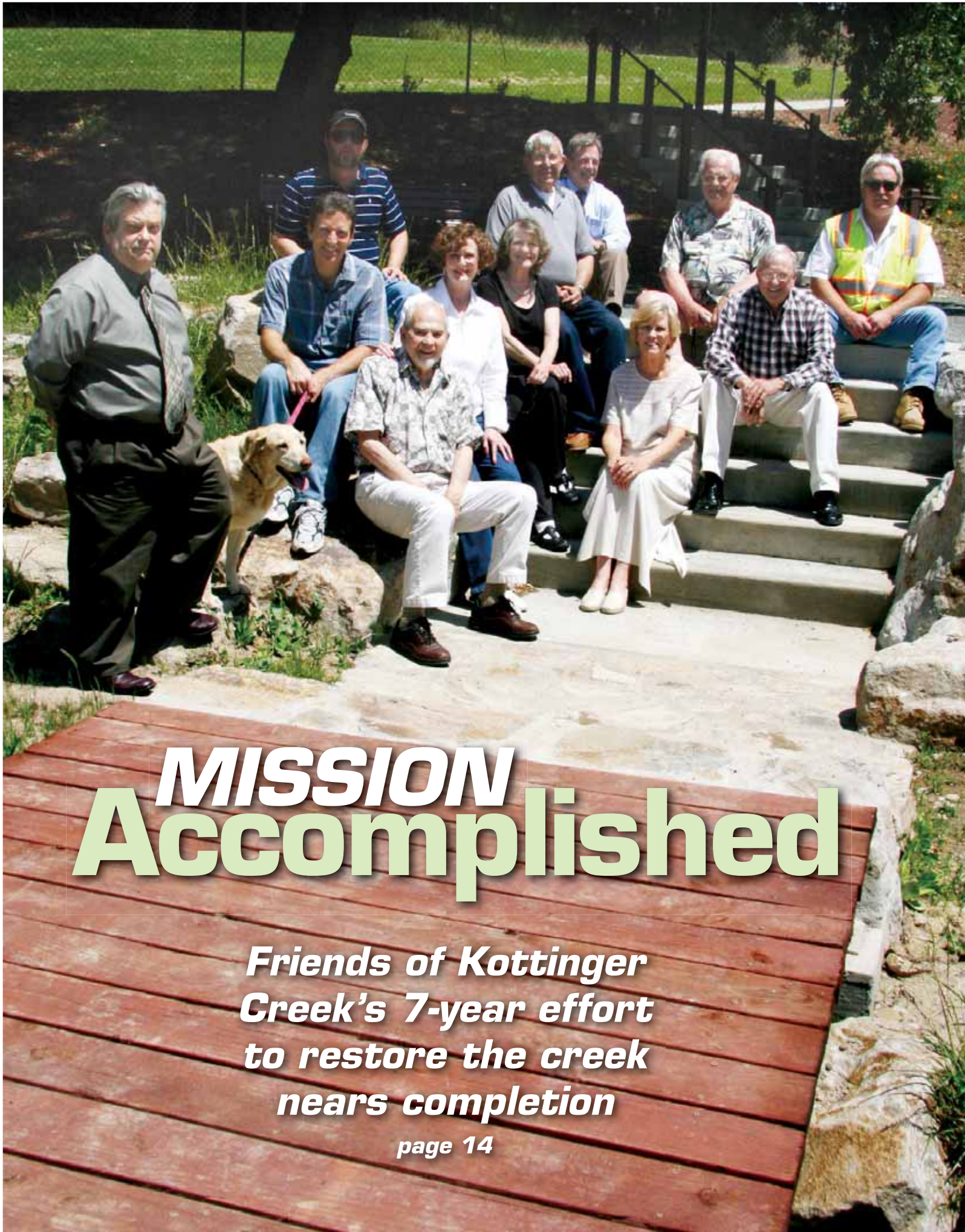


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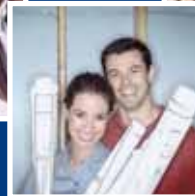
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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Welcome back Jerry Iserson

There were cheers throughout City Hall last Monday when Jerry Iserson came back to work. Iserson, 54, the city's Planning Director since November 2004, has been on a nine-week medical leave for aggressive treatment of hairy cell leukemia, a particularly rare form of the disease that attacks about 600 Americans each year, mostly men and mostly in Iserson's age group. Although doctors aren't sure what causes this type of leukemia, where abnormal white blood cells become "hairy" and diminish the body's ability to ward off infections, they also consider it to be one of the most treatable, with Iserson receiving promising results that can lead to remission for years. He said on his return that he's "feeling great—or at least a lot better than when I left in early March."

That's good news for Pleasanton, where final work is getting under way on the city's update of its 1996 General Plan, and with a number of key planning issues still awaiting a decision. These include the City Council's consideration on Tuesday of a bid by Home Depot to build its second Pleasanton store at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue, a controversial proposal that's expected to pack the council chambers for a scheduled public hearing. Also facing Iserson and his planning staff is a repeatedly-postponed public hearing before the Planning Commission of a developer's proposal to build 51 homes in an area called Oak Grove on a hilltop above Kottinger Ranch and Vintage Hills that would include a gift of nearly 500 acres of open space to the city.

Iserson is an expert in land use planning who's become well known in his 18 years with Pleasanton. And although the two principal planners he hired after succeeding longtime Planning Director Brian Swift 2-1/2 years ago—Janice Stern and Donna Decker—and others on his staff have kept the department moving forward on planning issues in his absence, it's Iserson who is

clearly the point-person for planning guidance and decisions among the developer, business and housing advocacy interests both in the community and in municipal government. He has the background and understands land use issues in Pleasanton better than anyone else in City Hall, and the council and City Manager Nelson Fialho have anxiously been awaiting his return to move forward and complete work on the revised General Plan, that's a four-year-long project that is woefully behind schedule.

With more than 23 years of experience in urban planning and development, Iserson has been the eyes and ears of Pleasanton when it comes to long range planning and development. He's a familiar face at council meetings, where he represents the city's planning interests, and also downtown on Main Street, which was his "beat" as the city's principal planner who was most responsible for building designs and zoning ordinance compliance. Iserson joined the Pleasanton planning staff in 1989 as a senior planner from Union City, where he served for 3-1/2 years as an associate planner. Before that, he also held planning jobs in Fremont and worked as a planning intern for Mountain View while he completed his graduate degree in urban planning at San Jose State University. A graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in sociology and urban studies, Iserson was born in Philadelphia and spent his teenage years in New Jersey. He's quick to recall the nasty winters there, which, he says, "makes me appreciate even more the opportunity to serve Pleasanton."

For the next few weeks, Iserson will work part-time until his doctor gives him the "all clear" to take on full-time duties, which will include long days and night-time meetings as he works to wrap up the General Plan update that he helped get started in 2003. I join with everyone in town in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery. ■

### About the Cover

The Friends of Kottinger Creek join with city staff at the new footbridge over Kottinger Creek. Through a partnership, the mission of restoring the creek is accomplished. Assuming the plants thrive in the restored environment, the fences around the creek are scheduled to be removed around August. From left to right: Public Works Senior Civil Engineer Jim Kelcourse, Ron Taylor with dog Chloe, George Reid, Phil Filbert, Cheri Puls, Mary and Mark Smith, Public Works Director Rob Wilson, Pat Griffin, Tom Gallagher, Earl Mincks, and inspector and field manager Ken Maxwell. Vol. VIII, Number 15

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# Streetwise

**Q:** New research says if stay-at-home moms were paid a salary they'd earn \$138,000/year. What do you think about that?

Asked Around Town



**Leslie Fernandez**  
Esthetician

I think they definitely deserve it! I remember being a stay-at-home mom and working from dawn to dusk. I certainly would have liked being paid for it.

**Linda Candle**  
Grandmother

Well, I think they should make about \$200,000 a year, minimum. Stay-at-home moms work 24/7, day in and day out. It's a non-stop job.



**Shawn Gentile**  
Technical Instructor

I think that is a very fair statement in that my wife is out of town for five days and I am playing stay-at-home dad and it is not easy! There is a lot of housework, chasing around, changing diapers. I have tremendous respect for what my wife does. It's hard work.

**Andre Aguado**  
Financial Planner

That is a low number. Each child should pay at least \$5,000 per month. The value that moms bring to raising a child are invaluable to our society. Raising a child and making that child a productive member of society is vital to social responsibility.



**Linda Wyner**  
Owner of Pans on Fire

I am really not surprised. There are many occupations in our society that are very undervalued for the service they provide. What's more important than teaching children to be good citizens and members of a family?

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# Newsfront

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### Fairgrounds news

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### Desserts for Darfur

Amador Valley High School students presents Desserts for Darfur from 7 to 9 p.m. May 12 in the school's multipurpose room, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The event will have a dessert buffet followed by a show featuring performers from Amador and the community. The performance will integrate information about Darfur with the purpose of raising not only money, but awareness about the genocide. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by emailing [diningfordarfur@yahoo.com](mailto:diningfordarfur@yahoo.com).

### Class for parents

The Pleasanton Unified School District and Amador Valley Adult and Community Education are holding a class called Parenting Your Teen. A past counselor at Horizon High School will join two Amador Valley High School students to learn about what teens are up against these days and how parents can help them deal with the pressures. It meets at 6:30 p.m. May 15 at Harvest Park Middle School. Call 426-4280 or visit [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted).

### Correction

Councilman Matt Sullivan took issue with a Pleasanton Weekly story last week ("Stoneridge Drive extension gets council's conditional OK, May 4, 2007), citing two comments that were attributed to him that were not his. The story said that he pressed his colleagues unsuccessfully to tie the Stoneridge Drive extension to not only regional traffic improvements, but also to traffic studies that would show they work. Sullivan did not talk about traffic studies.

The story also stated that Sullivan "urged the council to draft a ballot measure that would block the extension's construction until regional improvements are made, and then to ask for voter approval in November."

"This is a complete misquote," Sullivan said. "What I asked for was for the council to adopt the policy as discussed with the final General Plan, and then ask the voters to ratify that policy. I did not suggest a ballot measure to 'block the extension.'"

## New Home Depot goes to council Tuesday

Store would anchor retail center at Bernal-Stanley

by Jeb Bing

**F**resh on the heels of back-to-back public hearings that filled the City Council chambers, another packed meeting is expected Tuesday when the council considers a plan by Home Depot to build a second Pleasanton store at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard.

