ion from an erroneous attitude to the acceptance of a feasible rule?"

Candidate Kathy Ruegsegger said that question stood out to her when she saw the check list.

"I read it and I thought, 'Well, that kind of hit me wrong.' I thought it was most unique. They're assuming that the public will have an erroneous attitude," Ruegsegger said. "It seems to say one of your jobs would be to swing the public around to what (the board) considers the correct attitude."

Even if there are times when the education code mandates the board act in a certain way, if the public disagrees, it may be time to challenge the law, Ruegsegger said.

"I don't think everything should

be cut and dried, unless there is absolutely no other way to handle it," she said. "I think you have to be open as much as you can, even if it means going back to the state level. You can't always have a pat answer."

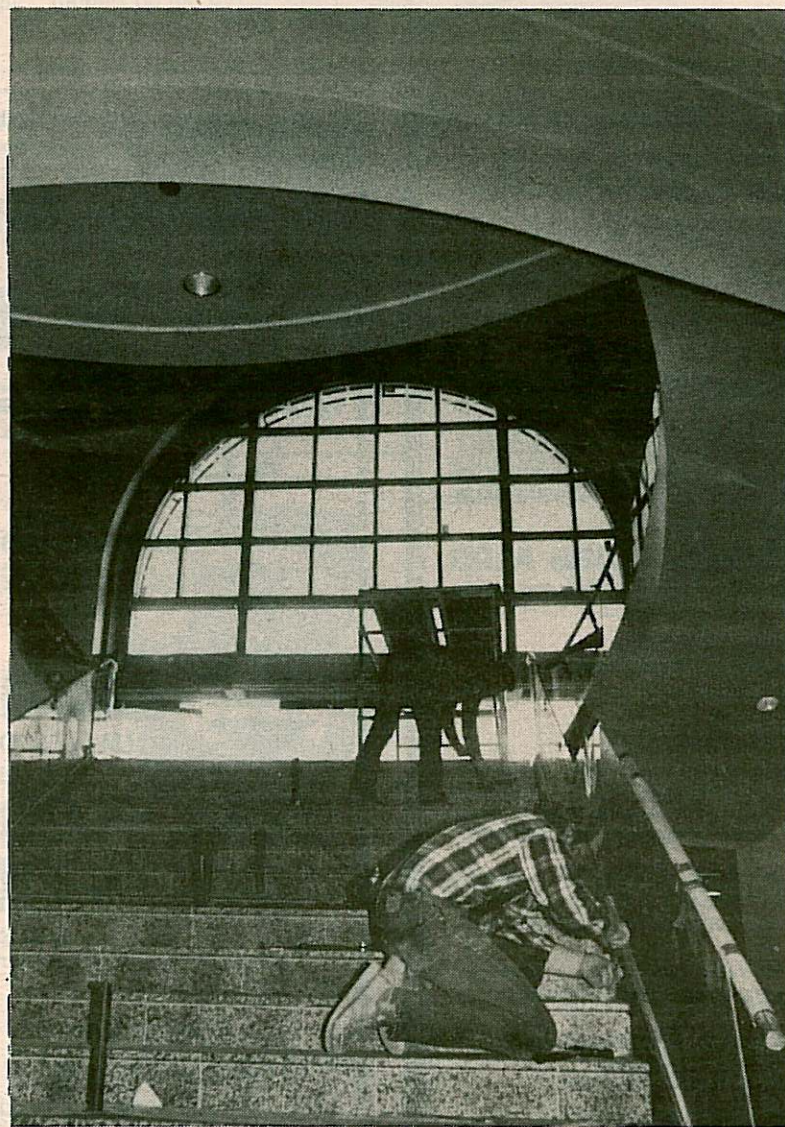
Trustees voted unanimously to approve the check list before it was issued, said Earnestine Schneider, board president. "As we went through it, I felt very comfortable with it."

Occasionally arguments against a board policy sound logical to the public, but nevertheless have flaws, Schneider said.

"Sometimes the public comes with a suggestion that is either against education code or a policy

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Nordstrom to open their doors to shoppers in less than one month



Iron workers John Larsen (background) and Tom Holmes put finishing touches on a stairway at the entrance of the Nordstrom store at Stoneridge Mall.

The Nordstrom store that for the past few years has slowly been rising from the asphalt at Stoneridge Mall will open its doors in less than one month.

March 9 is the big day for those who've been waiting for their first trip to the 165,000-square-foot Nordstrom outlet since planning began on the \$22 million project in 1987.

There will be a grand opening fashion show/brunch from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on March 10, and proceeds will benefit the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at the acute care hospital now under construction in Pleasanton.

Shoppers will find several new stores in the walkway connecting

Nordstrom to the existing mall, said Alice Waterman, Stoneridge manager. About 13 stores have signed leases for the 66,000-square-foot space, and the number is expected to rise to 28 within three months.

Waterman said Nordstrom alone will add a number of shoppers to the approximately six million that already visit the mall each year.

"We're of course very excited about Nordstrom coming to the mall. Nordstrom brings something to the shopping center that we haven't had before," she said.

Stoneridge representatives say Nordstrom will attract a group of wealthier customers to the mall

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Low enrollment will be problem at Foothill High

Foothill High School enrollment will dip below 1,100 students next fall, and that will make it difficult for administrators to maintain a comprehensive program, the school's principal says.

Paul Goldman said that when the Pleasanton Unified School District's Board of Trustees voted in January to put off making high school boundary changes until next year, it created a few problems for Foothill.

