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Rain and clouds didn't deter the City of Dublin from breaking ground April 7 on Fallon Sports Park. On hand for the event were Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti (third from right), Councilwoman Kate Ann Scholz (second from left) and Councilman Don Biddle, (fourth from right), joined by league representatives and youth players from Dublin United Soccer. The park is scheduled for completion in spring 2011.

## Work starts on Fallon Sports Park

By JANET PELLETIER

Work has officially begun on the Fallon Sports Park on the eastern edge of Dublin.

Bordered by Fallon Road and Gleason Drive and just south of the Dublin Ranch Golf Course, the 60-acre multi-use sports facility will include two baseball diamonds, two lighted soccer fields, two lighted softball fields, four lighted basketball courts, four lighted tennis courts, a BMX course, restrooms, concession space and 225 parking spaces. It will be the city's largest athletic facility.

Phase I, which will encompass 27 of the 60 acres, began this month, with a groundbreak-

Construction begins when Dublin is facing \$3-million budget shortfall

ing April 7. The bid for that portion of the project was awarded to Robert A. Bothman, Inc. for \$9.27 million, which was \$3 million below a city engineer's estimate of \$12.7 million. The city believes it secured the reduced offer as a result of the downturn in the economy.

The project is not fully funded because of delays to housing developments in Dublin,

which contributes to the city's public facility fee fund, according to Linda Maurer, an assistant to the city manager. But, the Dublin City Council decided at its March 19 meeting to authorize a loan to the public facility fee fund from the city's General Fund reserves for \$6.3 million. The city also estimates it will receive \$1.2 million from the East Bay Regional Park District's Measure WW, which was passed by voters in November.

"The Fallon Sports Park project is a critical piece for the city's parks and recreation system and it needs to move forward as soon as possible," said Mayor Sbranti. See **SPORTS PARK** on Page 6

## \$8 million in stimulus funds headed to Camp Parks

A total of \$8 million will soon be headed to Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin for the renovation of barracks and housing quarters.

Congressman Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, who lobbied for the funds, said the military site will be receiving the money at the end of this month.

The \$8 million is coming from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, better known as the \$787-billion stimulus package.

The funds will be used for two projects

aimed to improve the lives of soldiers stationed there. Approximately \$4.7 million will be used to renovate barracks for soldiers who are on short-term training assignments. Another \$3.2 million will be dedicated to renovating housing for personnel assigned to Camp Parks on a more permanent basis.

"At a time when increasing demands are being placed on our troops, we need to make sure their housing needs are met," McNerney said. "Soldiers at Camp Parks are often far away from their families and homes. These

funds will help make sure they are provided for while serving our country."

A timeline for the work will be established as the money is received.

The U.S. Army's 91st Division trains at Camp Parks, which is the training area for an estimated 250 reserve component units and 20,000 reservists in Northern California.

Camp Parks is named after Rear Admiral Charles W. Parks, CEC, USN, according to the California State Military Museum.

—Janet Pelletier

## Lawsuit seeks to stop Staples Ranch development

Environmental groups claim roadway clouds earlier studies on land use

By JEB BING

Two environmental groups and a citizens' coalition called Safe Streets Pleasanton have asked the Alameda County Superior Court to halt a series of multi-million-dollar development projects on Pleasanton's northeast border with Livermore until a revised Environmental Impact Report can be prepared, certified and approved.

At issue is an EIR certified Feb. 24 in a 3-2 vote by the Pleasanton City Council that in effect gave the go-ahead for the development of Staples Ranch, an unincorporated 124-acre parcel currently owned by Alameda County at the southwest corner of I-580 and El Charro Road. In February, after several years of public hearings, the council agreed to develop the land in concert with an agreement with the county and at the same time to allow the extension of Stoneridge Drive through Staples to connect to El Charro and Livermore.

In their suit, the San Francisco-based Center for Biological Diversity and Alameda Creek Alliance joined Safe Streets Pleasanton in arguing that the council's approval of the Stoneridge Drive extension violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because that action was not part of the earlier EIR for the entire site development. They want all development stopped until a new EIR is prepared, circulated and certified that complies with CEQA.

Attorneys both for the city of Pleasanton and Alameda County heard the complaints by the two outside organizations and Pleasanton environmentalists Mark Emerson and Matt Morrison, a tax research specialist who is also active in the Sierra Club and at one time worked with proponents of the Staples Ranch development.

See **LAWSUIT** on Page 6



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Development of Staples Ranch, seen above, is being challenged in court by two environmental groups.

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# AROUND THE TRI-VALLEY



BY JEB BING

## Help for families of fallen police and firefighters

Just hours after the murders last month of the four Oakland police officers, members of the 100 Club of Alameda County delivered checks of \$20,000 to each of the three widows of the slain officers and to the parents of another who was not married.

The checks, the first installment of what is likely to be many years of financial help from the local charitable group, are designed to provide a cushion as the surviving families move forward.

The 100 Club was founded in 1974 by the late Pleasanton homebuilder Marty Kauffman who was impressed by the work of a similarly-named organization in Detroit that provided immediate financial help to police victims' spouses and families.