The proposed Home Depot would be part of a major retail center proposed for the 14.7-acre site across from McDonald's. It would be developed by Regency Centers, a commercial development firm that wants also to open a Longs Drugs and other smaller stores, including a Starbucks coffee shop.

Regency's proposal already faces fierce

*"We do not need 20 semi-trucks a day delivering propane tanks and lumber barreling through inner city streets creating noise and safety concerns, and while we are sleeping!"*

—Nancy Allen,  
Stop Pleasanton Gridlock citizens' group

opposition from a citizens' group called Stop Pleasanton Gridlock, a leading advocacy group

that favored the extension of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road two weeks ago. The council approved a motion to keep that extension in the new General Plan, now being updated.

But the group wants the council to nix the Home Depot plan, arguing that "a big box store doesn't belong in the middle of a residential area, three miles from freeway access."

"We do not need 20 semi-trucks a day delivering propane tanks and lumber barreling through inner city streets creating noise and safety concerns, and while we are sleeping!" said Nancy Allen, who heads up the citizens' group. "These trucks will come from all areas

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### Mural, mural on the wall

Local artist Gary Winter (in yellow), poses with members of the Pleasanton Downtown Association at the First Wednesday street party last week. Winter plans to paint a mural detailing Pleasanton's historic landscape over the next six weeks or so. The mural will be painted on the north side of Strizzi's restaurant on Main Street. Melanie James from Mel's Makin' Memories! will be updating her Web site [www.melsmakinmemories.com](http://www.melsmakinmemories.com) with Winter's progress. The mural committee encourages residents and schools to visit Winter when he's painting.

## Solar program looking towards bright future

Project could go before City Council late summer, fall

by Janet Pelletier

**A** new solar program could go before the City Council late this summer or early fall.

Last week, the public was invited to attend an informational meeting at the Livermore Community Center on what the program would consist of. The Solar Cities Program is a joint venture between the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore and aims to offer residents and businesses a program that would encourage incorporating solar systems into construction

projects by offering incentives. The program would assist people with the process of using solar products, obtaining rebates and tax credits, promoting energy savings and ultimately, reducing the city's environmental footprint.

The program is being created by Spectrum Energy of Elk Grove, which has assisted a number of other Northern California cities with similar efforts.

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## ValleyCare responds to case of missing woman

92-year-old Livermore woman later reported to have died at Pleasanton hospital a week earlier

**V**alleyCare Health System is responding to the case of a missing 92-year-old woman from Livermore, who was later discovered to have died five days before at the hospital.

Livermore police reported the woman's disappearance last Friday, asking the public to call with any information on her whereabouts. According to news reports, a person from the commercial area of First Street in Livermore called police and told them that a woman of the same description was given emergency response after she was found unconscious there in her car.

The woman, Irene May Greeley, was transported to ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton April 28 where she was pronounced dead on arrival of heart failure.

Police have said the reason they weren't aware of her death is because a police report was never written after officers responded to Greeley in her car that day she received emergency response.

The ambulance service that transported Greeley presented her identification upon arrival to the hospital's emergency room, according to a statement sent to the media by ValleyCare.

"We immediately contacted the Alameda County coroner on April 28. The coroner determined the patient died of natural causes and released the patient to ValleyCare," the statement read.

The hospital also left a phone message to the

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# Battalion chief has fought his last fire

Glen Haendel retires from Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department after 31 years of service

by Janet Pelletier

There were no tears to be had last Thursday at Glen Haendel's retirement ceremony, just smiles and a few barbs traded.

The battalion chief for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department has fought his last fire after 31 years of service. He was honored last week by fellow colleagues from the fire department and the Pleasanton Police Department in a traditional retirement ceremony.

Those in uniform formed lines on each side of the pathway in front of Fire Station 1 on Nevada Street. Fire Chief Bill Cody and Haendel walked through the entry door to the outside to greet the group.

"Because of his participation, we are a better organization," Cody said.

Then it was Haendel's turn to speak as his wife and children, including a son who traveled from Long Beach for the ceremony, looked on.

"This has been a good ride," he said. "You made it what I thought it would be. I'm not really leaving. I look forward to seeing you all in a different phase."

After their remarks, the large metal bells in front of the fire station rang, signaling Haendel's "last alarm" or roll call.

As he walked down the middle pathway "towards retirement," those gathered saluted him.

Haendel began his career with the Piedmont Fire Department in 1979 and joined the Pleasanton Fire Department in August 1980, serving the majority of his career



Battalion Chief Glen Haendel (center) walks "towards retirement" as Fire Chief Bill Cody (to right of Haendel) and others at Fire Station 1 salute.

Janet Pelletier

at the historic fire station in downtown Pleasanton. During his tenure, he was promoted to fire engineer in 1985, lieutenant in 1988 and captain in 1996.

After the consolidation of the Livermore and Pleasanton fire departments, he served as an acting division chief until he was promoted to the position in 2002. He was appointed to the new position of battalion chief in 2006.

Among other contributions, Haendel served as an EMS coordinator for the Pleasanton Fire Department, recruit academy instructor, public education coordinator, explorer and reserve firefighter coordinator. He also served as the president of the Alameda County Fire Chief's EMS section, Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 secretary and "C" Division shift commander. ■

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Known as "the people's show," anyone can bring their home-grown roses. Registration for rose show exhibitors is from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. Judging will take place from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Viewing opens for the public at 12:30 p.m., shortly followed by an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

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—Rebecca Guyon

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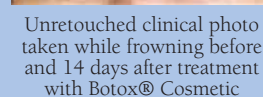


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## Solar

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About 15 people from both Livermore and Pleasanton attended the meeting to learn more about the program and offer feedback.

Don Osborn, CEO of Spectrum Energy, said cities have been more successful than the state and federal governments at encouraging green building.

"Cities are critical to making this happen," Osborn said.

The state's solar initiative currently offers \$2.8 billion in incentives. At the federal level, residential property owners can receive a tax credit on 30 percent of the cost of a photovoltaic (PV) system in their home up to \$2,000. Commercial property owners can receive a 30 percent tax credit on a PV system with no price limit.

Osborn told the audience that if a resident purchases a 2 kw PV system for \$16,000, with incentives and tax savings, they can break

even on their purchase in 12-14 years.

One woman in the audience said after installing a 2 kw system at her 1,500-square-foot home in Livermore her electricity bill is \$100-\$200 per year.

Proposed in the new Livermore-Pleasanton Solar Cities Program, there would be a Solar Buyer's Club that would connect interested buyers with PV contractors and reduce the cost to install a PV system so the homeowner pays less and the contractor gets more business. City planning staff would work with the contractor during the planning process to fast track approvals.

The commercial part of the program would encompass work done to new and existing buildings, retrofits of PV systems, remodels or additions, public-private projects and city-owned and operated buildings. Points would be given based on the PV system's contribution to the annual electrical energy cost. The lowest level would be for PV systems that save 2.5 percent or less; the second level would be for systems saving between 2.6 percent and 7.5 percent, the third between 7.6 percent and 25 percent and the highest 25 percent or more. For businesses meeting the higher levels, some benefits offered in

the city program could include no permitting costs, recognition by the city at a City Council meeting and city-issued press releases to the media.

"You'll want to put this on your wall just like Hollywood movie stars want that Oscar on their shelves," said Craig Hollingsworth of Spectrum Energy about the recognition.

If the program is approved, people can get all the required permits through the Planning Department. The program would also be integrated into the Green Building program for permitting and approval.

Audience members were receptive to the proposed program and added a couple of their own suggestions, which included adjusting incentives a little to boost participation, establishing a target goal for each city to show how much energy that city is conserving and creating a customer survey that those using the solar program can fill out.

Richard Hansen, a Danville field representative who sells PV systems for Cooperative Community Energy, said he likes the new program.

"It's positive press for people to get interested in thinking about it," he said. "It's good for everybody—the city, residents, people that are in the (solar) business." ■

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## Missing woman

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next of kin that day asking them to contact the emergency department, but the call was not returned.

"Subsequent calls made that same evening and throughout the week were not successful in getting an answer," according to the

statement.

Last Saturday, a ValleyCare emergency room worker saw an article in a newspaper reporting the missing woman. She notified her supervisor that a patient by that name came into the ER and was pronounced dead on arrival.

Funeral arrangements are yet to be made.

—Janet Pelletier

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## Home Depot

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of the city: Sunol, Stoneridge, Valley, Santa Rita and First Street. Also, there is no guarantee that the Johnson Drive store won't be closed in the future. If it does close, all Pleasanton Home Depot customers will have to drive across town to get to the new store location at Stanley."

Included in the handouts being distributed by Stop Pleasanton Gridlock are copies of an email purported to be from Mayor Jennifer Hosterman sent to an unidentified constituent who had complained about truck noise on Valley Avenue near her home.

"I don't know what to tell you," Hosterman wrote. "Either the traffic has increased such that you are so bothered that you need to consider a move, or not. In either case, the city of Pleasanton has bent over

backwards to accommodate your ongoing questions."

In a PowerPoint presentation prepared for Tuesday night's meeting, the Gridlock group will cite reports obtained from the police department that trucks are allowed to travel on Pleasanton streets that are the most direct route to their destination. A Safeway truck driver told the group that he travels from a Livermore Safeway store to Pleasanton using Stanley, Valley and Santa Rita, which makes the trip 2-3 times shorter than by using I-580.

In emails to residents throughout Pleasanton, Allen and her group hopes to rally opponents to attend the council meeting and voice their concerns.

The Planning Commission approved Regency's development plan in a 4-1 vote last December, with Commission Chairwoman Anne Fox casting the only dissenting vote. She said large retail stores such as Home Depot should be built closer to freeways.

Home Depot and other retail operations at the proposed Regency development would produce roughly \$1 million in tax revenue for the city.

Don MacKenzie and Pete Knoedler of Regency said the Bernal-Stanley store would actually reduce cross-town traffic by attracting customers on Pleasanton's east side and from Livermore who now travel to the home improvement store's facility on Johnson Drive. Regency also would pay for added traffic lanes and traffic signals on Bernal and Stanley. Delivery trucks would be required to serve the new store by using Isabel Road in Livermore to Stanley, and then traveling south to the retail center.

Regency was scheduled to make its case before the council last February, but postponed its public hearing to await traffic studies, that have now been completed.

The council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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Emily Atwood

Shortly after the lunch bell rang, the new Foothill Cafe was bustling with hungry students.