The school will lose about 75

students at the end of this year as a large senior class graduates and fewer students move into the freshman level, Goldman said.

"I was disappointed (with the board's decision). I was hoping that they were going to make that change," Goldman said. "As you continue to get smaller, you end up with less flexibility in your schedule. For instance, you continue to have more single-offering classes, and that makes scheduling

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Daffodil fund-raiser to begin in March

The annual Daffodil Days fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society has been set for March 19-25.

The project raises money for the Southern Alameda County Branch of the American Cancer Society's research, education and patient service programs, said Bernie Rollinger, Daffodil Days chairwoman.

Daffodil bouquets will be sold in the bud stage by volunteers. The bouquet of 10 flowers is \$4 or \$6 with an embossed glass vase. Orders can be made by the case or individually.

Rollinger said many local businesses contribute to the fund-raiser by purchasing flowers for clients

and employees. Community First National Bank plans to hand out a flower to each customer, in honor of the event.

"Supporting Daffodil Days means giving hope to cancer patients, and also putting spring in your spirit," she said. "We've been very pleased with support from business and industry in the past. Most of our funds are raised through large orders placed in advance of Daffodil Days."

The event raised nearly \$19,000 last year for the American Cancer Society.

For information, call the American Cancer Society, 833-2784 or Rollinger at 460-0537.



From left, Barbara Carter, Yvonne Kroetch, Bernie Rollinger and Pat Morgan, members of the Daffodil Days committee, are making plans for the annual fund-raiser.

Foothill band off to France

The Foothill High School Marching Band will spend a week in Nice, France, beginning on Feb. 16.

The group has been invited to perform at the city's annual Carnival, and Foothill is one of only two bands from the United States that will participate.

Nice will pay for the students' accommodations, meals, bus transportation and sightseeing tour fees, leaving band members responsible only for air fare.

The Carnival, which attracts visitors from throughout Europe and North America, begins three weeks before Lent and ends on Shrove Tuesday. Among the activities will be parades, floats, fireworks and masked balls.

Band members will visit Paris at the start of their journey, and in Nice will perform at the Big Battle of the Flowers Parade, as well as a variety of concerts and other parades. Their sightseeing excursions will include trips to the Chagall Museum and Monte Carlo.

ON THE STREET

What happened to you on the nicest Valentine's Day you can remember?

Carol Manley

"Zip! Nothing!"



Robin Cunningham

"Last year my husband came to my office with flowers and a heart."



Tina Mazie

"When I was working, my husband sent me a big bouquet with a teddy bear in it. It was really nice."



Kris Kvale

"This is going to sound really boring, but I haven't had one."



Greg Hines

"I liked the first Valentine's I celebrated with my wife."



Karl Cox

"I haven't the slightest idea."



Teachers take on role as temporary administrators at school and district

Three Pleasanton Unified School District high school teachers will take on administrative roles through the end of the year.

Jeff Bowser, a teacher at Village Continuation High School, has been named acting dean of students at Amador Valley High School. He will assume some of former Assistant Principal Gene Cassvan's duties, while Cassvan serves as acting principal.

The changes are a result of former Amador Principal Cyril

Bonanno being named district director of special education and pupil services in December. A permanent Amador principal will be selected before the start of the next school year.

Bowser is a graduate of Amador Valley High School. He earned a bachelor's degree at U.C. Davis, and was hired in 1986 to teach journalism, photography and desktop publishing at Village.

Two teachers at Amador, Dorothy Davis and Barbara Nor-

ton, have been given special assignments in curriculum development. They will continue teaching part-time.

Davis, an English teacher, will work on a language arts curriculum review, and Norton, a social studies teacher, will participate in a curriculum review of her subject.

The special assignments were created when Kathie Forman, senior director of curriculum and staff development, went on temporary leave in January.

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Convention bureau lures visitors to Pleasanton

It takes a while for a city to build a reputation as a good place to have a great time, but Pleasanton is working on it.

The Pleasanton Convention & Visitors Bureau is hot on the heels of the kind of business that brings people into the city temporarily to spend money and enjoy the small town charm. So far, residents can expect to welcome 1,200 nursing students, who will take the state board nursing exam here for three days in 1991, and maybe 5,000 members of the California State Square Dancers Association, who are considering holding their five-day convention here in 1994.

Barbara Hillman, executive director of the bureau, said her three-member staff is trying to make Pleasanton a city people think of when they are searching for a place to have a convention.

"It's hard when you're competing with so many other cities, but there are a lot of organizations that can't afford to go to the big cities," Hillman said. "A lot of the busi-

ness we solicit is in our own backyard. People can drive in (from the region)."

The bureau opened about two years ago and moved into the Chamber of Commerce office downtown in July, 1988. Hillman gets an annual budget of about \$170,000 from the city to solicit convention business for Pleasanton.

She says it will take a while for most of the results of the bureau's efforts to be evident, because conventions are planned years in advance, but Pleasanton can become a desirable destination. Among its assets are a safe atmosphere, its proximity to San Francisco and the wine country and its old-fashioned downtown area.

But all of those qualities have to be advertised.

"People aren't going to sit there and go, 'Oh, Pleasanton sounds good.' It takes time," she said.

The bureau has developed an advertising campaign, "Pleasanton welcomes you," and representatives visit several hospitality con-

ventions each year to make contact with the people who are booking meetings for their groups.

