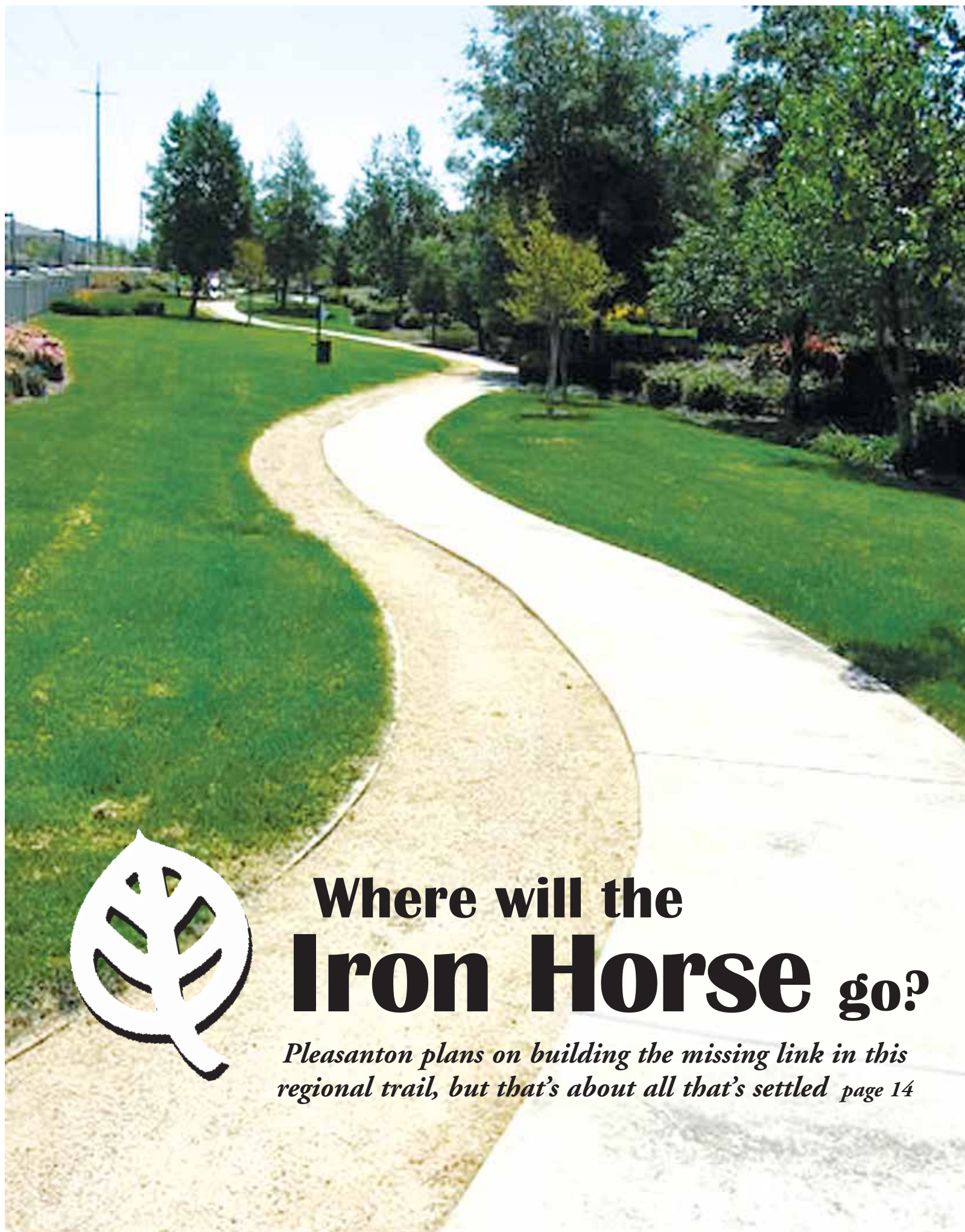


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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Mohatt's 'Ceilings' gives Amador a book to remember

Crowds jammed the Towne Center Bookstore on Main Street last Saturday to get autographs and shake hands with one of Pleasanton's all-time greats, retired Amador Valley High School teacher Everett (Skip) Mohatt. He was in town from his home in Auburn with his wife Joyce and a few of his six children and 21 grandchildren at his side to celebrate the publication of his first book, "Ceilings." It's an autobiography that, like his classroom work in high school English and social studies, is intensely factual. He gives names and recalls events about growing up in Shaw's Flat, a Sonoma County community that, to Mohatt, looks much the same today. It's also the town, he quips, where his book has become a best-seller overnight, with families buying three and four copies to share with their relatives. That took care of the first 50 copies or so. Probably many more have been sold since the book-signing Saturday thanks to the marketing expertise of Towne Center's owner Judy Wheeler.

"Ceilings" is a book whose title conveys the theme of much of the story Mohatt tells. Born in 1934 in the heart of the Great Depression, Mohatt faced tragedy and misfortune early on, with his mother dying at the age of 20 and one month before he turned three. Seven years before Jonas Salk's vaccine and four months shy of Mohatt's 14th birthday, polio struck, crippling him for life. Through perseverance and a stubborn optimism, Mohatt moved past these barriers—or ceilings—to achieve notoriety in Pleasanton, the town he still loves but just can't afford in retirement. Earning a bachelor's degree from Cal State Sacramento and a master's in education in 1968 from Southern Oregon University, Mohatt eventually convinced the

Pleasanton school district that he'd make a good and unforgettable high school athletic coach, a job he started in 1957 at Amador. Still today, he is the school's winningest varsity basketball coach and, a few years ago, the school's boys gymnasium was named in his honor. As the school's civics teacher, he formed a special competition civics class and then led it to numerous state and national "We the People..." contests, winning the national championship in 1995. My son Chris was in that class, which is when I got to know Skip Mohatt, a friendship that has continued ever since.

The stories Mohatt told Saturday about writing and publishing "Ceilings" are almost as good as the book, itself, which we'll review later. The book started as a whim, with Mohatt saying he had several reasons to proceed: he thought he could write, he thought he had a compelling story to tell, in retirement he didn't have anything else to do and he thought he could make money to supplement his teacher retirement pay. The idea to write a book dates back to 1971 when a publisher friend in Alameda, who knew his background, suggested it. He saw her in 1978 as she was dying of cancer, and she urged him again to get started. Later that year, during one of the occasional "escapes" he and Joyce made to the Oregon coast, he began making notes about what he might say. In 1998, he actually started to write the book, which he completed last year. A publisher's agent he knew in Washington cut the book in half, saying no book should be more than 90,000 words. As a result, "Ceilings" is Book No. 1 that ends with his youth. Book No. 2 will pick up there, with the last four chapters set in Pleasanton through 1970. Publication of that book depends on the success of "Ceilings." ■

About the Cover

As city officials are examining where the Iron Horse Trail would pass through Pleasanton, pathways like the one on the cover could be an option, unless neighbor concerns stop it. Pleasanton is the last link needed to complete the Iron Horse Trail, a regional trail that starts in Martinez and ends in the Livermore Valley. While city officials are breaking ground on certain parts of the trail, they have yet to make a final decision on where the rest of it will go. Cover photo by Julie Nostrand.

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Streetwise

Q: What was your view on the immigration rallies last Monday?

Asked Downtown



Clara Rector
Retired

I think they are walking a fine line. Businesses will continue to support the immigrant population, but the country's eyes will be opened to how much power these groups pose and the effect could be negative. They want to voice their ideas and agendas and yet they don't want to blend into mainstream America.

Connie Schraeder
Retired

I wonder if there will be a backlash for the illegal immigrants. Actions like this make the general citizen more aware of the numbers of illegal residents. Hopefully the government will take a close look and realize we need to tighten up and protect our borders.



Andrea Wells
Translator

I think it was a good thing. I immigrated legally to the U.S. and it took a very long time. People that are here should be able to get into the system more easily. This rally will capture the government's attention and hopefully help focus it on the issue and find a workable solution.



Luciano Lozano
Teacher

I support the rights of all people to assemble and voice their grievances to the government and society. Immigrants need to live here legally and our society needs their contribution. A solution will be good for both sides.



James Brown, Jr.
Musician

I think it's a beautiful thing. It shows this country's tolerance for other cultures. People are coming here not just to work but to build a life. They have a right to assemble and speak their mind.



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Proposition Forum

The League of Women Voters is hosting a forum 7 p.m., Tuesday May 9 to discuss the pros and cons of state Propositions 81 and 82. Proposition 81, known as the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, and Proposition 82, the Preschool Education Tax on incomes over \$400,000 for individuals and \$800,000 for couples, will be on the June 2006 ballot. The forum will be held at the Livermore City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Visit www.SmartVoter.org or <http://lav.ca.lwvnet.org> for more information.

Police open house

The Pleasanton Police Department is hosting an Open House from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 13 at its office at 4833 Bernal Ave. Community members will have the chance to meet and talk with local police officers, dispatchers, community service officers and police volunteers. The traffic unit will demonstrate their motorcycle riding skills and the K-9 handlers and their dogs will demonstrate how the dogs track suspects. There will also be a workshop on how officers collect evidence at a crime scene and many booths will be set up on crime prevention, D.A.R.E. and other services. Call 931-5100 for more information.

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Council rejects cemetery ownership bid

City might agree to help with cleanup, streetscape

by Jeb Bing

The Pleasanton City Council turned down a bid by a citizens' committee to buy the deteriorating Odd Fellows Fraternal Cemetery--called Pleasanton Memorial Gardens--on Sunol Boulevard, although it may allow public funds to be used to improve its appearance and for upkeep.