## Foothill's cafeteria renovation completed

*Students love the new food, but not the lines*

by Emily Atwood

Foothill High School's newly renovated cafeteria now boasts another serving line, a rotating multicultural menu and improved kitchen facilities.

Originally students would be served portions as they went through the line. The new system includes four grab 'n' go lines with proportioned meals and two regular meal lines, according to Frank Castro, director of child nutrition

services. The regular meal lines allow students to pick up a hot entrée, a salad from the salad bar, a large beverage and fresh fruit for one price. Asian food is the most popular choice of the new rotating multicultural menu.

The lines are fully open and no longer flow through the school's hallway to the multipurpose room. However, the team is still working on expanding the salad bar to be available for grab 'n' go eaters.

"With the meal line, we're selling about 200 complete meals per day," he said. "We still continue to serve salads, yogurt parfaits, High

Tech burritos, McDonald's burgers, deli sandwiches, pizza, snacks and drinks."

Junior Tom Sleeter called the new meal choices "awesome" because they taste better and are healthier.

While most of the students love the new meals, the popularity often means longer lines. Junior Kyle Redding likes the new food choices, but said it takes about 15 minutes of his 30-minute break to go through the line.

Shannon Byrne and Kylie

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## Vector control district asks residents to vote for ballot measure

*If approved, rates would go up to \$10/year*

by Janet Pelletier

Ballots for a proposed measure that would help the Alameda County Vector Control Services District stay out of the red financially will be mailed to residents beginning today.

The district, whose mission is to prevent human disease, injury and discomfort by controlling the insect, rat and other rodent populations, is asking that residents vote to pay an extra \$4.08 per year. Residents currently pay \$5.92/year.

Vector control rates haven't been raised in a decade. With the passage of Proposition 18, the district is required to put any increase in assessment to a public vote.

"Just like any agency outfit, the cost of living and medical and other costs to run an agency have gone up," said Lucia Hui, chief of the Alameda County Vector Control Services District.

Hui said the district has had a deficit ranging from \$60,000 to \$100,000 and in an effort to save money, has not replaced workers who have retired or left their positions.

The proposed measure would bring in \$1.5 million for the dis-

trict, which covers all of the cities in Alameda County except Emeryville and Fremont.

If approved, it would establish year-round funding for the control of rodents and disease prevention services including testing for vector-borne diseases such as hantavirus, plague, tularemia and Lyme disease.

The district fields an average of 4,000 to 5,000 calls per year from the public for services.

Residents will have at least 45 days to fill the ballots out and return them. Postage is paid. A public hearing on the measure is July 10. ■

## Cafe

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Gellman, both juniors, also said that they didn't notice a difference in line lengths after the renovation. They said the long wait forces them to eat in class.

Castro said that the lines are getting better and the students are still positive about the service and the food.

"We're still looking for new entrees, and we just added taquitos and lasagna," he said. "We're also looking for better ways of serving.

It's something that's getting better."

"It's interesting that students in high school will run to the lunch line, and it's not cool to run in high school," he continued. "There's still an energy to get there as quickly as possible."

Adding more lines isn't an option at this time, Castro said, because the cost of labor is too high. Staggered lunch periods could be another option, though that would have to be decided by the school district and could also have labor issues.

In the meantime, the school recently added wireless capabilities for 14 food carts, allowing them to move to different locations across

campus, helping spread the hungry crowds.

### Science classroom construction update

As can be seen from the front of Foothill's campus, construction is currently in motion for two science classrooms. Vice Principal John Dwyer said everything is going smoothly and that the workers have been very cooperative with the school's needs.

Dwyer said as far as he knows, the project is on track and that the good weather will help them achieve the fall 2007 occupancy deadline. ■

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Emily Amwood

### Brozosky makes five

The school board was made officially complete May 8 as the newly appointed member Steve Brozosky was sworn in at the night's regular meeting. With Steve Pulido leaving in February to become a county superior court judge and the illness and death of Juanita Haugen, the school board has not had all five seats filled at a regular meeting for the last several months. During the meeting Jim Ott was named president and Chris Grant clerk.

# Community Pulse



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- **Public Hearing:** PCUP-165/PDR-529/PUD-81-25-7M, Regency Centers (Don MacKenzie and Pete Knoedler)/ Home Depot – Consider an application for a PUD major modification, conditional use permit, and design review approval to allow the construction of 193,481 square feet of commercial area, including a Home Depot building supply store and garden center, a Long's Drugs pharmacy with drive-through, and miscellaneous neighborhood retail convenience stores including one drive-through, on an approximately 16 acre parcel located at 3450 Stanley Boulevard, at the Valley Avenue/Bernal Avenue/Stanley Boulevard intersection, in the Stanley Business Park

### Planning Commission (Special Meeting)

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- **PCUP 194, Saake Fine Furnishings**  
Application for conditional use permit to allow the operation of a custom furniture making business located at 1233 Quarry Lane, Suite 120, within the Valley Business Park.
- **PCUP, 191, Derek and Linda Barragan**  
Application for a conditional use permit to park an approximately 12 foot high, 32 foot long fifth wheel in the side yard setback area of the existing residence located at 1971 Brooktree Way.
- **PCUP-185, Steve Black, Generations Health Care of Pleasanton, LLC**  
Applications for: (1) a modification to a previously approved conditional use (UP 71 13, Pleasanton Convalescent Hospital) to increase the number of beds from 129 to 139 at the existing convalescent facility; and (2) a variance from the Pleasanton Municipal Code to reduce the required parking from 125 spaces to the existing 99 spaces.
- **PUD 05-02M, James Happ, Northstar Realty Services, Inc./Kenneth and Pamela Chrisman**  
Application for a major modification to an approved PUD development plan to replace the approved production home designs with design guidelines – 1944 Vineyard Avenue, in the Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Area.

### Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, May 17, 2007 @ 7:30 a.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room, 123 Main Street

- Economic Vitality Committee Categories  
Review of membership categories for the EVC
- Economic Development Strategic Plan  
Review of Economic Development Strategic Plan and selection of strategies for EVC focus

### Housing Commission

- The May 17, 2007 Housing Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting will be held on June 21, 2007.

### Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee

Monday, May 14, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Operation Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

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## Police Bulletin

### Costume jewelry stolen from Pure Girls

Pure Girls, a boutique for young girls at 660 Main St., was the alleged victim of a theft between 11:30 p.m. May 2 and 10 a.m. May 3. A police report said someone stole costume jewelry worth \$1,096.

### Over \$14,000 in outdoor furniture stolen from home

A home undergoing construction in the 2200 block of Westbridge Lane was burglarized some time between 8 p.m. May 3 and 7:30 a.m. May 4. According to police reports, the home was not being occupied at the time and the victim locked and left his home May 3 and returned the next morning to find his garage door open. Several large items were allegedly missing, including a microwave, outdoor kitchen barbecue set, a barbecue burner, outdoor refrigerator, two garbage disposals, four interior faucets and a food warming drawer. The items were valued at \$14,900.

The officer inspecting couldn't find fingerprints after dusting and said that the front door lock could be opened easily with a screwdriver, though there were no signs of forced entry.

### P.F. Chang's manager robbed at gunpoint, pistol whipped

Pleasanton police were called to P.F. Chang's China Bistro at Stoneridge Shopping Center at 1:45 Monday morning on reports of a robbery. The manager of the restaurant was walking to the parking lot when two suspects, who had apparently been hiding in some bushes, allegedly confronted him at gunpoint. Police said the suspects forced the manager back inside the restaurant in order to get cash.

One of the suspects reportedly sprayed pepper spray in the manager's face, and as he fell, the gun wielding suspect pistol whipped the manager in the back of the head, causing a 4-inch laceration. The suspects fled to the parking lot on foot and made away with an unknown amount of cash and gift cards in \$10 denominations. The suspects were described as Hispanic males, 5-feet, 5-inches tall with medium builds. Both were wearing ski masks, dark baggy clothing and white tennis shoes.

## Police Report

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

### April 28

- DUI: 1
- Public vandalism:  
-9:00 a.m. in the 600 block of Junipero Street; worth \$1,000 or less
- Assault:  
-12:03 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court  
-2:14 a.m. in the 4700 block of Saginaw Circle  
-2:22 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Paraphernalia possession:  
-9:35 p.m. in the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way

### April 29

- Theft:  
-1:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting, worth \$200-400  
-4:06 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$50  
-6:05 p.m. in the 4100 block of First Street; from building, worth \$50-199  
-6:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle
- Public drunkenness:  
-12:53 a.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive
- Assault:  
-10:45 a.m. in the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way
- Domestic animal bites:  
-12:00 p.m. in the 1700 block of Zenato Place
- Child neglect:  
-9:45 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

### April 30

- Theft:  
-9:56 a.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; credit card fraud  
-1:14 p.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon Meadow Circle; from vehicle, worth less than \$50  
-3:33 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$50

- Assault:  
-8:12 p.m. in the 5600 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

### May 1

- Found property: 1
- Theft:  
-9:25 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; forged checks  
-12:38 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; forged checks  
-1:00 p.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue; from building, worth over \$400  
-1:25 p.m. in the 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway; identity theft

### May 2

- Theft:  
-1:00 p.m. in the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

### May 3

- Found property: 1
- Vandalism:  
-7:33 a.m. at the intersection Peters Avenue and St. John Street; worth \$1,000 or less
- Child abuse:  
-12:00 p.m. in the 6200 block of Corte Altamira
- Marijuana possession:  
-8:05 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

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## Friends of Kottinger Creek's 7-year effort to restore the creek nears completion

by Emily Atwood

One morning, Earl Mincks went out into his yard on Kottinger Drive and looked across the street to the creek that flows through the neighborhood. The 1,820 feet of flowing water known as Kottinger Creek is one of Minck's favorite parts of Pleasanton, especially after living in the dry Phoenix climate for 40 years. As his eyes followed the meandering creek, he came upon his most cherished part: a pond surrounded by ... stumps?

"I hightailed it down the creek just in time to see that they had a whole crew and they were digging the creek out," he said. "There was a natural dam that had built up and they had dug that out and drained the pond. As you might expect, I was livid."

The willow tree-lined pond wasn't just his favorite part of the creek, but it held special significance: a place where he took his young grandson to explore.

"I raised him up and we spent a lot of time roaming up and down the creek, particularly messing around in that one pond," he said. "I grew attached to it and just loved it."