The bureau's role is to get the city's name out and act as a liaison between organization representatives and businesses in Pleasanton that are affected by visitors, such as hotels, restaurants and the fairgrounds.

Steven Bocian, acting city manager, said convention business can have a big impact on Pleasanton.

"We think it's very important to the economy of the city," Bocian said. "It helps the general area; it helps the economy and it helps the residents in the city, because it brings more activities to Pleasanton. It makes the city more vibrant."

If the bureau accomplishes its goals and can prove its worth to residents and city officials, Hillman plans to propose that it become a Valley-wide bureau. No other cities in the Valley have such an organization, she said.



Barbara Hillman, executive director of the Pleasanton Convention and Visitors Bureau, looks through promotional materials.

Judge climbs any mountain for the sake of love

If you think a judge's work is all crime and punishment, think again. Many of our busiest purveyors of justice have a little love in their lives, too.

In the spirit of St. Valentine's Day, Superior Court Judge Mark Eaton took time to relate a few of the romantic scenes he has presided over as a justice of the peace.

During his 14 years on the bench, Judge Eaton has performed more than 150 marriages, and although

none of them were actually on Valentine's Day, many of them were unique, like the one that occurred in a hot air balloon.

"The thing was, you could only get a couple of sentences out before the operator pulled the lever and the burner went off, drowning out all of the sound," he said. "It was something different to do. It was very, very nice."

The judge has performed ceremonies on the top of hills in Sunol

and with dogs and cats in the wedding party, but even if the location and participants are strange, there are common themes among all weddings, he says. One of them is that the bride and groom are tense.

"Most people are very, very nervous and they show it in different ways. Some brides cry, some brides laugh," he said. "I've seen very few steady hands putting rings on fingers, and we've had a lot of people with hiccups."

The judge solves that problem by providing a paper bag for the jittery partner to breathe in.

Some are so nervous that they just want to get the whole thing over with, and they can be accommodated, he said.

"It's all just fluff between 'dearly beloved' and 'I now declare you husband and wife,'" Judge Eaton said. "You just have to say, 'I want to marry you, you want to marry me,' and 'OK, where do I sign?'"

But one of the most memorable weddings the judge has performed was a little more sentimental. That one took place in 1984, when he helped his in-laws, Maurice and Lillian Palter, affirm their vows on their 50th wedding anniversary. They are still married today. Happy Valentine's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Palter.

Junior Women to meet on Feb. 20

The Pleasanton-Livermore Junior Women's Club has scheduled a meeting on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Club House, 4133 Regalia St., Pleasanton.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month, and it is open to all young women in Pleasanton and Livermore who are interested in doing community service projects.

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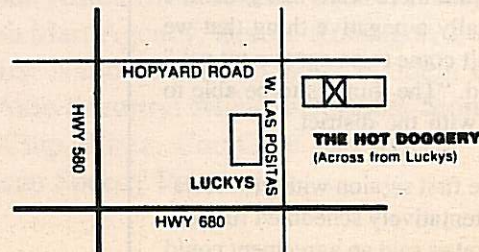
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Teachers hope to end debate

Pleasanton teachers are optimistic about settling their dispute with the school district, despite a declared impasse.

Pleasanton Unified School District administrators will meet with teachers representatives and a state-appointed mediator late in February to try to resolve their deadlock over a pay increase.

Sonya Howes, chairwoman of the teachers negotiating team, said the district's last offer was to give teachers a 3.49 percent increase, while the union is asking for at least 7.5 percent.

"They said that was all the money they could offer, at the direction of the school board, and we couldn't accept that," Howes said. "I think we're hopeful that we'll be able to reach an agreement with a mediator."

"Our feeling is that what's being offered so far is just about enough to cover the increase in medical premiums, and that leaves us with no pay increase," she said.

Health insurance is not included in the teachers contract with the district, so they buy their own, but with rising insurance rates, that is becoming more difficult, Howes said.

The current negotiations are an opener in the teachers 1988-91 contract with the district. That agreement allows either party to re-open bargaining on points like salary within the three-year period.

Negotiations between the district and the teachers broke down in December, and both parties agreed to call in a mediator.

Several issues have already been resolved, though. Teachers have agreed on a trial basis to a district proposal to allow instructors to volunteer to work extra time in the high school seven-period day program. Teachers who participate will be paid on a daily rate for the extra period, Howes said.

Jerri Long, district spokeswoman, said administrators are hopeful a contract agreement will be reached soon after the mediator steps in.

"There is some optimism that this is not a negative thing," Long said. "This is just the next step in the process."

Bill Britton, president of the Valley Teachers Association, said this year's negotiations are going better than they did last year.

"The key thing is we've really been working hard to have a positive tone, recognizing that there are going to be times when we disagree," Britton said. "Both sides got a lot of things accomplished in the last session, but we got down to a few items that we definitely agreed we could not agree on."

"Compared to last year, we're much ahead. There aren't a lot of issues, like there were last year. It's not really a negative thing that we haven't come to an agreement yet," he said. "The thing is to be able to work with the district."

The first session with the mediator is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 21. Howes said an agreement could be reached quickly.



Darlene Upmeier looks over a few pieces of her unusually large collection of cookie cutters.

Early childhood development classes to be held at Las Positas College

A series of four early childhood development workshops are scheduled to begin on Feb. 20 at Las Positas College.

Participants can take as many of the workshops as they desire. They are scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. each Tuesday evening. Participants can earn one college credit and the cost is \$3.50.