It also directed City Manager Nelson Fialho to take a more detailed look at the proposal for another review by the council.

"If we don't get off our duff and do something, and the Odd Fellows take a walk, it's going to be a city cemetery anyhow."

—Chris Bertalis Sr.

Councilman Steve Brozosky, who has been working with a citizens' group called the Pleasanton Pioneers to resolve the cemetery issue, said he was disappointed in the action. He said the council needs to acquire the cemetery from the Livermore Odd Fellows Lodge 219, which has exhausted its funding capabilities to manage the cemetery. The lodge had given Pleasanton until October to acquire the burial grounds or it may have to dispose of the site other ways.

Chris Bertalis Sr., a downtown businessman and developer, is chairman of the 10-man Pioneers group. He said the cemetery, where one of his sons is buried, has had a maintenance problem dating back



Cracked, sinking and deteriorating old grave markers such as this one are found in about half of Pleasanton Memorial Gardens, which the Livermore Odd Fellows lodge wants to sell to Pleasanton. So far, the City Council, seeing the repairs costs, has said no.

to 1955. The groundskeeper, now gone, lived in an old trailer still on the site with no city sewer connections. The city connected water lines to the cemetery years ago, but the irrigation system is broken and much of the grass has died.

"When I was on the City Council

from 1968 to 1972, we took the cemetery under our wing and cleaned it up a bit," Bertalis said. "But the problems come and go and we need to take action."

He gave the council petitions from 200 residents who want the city to take over the cemetery.

"If we don't get off our duff and do something, and the Odd Fellows take a walk, it's going to be a city cemetery anyhow," Bertalis said.

Developed in the 19th Century, the burial grounds include the

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Fire captain injured in 25-foot fall

Serious injuries sustained in accident

Captain Scott Walsh of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department suffered serious injuries Monday morning after falling 25-feet while fighting a blaze at the Pleasanton Garbage Service Transfer Station in the 3100 block of Busch Road.

Walsh, who has been with department for more than 20 years, is currently in the intensive care unit at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto where he is being treated for multiple fractures and internal injuries. At about 1:30 a.m. Monday morning he was flown from

the accident site to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley where he was stabilized and then transferred to Stanford. He has undergone some minor surgeries to repair broken bones from the fall, said Fire Chief Bill Cody.

"It's a very tough and go situation," Cody said. "But he looks much better than when I saw him being placed on the helicopter that night."

Firefighters were responding to a reported water flow alarm at the transfer



L.P.F.D. Captain Scott Walsh

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Trustees change classified employee hours

Reductions and additions in several departments

by Rebecca Guyon

Classified employees saw hour reductions and the creation of four new positions during last week's board of trustees meeting. The trustees reduced the hours of instructional assistants, school resource aides, special needs assistants and site technology specialists in a unanimous vote.

"This is a function that a well-functioning school district faces each year," said Assistant

Superintendent of Human Resources Clem Donaldson. He explained that hour adjustments are made based on reallocations of funds and program changes. Employees affected by these hour changes will most likely be reassigned to different classified positions in the district.

"We have other jobs available to them," Donaldson said. "For the most part, very few are lost in the process."

Only moments later, the trustees voted unanimously to add three new classified positions and

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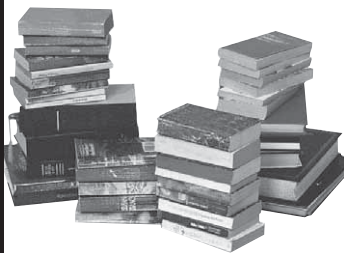
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Cemetery

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remains of many early landowners in the region, with grave-stones marking family plots for the Bernals, Neals and Kottingers, to name a few. One of the more recent burials was Ed Kinney, a former councilman, Realtor and well-known public figure.

The five-acre cemetery has about 1,200 spaces left for full-casket burials, more for the interment of cremains. It is contiguous to the St. Augustine Catholic Church cemetery, which is also 5 acres. The Pioneers explored the possibility of St. Augustine incorporating the cemetery into its holdings, but the church said that while it might work an arrangement to maintain the grounds the way they are, it would not be interested in more burials or expanding either site.

The Pioneers asked the city two years ago to consider acquiring the

Odd Fellows cemetery but, except for Brozosky, has had what some call only a lukewarm response. First established in the mid-1800s, the cemetery was purchased by the once-thriving Pleasanton Lodge No. 255 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal association. After the Pleasanton lodge was disbanded due to a decline in membership, the Livermore lodge picked up title to the property.

Pleasanton officials estimated that it would cost an initial one-time capital investment of \$642,000 to take over the cemetery, clean it up, design and install a new irrigation system. Ongoing maintenance could cost \$73,000 annually.

"I just don't see this as doable," said Councilwoman Cindy McGovern. "I don't think we have any idea about what the hidden costs might be. I'm just not comfortable about making this part of the city's responsibility."

L. F. Sloan, whose consulting firm was hired by the Pioneers to look at the cemetery, told the council that

because of the small size of the cemetery, it's unlikely a private investor would be interested in acquiring the site. Even if it went into bankruptcy proceedings, he doubted there would be any bidders.

By default, therefore, the city would have an abandoned cemetery on its hands, where new burials are continuing.

Several council members also felt there was not enough time allotted by the Odd Fellows to explore the acquisition proposal. The Odd Fellows said they need an answer no later than October or they will make other arrangements.

Fialho will see if he can delay that deadline by another six months to mid-2007 when all the costs and can be determined.

Councilman Matt Sullivan cited several issues that need to be studied, including soil contamination issues based on today's standards. Others said it's unclear who has responsibility now for maintaining the gravesites and the common grounds. Historically, early

Pleasanton families bought plots with an understanding that they would maintain them. Most modern cemeteries are handled by private or public organizations, including cemetery trusts in California.

"I'm concerned, to, about putting this unfunded cost on our plate," Sullivan said. "We've had a big list of capital priorities for several years and I don't think we should explore this option until the others are handled."

The council said it would consider a short-term proposal to once again have the city pay the costs of a general cleanup at the cemetery and to improve the streetscape along Sunol Boulevard.

"I'm extremely frustrated," said Brozosky. "I thought we were farther along in deciding this question that we appear to be. If the Odd Fellows turn this cemetery over to another nonprofit, they could find the state regulations much more significant that a city government would. That could add to potential costs and liabilities if the property eventually came back to us." ■

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Lauren Wallace

Spring break in New Orleans

Maddie Flaig, a senior at Amador Valley High School, moves pallets of condensed milk at a relief center set in a Wal-Mart parking lot in New Orleans. Flaig went to New Orleans during her spring break, along with 46 students from Foothill and California high schools and Pleasanton community members, to help reconstruction efforts in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The group was organized by Tim Barley, a youth pastor at Valley Bible Church. During the week, the group helped move the relief center from the Wal-Mart parking lot to another location because Wal-Mart plans on re-opening soon, something the residents hope will bring economic revival. In addition to moving the relief center, the volunteers kept it functioning, serving breakfast and mid-afternoon hot meals to people living in the area. "If residents of Pleasanton can go (to New Orleans), then they should go," said Tracy Matthies, a volunteer on the trip. "They need help there, and at this point they need more hands than resources."

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Fire captian

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station at 1 a.m. Monday when they found a pile of rubbish 20 feet wide and 10 feet thick that was on fire, said acting Division Chief Barry Rose. The situation was upgraded to a first alarm fire and six engines and two trucks with about 30 firefighters were sent on the scene. Walsh was helping fight the fire when he stepped into an open pit used to hold garbage waiting to be transferred, falling 25 feet and landing on the concrete surface, Rose said.

Members of the department are doing everything they can to help Walsh's wife and two children who

are staying with Walsh at Stanford, Rose said.

"It's a very touch and go situation, but he looks much better than when I saw him being placed on the helicopter that night."

—Fire Chief Bill Cody

"We thank the community for their good thoughts," Cody said. Flowers are not allowed in the intensive care unit, but community members can send cards to any of the fire department's stations or City Hall.

—Rebecca Guyon

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Far right, U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R-11th) greets Amador High's competition civics team on Capitol steps last week.

Amador takes 2nd place in national civics competition

School now has 4 top finishes in 'We the People' program

by Jeb Bing

The Amador Valley High School civics team won second place this week in the prestigious "We the People..." national civics competition Monday, finishing just behind New Brunswick (N.J.) High School and ahead of high school teams from the other 50 states and the District of Columbia. East High School from Denver won the third place award.

The awards were announced at a dinner held in the Omni Shores Hotel after three days of intensive questioning by judges, including several state Supreme Court judges. All schools competed before different panels of judges last Saturday and Sunday, with the 10 finalists, including Amador, facing the judges again on Monday.

Others in the top 10 were Lamar Academy, McAllen, Texas; Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Miami; Vestavia Hills High

School, Birmingham, Ala.; Grant High School, Portland; Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies, Richmond, Va.; Half Hollow Hills High School East, Dix Hills, N.Y., and Essex High School, Essex Junction, Vt.

"I am absolutely ecstatic," said Brian Ladd, the 16-year career social studies teacher at Amador who has taught the competition civics class. "Our team was praised by the judges for their quick, 'on their feet' responses, even though everyone was sitting down. Unlike in previous competitions, this year's was more in the rapid-fire style of Appellate Court oral arguments, with question after question. It was a pretty intense 11 minutes of presentation for each of our six teams."