Mincks wasn't the first to notice the stumps about seven years ago, but he was the first to act.

### Founding of 'Friends'

After speaking with the workers and staff at the city's Parks and Community Services Department, Mincks discovered the new plans for the creek. The city's plan, according to Mincks, was to straighten and cement the water flow and remove willow trees all the way east to Bernal Avenue.

Other neighbors and residents were concerned as well, including Mincks' daughter Cheri Puls and neighbor Pat Griffin. They, and other neighbors rallied together, forming Friends of Kottinger Creek. The non-profit, grassroots committee is a part of the Alameda Creek Alliance and advocates for the restoration and preservation of the creek, which is a tributary of Pleasanton's Arroyo Valle, which flows into Arroyo de la Laguna and Alameda Creek.

"Kottinger Creek brought us all together," Puls said. "We became more convicted of the importance of restoration and wanted to raise awareness."

The group then joined the Urban Creek Council to learn more about creek restoration and function. It was there they discovered that work done to straighten out creeks in the 1960s and 1970s was harmful to the creeks and surrounding habitats.

During a 2001 tour of the area, former Mayor Warren Harding, who died in 2003, recalled that Kottinger Park was donated to the city by developers of Vintage Hills. The free offer was too good to pass up, he said, and the city intended to leave it as natural as possible. The Friends group gave tours to other City Council members and won the support of former Mayor Tom Pico and cur-

rent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. It was Pico who, after a tour, concluded that hydrology and ecology studies to assess the situation were in order.

"We wanted Kottinger Creek to be something we felt we would be happy with and proud of, and in turn, the city of Pleasanton would be proud to have," Mincks said. "We never had any idea of spending a lot of money."

Puls agreed, adding that originally they just wanted to have experts see what should be done.

The group also had support from other residents, with more than 450 people signing a petition.

"It was a really great lesson in the value of democracy and the ability of people to affect that," Puls said.

She doesn't consider herself to be an environmentalist, and wouldn't consider the majority of the group to be either. Residents from other neighborhoods joined the cause out of appreciation of nature and waterways. Griffin is a self-described tree hugger, one with a great love for nature.

"It's not a place for primary colors and machinery," she said. "It's just something that's beautiful and just the way it would have been years and years ago. I like the idea of having something so simple and not with batteries or something indoors."

### A partnership to heal the creek

There was much to do with the 1,820 feet of creek needing to be restored. Much of its natural glory had been compromised over the years by urbanization and conventional waterway management, according to the project summary.

"The project includes a complete new irrigation system for the park and creek to maintain the plants," said Jim Kelcourse, senior civil engineer for the city. "We removed the invasive species and planted new native plants and trees. We added a small foot bridge and other small amenities like a picnic area, clean-up area and an access ramp that allows handicapped access."

Griffin was not only pleased with the improvements, but she was also impressed by the relationship the group had with the city.

"What's really amazing is they kept us informed, it was just wonderful," she said. "They cared about what the neighbors thought. There's several [Friends members] who don't live right on the creek and the city has been very responsive. And that makes you feel good."

Puls agreed, saying that they were thrilled to have worked with Public Works Director Rob Wilson, Kelcourse and inspector and field manager Ken Maxwell.

"They were very diligent in making sure everything on the plan was accomplished," she said. "They communicated with us very

closely, keeping us informed [with the project and] about how long certain annoyances would continue."

Kelcourse also noted the increased community involvement in this project as compared to others.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jerry Pentin was aware of the improved relations.

"It's a great conclusion to a great partnership," he said. "[The Friends] were very well-organized and committed to what they wanted to get done and it has been done. Instead of being against each other, [the city and the residents] became allies and worked together."

"What we have now is beautiful," Puls said, "but the aesthetics aren't really what caused it to happen. We're looking for a system in balance, so you don't have excessive corrosion. It works properly for cleaning the bay."

**In addition to the coveted meander, the creek now boasts a sequence of pools, ripples and floodplains. Along the creek bed are newly planted vegetation and trees.**

### A hefty price tag or well worth the money?

The restoration met much opposition when the projected cost went from \$30,000 (the city's original cost of maintenance, not restoration) to \$1.2 million.

Pentin remembers it as a project that started small and grew.

"Our biggest concern was the escalating price," he said. "I'm sure for the residents that use that park, it will be a great amenity and a great improvement. Absolutely repairing the stream to its natural state is wonderful."

Griffin was surprised at the opposition. "We didn't want to hurt anyone down stream or alter anything in that sense," she said. "It's such a wholesome project that we're actually surprised some would go against it."

Yet Kelcourse said Kottinger Creek's restoration is not the city's priciest creek project.

Just south of the new Valley Avenue underpass and adjacent to Interstate 680 are several creeks including upper and lower Sycamore Creek. Called the Bernal Creek because of its location to the future park site, the restoration is close to completion. The price tag? About \$2.1 million. One difference, however, is this project received about \$1 million in grants.

"I think [the price is] in line with creek restoration at least in doing Kottinger Creek

and Bernal creek," Kelcourse said. "What you're trying to do is introduce a more meandering channel through sinuosity (winding) and channel alignment which is more consistent with a natural creek."

Puls said while the cost grew, it wasn't inappropriate.

"As far as the price is concerned, all we were asking for is for studies to be done," she said. "The studies in fact dictated what needed to be changed. [The price] didn't escalate into an amusement park or go beyond the scope of work prescribed. It's fair to say that the work that needed to be done was probably the result of past conventional practices for the time. Everything evolves."

She also added that over seven years of waiting, the cost of construction increased.

The restoration of Kottinger and Bernal creeks accommodates a slow flow of run-off water as opposed to a fast moving, linear channel heading for disposal. The benefits of these restored creeks are slower velocities, improved water quality and the potential for wildlife, not to mention the aesthetic value.

Griffin said she considers the money as an investment future generations will enjoy and other cities around the Bay Area can see as a model.

### Enjoying the park again

The Friends are excited and proud of the end result.

"I think water is a magnet," Puls said, "especially functioning, clean water. What attracts people to the park is the same thing that's always been attractive—the experience of a natural area in the city."

Although there are currently fences around the creek area, the project is complete. Kelcourse said a mandatory 90-day waiting period has begun. During this time plants are being monitored to make sure the new vegetation is rooting and thriving. If plants die, the contractors will have to replace them and the 90-day waiting period will start over.

"Assuming all the plants and trees survive, the creek will officially be completed this August," Kelcourse said.

In addition to the coveted meander, the creek now boasts a sequence of pools, ripples and floodplains. Along the creek bed are newly planted vegetation and trees.

"The trees will make a lovely canopy over the creek," Puls said. "The canopy cools the water, which fosters aquatic and animal life. We've seen a return of frogs and ducks."

The group also hopes it can serve as an educational tool. In the beginning when the group was presenting to the City Council, they also took big posters to schools so children could learn about the creek and what was going on. Puls said she hopes that will continue and that signs can be added along the walkway so it can be an educational resource for the community.

Mincks said his favorite time to visit the park now is around 10 a.m.

"The sun is just right and it reflects off the water," he said. "From the upper trail, it's just gorgeous. It looks just like a trail of sprinkled diamonds meandering through the trees." ■



The Friends of Kottinger Creek began upon discovering willow trees along the creek had been cut down.



Restoration of the creek included saving the meander and making the creek bed self-sustaining.



The project is complete, but the fences remain as the newly planted vegetation takes root.

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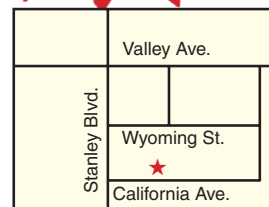
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### Geraldine "Gerrie" Satterlund

Geraldine "Gerrie" Satterlund died April 13 after a long illness at the age of 76.

She lived in Sun City West, Ariz., but had been a resident of Pleasanton for many years and it was where she raised her family. Born in Mendota, Ill. May 11, 1930, she graduated from the University of Michigan and worked as a teacher and Realtor. She loved to entertain and be entertained. Her zest for life is greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl "Sig" Satterlund in 1992.

Services were held in Sun City West.

### Emily "Sandy" Erlinda Madrid Anderson

Emily "Sandy" Erlinda Madrid Anderson died May 4 at the age of 65.

Mrs. Anderson was born March 5, 1942 in Trinidad, Colo. Before her illness and moving to Folsom, Calif., she lived in Pleasanton for many years and sold real estate. Remembered as a caring person, she would give her time and support to her friends and family.

She is survived by her loving family who will miss her very much: husband of 47 years, Jared "Jerry;" daughters Lisa R. (Anderson) Holkko and Lori C. (Anderson) Schmucker; grandchild-

dren Alexandra Holkko and Adam Schmucker; parents Cora and Jose Rivera; sister Corinne Madrid; brothers Alfred Madrid, Norman "Randy" Madrid, Ralph Rivera and Robert Rivera.

Mrs. Anderson was preceded in death by her father Alfred Madrid.

Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. May 12 at St. John's Parish, 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Flowers can be sent to St. John's Parish, however in lieu of flowers, send a donation to your favorite charity. For full service details, contact Lori Schmucker at 916-985-9662 or lorischmucker@comcast.net.

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### March 21

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### March 22

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Council's OK of Stoneridge Drive extension restores Tri-Valley partnership

Putting politics and personalities aside, the Pleasanton City Council stepped to the plate last week and voted 5-0 to keep the extension of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore in the new General Plan that is now being updated. The move ended years of debate on the issue and was a strong move by council members to rekindle the warm and cooperative relations Pleasanton has long had with Livermore, Dublin and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. These relations were fractured in recent weeks by Pleasanton's insistence that the extension of Stoneridge Drive be tied to regional traffic improvement, and especially to a decades-long plan to widen Hwy. 84 between I-680 and I-580. That proposed thoroughway, a route that was once even considered as a toll road from I-680 to Antioch, is part of the 1996 Pleasanton General Plan that is still in force. Although they favor that extension, Mayors Marshall Kamena of Livermore and Janet Lockhart of Dublin, along with County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, voted against Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's recent bid to make the Hwy. 84 improvements part of a series of regional improvements. They wanted the Stoneridge Drive extension included in those improvements. Hosterman and a majority on the City Council refused.