Topics will include coping with separation and loss, understanding the symbolism of children's play, communications skills for teach-

ers and effective parenting.

Anyone interested can register at the Las Positas admission office from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays. For information, call 373-5800.

For information on the workshops, call Jackie Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Las Positas Early Childhood Development Program, at the Livermore Pre-school, 447-6042.

What's Cooking?

When Darlene Upmeier's friends think of her, they picture cookies - batches and batches of them.

She makes the sweet little treats at least every three days, but if you're lucky enough to be on her list of regular recipients, you probably won't see the same cookie twice in a decade, because not only does she use countless recipes, Darlene has nearly 300 cookie cutters.

The layman might think the cookie cutter industry couldn't have produced that many different shapes, but he'd be wrong. Stashed in a row of drawers in the Upmeier dining room are piles of little cookie cutters, big cookie cutters, cookie cutters that look like aliens, cookie cutters in the shape of every cartoon character ever loved by the Baby Boom generation and cookie cutters of Old McDonald's entire farm.

After a visit to Darlene's drawers, you think you've seen it all until she pulls out her pride and joy -- a complete cookie cutter nativity set, including a star, angels, donkeys, Mary and Joseph and a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

"I don't know why I love to bake cookies so much," Darlene explains apologetically. "Someone told me maybe it's therapeutic."

Perhaps the original urge to cook struck Darlene because of her mom, who has always made cookies for everyone, including the postman, during the holidays. On the other hand, Darlene can't explain why she has a sister who "finds it repulsive to cook."

Pleasanton's "cookie woman" doesn't intend anytime soon to give

up her 18-year-old mission to collect every imaginable cookie cutter and cookie recipe, though, so on this Valentine's Day she suggests everyone in the city show their love for dear ones by, yes, baking them some cookies. One of her favorite recipes follows:

Valentine Filled Cookies

1/2 C shortening 1 C sugar
1 tsp. vanilla 2 eggs
2 1/2 C flour 1/4 tsp. soda
Filling (below) 1/2 tsp. salt

Mix shortening, sugar and eggs. Stir in vanilla. Sift flour. Stir dry ingredients together and blend in. Chill dough.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Roll dough 1/16-inch thick on floured board. Cut with heart-shaped cookie cutter about 2 1/2 inches in diameter, cutting two alike for each filled cookie. Cut a small heart shape out of the center of the top part of the cookie. Place bottom pieces on a lightly-greased baking sheet. Spread a rounded teaspoonful of cooled filling on each. Cover with the top cookie. Press edges together with floured tines of a fork. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until lightly-browned. Makes 24 cookies.

Cherry Filling

1 C sugar 24 maraschino cherries,
3 tbs. cornstarch cheeries,
1 C orange juice chopped
2 tbs. butter
3 drops red food color 1/2 C cherry juice

Blend dry ingredients together in saucepan. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a rolling boil; boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Chill.

Cancer support group meetings

The American Cancer Society's Patient/Family Cancer Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pleasanton Unified School District Office, 4665 Bernal Ave., conference room 1.

All cancer patients and their partners are welcome to attend.

The group's facilitators are Joan Alford and Carolyn Cash. For information, call the Cancer Society at 833-2784.

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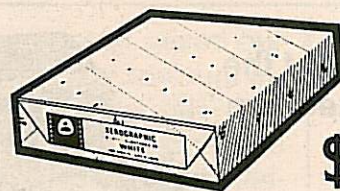
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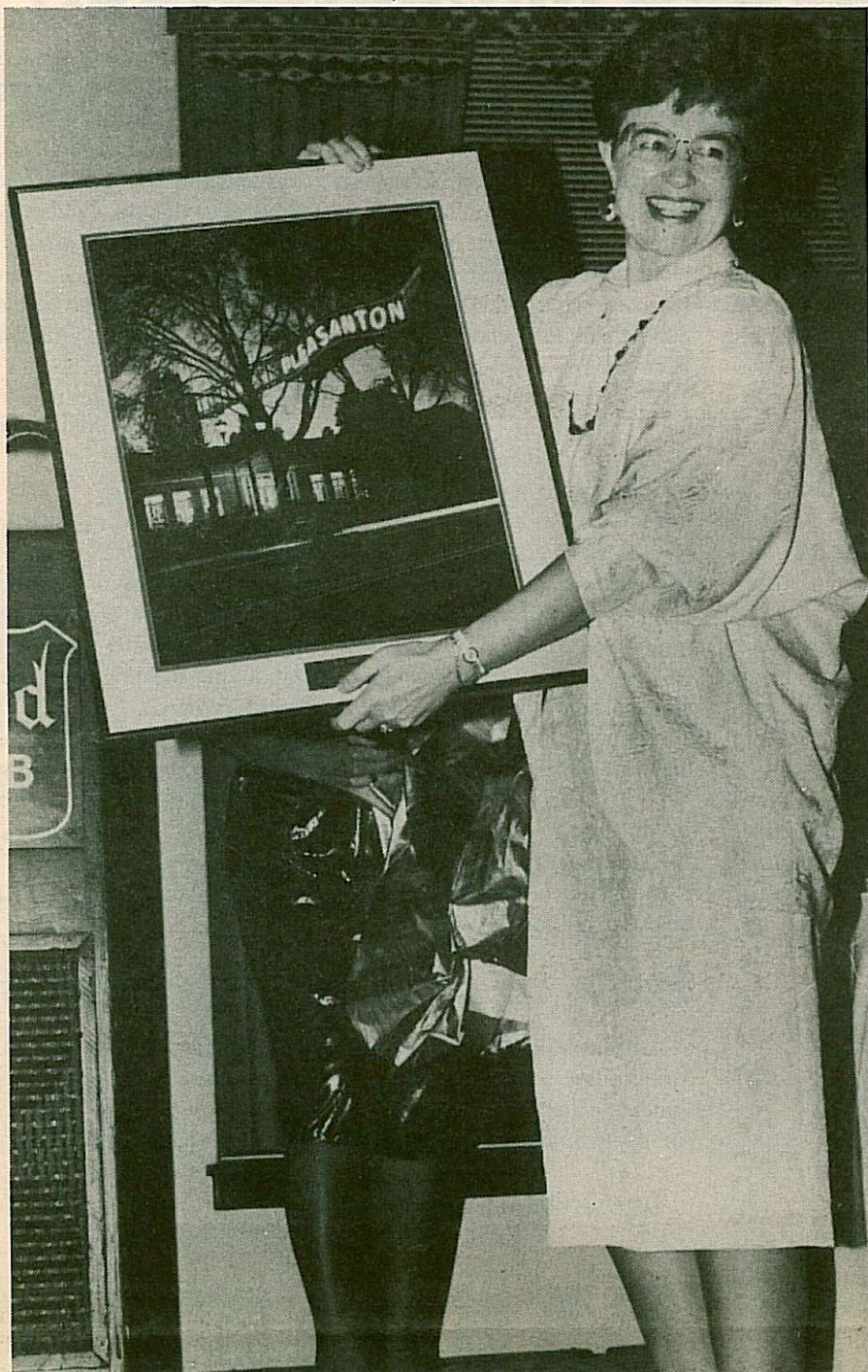
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Installation honors local groups