"We finished, we had strong compliments from several of the top state judges," Ladd added. "They told our group, 'You are as good as some of the lawyers we have coming before us.' That made all of us extremely proud."

The jubilation was short-lived, however. The students boarded a plane to return home on Tuesday, where they faced Advanced Placement tests Wednesday and Thursday. They also will have to make up the tests they missed on Tuesday.

The Amador Valley competition civics team included Angela Aronoff, Kiel Barry, Sean Basalyga, Nihat Bayramoglu, Sanam Bhatia, Audra Bloom, David Crisostomo, Jennifer Doxey, Jasmine Guo, Scott Hanford, Jennifer Hank, Glenalyn Hunt, Lauren Johnson, Jack LaFrancesca, Jessica Ma, Amy Qin, Shokoofeh Rajabzadeh, Paula Reeve, David Rowse, Lakshmi Santhosh, Eugene Shenkar, Tiffany Shih, Suzanna Sund, Will Tagg, Sonia Talati, Susan Tang, Brookanne Thompson, Ronald Tran, Elise Viebeck, and Jenny Zhan.

This was the seventh time the Amador Valley team has represented the state of California. The team now has had four top finishes, including a national championship in 1995. ■

Four Pleasanton schools win 'Distinguished School' award

Elementary schools honored this year

Alisal, Hearst, Valley View and Vintage Hills elementary schools have been named 2006 California Distinguished Schools by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell. A record 377 California public elementary schools were selected as Distinguished Schools this year. Of the more than 5,000 elementary schools in the state, 2,043 were eligible to apply based on the Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress reports. Of those eligible, 997 schools filed applications. Sixteen of the honored schools were in Alameda County. The California Department of Education in partnership with

California County Superintendents Educations Services Association and local educators from across the state reviewed the applications.

The award is part of the California School Recognition Program, which was created in 1985 to publicize and reinforce the priorities of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized during alternate years and the award is valid for four years. Lydiksen and Mohr elementary schools were named Distinguished Schools in the 2004 cycle. Amador Valley and Foothill high schools

and Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools were honored as Distinguished Schools last year during the secondary school cycle. Hart Middle School was not eligible last year because it was named a Distinguished School in 2003 and still held the title, but it will be eligible to apply next year.

This year's Distinguished Schools will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Anaheim on May 26. During the ceremony, the state will also applaud California's 35 nominees for the 2006 national No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Program, which includes Amador and Foothill.

—Rebecca Guyon

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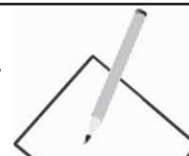
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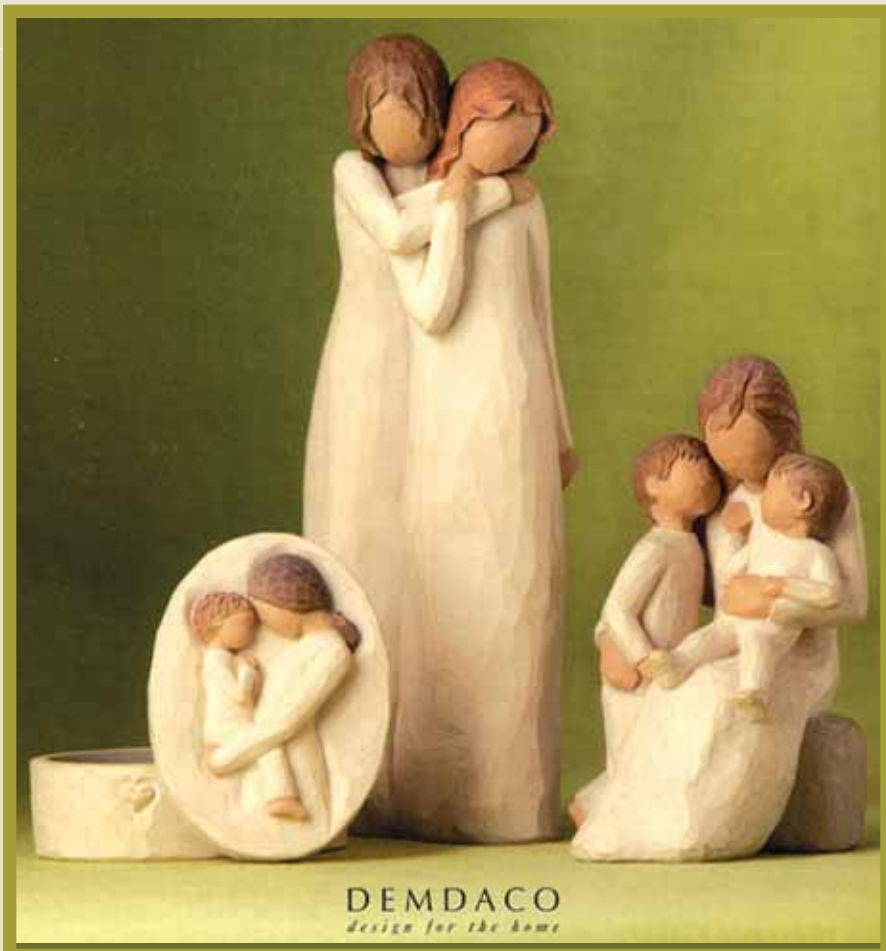
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Former Cal State East Bay President dies

Remembered for handling student upheaval

Former California State University, East Bay President Ellis McCune died April 18 at the age of 84 from complications of pneumonia. He passed away in Palm Springs, Calif. at the nursing home where he had been living off and on since February.

McCune was president of the University for 23 years, when it was known as Cal State Hayward, starting his tenure in 1967 and retiring in 1990. He then served 18 months as the acting chancellor for the California State University system.

He was born in Houston, Texas. After graduating from high school, he worked as a grocery clerk and construction laborer, and even sold fried chicken from a cart. In WWII, he played drums and cymbals for the Air Force Band. After the war, he attended University of California, Los Angeles, earning bachelor's and doctoral degrees in political science. He later taught at Occidental College and California State University, Northridge. McCune became the dean of academic planning for what was then called the California State Universities and Colleges System

and was tapped for the interim president position of Cal State Hayward, which was then in its 10th year.

His time at Cal State Hayward was filled with student upheaval as many students across the state and country were protesting. McCune dealt with potential student rioters and was once barricaded in his office. He is remembered for his graceful handling of these situations.



Ellis McCune

He is survived by his wife Hilda; son James McCune and his wife Barbara; and one step-grandchild.

No funeral is planned. A memorial service for the East Bay community will be scheduled later this spring.

Donations may be made to the Ellis and Hilda McCune Scholarship Fund. Call (510) 885-2360 for more information.

—Rebecca Guyon



Biking for MS

Four bikers at the Top Hat Classic MS Bike Tour, which began and ended at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, cross the finish line with smiles. The bike tour, hosted by the Northern California Chapter of the National MS Society, raised nearly \$170,000 in funds to support MS research and local programs and services for the 10,500 Northern Californians living with MS. The National MS Society is still accepting donations toward the event through May 22. Donations can be made by visiting www.msconnection.org.

Scott Saldinger

Making math fun

Hart hosts first ever Mathematics Festival

When most people think of math, the first thoughts are usually of tests, homework and textbooks, and rarely do fun or festival factor into the equation. Hart Middle School is changing all that as students in the sixth and seventh grades will spend their math periods going through the school's first ever Mathematics Festival on Thursday, May 11. Nearly 800 students will participate in the Festival, which will be set in the Hart multipurpose room, and many parent volunteers are helping run the program. Carol Daly, a seventh grade Algebra and Honors teacher at Hart, led the effort to bring this Festival, the first of its

kind in Pleasanton, to the school. "It's very exciting to do something new with the math classes," Daly said.

The California Mathematics Council runs the Festival program and funds to bring it to Hart came from the Parent Faculty Association. Daly first heard of the Festival during a math conference she attended in December and thought it was such a great idea that she decided to bring it to Hart.

"I wanted to have the Festival at Hart to make math real for the students," Daly said. "So they could have hands on experiences and experience a different way of doing things. It makes it an interesting

day for them."

The Festival will focus on improving students' Algebra skills by having students go through 14 stations centered on one or more key math concepts from the California Mathematics Standards. Each station has 12-18 different math tasks to meet all students' abilities and skills and the activities are all hands on. The CMC also offers Festivals in Geometry and basic math skills for the younger grades.

"I hope students learn some math and that they enjoy the day and become excited about math," Daly said.

—Rebecca Guyon

Employee hours

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one new management position in the Child Nutrition Services Department. Two Child Nutrition Assistant positions, one for the middle school and one for the high school, and a Child Nutrition Support Technician were added under the classified category. The Assistant Child Nutrition Services Coordinator was added as a new management position.

"There have been significant changes in the scope of the nutrition services as we increase the types of things we're offering to students," said Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sandra Lepley. "We thought to change the logistics after looking at other school districts of a similar size."

The last time staffing changes were made in the Child Nutrition Services Department was in the 1997-98 school year, even though the district's enrollment has increased from 11,858 students to 14,518 students, or 22.4 percent, in that same time period, according to the staff report.

The changes mean that current child nutrition services employees will move into the management

roles, something the Classified School Employees Association agreed to, Donaldson said. Employees already working for the district will move into the new positions, he added.

"This is a reorganization of people in the organization, but there are no new bodies," said Board President Steve Pulido.