By burying the hatchet, there's hope now that the mayors of the three cities and Haggerty can get back together and seriously plan for the future. Traffic is increasing at an alarming rate as new homes are built in the Dougherty Valley and Mountain House and as more commuters come west over the Altamont Pass to jobs in Pleasanton, San Ramon and the Silicon Valley or to park at the Pleasanton BART station to travel into San Francisco. By agreement, the Tri-Valley Triangle Committee and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which nixed the Hwy. 84 improvements south of Ruby Hill on Vallecitos Road because of the Stoneridge Drive dispute, have authorized major improvements for both freeways and for Isabel Road north of Ruby Hill, which is also designated Route 84. A new overpass has been funded to connect Isabel directly to I-580, which now must be reached from Airway Boulevard.

In reaching out to the county and our neighbors, the council voted simply to retain the Stoneridge Drive extension in the new General Plan. That decision is expected to give impetus to another meeting of the mayors and Haggerty to put the full Hwy. 84 improvement plan on the table. Although funds have already been appropriated for part of the freeway projects the mayors and the CMA want, including carpool and toll lanes on I-580 and I-680, interchange improvements and a truck climbing lane on each side of Hwy. 84 over Pigeon Pass, many other proposals have no funding or timeline. In the spirit of regional cooperation which the council now advocates, it's expected that the Vallecitos Road improvements will be put back in the plan. A first-step commitment by the CMA to undertake a project study report for the southern part of Hwy. 84 could trigger a favorable look at extending Stoneridge Drive much earlier. With Livermore expected to soon approve a major Prime Outlets mall at the southeast corner of El Charro Road and I-580 and Pleasanton planning a new auto mall, retail center, senior housing development and Sharks-owned ice rink on the west side, public demand will be calling for a Stoneridge Drive extension sooner than later. The county has already agreed to pay for the roadwork. Livermore also will soon connect Jack London Boulevard to El Charro across from the Stoneridge extension, enabling easier and smoother travel between the two cities. In fact, the Pleasanton council, in reaching its decision last week, acknowledged that a fully completed Stoneridge Drive "has broad local and regional benefits for our residents and the region. This includes public safety, mobility and access to various amenities."

In a non-binding motion, the council also stated that for construction to occur in the short- or long-term, the right conditions need to exist in the Valley. That's why it's imperative that the three cities and county develop a balanced, strategic approach for regional and local traffic that will minimize cut-through traffic in Pleasanton. That will come from a restoration of the Tri-Valley partnership that's long worked to everyone's benefit.

# Letters

## Vote 'no' on Home Depot

Dear Editor,

After all the recent discussions regarding traffic congestion on Valley Avenue, at both Santa Rita Road and Stanley Boulevard, I sincerely request that the City Council not approve the proposed Home Depot at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue.

I would like to remind the council that as a previous fire chief, I identified the site and participated in the purchase of the property at 3560 Nevada St. (Bernal Avenue and Nevada Street) that is now our Main Fire Station and Administrative Headquarters.

Remember, we were forced to relocate the original main station, in the center of town on Railroad Avenue, because the heavy traffic congestion in the downtown area hindered our emergency response capabilities. Please note that traffic congestion in the Bernal Avenue/Nevada Street area 12 years ago, when this fire station site was selected, was nothing compared to what it is today.

The Nevada Street site was selected primarily because of its proximity to major arterial streets, and the complexion of the commercial development was not expected to change from the existing occupancy of services business like auto body shops, auto repair shops, tire dealerships, and other similar, light commercial service occupancies.

We do not need a "big zit" in the form of Home Depot to change the complexion of this commercial area by adding additional truck and vehicle traffic to the primary response route from our main fire station, and adding additional traffic to this already congested area.

Please vote "no" on Home Depot in this area!

*George Withers  
Retired Pleasanton Fire Chief*

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## Author Visits

**Coach Tom Morin at the Pleasanton Library** At 2 p.m. May 20 author and coach Tom Morin will discuss his book "No More Broken Eggs" at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This book aims to help clinicians, parents, coaches and young athletes optimize the sports experience. Morin focuses on what we need to do to nurture young athletes, not burn them out. Call 931-3405 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library).


**Luncheon for Elizabeth Berg** Bestselling author, Elizabeth Berg, will be at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., for lunch at 11:30 a.m. May 14. Her newest novel, "Dream When You're Feeling Blue," is a family story set during World War II. Lunch is served at noon and is \$15.00 or \$35.00 for lunch and book. Make reservations by calling 846-8826.

**Sandy Tolan at the Pleasanton Public Library** At 7 p.m. May 17, the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents journalist Sandy Tolan author of "The Lemon Tree; An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East." This book examines the Mideast conflict through the story of two people, a Palestinian and an Israeli, with claims to the same house in Ramla. Call 931-3405 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library).

## Book Clubs

**Conservatives Without Conscience by John Dean** In "Conservatives Without Conscience," John Dean employs his distinctive knowledge and understanding of Washington politics and process to examine the conservative movement's current inner circle of radical Republican leaders from Capitol Hill to Pennsylvania Avenue to K Street and beyond. This club is open to the public and meets from 7 to 9 p.m. May 22 at the Livermore Library, 1188

### Weekend Preview



## Worthington Gallery features women in art

Worthington Gallery West is currently showing "Hot Bay Area Women Artists" until June 2. The show features a variety of local female artists, including works such as "The Bluff" (above) by Pleasanton native and figurative painter Vanessa Barrett. Barrett graduated from Foothill High School a few years ago and took classes at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. Worthington Gallery West is located at 739 J Main St. and is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Other visiting times can be arranged by appointment. Call 485-1183 or visit [www.worthingtongallerywest.com](http://www.worthingtongallerywest.com).

South Livermore Ave. A few dollars are requested to help cover costs. Call Ellis at 451-4303 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm](http://www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm).

**Times Bookclub Towne Center Books** Columnist and Valley Times book editor Lynn Carey will facilitate a bookclub discussion featuring the Madonnas of Leningrad at 7:00 p.m. May 24 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. The club is free and open to the public. Call 846-8826 or visit [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com).

## Careers

**2007 Northern California Career and Leadership Summit** Three outstanding speakers will discuss how to achieve

and recognize leadership potential, network with professionals and meet recruiters/representatives from area companies. This free conference is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19 at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road, Danville. Continental breakfast included. Registration and additional information can be found at [www.JobConnections.org](http://www.JobConnections.org).

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**Parks & Recreation Commission** The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Planning Commission** The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**School Board** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

**Youth Commission** The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Classes

**Acting Training** Professional, in-depth training in acting for adults ages 15 and up will be offered by The Playhouse West Academy, 1345 Locust St. in Walnut Creek, Saturdays from 10 to 1 p.m. through May 26. Classes are for beginning, intermediate and advanced students. There will also be an on camera commercial class offered this quarter. Classes taught by artistic director Lois Grandi. The cost is \$235. Email playhousewest@sbcglobal.net, call 943-6464 or visit www.playhousewest.org.

**Investing During Turbulent Times** Find out if the volatile markets will adversely affect your financial future at this Pleasanton Adult Education class from 7 to 9 p.m. May 22 at Village High School, Room 701, 4645 Bernal Ave. Get some insight on today's market and develop a strategy that will help you survive its volatility. Course No. 256111. Instructor: Christina Ahlstrand, CFP. The cost is \$25. Call 426-4280 or visit http://pleasanton.k12.trivalley.com.

**Love and Logic: Early Childhood** Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive in Dublin, presents a class called Love and Logic's Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun: Creating happy families and responsible kids from birth to six with practical tips, powerful tools and immediate results. It runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday from April 25 through June 7. It is \$25 per person. For more information and to register online, visit www.dublinvcc.org. Childcare provided.

**Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy** Summer Performing Arts Academy hosts two performing class sessions for ages 7 to 18, which take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at Jamie's Dance Studio, 3688 Washington St. Session 1 is June 18 to July 14 and Session 2 is July 23 to Aug. 18. Training includes dance, singing and acting, and a recital and performance of School House Rock Live Jr. Extended care is available. The cost is \$595 with early registration or \$695 after May 15. Call 551-8238 or visit www.TriValleyYPA.org.

## Clubs

**Amador Valley Quilters Silent Auction** This annual fundraiser is a great way for members to bring home "gently used" books, tools and notions or to rebuild their fabric stash. The event is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 12 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Visit www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

**Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers** B2B Power Exchange is a leads group for people who sell to corporate decision makers from 8 to 10:30 a.m. May 17 at

Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. Non-members pay \$35 which includes the cost of breakfast. Prepay by the Tuesday prior to the event. Pre-register because attendance is limited to 25 people. Call 201-3410 or visit www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin.htm.

**NARFE** The Livermore Chapter 0397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at Emil Villa's Restaurant at the corner of Pacific and S. Livermore avenues in Livermore. Call 484-0813 or 846-7167.

**New Tri-Valley Homebrewing Club** Want to meet other brewers and advance your brewing techniques? Mad Zymurgists of the Tri-Valley meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. We welcome brewers of all levels of expertise, and have sponsorship from Hoptech in Dublin. See www.madzymurgists.org for more info and location of the next meeting.

## Concerts

**8th Annual Concerto Festival Concert** The Holy Names University preparatory music department presents this concert featuring the music of Mozart, Vivaldi, Haydn and Shostakovich performed by the winners of its Concerto Competition with the Concerto Festival Orchestra under the musical direction of Steve Hoffer, conductor. It starts at 4 p.m. May 20 at Regents Theatre at the Valley Center for the Performing Arts, 3500 Mountain Blvd. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 3 to 18. Call (510) 436-1224.

**Brass Ensemble All-Russian Concert** Brazzissimo, a Bay Area virtuoso brass ensemble, will join the Diablo Symphony May 12 in a concert featuring classic Russian symphonic works. The program begins at 2 p.m. in the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$10, \$18 and \$20 and are available by calling 943-7469 or by visiting www.leshercenter.org.

**Cantabella Children's Chorus Spring Concert** Cantabella Children's Chorus announces its 15th anniversary season with their Spring Concert, "15 years of Beautiful Singing" from 2 to 4 p.m. May 19 at Our Savior's Lutheran Ministry, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. All alumni are specially invited to return and help celebrate and have the opportunity to share the stage with our two performing choirs. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact Bee Chow at director@cantabella.org or 292-2663. Visit www.Cantabella.org.

**Indian Classical Music--at the Pleasanton Library** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents Indian Classical Music "East Beguiles West with Sounds of Music" at 2 p.m. May 19. Enjoy a rich combination of vocal and instrumental music by premier artists: Mahesh Kale, Prasad Jogalekar, Madan Oak, Prasad Bhandarkar, Abhinay Padhye and Naren Joshi. Call 931-3405.