JoBetty Allen received a gift from the Chamber for her volunteer accounting work during the last 15 years.



Joyce Getty, Carol Bush and Ernie Oxsen at the Chamber installation dinner.



Lilly Ault, 1990 Chamber president, reviews the program with Judge Ron Hyde, who was master of ceremonies at the installation.

More than 400 Pleasanton residents and community and business leaders attended an installation ceremony for the 1990 Chamber of Commerce president and board of directors in January.

Lilly Ault, editor of Pleasanton Pathways and a member of the Chamber since 1972, was officially installed on Jan. 19, though she began her duties as president Jan. 1.

Ault, the thirty-eighth president of the Chamber, replaces 1989 President Judith Mayhew of the Plant Place.

The event, which took place at Castlewood Country Club, included a dinner/dance and presentation of the annual Community Development Awards, given to Pleasanton residents and businesses that have made exceptional volunteer contributions to the community during the year.

The recipients were: the Keystone Adult Learning Center, the first education program for developmentally disabled adults in the Valley; Eleanor McKay, for her service to Pleasanton's senior citizens; Shapell Industries of Northern California, for its contribution to the Children's Theatre Workshop production of "God and Me;" The Pleasanton Downtown Association's Summer Concert in the Park Series, for its contribution to community entertainment; the Pleasanton Housing Group, for initiating the city's senior housing project and La Vern Walker, for her guiding role on the school history committee.



Chamber of Commerce President Lilly Ault with her husband, DeWitt, at the installation ceremony.

Among those honored for their contributions to the business community were retiring Chamber Board of Directors members Doug Bosma, Beverly Davis, Art Dunkley and Joe Madden.

Members of the executive board being installed with Ault were Tom Athenour, Community First National Bank, president-elect; Keith Warden, Lipman Insurance, vice president for public affairs; Peter MacDonald, attorney, vice president of economic affairs; Steve Salvatore, Pleasanton Hilton, treasurer and Judith Mayhew, past Chamber president.

Several new members of the board of directors were also installed. They are: Bernice Bridge, Prudential Property Company; Charlie Cary, Pacific Bell; Mike Cooper, Cooper & Sword; Jim Dahl, Kaiser Sand and Gravel; Martin Inderbitzen, McNichols, McCann & Inderbitzen, Maudalene Marshall, Allied Brokers Real Estate; Penny Pickens, Job Mart Agency; Bernie Rollinger, Community First National Bank; David Walden, Quick-Alert Auto Security; Alice Waterman, Stoneridge Mall; Chip Wiser, ComCore and Wayne Yeaw, American Speedy Printing.

Trivia

Contributed by Ben Fernandez

February marks President's Day, so let's have a little bit of fun with some people who have the same names as some of our presidents.

1. He combined with Paul Lowe as a running back with the Los Angeles Chargers in the early days of the American Football League. Who was he?
2. Who was the actor who played a doctor on "St. Elsewhere" and South African leader Steven Biko in "Cry Freedom?"
3. He had the same name as an ex-president and made a fatal choice when he refused to leave Mt. St. Helens before it erupted. What was his name?
4. Who was the actor who played television's "Sky King?"
5. All of the residents of the town in the movie "Blazing Saddles" had the same last name as two ex-presidents. What was the name?
6. Who was the Oakland A's designated runner in 1973 who was picked-off first base in the World Series?
7. In Jackie Gleason's early television show, he always announced the "Tea Time Movie," which always featured the same silent-screen star. Who was she?
8. Who is the only Beatle who shares a last name with a former U.S. president?
9. Who was Ernie Kovak's singer/actress wife?
10. What prominent retired Pleasanton businessman shares the same last name as a former U.S. president?