Currently, some employees are termed as "leads," meaning they are responsible for overseeing child nutrition services at their school sites, although they are not

in management positions and do not receive additional pay for performing those duties, Donaldson said. By changing the job descriptions, it allows for the employees to be recognized for the work they do that is not in their current job description and allow for them to take on additional responsibilities that can only be performed by those in management positions, such as conducting supervisor evaluations.

The new positions will be implemented July 1. ■

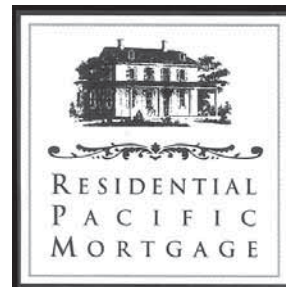
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Opinion

Editorial

Immigration is Pleasanton's concern, too

For most of us, the closest we came to Monday's mass demonstrations over state and federal immigration policies was on the evening news on our home television screens. The "Day without Immigrants," as organizers called it, appeared to have little impact on outlying urban areas such as Pleasanton. Some companies that had advance requests granted vacation days off to those who wanted to join the marches in San Jose or San Francisco. One Main Street restaurant, beyond those that normally are closed on Mondays, shut down to give their Latino employees a chance to participate. Several contractors reported a shortage of day laborers they needed to complete home roofing jobs or new houses. Yard maintenance crews were largely absent from Pleasanton residential streetscape, including a contractor for Hacienda Business Park who postponed Monday's work to Tuesday.

Even so, Pleasanton can't afford to be complacent. Like most places in America, Pleasanton is neck deep in the service economy. The good-paying and bad-paying jobs are in services, although of different kinds. Software is a service that generally pays well. Yard work is a service that doesn't. It would be rare to find a Pleasanton teenager that wants to work as a dishwasher or busboy. Waiter, yes, busboy, no. If you watched carefully, you may have seen some of the local busboys and day laborers in Monday's marches that took time off, most without financial compensation, to make their case that the country's economy is stronger for the presence of the low-cost labor force that they're in.

As for legislation and regulations affecting illegal immigrants, which the marches were called to protest, there's no measure of how many workers in Pleasanton are undocumented. Probably no one demands to see a Green Card before hiring a yard maintenance firm to cut the grass and trim the bushes. Few see the back room help in local restaurants or the early morning assembly of day laborers who gather at bus stops on Peters Avenue and in other parts of the city before dawn each workday. As much as the protests focus on illegal immigrants, that's also hard to document. Most Latinos who make their way to the U.S. for jobs and a chance at a better life don't do so alone, or aren't alone when they arrive. They're often part of "blended" families of relatives and friends who came here earlier, and many send a major part of their weekly paycheck back to south-of-the-border countries to support those they left behind. They need the jobs they have here just as much as those who employ them need their services.

In a report of the preserving Prosperity Project by the Tri-Valley Business Council, prepared by Collaborative Economics, analysts determined that in this region of high-paying jobs, there are at least two tiers below that are essential for their support. First, the administrative assistants and front office clerks who are often considered the backbone of an organization, and at the lower tier those who are needed to keep the mail room and service facilities humming, often Latinos and almost always hourly-paid. Many in the second tier and almost all in the lower one commute long distances from San Joaquin and more distant area where the housing is cheaper, although the price of gasoline and their time to get here are increasing steadily. They provide services that support and enrich our city's quality of life, including the corporate structure, restaurants, wineries and the hotel and other hospitality services. These industries are important for all of us who live here and their fellow workers. These workers need our help with cheaper housing nearby, better services and support of a Guest Worker program that will legitimize their presence. We can do a better job of making life easier for one of our city's greatest attributes. ■

Letters

Walden misses the point

Dear Editor,

Regarding your story, "Negative stories about real estate often miss the mark" (Real Estate, April 14, 2006), it appears that Dave Walden may have missed the point about the "Wall Street Journal" article. Mr. Walden calculates the profit Todd Linsley would make if his house sold for asking price, but the "Wall Street Journal" article says "It's been on the market since early January with no takers."

The point is that the house hasn't sold. It is kind of pointless to calculate profits based on an asking price when a market is declining.

Anyway, thank you for your articles regarding Pleasanton real estate. I look forward to reading more of them in the future.

Russell Haga, Pleasanton

High schools help NOLA

Dear Editor,

I want to express my heart-felt gratitude to the students of Foothill High School and other schools and churches from Pleasanton for spending their spring break helping the people of New Orleans. I was born and raised in New Orleans and my entire family still lives down there. We went to New Orleans to visit my family for the first time since Katrina. The flight was full of high school students who were spending their spring break in New Orleans helping these people get their lives back together. It filled my heart with such joy to see the youth of our community giving so much of themselves. I am so proud of you all and I am extremely grateful for the care, love and kindness you showed the people of New Orleans.

Debbie Bell, Pleasanton

Ditch Kottinger Creek

Dear Editor,

When the City Council of Pleasanton approved funding for the restoration of the Kottinger Creek they accomplished two things. 1. A great disregard on how to spend tax payers' money wisely and correctly for benefiting the citizens of Pleasanton. 2. They probably helped the spread of West Nile Virus.

My family has lived in the city of Pleasanton for four generations and what I am about to say is factual. The Kottinger Creek on a good year might hold water for four months and no more than that—I'm being generous on that time. In the early sixties the only thing that grew around the Kottinger Creek was star thistle. There were no tulles along the creek and very few willow trees. The Kottinger Creek might have had four decent springs in the whole watershed.

Development is what caused

Kottinger Creek to hold some water. Lawns, gardens and general house maintenance gives the surrounding area a false water table. In August and September when we were deer hunting in the Kottinger Hills there wasn't enough water in that creek to make dust.

I read where people state that a hundred years ago the Kottinger Creek ran year round. That is simply not true. The Pleasanton Creek that travels underneath Main Street in Pleasanton, would dry up by the start of June. Its watershed was far greater than that of Kottinger Creek.

The City Council must have a stream of money the way they allocate their spending on projects that will not help the average tax payer. The \$1.2 million they propose to spend on the Kottinger Creek restoration is a bogus amount. If the council can have this project completed for this amount, I'll buy them all dinner at their choice of restaurant in Pleasanton.

Concerned citizens of Pleasanton need to voice their thoughts and start a referendum on stopping this waste of spending.

Jon R. Elsnaab, Pleasanton

Pombo misleads

On the Immigration issue, Pombo was quoted as saying, "We just can't go out and evict the 15-20 million people who are already here and working" (News, "Pombo launches re-election campaign," April 14, 2006). The article never mentions Pombo was the only Bay Area member of Congress who voted for HR4437 which would realize precisely what Pombo claims he is against. Passage of HR4437 was the primary trigger for the outcry we've seen around the country because it would criminalize and evict the same people Pombo "favors" for a guest worker program.

Pombo also asserted that the congressional watchdog group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington is working for Pete McCloskey and Democrats. In fact, CREW is a non-partisan organization, completely unaffiliated with Democrats or Republicans. CREW just filed an ethics complaint against William Jefferson (D, LA) last week.

The article implied some uncertainty around Pombo's actions which were scrutinized by CREW. It's a matter of public record that Pombo took all of such actions, like paying his wife a total of \$120,225 from his campaign as a "fund raising consultant". The "charges" and "claims" by CREW cited in the article are not that Pombo took these actions but rather that his actions are unethical.

I hope these comments serve to fairly and accurately represent Pombo's voting record, and the ethics complaints from non-partisan organizations.

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Princeton panther

Pleasanton resident Shari Nishijima has fun climbing this panther statue in Princeton, New Jersey with Michael, Matthew, Andrew and Christopher Rubayo. Shari and her mom Cindy visited the Rubayos, who moved to New Jersey from Pleasanton, this past summer and they were sure to bring the Weekly with them.



Maui fun

Toni, Curt, Carolyn and Katie Hume enjoyed reading the Weekly at Old Lahina on the island of Maui.



Margaritas, nachos and the Weekly

The Moffat, Plotts and Foley families enjoyed their second trip to a villa in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Along with reading the Weekly, the group enjoyed many margaritas and nachos while lounging by the pool.

Fiesta!

Sara and Monica Medor read the Weekly in Gergal, Spain just before heading off to the town festival. The girls were there visiting family along with their parents Mark Medor and Isabel Gomez, as they do every year.



Fun with the Weekly in Maui

Megan and Michael Marachall are captivated by an article in the Weekly as they hang out at Napili Bay in Maui. The two were there on a family vacation with their parents Ken and Carla.



Riding with the Weekly

Bob Fusco and his son Michael, a Foothill senior, read the Weekly in front of the Harley-Davidson engine factory outside of Milwaukee.



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Would you like fries with that?
Malcolm Michael and Sue Banister discovered that there is a certain peace to everything in Thailand, even at the McDonald's. Here the two join Ronald McDonald at a restaurant in Chiang-Mai, Thailand.



'Island Alchemy'
Neighbors Phil and Myla Grasso (left) and Michelle and Stephen Williams (right) read the Weekly while on the deck of a 50-foot yacht in Soper's Hole, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Both couples' children, Philip and Adrienne Grasso and Alex and Harry Williams, joined them on the trip. The families sailed the yacht, named Island Alchemy, in the Virgin Islands for 10 days.



English lessons with the Weekly
Fred and Bettie Badal took the Weekly with them during their trip to Lithuania where they spent a month teaching English at a Summer Language Institute. Bettie is a retired school teacher and Fred volunteers for Score! Tutoring Center in Castro Valley. They took their teaching experience overseas and after their time in Lithuania the two visited Warsaw and Krakow in Poland and Prague in the Czech Republic.