**Ira Stein Jazz Trio** The Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, hosts the Ira Stein Jazz Trio at 7:30 p.m. May 19. All three musicians have extensive backgrounds in both jazz and classical music. The suggested donation is \$12, seniors and students are \$10. Children under 17 are free.

**Jason Klein Guest Conducts Livermore-Amador Symphony** Jason Klein will be the guest conductor for the Livermore-Amador Symphony concert at 8 p.m. May 12 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore. The theme is listener favorites. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors. Students high school age and younger are admitted free. For tickets, call 373-6824 or go to Cooleykatz Toys, 1959 Second St., Livermore, 245-1035; or at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-8826. Visit www.livamsymph.org.

**Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra** At 2 p.m. May 20, the Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra will perform with the Foothill High School jazz ensemble at the school's multi-purpose room, 4375 Foothill Road. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for students at the door. Visit www.bigbandjazz.net.

**Peter Fletcher--Classical Guitar Recital** At 7 p.m. May 21 the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents a classical guitar recital by award winning guitarist Peter Fletcher. The program includes works by Couperin, Bach and Erik Satie. Call 931-3405 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library.

## Events

**4th Annual Livermore Scottish Games** Come and see all the color and excitement of Scottish culture from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19 and 20 at Robertson Park, Livermore. Activities include pipe bands, dancing, caber tossing, jousting, musical groups, re-enactors, clans, children's glen, shinty, sheepdogs, ethnic food and Celtic vendors. Sponsored by LARPD and the Tri-Valley Scotian League. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors/children, and \$5 for parking. Call 373-5700 or visit www.livermoregames.com.

**67th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show** Dubbed "the people's show" because anyone can bring in their homegrown roses, the show is being held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. May 12 at the Century House at Bicentennial Park, 2401 Santa Rita Road. Judging is from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

**American Red Cross: A Glimpse Into Africa** The American Red Cross invites you to join a free discussion regarding their recent visit to Kenya to witness programs focusing on measles, malaria, AIDS, sanitation, and refugee camps. The discussion will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. May 24 at American Red Cross Bay Area Headquarters, 85 2nd St., San Francisco. Call (415) 427-8064 or visit www.redcrossbayarea.org.

**Armed Forces Day Remembrance** From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Armed Forces day, May 19, see one of the largest naval ships in action while being surrounded by the exciting sights and sounds of the working aircraft carrier, the USS Hornet in Alameda. In recognition of their service, current military personnel and their families receive free admission to the museum on this day. The cost is \$20 per family. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

**Downtown Pleasanton Antique Faire** From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 27, over a mile of antiques and collectibles will be displayed by more than 300 professional dealers from all over the West. This is the 16th year for this Downtown Pleasanton event that is one of the largest antique faires in the 11 Western states. Visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

**Father's Day on the USS Hornet** The historic USS Hornet Museum in Alameda hosts "Living Ship Day," Father's Day June 17. Family activities and ship tours will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in mission briefings, see airplanes lifted to the flight deck and sit in a fighter jet cockpit. There is ample free parking and a food concession. Admission is adults \$14, seniors (65 and older) \$12, Military ID and students \$12, youth 5-17 \$6, under 5 years free with paying adult. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.uss-hornet.org.

**Foothill Grad Night Tickets Available** Grad Night 2007 tickets are on sale for \$150 each through June 13. Visit www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/foothill and look under the Announcements/Activities section for information.

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Benefit Show** The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society presents a benefit

show with Keith Varon, Wish Inflicted, Bray and Brittany Shane May 11 at Pier 23 on the Embarcadero in San Francisco. The doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Ages 21 and over only, cover is \$10 at the door.

**Meal Drive at Ensembles** A meal drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 2 will benefit the George Mark Children's House in San Leandro. To participate, sign up for a meal assembly session at Ensembles, 2550 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, and assemble an extra meal while you are in the store. Ensembles is providing the ingredients at no cost. All customer/volunteers enjoy refreshments and are entered in a raffle. Call 855-8355 or visit www.ensemblesmeals.com.

**Memorial Day Remembrance** A Memorial Day ceremony will be held from 1-2 p.m. May 28 at the USS Hornet in Alameda. Veterans of past and present wars will be honored during a special Memorial Day service. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

**Mother's Day Champagne Brunch** Head to the wine country for Garre Winery's Mother's Day Champagne Brunch May 13 at 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Their chefs make omelettes to order, the buffet is filled with brunch favorites and the champagne is free flowing. A professional photographer will be on site and live violin rounds out the day. Tickets are \$35.95 per person, \$14.95 for children 4-10, \$29.95 for seniors 65+, and under 3 free. Call 371-8200 or visit www.garrewinery.com.

**Muscle Cars, Hot Rods and Art Fair** Hats Off America presents the fourth annual Muscle Cars, Hot Rods and Art Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19 and 20 at the grass fields at the corner of Bollinger Canyon Road and Camino Ramon in San Ramon. This event is free and families, but not pets, are welcome. Proceeds benefit families of US troops in Iraq and

Afghanistan. For car display, booth prices or more information call Sparky at 855-1950 or email thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com.

**Saturday Salon** Fourth Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street in Livermore, hosts a Saturday Salon every Saturday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Everyone's a featured writer and has up to 10 minutes to present their work. Call 456-3100.

**Sunday Stroll** The Pleasanton Kiwanis Club presents the Sunday Stroll at 1:30 p.m. May 20. The restaurant and wine tasting walking tour features six Main Street restaurants, starting with Gay 90s Pizza at 288 Main St. and ending at Vic's All Star Cafe. Only 125 tickets will be sold, at \$30 per person, and will not be available on the event day. For tickets call Dawn at 846-5858 or Vic at 484-0789.

**The Summer's Premier Networking Event** Join 200 to 300 successful business professionals at 5:30 p.m. June 27 at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, for the summer's premier networking event which features a trade show, mixer and auction. Tickets are \$10 online if reserved by June 25, or \$20 at the door. Call 689-5726 or visit www.thelearning-cafe.com/html/netevent.html.


## Exhibits

**"Celebrating Byrd and the B's" with Valley Concert Chorale** From 8 to 11 p.m. May 19, Valley Concert Chorale will perform Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms;" Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb;" and pieces by William Byrd at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. Tickets at the door are \$20 adults, \$17 seniors; students 18

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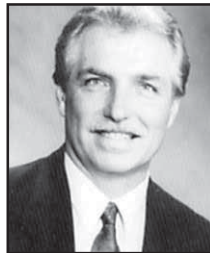
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**A Spring Celebration** Celebrate Spring at Alexander's Main St. Gallery, 610 Main St. The theme of this show is flowers. Also featured is artwork from nationally acclaimed artists Brian Davis and Leon Roulette. Call 846-6015 or visit [www.alexandersmainst-gallery.com](http://www.alexandersmainst-gallery.com).

**Art in the Vineyard 2007** The Livermore Art Association invites everyone to the 35th Art in the Vineyard from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 27 at Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Road. Forty talented artists will be featured. Enjoy the art, music and fine wines. Visit [www.livermoreartassociation.com](http://www.livermoreartassociation.com).

**Bay Area Women Artists** Artists Vanessa Barrett, Joanna Crawshaw, Toby Tover Krein, Cynthia Lait, Linda Ryan, Gail Ruvalcaba join for an art show dedicated to the lives of women of all ages. The show runs through June 2 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 J Main St. Call 485-1183 or visit [www.worthingtongallerywest.com](http://www.worthingtongallerywest.com).

**Fremont Art Association Showcase Reception** Seventeen years ago, Rose Sexton was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, but she found a way to make the tremors work for her art, and is our featured artist for the Second Quarter Showcase through May 20 at the Fremont Art Association, 37659 Niles Blvd., Fremont. The reception is from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 6. Call (510) 792-0905.

**Pieces In Time: 90 Years of Quilts** "Pieces In Time: 90 Years of Quilts," opens at 1 p.m. May 13 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., and runs through Sept. 30. The display of 24 quilts made from 1885 to 1975 includes historic and patterned quilts owned by local residents. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. through Sat. and 1 to 4 p.m. Sun. Tickets are \$2 per person. Call 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

It takes place June 3 at Golden Gate Park's Music Concourse Bandshell, 501 Stanyan St., San Francisco. Registration is at 10 a.m., the walk begins at 11 a.m. To register or for more information visit [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org) or call (408) 739-1846.

**Desserts for Darfur** Desserts for Darfur is a student-sponsored event from 7 to 9 p.m. May 12 to raise money and awareness about the genocide in Darfur. Come to Amador Valley High School's multi-purpose room, 1155 Santa Rita Road, to enjoy a dessert buffet and performances by Pleasanton students. The cost is \$10. Email [dessertsfordarfur@yahoo.com](mailto:dessertsfordarfur@yahoo.com) for info.

**Empty Bowls** Join us for an evening of nourishment as we help fill empty bowls in our community from 5 to 8 June 5 at the Alameda County Community Food Bank, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland. This fundraising event is held in conjunction with National Hunger Awareness Day. Enjoy delicious soup, take home a hand-decorated ceramic bowl and bid in the silent auction. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$40 for families up to two adults and two children under 18. Contact Pam Gidwani at [pgidwani@accfb.org](mailto:pgidwani@accfb.org) or (510) 635-3663 ext. 328. Visit [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org).

**Golf Tournament** The School of Imagination and Happy Talkers presents the first Golf Tournament Fundraiser June 25 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. It costs \$175 per player and \$30 for non-golfers attending the dinner and auction. For more information visit [www.schoolorimagination.org/events](http://www.schoolorimagination.org/events) or call (877) KIDS-TLC.

**Good Medicine 7 Piece Band @ Westover Winery** At 4:30 p.m. June 3, Good Medicine, a 7-piece band, is playing at Westover Vineyards, 34329 Palomares Road, Castro Valley. Tickets are \$50 per car load (10 people max). Armadillo Willy's BBQ dinner is available for \$20 per person and three ribs, 1/4 chicken, BBQ beans, green salad, muffin and 1 non-alcoholic drink. Taste any five ports with glass for \$10. Call 426-0929 for more info.

**Recycling Day at Foothill High** The Foothill High School Booster Club will be collecting electronic waste at the school parking lot, 4375 Foothill Road, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12. Computer monitors, TVs, Cell Phones, laptops, flat screens and ink jet cartridges will be accepted free; \$5 for items such as CPUs, DVD players, printers, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, Steros, etc. Call JoLeeAnn at 963-2966.