Answers

1. Keith Lincoln
2. Denzel Washington
3. Harry S. Truman
4. Kirby Grant
5. Johnson
6. Herb Washington
7. Mae Bush
8. George Harrison
9. Edie Adams
10. Warren Harding

New group for hearing impaired to meet Feb. 26

A new local chapter of "SHH" (self help for hard-of-hearing people) will meet on Feb. 26.

Bill Cutler, executive director of the board of trustees for "SHH-National," will be the guest speaker. The meeting room will be made "hearing accessible," and some of the equipment available to facilitate better hearing will be demonstrated. Call 846-9518 for meeting time.

District officials say middle school will near completion in September

Administrators of the new middle school being built in Pleasanton are working with contractors to develop a way to keep students safe from construction activity, which is expected to continue when school begins next fall.

Sally Rayhill, principal of the new middle school, said she has had discussions with the contractor about how to keep students out of sections on the grounds that will still be under construction when the school opens in September. One of the options is to put a fence around the area.

"The one thing that we're looking to plan around at this point is not having the gymnasium completed," Rayhill said. "It seems to me that the contractor understands that we're going to have to work together."

Construction of the \$24 million school fell behind schedule after the Oct. 17 earthquake pulled state engineers off of all non-emergency projects. The middle school, located at Case Street and Bernal

Avenue, was delayed one to two months, because state officials were not available to approve construction plans, and therefore, work could not legally move ahead.

District officials insist that despite the delay, the school will be substantially complete in September, when more than 1,000 students are scheduled to begin attending classes there.

The school was given a name -- Pleasanton Middle School -- in January amid some controversy. A few parents complained that the initials PMS would be embarrassing to students, because they are a commonly-used reference to premenstrual syndrome.

Rayhill said it is important to have a school in Pleasanton named after the city, and it won't be difficult to work around the awkward initials.

"I've been kind of disappointed to see the emphasis on the name," she said. "I don't have a concern about the name at all. I just feel it's something that can be worked out."

Rayhill has spent most of her time during the past several months developing the school's curriculum.

Harvest Park Middle School and its new counterpart will share the same curriculum that has been altered to accommodate sixth-grade students, who will be part of the district's middle schools beginning next fall.

The school board approved the new curriculum in January, and Rayhill said it includes several features that attempt to ease the transition from elementary school for the sixth-graders. There will, for example, be a three-period humanities block each day for that group of students. They will stay with one teacher to learn language arts and history "so that they have a real home base with a teacher they can connect to," Rayhill said.

Students in seventh grade now have a two-period humanities block but that will be changed to three periods, too. Elective course choices

for sixth- and seventh-graders have been narrowed to foreign language, music or a class that encompasses art, computers, industrial technology and home economics, she said. Students will have a wider range of choices in the eighth grade.

Harvest Park's advisement program will be extended to Pleasanton Middle School, so students will spend 10 minutes a day in small groups with a teacher or administrator discussing topics that concern them.

Rayhill's next project will be to organize a parents group for the new school. It has not been decided yet whether the group will be a PTA or some other type of organization, but meetings will probably begin in March.

Volunteers will also be needed to equip the school's library, and Rayhill plans to recruit students to a committee that will choose the school's mascot and colors. Anyone interested can contact Rayhill at 426-4292.

Orient treasures now on display at museum

More than 240 artifacts from the Orient are on display at the Valley Museum.

Among the pieces are Japanese Satsuma vases with gold, early Japanese metal stirrups inlaid with silver, an extensive collection of unusual snuff bottles and examples of Japanese and Chinese cloisonne, including a pair of three-foot vases.

The exhibition showcases elegant Japanese bowls in a type of enamel requiring great technical skill known in the West as plique a jour, and in Japan as shotaishippo.

The enamels have no base, so light shines through.

Other items on display include blanc de chine porcelain, bronze works, Chinese soapstone and intricate Chinese silver filigree artifacts.

The display will be at the museum through June. The public is invited to visit, and there is no fee. The Museum, 603 Main St., is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

How to conduct meetings

Amador Valley Savings is sponsoring a free seminar on "How to Conduct Effective Meetings," as part of its Straight Talk Series.

The meeting is scheduled for

Feb. 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the association's headquarters, 530 Main St., Pleasanton. Seating is limited, so reservations are required and can be made by calling 462-7200.

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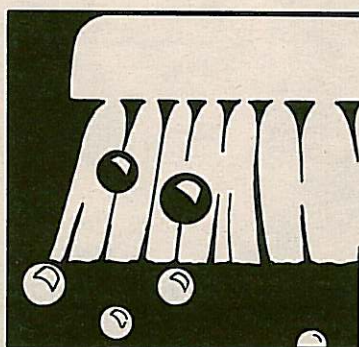
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Next two classified deadlines are Feb. 16 and March 2.

Choral group to raffle French dinner

The Valley Choral Society will present a night of French music and dining in March.

The 80-member choral ensemble will perform a concert featuring three popular works by French composers on March 23. It will be followed by a French dinner raffle that will raise funds for the group.

VCS members say that this year the annual event will have a new ambience. It will take place at the Wente Sparkling Wine Cellars Restaurant, where international and California wines will be available.

In the past, choral members have prepared and served the multi-course meal in one of the members' homes.