Literary experience
While we will admit that the Weekly is certainly not Shakespeare, we appreciate that Ward and LeAnn Kanowsky chose to read the Weekly at America's First Elizabethan Theatre in Ashland, Ore.



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Where will the Iron Horse go?



**The future
of Iron Horse Trail**

Pleasanton plans on building the missing link in this regional trail, but that's about all that's settled

photos and story by Julie Nostrand

When the iron horse steam engines roamed the landscape a century ago, their tracks were the harbinger of progress and the forerunners of business developments for the cities dotting its path. Around rail stations of old, towns sprang up to support travelers, shuttle goods and facilitate commerce.

To ensure they were not bypassed, communities rallied ranchers to donate the land required for railways. For ranchers, this often meant rail tracks bisected orchards and grain fields, but it was worth it in the name of community progress.

While the iron horses of old may no longer ride the rails, their pathways still exist and communities are rallying again to convert those forgotten pathways into trails for hikers, bikers, skaters, strollers and recreation of all types.

City officials gathered in March to break ground on the first segment of the Iron Horse Trail in Pleasanton. The mile-long portion of trail will stretch from Santa Rita Road to the intersection of Valley Avenue and Bush Road. It will afford walkers, joggers, skaters and babes in strollers a peaceful change of pace from the current sidewalks lining the traffic congested Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue. The East Bay Regional Park District owns the regional trail and the city of Pleasanton will maintain the section of the trail within the city limits.

"This is just a start for linking up Pleasanton to the whole regional trail system," said Kurt Kummer, the Chair of the Trails Ad Hoc Committee, an advisory body to the city Parks and Recreation Commission.

Back in 1986 when the East Bay Regional Park District was dreaming big, it envisioned an Iron Horse Trail that reached from the Carquinez Straits in Martinez to the Livermore Valley. The pathway planned followed the old Southern Pacific Rail Lines built in 1891 and abandoned in 1977. The old rail line is ideal for trail conversion: It is already a straight, gently graded path that links several cities.

Turning this vision into a reality has been 20 years in the making. Segments have been added slowly as funds became available and opportunities presented themselves. Now, with the trail ending at the Dublin/ Pleasanton BART station, it is poised to enter the city of Pleasanton and the engines are in motion to bring it to town.

The funding for the project is a result of a public-private partnership between the city of Pleasanton, the East Bay Regional Park District, Ponderosa Homes and Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, who together contributed a total of \$2 million to get the trail on track.

According to Tess Lengyel, the programs and public affairs manager of Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), this is the largest grant made in the county from the bike and pedestrian fund. ACTIA was established as a result of the voter-approved Measure B half-cent sales tax that was originally approved in 1986.

Once the trail is complete, it will feature a paved pathway with drinking fountains, benches, litter receptacles, landscaping and access to senior housing and the future site of the Presbyterian Church.

Late spring rains delayed construction on the newest segment but work is rescheduled to begin in earnest soon.

The city of Pleasanton, through contractor McGuire and Hester Inc., began work on the section from Santa Rita Road to Mohr Avenue on May 1. Ponderosa Homes, which is coordinating trail construction along their Ironwood project that stretches from Mohr Avenue to the intersection of Valley Avenue and Bush Road, is set to begin later this month.

Pam Hardy of Ponderosa Homes said, "We're looking at starting in late May and it will take two to three months to complete the construction process."

While the segment of trail under construction cuts through a busy section of Pleasanton, the route to access it is still undecided. The only portion of the trail set in stone is in north Pleasanton where the BART station exits on Willow Road. From that point, trail planners have some alternatives.

The current intended course of the trail leads hikers from Willow Road onto the south side of Owens Drive. The sidewalks on the south side of Owens Drive were built wider

than usual for pedestrians leaving BART and to accommodate Iron Horse Trail users.

From the south side of Owens Drive, trail users will turn right on West Las Positas Boulevard and then cross the street at Stoneridge Drive. Hikers, bikers and skaters will then follow Stoneridge Drive to Santa Rita Road, crossing the street and turning right onto Santa Rita to access the new section of trail which will end at the corner of Valley Avenue and Bush Road. Signage along the route is planned to help trail users follow the path safely.

Some people may be disappointed that Pleasanton's Iron Horse Trail is routed on city streets, but Parks and Recreation Director Jim Wolfe is quick to point out another portion of the Iron Horse Trail that is similar.

"It's no different than it is in Walnut Creek," Wolfe said. "There are some areas in Walnut Creek that are not a straight line. It is much like it is in Hacienda."

East Bay Regional Park Officials and many local trail advocates prefer routing the Iron Horse Trail along the Alameda Transportation Corridor, also known as the old Southern Pacific Right of Way, which is still in tact. In fact, the East Bay Regional Park District owns the right of way along the old rail corridor.

However, the Archstone Apartments, a condominium development and some businesses built along the route about the easement owned by East Bay Regional Park for the Iron Horse Trail. In order to gain access to the existing right of way, a public hearing process is required. According to many city officials, the approval process for the route would most likely be an arduous one given the current political climate in the city.

There is also a problem when the existing corridor crosses Hacienda Drive. It hits the busy street mid-block. The same problem exists when the transportation corridor crosses Stoneridge Drive. Determining the safest way for pedestrian's to cross mid-block is a key stumbling point. A mid-block signal is not desirable to city officials and there is no room or funds for a pedestrian over crossing.

Another proposed alternative is to divert walkers and riders from Owens Drive onto Tassajara Creek. The Zone 7 Water District has created an access route along the creek, but its primary use is for flood control. Trail users would be considered secondary users, and Zone 7 needs assurances from both the city and East Bay Regional Parks that users would not impede the primary purpose of the trail.

If this alternative were opened, it would allow users to access Stoneridge Drive from Tassajara Creek. This means trail users would spend more time on Stoneridge Drive and would avoid West Las Positas Boulevard altogether. While this alternative has caught the attention of many involved in the planning process, it is not yet an approved alternative.

"No matter what we do, it will take a lot of work," said Fan Ventura, an analyst for the city of Pleasanton who is familiar with the progress on the trail.

"We're pretty excited about the current options," said James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association. Regardless of the final routing, Paxson is glad to see progress on bringing the trail into the business park.

"There are plenty of benefits to the business park," said Paxson. "Trails bring the business park down to a human level."

According to Paxson, the business park is looking for better pedestrian flow through the park, residents are looking for alternative transportation, and the Iron Horse Trail meets both needs.

While the trail's route through the business park has remained undecided for years, city officials will need to move quickly now to reach an agreement prior to the completion of construction on the newest segment. According to Wolfe, the decision needs to be made in anticipation of a fall trail opening.

"Once people get out there and realize they can walk to Dublin or bike to Danville, they will realize what a gem this is going to be to our city," said Kummer. ■



The Alameda Transportation Corridor, the original Southern Pacific Rail Line, could be used as a section of the Iron Horse Trail in Pleasanton, but apartments, condominiums and businesses about the path and the concerns of neighbors could stop progress in its tracks.



Twenty years after it was envisioned by East Bay Regional Parks, the Iron Horse Trail is set to steam into Pleasanton this fall. However, its path through the business park remains undecided.

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- **PCUP-167, Sherri Sweetnam, Jazz N Taps Dance Studio**
Application for a conditional use permit to operate a dance studio at 1270 Quarry Lane, within the Valley Business Park.
- **PCUP-166, Pleasanton Community Church/Fountain Community Church**
Application for a conditional use permit to expand Church-related services during weekdays within the existing buildings located at 4439 and 4455 Stoneridge Drive.
- **PUD-77-08-1M/PADR-1490, Laurence Callait**
Application for: (1) a major modification to an approved PUD development plan to reduce the side-yard setback from the approved eight feet to five feet and; (2) administrative design review approval for the construction of single-story additions totaling 637 square feet to the existing two-story residence located at 5745 Northway Road.
- **PUD-90-19-11M/PADR-1481, Richard Ragsdale**
Application for: (1) a major modification to an approved PUD development plan to reduce the rear-yard setback from the approved 25 feet to 17 feet and to increase the floor area ratio (FAR) from the maximum allowable 35 percent to 36.8 percent; and (2) administrative design review approval for the construction of an approximately 133-square-foot sunroom in the rear of the existing residence located at 8242 Moller Ranch Drive.
- **PUD-51, Generations Healthcare, Inc.**
Application for PUD rezoning of a 0.49-acre open area from P (Public and Institutional) District to PUD-MDR (Planned Unit Development - Medium Density Residential) District and for development plan approval for a two-lot single-family residential project to be located in the front of the existing convalescent facility located at 300 Neal Street. Also consider the Negative Declaration prepared for the project.
- **PUD-54, Threehand, LP/Reznick Property**
Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to subdivide an approximately 20-acre site into eight-lots, consisting of seven single-family lots for custom homes and one lot for a City water tank. The property is located at 5 Windy Oaks Drive (formerly 1680 Vineyard Avenue) in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.
- **PDR-520/PCUP-162, City of Pleasanton**
Application for: (1) design review approval for a City water tank to be constructed on a portion of a 20-acre site located at 5 Windy Oaks Drive (formerly 1680 Vineyard Avenue) in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area; and (2) conditional use permit approval to allow the temporary stockpiling of approximately 7,000 cubic yards of excess soil from the City water tank project on the upper portions of 5 Windy Oaks Drive.
- **PUD-50/PTR-7721, Ponderosa Homes**
Work session to review and receive comment on an application to subdivide an approximately 19.83-acre site into 28 lots and to construct 26 new, one- and two-story single-family detached homes ranging in size from 3,908 square feet to 4,595 square feet located at 3157 Trenery Drive and 2313 Martin Avenue.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, May 11, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Proposed Design for Small Dog Exercise Area in Muirwood Community Park
- Recommendation of Trails Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Proposed Staffing Area in the Meadowlark Residential Development (Austin Property)

Library Commission

Thursday, May 11, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal

- Summer Reading Program Update
The June 8, 2006 Library Commission meeting has been changed to June 22, 2006.