## Health

**Healing Yourself & Healing the Planet** From 1 to 3 p.m. May 11, Dr. Brain Clement, author, international lecturer and director of the renowned

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## Film

**The Revolution Will Not Be Televised** At 7 p.m. May 19, "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised," a documentary of Hugo Chavez with live, inside-the-palace footage of the coup d'tat, will be shown at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible and refreshments are provided. Free or \$2.00 donation. Meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m., and a short discussion follows the film. Call 462-3459.

## Fundraisers

**Bay Area VisionWalk** The Bay Area VisionWalk benefits the Foundation Fighting Blindness. The 5-kilometer (approx. 3 mile) walk will raise money in support of cutting-edge research.



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**ABWA Express to Success Network** This businesswomen's group is presenting a talk by Betty Jo Waxman, presenter from Productive Learning and Leisure, on the topic of thinking and success from 6 to 8:30 p.m. May 15 at Four Points at Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Find out what tools you need to break out of limited thinking. Waxman has been leading personal development seminars for over 25 years. The cost is \$5 for non-members. Call 788-3037 or visit [www.expresstosuccess.org](http://www.expresstosuccess.org).

**Dealing with Change in the Wake of Cancer** People with cancer and their caregivers experience many life changes upon diagnosis. The Wellness Community presents a free interactive multimedia presentation from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 17 at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W Las Positas Blvd.; which will help you more effectively manage change in your lives. Ways we cope and ultimately deal with our reactions to loss will also be addressed. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twc-bayarea.org](http://www.twc-bayarea.org).

**Educational Workshop** The Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is hosting a free educational workshop where the history and purpose of the organization will be presented. It will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 17 in the Hayward/Union City Room of the Alameda County Conference Center, 125 12th St., Oakland. Seating is limited. RSVP to Sandy at (510) 272-5142.

**Leadership Event of the Year!** The Influence Index, unprecedented in scope, brings captains of industry and leadership experts such as Ken Blanchard, Malcolm Gladwell, Tim Sanders, Terry Bradshaw, John C. Maxwell, and Mark Sanborn for training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11 at the Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive in Dublin. Tickets are \$75.00 early registration, \$99.00 after April 27, or \$129.00 on the day of the event, if available. Information and registration online at [www.dublinvcc.org](http://www.dublinvcc.org).

**Operations Start-Up, Monitoring, and Human Resources** Join us from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 23 at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, to discuss process and the essential legal, accounting, taxation and record keeping processes. Call 960-1600 or visit [www.techventures.org](http://www.techventures.org).

**Miscellaneous**

**Kittens Seek Foster Homes** The East Bay SPCA's Foster Care Program seeks foster homes for the upcoming kitten season. For more information, contact the East Bay SPCA at (510) 563-4632 or visit [www.eastbayspca.org/foster](http://www.eastbayspca.org/foster).

**Knife Sharpening** Pans on Fire is partnering with Perfect Edge Cutlery

to offer on-site knife sharpening services from 9 a.m. May 12 at their store at 310-B Main St. beginning at 9:00 a.m. No appointment necessary, your knives and scissors will be sharpened while you wait or shop. Take care to safely transport your knives. If you don't have a knife roll, place them in a kitchen towel secured with a rubber band or tie. Pans on Fire also offers knife sharpening appointments. Call 600-PANS or visit [www.pansonfire.com](http://www.pansonfire.com).

**Letter Carriers Food Drive** Help stamp out hunger with the National Association of Letter Carriers' 15th annual food drive. Leave non-perishable food donations near your home or business mailbox for pickup on May 12 when your mail is delivered. Call (510) 635-3663 ext. 318 or visit [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org) for information.

**On Stage**

**AVHS Drama's One Act Play Festival** Amador Valley High School Drama Presents the third annual, student-written and student-directed One Acts Play Festival. Six new plays will have their world premiere at 7:30 p.m. May 17 and 18 at Amador's Second Stage, 1155 Santa Rita Road. There promises to be a captivating combination of comedy and drama; something for everyone! Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Email [khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

**Comedy of Errors** The Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents "Comedy of Errors" July 12 to August 4 at the Retzlaff Estate Winery, 1356 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. Tickets go on sale May 15; call (800) 838-3006. Visit [www.LivermoreShakes.org](http://www.LivermoreShakes.org).

**Raising The Barre** Valley Dance Theatre presents a mixed repertory at 7 p.m. May 26 and 2 p.m. May 27 at Livermore HS Performing Arts Center, 600 Maple St., Livermore. It's sure to delight audiences of all ages featuring two full-length ballets, The Firebird, a magical creature captured by a prince; and La Boutique Fantasque, a magical toyshop that comes to life. Also featuring scenes from Romeo & Juliet. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and ages 13 and over, free for children under 12. Call 243-0927 or visit [www.valleydanceandtheatre.com](http://www.valleydanceandtheatre.com).

**Sondheim's "Putting It Together"** Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Putting It Together," 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays from April 20 through May 12, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$18-24, \$15 for groups more than 10; purchase tickets at [www.village-theatre-shows.com](http://www.village-theatre-shows.com), or call 314-3400. Visit [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com) for more info.

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**Pleasanton Real Estate News**



by Gerarda Stocking

**THE FATE OF "STEPPED-UP BASIS"**

Clients have expressed some concern that we might lose our ability to "step-up" the adjusted basis in a home we inherit to market value at the time of (or six months after) the death of the person from whom we inherit the property. This provision allows us to avoid any capital gains tax on the sale of a property (or other appreciated asset) so long as the selling price doesn't exceed the value of the property at the time of death or, as mentioned, six months thereafter. It does not, however, affect potential estate taxation in any way.

The question that has arisen, therefore, is whether outright elimination of estate taxation would likely be accompanied by elimination of the "stepped-up basis" privilege. The best answer—and any answer that seeks to predict what Congress may do to the tax code in the future is, at best, highly speculative—seems to be that the "stepped-up basis" privilege is probably here to stay. And here's the reason that most tax law experts are making that prediction: They sincerely doubt that the estate tax will ever be totally eradicated.

Odds are reasonably good, therefore, that tax planning can assume (though tentatively) that the stepped-up basis provision will be with us for many years to come. This means that appreciated real estate will continue to provide one of the best ways to pass wealth from one generation to the next. Be certain you consult with your tax advisor before making any specific plans or assumptions, though. For assistance call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

*Gerarda Stocking is the Owner/Broker of Stocking Realty.*

Hippocrates Health Institute, will explore the institute's 50 years of helping people to heal themselves. He will also explain quantum health and how individual choices have global impact. This free event is at World School of Massage, 699 Peters Ave. Call Nick at 461-2533 or visit [www.worldschool-massage.com](http://www.worldschool-massage.com).

**Holiday**

**English Rose Offers Special Teas for Moms** The English Rose Tea Room, 163 Neal St., specializes in pampering its guests. To offer local residents a way to thank their moms and give them extra love and care, the business is offering special Mother's Day Teas at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. May 12. The menu will include the usual traditional afternoon tea and special treats. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact Lisa Binzoni at 462-6233.

**Kids & Teens**

**Cheerleading Tryouts** California Spirit Elite is hosting a cheerleading tryout for its competitive teams from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 11 at 1056-A Serpentine Lane. Boys and girls from ages 5 to 18 are welcome with any level of experience. Come cheer with the best in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. Call Marcy at 462-5877 or visit [www.californiaspiritelite.com](http://www.californiaspiritelite.com).

**Children's Arts Festival** Children will be invited to participate in interactive arts activities such as painting, origami and jewelry making from 12 to 4 p.m. June 3 at the Children's Art Festival, at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Musical entertainment will be provided by young performers from this year's Youth Music Festival. Call 931-5340.

**Mother/Daughter Spa Event** Bond and enjoy the Pure Girls Mother/Daughter Spa Event on from 6 to 8 p.m. May 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 26 or 2 to 4 p.m. May 27 at 660 Main St. Teens get a spa etiquette overview then both of you receive a free skin

care review and spa escape before either a manicure or a pedicure. The cost is \$59 per pair. Call 485-4380 or visit [www.puregirlsclub.com](http://www.puregirlsclub.com).

**Pure Girls Doll Drive** Thanks to the girls that donated over 100 dresses to Pure Girls for the Princess Project. Pure Girls is now sponsoring a doll drive for the month of May. Girls can bring in their new or gently used dolls into Pure Girls, 660 Main St., and at the end of the month they will be distributed to Bay Area girls in need. Call Tracy at 485-4380 or visit [www.puregirlsclub.com](http://www.puregirlsclub.com).

**Lectures/ Workshops**

**'Creating a Closed-Loop Project Portfolio'** Thu, May 24. Project Management SIG presents "Creating a Closed-Loop Project Portfolio" 6:30 p.m. May 24 at Sybase, One Sybase Center Building A, Dublin. Learn about how organizations must close the gap

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You've got to check this out! Whether your looking for that calorie burnin', adrenaline charging, high level workout or the serenity of yoga and pilates, this is without question the "hottest spot" in the Valley for women's group exercise programs. Butterfly Life is where you will find the best professionally trained and nationally certified instructors. "We are different from other clubs, because we solely design our workouts to cater to helping a women's body. We understand what women want and what women need. Best of all we know how to have fun!" says Robin Weiss, Director of Group Exercise for these two clubs.

Butterfly Life offers a wide variety of classes designed to provide women the best in cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, and flexibility. With over 80 live classes offered between the San Ramon and Pleasanton locations, there is always something available to meet your taste in group exercise. "I love this club, the group classes and instructors are exceptional, and the best part is that the classes are included in the membership" says Maggie a member who drives over 15 miles to attend this

gym. "There is nothing like it anywhere else, I'd drive further if I had to".

Here is a unique twist, if you attend the gym at a time when live classes are not in session, Butterfly Life has a unique Life Vision System that allows you to take any class via there huge 80" high definition screen.

"All of our classes are designed for women of all fitness levels. We strive to provide a fun, safe, welcoming and non-competitive environment for all participants. Changes and enhancements are based on member feedback and the latest in exercise science research. Between the motivating music, camaraderie of participants, dynamic workout styles and incredible results, you'll get hooked on exercise at Butterfly Life" promises Robin.