Returning home, he heard about two Oakland police officers who were killed in the line of duty and wrote a check for \$1,000 to take to the spouses. Others throughout the Tri-Valley heard about it and within weeks, they rallied around Kauffman to start the 100 Club here.

Since then, the 100 Club of Alameda County has provided financial assistance to 39 families of both sworn firefighters and police officers in the Tri-Valley and beyond who died while serving their departments and has supported 50 students attending college.

Frank Capilla and Ken Mercer are past presidents of the organization and are among 21 board members from throughout the area who are board members. They're among the club leadership that takes the checks to survivors, "one of the toughest jobs I ever have to do," according to Capilla. Besides the initial donation, the club also provides up to \$11,000 a year for a college education for each of a fallen officer's children, and special contributions are made to the families at Christmas-time.

Funds come from golf tournaments, individual donors,

members and dinner meetings held twice a year. Last January, former Livermore resident Dorothy Cleyman, who died in 2008, left \$235,000 to the 100 Club to provide financial and educational support for families of fallen peace officers and firefighters. The bequest was made to honor Mrs. Cleyman's daughter, Lezlee Davis, who was a communications specialist with the San Leandro Police Department for 21 years, dying unexpectedly in 2001. Robert Byers, current president of the club, said a plaque is being made for the San Leandro department in appreciation of the Lezlee Davis and Dorothy Cleyman gift.

For the most part, the 100 Club maintains a low public profile, making its contributions without press releases or fanfare. It employs a part-time administrator to keep track of its contributions and those to whom it has donated scholarships, and it holds two general membership meetings each year: a barbecue at the fairgrounds hosted by Capilla and Tony Macchiano on the third Wednesday in August, and another dinner on the third Wednesday in February where spouses and children who have benefited from the club's donations are invited to join in.

The club's board of directors is led by retired Alameda County Superior Court Judge Byers; retired Pleasanton civil engineer Richard Karn, past president of the Downtown Pleasanton Rotary Club, is next in line for the top post, followed by Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff; Macchiano, co-owner of the Pleasanton Garbage Service, and former county supervisor Mary King.

Mercer heads up the ValleyCare Health System Foundation and Capilla is the founder and owner of Can-Am Plumbing.

Starting small, the club now has more than 1,000 members and its long-standing membership assessment has also climbed, now at \$150. To learn more about the work of the 100 Club of Alameda and to hear first-hand on a YouTube video from some who have been helped by the club, sign on to its website at [www.100clubalamedacounty.org](http://www.100clubalamedacounty.org). ■

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## Cities, Realtor group win award for housing center

Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center helps first-time homebuyers find affordable housing

Five Tri-Valley cities and the Bay East Association of Realtors have been selected as one of five public-private partnerships nationwide to receive the Ambassadors for Cities award from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The award honors the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, the town of Danville and the Realtor organization for establishing and promoting the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center (TVHOC).

"The TVHOC is a crucial resource for families considering home ownership or looking for affordable rental units," said Pat Huffman, who is president of Bay East.

The housing center, located at 20 South L St. in Livermore, was created as a nonprofit homebuyer education center to provide regional homeownership and rental information in the Tri-Valley region. Working with the Bay East Association, the center provides homebuyer education programs, income and asset development education and workshops on lending and funding sources. Realtors serve as trainers for orientations and workshops and help to develop unique sales solutions for prospective low and moderate income homebuyers.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and NAR launched the Ambassadors for

Cities program in 2003 to encourage cities and local Realtor organizations to form partnerships to promote and expand affordable housing opportunities in their communities. The goal of the program is to highlight such partnerships that can be emulated in other communities.

The five 2009 award winners will each host public events during the year to highlight the success of their partnership and provide an opportunity to further discuss and encourage affordable housing. The winners each receive a plaque and \$5,000 to help promote their event or initiative.

The center has the following meetings scheduled, which are open to the public.

Housing orientation: 6 to 8 p.m. May 6 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza and 6 to 8 p.m. May 12 at the City of Dublin Regional Room, 100 Civic Plaza; homebuyer class: Part II from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.; early delinquency and pre-foreclosure workshop from 6 to 8:30 p.m. May 13 at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave.

Those interested can register for classes online at [www.tvhoc.org](http://www.tvhoc.org) and mail class fee to the center to confirm registration. The cost is \$65 for individuals, \$75 for couples and can be adjusted for low-income individuals.

—Janet Pelletier

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# Connecting parents and teens

Axis, Dublin police deliver final drug, alcohol program

Axis Community Health is partnering with the Dublin Police Department to help parents encourage their teens to make positive choices.

The Parent Project, the final one offered this school year, meets from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays start April 22 at Valley High School, 6901 York Drive in Dublin. Open to all Tri-Valley parents, the sessions are designed to strengthen relationships. The skills learned are said to improve student school attendance and performance as well as help teens avoid drug and alcohol use, stay safe and maintain a happy family life.

The class is \$150 per person or \$170 for per couple. Payment plans are available. To register, or for more information, call Amie Sousa at 201-6201.