Youth Commission

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Round Table Pizza, 530 Main Street

- FY 2005/06 City Grant Quarterly Reports
- Review of FY 2006/07 City Grant Application Packet and Review Process
- Discussion Regarding the Book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens," by Sean Covey

Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC)

Monday, May 8, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

The YMPIC is an Ad-Hoc committee of the Youth Commission. The Committee is comprised of representatives from various community organizations, schools, and businesses.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, including any agenda amendments, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Employee's wallet stolen

An employee of The Back Shop located in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive was the victim of a theft on April 26 sometime after 7 p.m. The victim reported to police via telephone that two females entered the store at approximately 7 p.m. One female kept the employee busy asking questions about chairs while the other female allegedly went behind the counter and took the wallet from the victim's purse, police said. The victim was unaware of the theft until she received a phone call from Arroyo Bank in Canada asking approval for a purchase of \$1,100 being made on her credit card at the Home Depot in Livermore.

The suspect who asked the questions was described as a black adult female, about 5 feet 8 inches, 45-50 years old with a big stomach. She had short hair and was wearing all black. The second suspect was described as a black adult female, about

5 feet 6 inches, wearing her hair in braids. She too was wearing all black clothing, police said.

Engagement ring snatched

The theft of an engagement ring valued at \$1,500 occurred at 2 p.m. on April 24 in the 5600 block of Owens Drive. The victim had advertised the sale of the ring on a popular Web site. The suspects, an adult male and adult female, came to the apartment on Owens Drive to view the ring and 20 minutes later the female suspect left the building to start the car outside while the male suspect grabbed the ring and ran to the awaiting car, fleeing the scene, police said. The suspects were described as a white male with a shaved head wearing a black and red 49ers jacket and a white female with blond hair, wearing a white t-shirt. The victim did not see the get-away vehicle, police said.

Police Report

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

April 24

- Theft: 7
- Burglary: 2
- Assault:
 - 10:10 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- Threatening bodily harm:
 - 4 p.m. in the 6000 block of Gibraltar Drive

April 25

- Theft: 3
- Burglary: 1
- Found property: 1
- Sexually explicit phone calls: 1
- Assault:
 - 10:20 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

April 26

- Theft: 3
- Vandalism: 2

April 27

- Theft: 7
- Vandalism: 2
- Found Property: 2
- Disorderly conduct:
 - 1:07 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
 - 8:31 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street
- Child abuse:
 - Noon in the 500 block of Dolores Place
- Child molestation:
 - 10:59 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- Possession of synthetic drugs:
 - 9:21 a.m. in the 400 block of Division Street
- Threatening bodily harm:
 - 4:50 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

April 28

- Theft: 3
- Burglary: 3
- DUI: 2
- Disorderly conduct:
 - 1:31 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- Assault:
 - 12:01 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 10:29 p.m. at the intersection of Utah and Wyoming streets

April 29

- Theft: 1
- Vandalism: 4
- Possession of marijuana:
 - 5:25 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

April 30

- Theft: 2
- Vandalism: 2
- Burglary: 2
- DUI: 2
- Possession of alcohol by a minor:
 - 6:42 a.m. in the 1900 block of Nicosia Court

ACCIDENTS

April 24

- 12:09 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Old Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive

April 26

- 3:41 p.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

April 29

- 11:40 a.m. - Injury accident at the intersection of I-580 and Foothill Road
- 11:41 a.m. - Injury accident in the 4700 block of First Street

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Obituaries

Alvin J. Macedo

Alvin Macedo, a Pleasanton resident for 37 years, passed away on April 8.

He was born in Milpitas on December 3, 1917. He served in the US Air Force during World War II. He headed a small engineering group for Lockheed Martin Corp. where he retired after 25 years. He loved airplanes and anything having to do with aeronautics. He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. He will be remembered as a loving husband, a kind and gentle man, a good listener, a perfectionist and one who loved his dog Toby.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Ann Macedo of Pleasanton; brothers Edward Macedo and Daniel Macedo both of San Jose; sister Eleanor Richards of Casa Grande, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Donations may be made to The Children's Hospital in Oakland, "In Memory of Brian Macedo."

Maryjane Nevin Moore

Maryjane Nevin Moore died April 15 at the age of 82.

She was born May 12, 1923 in San Francisco and lived most of her life in Sacramento. She graduated from Livermore High School and San Jose State College. She spent many years as a teacher in Bakersfield and Livermore before moving to San Francisco where she worked for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. During that time she met her husband, Herbert Moore, and the two moved to Sacramento where they established Moore's Business College, which they ran for 30 years. After retirement, she was active in several golf

groups and enjoyed getting away on golf trips to the Southwest.

She is survived by her sons Patrick Moore of Pleasanton and Brian Moore of Sacramento; sister Shirley Davany of Livermore; and brother Phillip (Bud) Nevin of Eagle Point, Ore.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Herbert Moore.

A celebration mass was held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church or a local Hope Hospice.

Carmen Joyce Edwards

Carmen Joyce Edwards died April 16 at the age of 67.

She was born October 15, 1938 in Honolulu, Hawaii. She was devoted to her family and a loving homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Dennis Edwards; sons Bill Edwards of Pleasanton and Bob Edwards of Mesa, Ariz.; mother Irene Mclean of Pleasanton; and three grandchildren.

No formal funeral services will be held at her request.

Suzanne Therese Huot Chagnon

Suzanne Therese Huot Chagnon died April 20 at the age of 81.

She was born July 21, 1925 in St. Redempteur, Quebec, Canada.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Howard G. Chagnon; son Howard P. Chagnon; daughters Louise Andree Chagnon and Michelle Famular and her husband Paul; and three granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents Yvonne Malouin Huot and Phillip Huot and sister Josette Malouin Huot.

A vigil service was held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary with memorial services at St. Raymond Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Center for

Homeless Women and Children, c/o Sister Julia Mary, 1650 Rockwood St., Los Angeles 90026.

Births

The following birth information was provided by the Atram family.

March 16



Nick and Nikki Atram became the parents of an 8 pound, 21 inch boy named Nathan Nicholas. Nathan's older brother is Brandon.

March 28



Micelle and Roy Dickinson became the parents of a 7 pound 11 ounce, 20.75 inch girl named Megan Annamarie.

Deaths, Weddings and Births

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Calendar

Auditions

Valley Concert Choral
Valley Concert Choral will hold auditions by appointment for experienced singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, folk to jazz, Mon., May 22 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., Livermore. Call Pam, 462-4205.

Author Visits

Alice Joyce
Alice Joyce, the "San Francisco Chronicle" Garden Walks columnist and writer and photographer for "Garden Design Magazine" and "Gardens Illustrated" will share a slideshow of different gardens 2 p.m., Sun., May 21 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Penny, 931-3405.

James R. Smith
James Smith will show a slideshow of San Francisco's Lost Landmarks 7 p.m., Thurs., May 25 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Seth Lloyd
Professor Seth Lloyd will present his book that examines the history of the cosmos 7 p.m., Wed., May 10 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Book Clubs

Livermore Book Club
The Livermore Book Club meets 7-9 p.m. every fourth Tuesday monthly at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Civic Meetings

City Council
The council meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 16.

Weekend Preview



Laugh on Saturday

Stand-up comedian Andrew Norelli is the featured performer at "Stand-Up Saturday!" happening at 9 p.m., Saturday, May 6. Pleasanton comic John DeKoven (above) is hosting the event held at Stacey's at Waterford in Dublin. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 by visiting www.laughalotproductions.com or for \$15 at the door. Dinner patrons will receive priority seating. Call 264-4413 for more information.

Housing Commission
The commission meets 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 18.

Human Services Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 3.

Library Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 11.

Parks & Recreation Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 11.

Planning Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday monthly at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 10.

School Board
The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday monthly in the district office board room 4665 Bernal Ave. The next meeting is May 9.

Youth Commission
The commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The next meeting is May 10.

500 Post St., San Francisco. E-mail Christina_Mantha@yahoo.com, visit www.reunionmakers.com, or register on classmates.com.

Clubs

Genealogical Society
Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at Congregation Beth Emek, 13400 Nevada Ct. Call Jane, 447-3898 or visit www.1-ags.org. This week's meeting will feature speaker Nancy Simmons Peterson, a certified genealogist and author of numerous articles. She will discuss the challenges and strategies used for research in San Francisco to find records that survived the 1906 earthquake.

Toastmasters No. 2452
Join the Toastmasters Club No. 2452 to improve your communication and leadership skills 7-8 a.m. every Thursday at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Call 413-1096

Tri-Valley Leads
Tri-Valley Leads meets 7:15-8:30 a.m. every other Wednesday beginning Feb. 22 at Carrow's, 7505 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Call Donna, 586-3952 or e-mail donna@diamond-donna.com.

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group
TMUG meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday monthly at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Call Izak, 830-8838 or visit www.clubtmug.com.

Tri-Valley Rotary
The Rotary Club meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Rd. Call Marlene, 846-1000.