"It is amazing that we have this type of gym in our area, I feel very fortunate, I've moved a lot in the past twenty years, and this is the first time I have been a member of a gym that makes me feel special, a gym where the owner calls you to see how things are going and she even sent me a birthday gift this year." says

Doreen, a regular attending member from Pleasanton.

The other great by-product of the Butterfly Life group exercise experience is that it is a wonderful way to make new friends. "You can't help but make new friends, the great thing about the women at Butterfly Life is that there is no self pretense here, women here are friendly and supportive of each other" says Kathy, owner of Butterfly Life. "I just love our instructors, I personally take many classes during the week, so I can get a great workout and meet our members" Kathy adds.

Another area that makes this fitness experience unique, is the education opportunity it provides to it's members. Through an innovative approach, Butterfly Life brings to its members, seminars on Nutrition, Health, and Fitness. They bring this information to its members through Life Vision. Life Vision is a presentation tool that allows the members to educate themselves about the various topics important to women. The other way members can get educated and motivated at the same time is through the extensive team of certified personal trainers. The trainers at Butterfly Life are trained specifically to deal

with fitness as it relates to women. The best way to put it is, "its women helping women".

Exercising is not a chore at Butterfly Life, its fun. "It is amazing how time flies while I'm here" says member Heidi Scott, "whether I'm taking a class or just working out, there are plenty of things that will make the time go by" In the cardio area you will find TV's with a variety of programs as well as the Butterfly Life seminars playing around the clock, you can even check out a book on tape to help you pass the time.

"We want our members to have a high quality workout experience. We want to help pass on valuable information but most of all we want them to feel comfortable and enjoy their experience so that they want to come back." says Kathy

Samples of classes being offered today are: Yoga, Pilates, Step, Kickboot, Body Sculpting, Line Dancing, Hip-Hop, Dance, Kickboxing, Power Pump, Fit Mix, Abs, Ball Sculpt, Ball Pilates, Boot Camp, Cycle and more.

So get up and get moving at a Butterfly Life Group Exercise Class Today!

## Women Helping Other Women

### Personal Training

What makes us unique is that we understand a women's body and the needs of women. Our training is specifically targeted towards the needs of women. "Our staff of trainers are truly passionate about women's health" says Marianne, long time trainer at Butterfly's San Ramon location. "It is knowing that we can make a difference in a clients life that gives us our greatest satisfaction." she adds.

Women have specific needs, they face issues specific to women. The training programs at Butterfly Life are targeted with these very issues in mind. Whether you just had a baby, dealing with menopause or osteoporosis, our certified trainers will design a program that is specific to your needs.

"My clients all have different needs, from training for a triathlon to just wanting to lose a few pounds and tone their body for that next special event such as a wedding or vacation. We are there to help them meet their needs in fitness and make them feel better about themselves." says Tina a long time trainer.

"A couple of the great benefits for us as trainers is that we are helping women lead healthier lives, and that many of our clients become great friends," says Marianne.

All of the trainers at Butterfly Life are nationally certified and have a significant amount of experience training women.



Marianne, Personal Trainer in San Ramon works with client on form

### San Ramon

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## Political Notes

**Immigration Discussion** Berkeley Professor, Dr. Irene Bloemraad will discuss immigration and social responsibility, at 10 a.m. May 12 at the annual meeting of the Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters. The public is invited for the discussion in the Community Room at the Livermore Police Station, 1110 South Livermore Ave. Immigration is the topic of the next LAV-LWW study group. Call 443-8683.

**Iraq Peace Forum** Seven diverse speakers headline a peace forum sponsored by Resolution Peace, a network of Democratic clubs and progressive organizations, from 1 to 4 p.m. May 12 at the IBEW Meeting Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Diablo Valley College professor, Scott MacDougal will moderate the discussion. Panelists will take questions from the audience. Visit [www.ResolutionPeace.org](http://www.ResolutionPeace.org).

## Recreation

**Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner Night** Beginning May 16 and running every Wednesday through the fall, Garre Winery begins their "Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner Night" series. The price is \$34.95 per person and includes two glasses of wine, a four-course Italian meal, group instruction and play. Reservations are required. Call 371-8200 or visit [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com).

## Seniors

**Computer Classes for Seniors 55+** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers computer classes from 9 to 10 a.m. for mature adults. Join us to learn to surf the Internet and send email. Absolute beginners welcome. The second Tuesday of month is Beginning Internet, the third Tuesday of month is Beginning Email, and the fourth Tuesday of month is Advanced Email. Email [mcorporea@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mcorporea@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or call 931-3400 ext. 21 for details.

**Learn Information For Empowerment Resource Fair** The Learn Information For Empowerment (L.I.F.E.) information and resource fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Receive valuable safety tips and emergency related items from each participating community service agency. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration for the workshops is encouraged. Prizes raffled hourly. Giveaway items and free refreshments while supplies last. Call 556-4511 or visit [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com).

**National Senior Health & Fitness Day** Get ready to shape up and learn all about fitness and health during the National Senior Health and Fitness Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 30 at Salem Lutheran Home, 2361 East 29th St., Oakland. The highlights include informational booths featuring health and fitness experts, a quarter mile walking path lined with water and snacks, and speakers and presentations. Call Arta at (510) 534-3637.

**Pleasanton PC Users Group** The PC User Group meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. You don't need to be an expert to attend, we have all skills levels in our meetings. The usual Senior Center charges apply, \$1.25 for Pleasanton Residents, \$1.75 for all others. Call 931-5365 or email [pleaseniior@yahoo.com](mailto:pleaseniior@yahoo.com) for details.

**Transitions Support Group** Are you or someone you know: 60 or older and living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore or Sunol? Looking for a warm and supportive environment to connect with others? In need of a place to share, support and reminisce? Join the Transitions Support Group meeting 2:30 to 4 p.m. every

Wednesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5379 for info.

## Spiritual

**Christian 12 Step** Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Call 426-0501.

**Open Christian 12 Step** Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at 40 California Ave., Ste. B. Call 426-0501 or visit [www.rquest.org](http://www.rquest.org).

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** Tri-Valley Unity Church meets for Sunday service and children's school 10 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. There are ongoing classes and groups with Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call 829-2733 or visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Tri-Valley Unity Church Special Mother's Day Service** Tri-Valley Unity Church will meet at Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin on May 13 only, for Mother's Day. Sunday service and children's school begin at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call 829-2733 or visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Women's Christian 12 Step** Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at noon every Friday and Saturday at Shepherd's Gate, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore. Call 443-4283.

## Sports

**15th Annual Summer Baseball Camp** At the 15 annual summer baseball camp, Foothill High School varsity baseball coach, Angelo Scavone, and his staff will instruct on the fundamentals of offense, defense and pitching. All campers will receive individual attention with an 8:1 instructor ratio. The camp is for boy and girl youth baseball players ages 7-14, and is limited to the first 120 players to sign up. The camp will be held at Foothill's varsity baseball field from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 25 to 27. The cost is \$125 for all three days. Go to [www.pleasantonpony.com](http://www.pleasantonpony.com) for sign-up forms. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Scavone at 461-7515 ext. 3.

**Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp** Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. By invitation only, boys and girls ages 10 to 19 are eligible to apply. Players from 50 states and 17 countries attended the 2006 camp. There is also a summer camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 18 of all skill levels. Call (704) 373-0873.

**Tri-Valley Cheer Sign-Ups** Tri-Valley Cheer Xtreme is a competitive cheer program based in Dublin. If you are between the ages of 10 to 15, sign-ups for the upcoming 2007 season are at Fredericksen Elementary School, 7243 Tamarack Drive, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the following days: April 25, and May 2, 9 and 16. Registration fee is \$50.00. Contact Carol at [Mosescheer4you@aol.com](mailto:Mosescheer4you@aol.com) or 216-6742. Visit <http://trivalleycheer.tripod.com>.

## Support Groups

**Cancer Support Group** A free support group for people with cancer and their loved ones. Facilitated by The Wellness Community. The

group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twc-bayarea.org](http://www.twc-bayarea.org).

**Choosing to Heal** Discover the 10 choices you can make and the 10 lies you must reject to open the door for healing. This life-changing small group will be given practical, Biblical counsel on how to move forward in life. The small group meets for eight weeks starting April 25 at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive in Dublin. Childcare is provided. Led by a trained counselor, the group is \$25 per person. Register online at [www.dublinvcc.org](http://www.dublinvcc.org).

**Domestic Violence** A Domestic Violence support group is held 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, for

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**East Bay Cancer Support Group**  
The East Bay Cancer Support group is an independent, non-profit, non-sectarian organization serving cancer patients, caregivers and the bereaved at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. All services are provided free of charge. For scheduled meeting times, please call (510) 889-8766 or visit [www.ebcancer-support.org](http://www.ebcancer-support.org).

**Grief Share** Are you looking for community, understanding and support? If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

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**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy**  
The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy support group's next meeting is at 10 a.m. April 24 at the Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. The group meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Tuesdays of each month. Peripheral Neuropathy generally presents itself as tingling, pain or numbness in the feet or hands. It is hard to diagnose and is common. All are invited to learn more about this disease. Call Lorene at 447-6158 or Ann at 443-4098.

**Lose It For Life** The group process supports hope and change for men and women suffering from compulsive overeating. Group members meet at

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**Vision Support Group** Individuals with low vision, and their loved ones, are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us for low vision information, speakers, resources, discussions, and day trips. No reservations are required. Nominal fees may apply. Call 931-5369.

**Volunteering**

**Alameda County Community Food Bank** Volunteers are needed to sort food, answer the food helpline and general office work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alameda County Community Food Bank, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland. Groups and individuals are welcome. Contact Charles Beyer at [cbeyer@accfb.org](mailto:cbeyer@accfb.org) or (510) 635-3663 ext. 308. Visit [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org).

**Reading Volunteers Needed** The Barton Reading Program needs read-

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

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

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. Registration is not required to attend the orientation. Call 803-7043 or visit [www.tv-ar.org](http://www.tv-ar.org).

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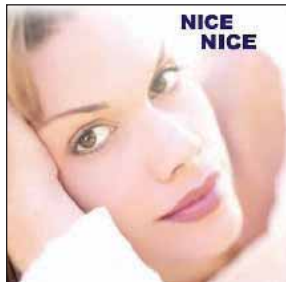


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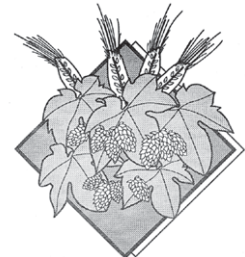


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