Gary Stone, raffle organizer, said having the dinner at Wente will be an added benefit.

"Tying in with our international season and our French concert, we decided to go outside the group to a notable local restaurant," he said. "Wente Winery has always been very supportive of the arts in the Valley, and their offer to be the site for our dinner is greatly appreciated."

The dinner for four winners and their guests will feature a variety of soups, salads, entrees, wines and desserts.

Raffle tickets are available from choral society members for \$2 each. Two winners will be drawn during intermission at performances on March 9 and March 10. For information, call 462-4205.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now through Feb. 25

"Valley Scenes," a photographic exhibit of Valley sites taken by Charles Uhlhorn, will be on display at the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Museum, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. The museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Pleasanton schools will be closed for President's Day.

Monday, Feb. 19

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Wednesday, Feb. 21

The Pleasanton Newcomers Club will hold a get-acquainted coffee at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Jodie, 426-1384.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Pleasanton Newcomers will host a Scotch bowling and pizza party at Earl Anthony's in Dublin at 7 p.m. Reservations are limited and should be made by Feb. 16. Call Jodie at 426-1384.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Lynnewood United Methodist Church will have its winter concert at 6 p.m. Sacred and secular music will be performed by local talent. For information, call 484-1564.

The Pleasanton Playhouse will present "Music Man" at 8 p.m. at the Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. There will be a pre-show champagne gala at 7 p.m., with a cost of \$7. Cost for tickets to the play are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and senior citizens.

Monday, Feb. 26

Pleasanton V.I.P. Seniors will have its monthly social meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., beginning at 12 p.m. A Chinese lunch will be served.

Saturday, March 3

You can enjoy a weekend away without hassles on a trip to Reno, sponsored by the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association. The public and park employees are invited to stay at the Downtown Travel Lodge in Reno and get \$23 back to spend at the Nugget, Pioneer, Sundowner and El Dorado casinos. The cost is \$49 per person, double occupancy. Single rooms are \$15 more. The bus departs from Hacienda at 7 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Call Vernie at Creatours, 463-3123 for reservation by Feb. 9.

Wednesday, March 7

The Pleasanton Newcomers will host a luncheon at the Pleasanton Hotel. No-host cocktails begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is at 12 p.m. Call Pat, 484-4136, or Gail, 484-4767, by Feb. 28 for reservations.

Thursday, March 15

The Pleasanton Christian Women's Club will have its "Teddy Bears and Lollipops" luncheon at the Pleasanton Sheraton Inn, 5115 Hopyard Rd., from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. A children's fashion show, special music and a guest speaker will be featured. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Bonnie at 462-5494 by March 9. All women in the area are invited to attend.

Deadline for March 26 issue of Pathways is March 2

Pleasanton Pathways issues and deadline dates

Pathways comes out on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except in December and August, when there is only one issue.

Date of issue	Deadline	Date of issue	Deadline
March 12	Feb. 16	July 23	June 29
March 26	March 2	Aug. 13	July 20
April 9	March 16	Sept. 10	Aug. 17
April 23	March 30	Sept. 24	Aug. 31
May 14	April 20	Oct. 8	Sept. 14
May 28	May 4	Oct. 22	Sept. 28
June 11	May 18	Nov. 12	Oct. 19
June 25	June 1	Nov. 26	Nov. 2
July 9	June 15	Dec. 10	Nov. 16

Special event dates are welcome by Pathways as soon as they are known so they can be placed in the special fundraising calendar. Submit in writing.

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Community Bulletin For Special Fund-Raising Events

Friday, Feb. 16

The Monte Carlo Royale (black tie optional), featuring casino games, hors d'oeuvres and dancing to "Easy Street" will be at the San Ramon Civic Center, corner of Alcosta Blvd. and Bollinger Canyon Rd., from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Cost is \$30 per person in advance, \$35 at the door. Proceeds benefit The Center. Send check to: Wings For Charity, 1989A Santa Rita Rd., No. 263, Pleasanton, 94566. For information, call 463-9100.

Tuesday, March 13

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education will have its third annual Partnerships Celebration Luncheon at the Castlewood Country Club. Individual tickets are \$25, \$35 for patron tickets and \$450 for a benefactor table of 10.

Wednesday, March 7

Business Women's Network will have an auction at the Pleasanton Velvet Turtle. The group is accepting donated items from local businesses. All proceeds will go toward the Women's Network Scholarship Fund. For information, call Margo Moore, 830-1681.

Saturday, March 31

Children's Theatre Workshop will host its fifth annual fund-raiser with the dinner theatre production "Bullshot Crummond" at the Hilton Hotel. Tickets will be \$45 per person for dinner and the play. Call 846-5400 for reservations.

Saturday, July 28

The Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton will sponsor the Wings For Charity barbecue. Tickets will be \$15. For information, call Ron Shotts, 830-1421.

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Companies receive transportation awards

A few local companies are getting a pat on the back from the mayor for their exceptional efforts to reduce traffic problems in Pleasanton.

Mayor Ken Mercer presented transportation awards to RMC Lone Star, Lincoln National, Property Management Systems Inc., EG&G, The Martin Group and Payco Ameri-

can Corporation in January.

Gail Gilpin, Pleasanton's transportation systems manager, said the companies not only complied with a city ordinance that requires busi-

nesses to have commute programs, they excelled at reducing traffic congestion.