V.F.W. Auxilliary
V.F.W. Post 6298 Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call Dan, 846-7320.

Class Reunions

Amador Valley High School Reunion, 1996
Amador Valley High School will be holding a 10-year reunion for the class of 1996 7 p.m.-midnight, Sat., June 24 at the JW Marriott Hotel,

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Concerts

Around the World With Folk Songs

Valley Concert Chorale presents "Around the World with Folk Songs," 8 p.m., Sat., May 20 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$17 adults and \$14 seniors if purchased in advance and \$20 adults, \$17 seniors if purchased at the door. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Call 866-4003 or e-mail info@valleyconcertchorale.org.

Classical Music

Pianist Raymond Wang will play "Rhapsody in Blue" and maestra Joyce Johnson Hamilton will lead the symphony in "Catfish Row Suite" 2 p.m., May 13 at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$12, \$20 and \$22. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Pleasanton Chamber Players

Pleasanton Chamber Players will perform 2 p.m., Sun., May 21 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25 and can be purchased until 1 p.m. on the day of the performance. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civartstickets.org.

Events

11th Annual Spring to Success Luncheon

Celebrate the Seeds of Change planted by donors, volunteers, and clients with Wardrobe for Opportunity at the 11th Annual Spring to Success Luncheon from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri., May 19 at the Marriott, 2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon. Cost is \$75. Call (510) 463-4100, ext. 1 or visit www.wardrobe.org.

Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner

Enjoy a four-course Italian dinner served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine 5:30 p.m., Wed., May 17 at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$32.95. Reservations required. Call 371-8200.

Bookstore Tour

Northern California Independent Booksellers Association is holding their first Independent Bookstore Tour from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., May 13 beginning at the Walnut Creek Bart Station, 200 Ygnacio Valley Blvd. Cost is \$40 and includes a goodie bag, lunch, refreshments, and reception. Call (415) 561-7686.

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour, rain or shine, will benefit Valley Humane Society and be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., May 7. Non-refundable tickets can be purchased for \$35 at the adoption center, 273 Spring St.; Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd.; Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave.; and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Aden Ln. Call 426-8656.

Ice Carving

Chef Neil Marquis will be doing an ice carving demonstration 2 p.m., Sat., May 6 at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Admission is free. Call 846-8106 or e-mail VernieLaube@yahoo.com.

John Christopher Cellar's Grand Opening

Celebrate John Christopher Cellar's Grand Opening noon-5 p.m., Sat., May 6 and Sun., May 7 at Blacksmith Square, 25 S. Livermore Ave., Suite 103. Call 872-5078 or visit www.johnchristophercellars.com.

Literary Showcase

The Tri-Valley Writers Association will be hosting a Literary Showcase where members will share samples of their work from prose to poetry 7-10 p.m., Wed., May 17 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Admission is free. E-mail Frank, Francisco20263@sbcglobal.net.

Ohlone Indian Stories

Revered Ohlone elder Alex Ramirez will bring stories from the Native American Culture to the Pleasanton

Library 7 p.m., Wed., May 17 at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call 931-3400, ext. 23.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Tea

Gather around picnic tables for a traditional High Tea menu and listen to Missy McCroskey tell stories about four women in the Bible from 1-4 p.m., Sat., May 6. Tickets are \$20. Call 846-7017 to RSVP.

Rotary Wine Train

Enjoy a two-hour train ride on the historic Niles Canyon Railway down scenic Niles Canyon 3 p.m., Sat., May 13. Enjoy wine from Livermore Valley's wineries, hor d'oeuvres, desserts and live music. Cost is \$20 adults, \$10 children, \$18 each for groups of 10 or more before Mon., May 1. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Scholarship Fund. Call 447-4300.

Spring Book Sale

The Pleasanton Library is hosting the Spring Book Sale 2006 7-9 p.m., Fri., May 5 for members only, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., May 6, and 1-4 p.m., Sun., May 7 at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Adult volunteers are also needed to help set up and during sale hours. Call Nancy, 462-4368.

Spring Boutique Sale

Spring Boutique Sale offers children's new and resale clothing, home decor, child development products and more from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., May 6 at Veterans Hall in Danville. Call Cori, 803-8083.

Stand-Up Saturday

Stacey's at Waterford in Dublin and Laugh-A-Lot Productions is featuring "Stand-Up Saturday!" on May 6. Cost is \$10 with advanced purchase tickets and \$15 at the door. Dinner patrons receive priority seating. Call 264-4413 or visit www.laughalotproductions.com.

Travel Around the World

Garre Winery continues its "Travel Around the World" series. All events are on Fridays and start at 6 p.m. Enjoy "Cinco de Mayo Celebration with Live Mariachi," May 5; "The French Connection with Live Jazz," May 12; "The Road to Madrid with Live Flamenco Guitar," May 19; and "The Greek Experience with Live Jazz," May 26. There will also be a special Mother's Day Champagne Brunch with Live Instrumental, 10 a.m., Sun., May 14 and "Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner," 5:30 p.m., Wed., May 17. Garre Winery is at 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$34.95. Reservations required. Call 371-8200.

Exhibits

Art Made Easy

"Art Made Easy" will celebrate its 12th Annual Art Exhibit from 8:30-4:30 p.m., Mon., May 1 through Thurs., May 4 and from 8:30-noon, Fri., May 5 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Meet the artists from 7-9 p.m., Mon., May 1. Admission is free. Call Charlotte, 846-6382.

Bouquets to Art

Worthington Gallery West presents "Bouquets to Art," a floral exhibit, Sat., April 8 through Sun., May 7. Artist reception is from 4-6 p.m., Sat., April 8 at 739 J. Main St. Call 485-1183.

Literary Showcase

The Tri-Valley Writers Association will be hosting a Literary Showcase to share samples of their work from prose to poetry, 7-10 p.m., Wed., May 17 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Admission is free. E-mail Frank, Francisco20263@sbcglobal.net.

Transportation in the Valley

Transportation in the Valley focuses on methods of transportation including Native American footpaths, horse-drawn carriages and more. The exhibit will be display Sun., May 14 through Sun., June 4 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Open house will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sun., May 14. Admission is \$2. Call 462-2766.

Film

Black and White

The Pleasanton Library and Las Positas College presents a series of classic black and white films 7 p.m. on the first Thursday monthly at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Admission is free. Call Penny, 931-3405.

Fundraisers

1, 2, 3 Come Walk With Me

Foothill High School's Leadership Academy is hosting a walk-a-thon noon-5 p.m., Sat., May 6 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. All proceeds will go to the Taylor Family Foundation which provides Camp Arroyo for terminally ill children. E-mail Melanie, m_gin_state@yahoo.com.

Big Bucks Purple and Gold Gala

Amador Valley High's Athletic Booster Club is hosting the 20th Annual Big Bucks Purple and Gold Gala featuring dinner, raffles, auctions and more 6 p.m., Sat., May 6 at CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Call Lori, 426-6786 or visit www.amadorsports.com.

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 coef@lvcs.org.

Blankets for Babies

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at ValleyCare and Lucile Packard are collecting sewn, knitted, and crocheted 24- or 36-inch blankets. Call 426-4307 or 426-9635.

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. One call per Realtor member. Call Marla, 730-3269 or e-mail marlak@bayeast.org.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are on sale for \$25 available at the Apoption Center, 273 Spring St. Proceeds go to Valley Humane Society programs. Call 426-8656.

Five Star Night

Alameda County Meals on Wheels hosts its 19th annual fundraiser, "Five Star Night," 6:30 p.m., Fri., May 5 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. Cost is \$300. Call (510) 577-3581 or visit www.feedingseniors.org.

Flea Market

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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

The Bigger Picture of Real Estate

Even in the most luxurious housing communities, where prices and sales volume seem disconnected from the larger real estate market, one of the safest financial bets is that a person's home will continue to increase in value in the coming years. It is telling, for example, to look back at articles written ten to twenty years ago in which the writers speculate on the likelihood that real estate values will continue to climb in our area. Very often, the writers are overwhelmed by what was then an astonishing rise in values and find it difficult to imagine that values could continue to rise at such a pace. What we've seen, though, is that values have risen at even faster paces since then.

Past performance, as they say, is no guarantee of the future—and we've even seen times when real estate values declined for a few years while the local economy reinvented itself. We know that, if our economy were to fall into a deep and lasting recession, real estate values could again waver. But the pattern of this entire century is clear. A home bought in a strong market for \$5,000 in the 1920s is worth one to two hundred times that much today.

One lesson of this story is that it is almost always worth stretching to get into a house today, rather than renting or compromising and waiting to buy the home you really want. And there are many ways that you can do that stretching, safely but creatively, in today's marketplace. Any questions? Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

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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.

Style With Substance

Join Accentials for a "Fusion of Fashion, Cuisine, Music and Giving" from 6-10 p.m., Sun., May 7 at Night Club Aura, 4825 Hopyard Rd. All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Call 462-2375.

Kids & Teens

Abbie 4-H Expo

Abbie 4-H is holding its annual Project Expo 6 p.m., Wed., May 10 at Mohr Elementary School. Project Expo highlights all the non-animal 4-H projects such as cooking, rocketry, sewing and sports. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

Spring Fest 2006

High School teen ministry team of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents a night of performances by local teen bands, casino games and luau lounging from 7:30-11 p.m., Fri., May 12 at St. Augustine Parish Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave. E-mail Raquel, rcagigas@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Lectures/Workshops

Experience the Quantum World

Bring the magic and power of Quantum Physics alive at a one-day training program on Sat., May 6. Cost is \$99. Call Roger, 461-8592 or visit www.GoBeyondBelief.com.