Axis Community Health is the Tri-Valley's provider of medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services. Most recently, it opened Axis Behavioral Health, a 5,600-square-foot facility that houses teen drug and alcohol programs, mental health counseling, DUI and adult drug and alcohol programs. It is located at 6666 Owens Drive in Pleasanton.

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April 1-30

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April 25-May 2

## DUBLIN PRIDE WEEK

Dublin's annual Pride Week will kick off April 25 and will include many programs and workshops to encourage people to work to improve the world around them. "Volunteer Day" is from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 25; a guided nature walk will be from 1-2 p.m., Saturday, April 25; "Water Wise" workshop will start at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 28; "Solar Cities" workshop on Wednesday, April 29; a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Compost Give-a-Way Day will be on Saturday, May 2; and a food drive will be held throughout the week. Call 833-6650 or visit [www.dublinprideweek.com](http://www.dublinprideweek.com).

April 25

## MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Come to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party hosted by Assistance League of Amador Valley from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at Aames Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$45. Proceeds fund local programs. Call

371-4566 or visit [www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org).

April 26

## LIVERMORE DUCK RACES

The seventeenth annual Livermore Duck Races will be held from 2-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at Granada High School's swimming pool, 400 Wall St., Livermore. Over \$5,000 in cash prizes will be given out to lucky duck sponsors. A free Little Duckie Race for children under 12 years old will be held and prizes will be given out. The Granada swim team will dive into the pool and retrieve the winning ducks. Proceeds benefit Livermore schools and nonprofit groups. Cost is \$5 per entry. Call 449-1315 or 321-1123.

## GET INSPIRED TO GREEN YOUR GARDEN

Bay-Friendly Gardening presents "Get Inspired to Green Your Garden" self-guided garden tour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at 30 private and public gardens through Alameda County. The tour is free, but registration is required; call 510-444-SOIL or visit [www.bayfriendly.org](http://www.bayfriendly.org).

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## FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT FAIR

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May 2, June 6

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Clinics will be open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care, from 9-11 a.m., May 2 and June 6, at Axis Community Health Clinic, 4361 Railroad Ave. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance; fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

May 9

## DUBLIN BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at St. Raymond Catholic Parish, Moran Hall, 11557 Shannon Ave., Dublin. For an appointment, call Wayne Berner at 828-0907 or Bob Rawlings at 828-7727. Another drive will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 30, at First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2020 5th St., Livermore. For an appointment, call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543).

May 9

## BRAS FOR THE CAUSE BREAST CANCER WALK

A 10K (six miles) fundraising walk through Pleasanton will be complete with a bra-decorating contest from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, May 9. Cost is \$39 before March 31; \$50 thereafter. Proceeds benefit Axis Health and Komen for the Cure. Visit [www.trivalleysocks.org](http://www.trivalleysocks.org).

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## How Six Figure Income Families get Thousands of Dollars in Free Money for College

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Pleasanton—East Bay parents that are planning on sending a child to college in the next few years, but aren't quite sure how to pay for it can now rest a little easier. Richard Patrick of Bay Area College Planners has been educating families in the community for over 15 years. "It's really sad, but most parents that we talk to have done real well financially, but never found the time to save for college, and now they're facing a bill of \$18,000-\$45,000 a year, and they don't know who to turn to," he says. "Further, most of the time, all they hear is to not even bother applying for any aid because they make too much money. However, most of the time, that is simply not true even if they make a six-figure income." Richard would know, because his group has worked with over 1400 families in the last 11 years ranging from single moms to corporate CEO's, and they say they can help anyone get through the process and save a bundle...no matter how good of a student they have or how much money they make. "I got started in this because I was a very good student, but no one told us anything about how to access money for college, or even how to pick a career...so I didn't go right away. But, I vowed that I would learn the process and devote my time to helping families not fall into the same trap that we did. "Simply put, we show parents the truth that they aren't hearing anywhere else about how the college process really works and save thousands of dollars in the process." Tri-Valley parents will have a couple opportunities to hear Richard speak.

He is teaching his class 'How to Give Your Kid a 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke!' on Tuesday April 28th at Round Table Pizza located at 3203 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon, CA 94583 from 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM and Thursday April 30th at Round Table Pizza located at 530 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 from 7:15PM- 8:45PM. "We'll discuss everything from the greatest myths about the college process, how to send your student to a fancy private school for less than the cost of a junior college plus how not to get punished for putting money away for college. Topics will also include why private scholarships and 529 plans, UGMA's and UTMA's MAY be waste of time, how to double or even triple the amount of free money you receive from each school, and how to avoid the one mistake that will kill your chances of getting any money at all that almost every other parent will make this coming January, and much, much more. "They will learn a ton, and I do my best to make the class fun," he says. "It's like I'm giving them a super bright flash light to navigate a pitch black cave, while all the other parents continue to stumble around blindly! "Don't forget: the class is totally free, but seats are limited. Also, we are not sure when we will be teaching these classes in the Tri-Valley again since our May calendar is already filling up, so come on out and see us." You can reserve a seat online at [PayForCollegeNow.com/TVV](http://PayForCollegeNow.com/TVV) or by calling our 24 hour reservation line at (800) 676-0496 ext. 680



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