The ordinance, adopted in 1984, calls for large companies and business complexes to, within four years of the time they open, have 45 percent of their employees commuting off-peak or using commute alternatives.

The companies recently recognized exceeded those requirements, Gilpin said.

RMC Lone Star's award was for the best new program of 1989. The company combined off-peak work hours with commute alternatives to achieve a 44 percent reduction in peak hour vehicle trips. Its goal for the year was to get 15 percent.

The other five companies recognized are located in the Hacienda Business Park.

Lincoln National Life Insurance received an award for the most improved program of the year. The company just met its goal for 1988, but its 14 percent improvement in 1989 surpassed the goal coordinated by Property Management Systems

had the business complex (Associates Center) with the most employees (56 percent) commuting off-peak.

More than 98 percent of EG&G's employees commute off-peak, and the company has also convinced 20 percent of its employees to use commute alternatives. This is EG&G's second consecutive transportation award.

The Martin Group, manager of Hacienda Lakes, got its award for having 20 percent of the employees in its multi-tenant building using commute alternatives.

Payco American Corporation was honored for having 58 percent of its employees using commute alternatives, such as carpools and buses. That is the highest percentage of any large company in Pleasanton.

The mayor presented a special award to Robert Dunn of Volkswagen United States for loaning 15 new vans to the American Red Cross, Good Will Industries and commuters in the Santa Cruz area who were affected by the October earthquake.



Gail Gilpin, Pleasanton Transportation systems manager, presents a transportation award to Bill Wacker of Payco.

Library expands collection of business reference materials

The Pleasanton Library has expanded its collection of business materials.

Don Nunes, branch manager, said a new file of annual reports, 10-Ks and clippings about Valley businesses has been established. Regional offices, world headquar-

ters and small firms are represented in the Business Reference Section file.

"We've noted the number of requests for information about local businesses and developed this file to meet that need," Nunes said. "Job-seekers are encouraged to

consult this file for background information on the companies they are interested in."

The Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

School board candidates

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that is on the books and has been found satisfactory," she said.

Sally Hill, a candidate for the board vacancy who fought against recent elementary school boundary changes, said some of the questions on the check list reveal problems with the board.

"I think Pleasanton is an educated and bright community. What you do is pull the issue out and let the community come to a consen-

sus," she said. "I just have some concerns about this board. It seems like decisions are already made when they come out. There's very little debate (amongst board members). Everyone seems to agree."

Schneider said trustees never make decisions before they are brought to the public, and the board often changes its stand after getting public input.

One example, she said, was the

board's recent decision to alter proposed boundary changes so they would not affect Alisal School, where parents complained their children had been moved too many times.

Hill, a nurse in the Dublin School District, also objects to a check list question that asks whether candidates have a "layman's relationship to public education."

People who have worked in the school system are well-equipped to

make difficult decisions about the policies trustees face routinely, she said.

"(The board members) aren't too sure they want anybody on the board who has been involved in education, as I have," Hill said. "Perhaps they have concerns about me as a board member, because I debate these issues."

Schneider said that although board members don't have precon-

ceived opinions about any of the candidates for the vacancy, she is concerned that Hill may have a conflict of interest.

"The school board is the layman's representative in the education process," Schneider said. "I certainly do not believe someone who serves on the board should be a practicing educator, because they're too involved."

School boundaries

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for students tougher and tougher.

"The bottom line is they may not be able to get into some courses that they could really benefit from," he said.

Foothill will also likely lose 3.6 teachers next fall, because of its declining enrollment, Goldman said. That will not affect the student/teacher ratio, but it will make setting up the curriculum a little harder.

Foothill has been able to maintain a comprehensive education program through this year, despite its declining enrollment, he said, but setting up a program equivalent to the one at Amador Valley High School, where enrollment is 31 percent higher than at Foothill, will be more difficult than ever in

the 1990-91 school year.

"I will do everything I can do to make sure it is comparable to Amador," Goldman said. "If the board opts not to offer extra sections (at Foothill), then we won't be able to offer some courses."

The school board was scheduled to vote on new boundaries for Pleasanton's two high schools on Jan. 23, but trustees agreed to put off the decision until they have more information about how many homes will be built in southern areas of the city where development is expected.

The board plans to study growth, and safety factors for students who would be walking or riding bikes on Foothill Road and Bernal Avenue before it addresses boundary

changes again sometime in September or October. Any changes approved would not go into effect until the fall of 1991.

District officials maintain that the delay will not create a problem

"The bottom line is (students) may not be able to get into some courses..."

Paul Goldman, Foothill High School principal

for Foothill.

"Right now, the discrepancy (between Foothill's enrollment and

Amador's) is not enough to be concerned about," said Jerri Long, district administrative assistant. "The (housing) development might affect the outcome of the long-term situation."

Earnestine Schneider, school board president, said the high school boundary changes were "not that necessary."

"There have not been any classes that have not been available to kids -- maybe just not always when they wanted them," Schneider said.

Buster McCurtain, assistant superintendent of business services, is working with the city so the district gets as much information as possible about how many homes may be built on the land slated for development.

Whether or not there is a golf course on the 525-acre San Francisco Water District property being considered for development could make a significant difference in how the school district should align high school boundaries, McCurtain said.

"We just want to make sure the decision we make is a lasting one," he said.

The district's goal is to bring Amador and Foothill enrollments to within 100 students of each other, he said.

The district brought proposed boundary changes to the school board several months ago, because the Amador area was growing, while the Foothill area seemed to be leveling off.