Fraud and Punishment

The Institute of Management Accountants will be holding their technical meeting on "Fraud and Punishment" from 6-8:30 p.m., Wed., May 17 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. Cost is \$29 and includes dinner. Call Robert, (510) 304-1406 or e-mail rfhu@theima.org to RSVP.

Hypnotherapy

Learn about hypnotherapy from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Tues., May 9 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 residents and \$1.75 non-residents. Call 485-3685.

Results Based Employee Performance Reviews

Northern California Human Resource Association presents "Results Based Employee Performance Reviews," from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., May 10 at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional Dr., Dublin. Lunch will be provided. Register before May 3 and receive \$10 off. Call (510) 589-3019.

The "Strong-Willed" Child

Learn how to tell your strong-willed child what you expect and how to avoid the power struggles between you and your child from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wed., May 17 at Harvest Park Middle School, room A2, 4900 Valley Ave. Call 426-4280.

Understanding Our Sons

Discuss the uniqueness and challenges in raising sons and learn how parents can help their sons cultivate emotional awareness and empathy from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 9, 16 and 23 at Harvest Park Middle School's multi-purpose room, 4900 Valley Ave. Call 426-4280.

Live Music

Blues Music

Enjoy the Blues from 7:30-10 p.m., Thursdays: May 11 with Amy Lou's Blues; May 18 with Knee Action Blues; and May 25 with Highwater Blues at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Admission is free. Call 846-8106.

Miscellaneous

Artists' Flea Market

Pleasanton Art League will be selling new and used art supplies, equipment and original artwork at the "Artists' Flea Market," from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat., May 20 at DeLucchi Park, 4551 1st St. Call Nancy, 462-5917 or Dorothy, 846-6726.

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

League Forums on Prop. 81 and Prop. 82

The League of Women Voters Livermore-Amador Valley will present a forum 7 p.m., Tues., May 9 at the Livermore City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Call Vivian, 846-5001.

Open Heart Kitchen

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

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 7-9 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.

Republican Women Federated Meeting

Mike Conklin, founder of Sentinels of Freedom, will speak at the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated meeting 6:30 p.m., Thurs., May 11 at Garlic di Pasta, 3037 Hopyard Rd. Call Marilyn, 485-9869 to RSVP.

Together We Prepare

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will be conducting a free "Together We Prepare" disaster preparedness course to train how to prepare and respond to an emergency 3 p.m., Sun., May 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Call 846-6363.

On Stage

Comedy Wednesday

John DeKoven's Comedy Showcase is every second and fourth Wednesday monthly at Main Street Brewery, 830 Main St. Cover charge is \$7 with a two drink minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.trivalleycomedy.com.

Nonsense

Pleasanton Playhouse presents the musical "Nonsense" 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m., Sundays, April 28-May 7 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Tickets are \$28 adults, \$26 seniors and \$20 children under 18. Call 462-2121 or visit www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Pear Slices 2006

The Eugene O' Neill Foundation and Pear Avenue Theatre presents "Pear Slices 2006," 3 p.m., May 7 at Old Barn At Tao House, Danville. Tickets are \$20. Call 820-1818 or visit www.eugeneoneill.org.

Spring Performance 2006

Danville Ballet Company and students from Ballet and Theatre Arts present "Spring Performance 2006." Shows are 7:30 p.m., Fri., May 12 and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sat., May 13 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Tickets are \$22 adults and \$20 for children age 12 or younger and seniors. Call 931-3444.

Recreation

DBAC Swim Team Tryouts

Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center recreational swim team is accepting applications for the summer swim team. All new swimmers must attend May 6. Call 931-3420 for fees and guidelines.

Enrichment Classes

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

Scholarships

PTSA Seniors

Twelve \$500 scholarships are available to Amador's PTSA Seniors. Based on essay, extra-curricular involvement, community service, honor/awards, GPA, ACT, SAT scores and work experience. Visit www.capta.org.

U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance

Learn more about applying for scholarships and lists of scholarships available by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business size #10 envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-0067.

Seniors

Bingo

Play Bingo 12:30-3 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Monday monthly and 1-3 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 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. Tickets are \$7 for residents, \$8 non-residents. Singles welcome. Reservations required. Call 931-5365.

Internet Access Workstation

The internet workstation is available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri. and 9 a.m.-noon most Saturdays. Cost is \$1.25 for residents, \$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Luncheons

The Dublin Senior Center hosts special luncheons on the second Thursday monthly at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. 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 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday monthly at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Popcorn and refreshments available. call 931-5365.

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.-5 p.m., Mon-Fri., and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. Call 931-5376.

Personal Computers Group
Meets 10 a.m.-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 4-6 p.m., Mon-Fri. 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.

V.I.P. Senior Club
Meets from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays monthly at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5385.

Woodshop Program
The woodshop program is open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Drop-in fees are \$1.75 for residents and \$2.75 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 for additional drop-in hours.

Spiritual

Community Bible Study
An interdenominational bible study invites women in the community to a study of Ephesians from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday until May 18, at 4300 Mirador Dr. Childcare is available. Call 820-3481.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God
Sunday school for all ages begins at 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.

Tri-Valley Unity Church
Tri-Valley Unity Church meets 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

Athenian Athletics
This track and field club's mission is to promote the development of all levels of track and field athletes in any season or sport to make them faster, stronger, and healthier. Applications for the summer and year-round youth programs are now being accepted. Call 518-9356 or visit www.athenianathletics.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 1-3:30 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 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Anthropos Counseling Center, 326 South L. St., Livermore. Call 449-7925.

Live Beat Dads
Fathers who are raising their children meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 1550 Springtown Blvd., Suite 7E, Livermore, for discussions and speakers on individual's rights, custody issues, networking and parenting programs. Child care is available. Call Pete, 449-8436, or visit www.lbduk.org.

Volunteering

Alameda County Community Food Bank
Volunteers are needed to staff the Emergency Food Hotline from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., Mon-Fri. Call (510) 834-3663 or visit www.acffb.org.

Assistance League
Assistance League, a nonprofit organization, is looking for volunteers to assist with ongoing philanthropic projects and meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of every month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Call 484-1354 or visit www.amador-valley.assistanceleague.org.

Community Service for Teens
Open Heart Kitchen's Ridgeview Commons Senior Meal Program needs 10-12 teens (at least 16 years of age) from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Mon-Fri. 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.

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.

Museum Volunteer
Come and learn about upcoming events and special programs at 9 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St. Call Heather, 462-2766.

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@openheartkitchen.org.

Senior Center Volunteers
The Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., has an array of daytime

volunteer opportunities available to adults of any age including receptionist, bingo caller, teacher's aide and lunch program assistant. Call Raymond Figueroa, 931-5366.

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

Special Olympics Track and Volleyball Tournament
Amador Valley High's Athletic Boosters is hosting the East Bay Regional Special Olympics Track and Volleyball Tournaments and needs volunteers to assist athletes and run the events on Sat., May 6. Call Kent, 461-8624.

The American Cancer Discovery Shop
The American Cancer Discovery Shop needs volunteers any time from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri.-Sat., or from noon-5 p.m., Sun. Call 462-7374.

TVAR
Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will host two volunteer/shelter orientations from 1-2:30 p.m., Sat., May 13 and Sun., May 28 at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Call Cathy, 426-2472.

ValleyCare Auxiliary
Volunteers are needed at ValleyCare Medical Center. With nine volunteer service areas in Pleasanton and Livermore, opportunities are available at the information desk, office, library, gift and thrift shop. Call 734-3368.

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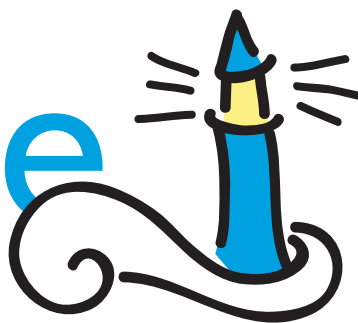
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Pleasanton, 2182 Tanager Ct., May 6, 9-1

Desks, bikes, toys—Legos, Playmobil, beanie babies. Free swingset. No early birds.

Pleasanton, 3200 Balmoral Court, May 6, 8am-1pm

Pleasanton, 3263 Vineyard Ave #199, SAT. MAY 6 9am-4pm

PLEASANTON, 4117 Cid Way, Sat 5/6, 7-11

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Pleasanton, 4856 Wingate Drive, May 6th from 8-3

Neighborhood Garage Sale
Antique Table and Buffet, LOTS of kids clothes, toys etc...
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Pleasanton, 5671 San Antonio St, May 6 & 7, 9-4

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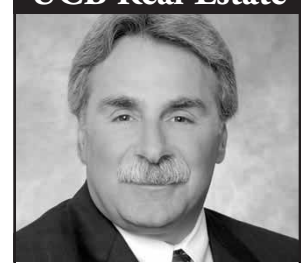
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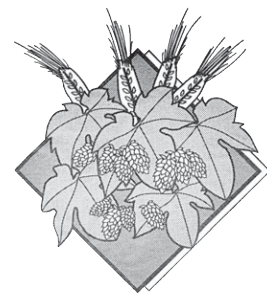
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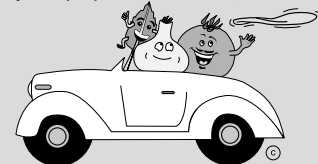
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