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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Here's a chance to see, ride in vintage WWII bombers

Once again, vintage World War II bombers will be at the Livermore Airport during the Memorial Day weekend for public viewing. The airplanes, a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and North American B-25 Mitchell, are part of a Wings of Freedom Tour sponsored by the Collings Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit educational foundation devoted to organizing "living history" events that allow people to learn more about their heritage and history through direct participation. The Livermore stop this weekend is part of a 130-city tour to 35 states. Since its start, tens of millions of people have seen the B-17, B-24 and B-25 displays at locations during the 18 years the Collings Foundation has been restoring and showing these aircraft in these extraordinary and unique interactive traveling historical displays.

Kevin Ryan of Pleasanton, a private pilot who flies out of the Livermore Airport, is the Livermore Stop Coordinator this year. He arranges these visits to Livermore as a flying tribute to the flight crews who flew these types of planes, the ground crews who maintained them, the workers who built them, the soldiers, sailors and airmen they helped protect and the citizens and families that share the freedom that they helped preserve. The B-17, B-24 and B-25 were the backbone of the American effort during WWII from 1942 to 1945 and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish their missions. Despite the risks of anti-aircraft fire, attacking enemy fighters and the harrowing environment of sub-zero temperatures, many B-17s, B-24s and B-25s safely brought their crews home. After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum as the U.S. shifted to a

civilian product-focused economy and few aircraft were spared. The rarity of the B-17, B-24 and B-25 and their importance to telling the story of WWII is why the Collings Foundation continues to fly and display the aircraft nationwide. At each location Collings representatives encourage local veterans and their families to visit and share their experiences and stories with the public.

The bombers will arrive about 2 p.m. Sunday at Livermore and will be open to the public until 5 p.m. that day, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Memorial Day, and again on Tuesday. The planes will be flown to another stop on Wednesday. Veteran Walt Hughes, who flew 35 missions in WWII on B-24s, will be on board the restored B-24 as it flies from Sacramento to Livermore. Visitors will be able to talk to Hughes and other veterans about their WWII experiences. The public also can explore the aircraft inside and out. Donations of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 are requested, with the funds going to the Collings Foundation to help pay restoration and maintenance costs. Visitors may also take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft for donations of \$425 a person for the B-17 or B-24 and \$400 to sit in the front fuselage of the B-25 and \$325 to climb into the waist gun section of the plane.

The B-17 is one of only nine in flying condition in the U.S. The B-24 is the sole remaining example of its type anywhere in the world and the B-25 is one of only a handful in flying condition. Tours of the planes are a highlight of school children throughout the Tri-Valley, with hundreds expected to join their classes on trips to the airport on Tuesday. For reservations and information on flight experiences call 800-568-8924. ■

### About the Cover

Sarah Millard (left) holds her baby Jordan while reviewing a worksheet in her class "The World of Work," along with fellow student Jennifer Frost (right), at Horizon High School. Pleasanton's "fourth high school," Horizon is a school for teenage parents, offering them the support and programs they need to finish high school while raising a child. Photo by Rebecca Guyon. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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# Streetwise

**Q:** Do you think Paris Hilton should go to jail?

Asked Around Town



**Stacia Fanara**

Sales

I don't really even know what is going on with Paris Hilton. I don't pay attention to her world. It is too far from everyday reality for most people. I think if she did something wrong, against the law, she should pay the way everyone else does. I have a feeling she'll weasel her way out of it.

**Christine Lowe**

Sales

I think she should get the same treatment that everyone else would in her situation. She is over the top. Actually, she should have to clean toilets. I don't think she contributes to our society in any way.



**Bill Simone**

Sales

In my opinion, the young lady has done nothing positive to contribute to society. If my young daughter or son did the same thing, they would have to go to jail. In my eyes, she receives special treatment simply because her family is who they are. They have the means to reach out to every resource available and she'll get different treatment.



**Ashley Rose**

Student

I think she should go to jail. There is no reason she should be treated differently than myself or my peers would. I don't think she sets a very good example for young people today.



**Robert Fields**

Manager at Hollywood Video

Of course she should! No rich person is above this country's laws. She did the crime; she needs to do the time!



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# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Police host meeting on teen driving

Teen driving will be the topic of a town hall meeting hosted by the Pleasanton Police Department at 6:30 p.m. June 7 in the Amador Valley High School library, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Aimed at parents, all are invited to discuss teen driving, alcohol and safety issues. On hand will be one of Alameda County's traffic commissioners, several members of the department's traffic enforcement unit and the department's two school resource officers. Call Traffic Sgt. Michael Collins at 931-5186 for more information.

### Retired Educators gives scholarship

Two of four recipients of the Tri-Valley Retired Educators scholarship were awarded to Pleasanton high school students. Steffany Galbraith of Foothill High School and Sara Mufich of Amador High School were given plaques and honored at a luncheon of the Tri-Valley Retired Educators in Dublin May 15. The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to students who are planning a career in education. The Educators said each has made impressive contributions to school and community and has acquired significant experience working with high school peers, tutoring at elementary and college levels and volunteering in the community.

### Drop off goods for troops at museum

The Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St., is an ongoing drop-off place for donations for Operation S.A.M., a nonprofit volunteer organization that sends packages to American troops to show support to those deployed all over the world, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan. The museum's hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call the museum at 426-2766 or visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org) for items needed.

### Corrections

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

## WiFi service to begin operation next month

*Service is free, available to anyone visiting downtown area*

by Janet Pelletier

It's taken a few months longer than anticipated, but Pleasanton's free wireless Internet service will begin operating next month, according to the company that designed the network.

Doug Linman, CEO of NetworkAnatomy, which is located across from the Meadowlark Dairy on West Neal Street, said this week that crews have completed installing access points across the downtown area, where the free WiFi will be available to the public.

Linman said his company gave city officials the news at a meeting May 15 and began testing the network last Friday.

"It was a big meeting and it went over well. They're very excited and very pleased," he said.

A total of 21 access points will canvass the downtown area from Peters Avenue to the west, First Street to the east, the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard to the south and the Rose Hotel to the north. Linman said 14 are currently operational and an additional seven will be installed inside buildings such as the Museum on Main and the Veteran's Memorial Hall in the coming months. The veteran's building is expected to complete renovation in early fall.

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Access points have been installed on lamp posts.

Doug Linman



Pleasanton homes near Stoneridge Drive are seen in the distance in this view of 124-acre Staples Ranch from El Charro Road. A citizens' group wants commercial development blocked; Livermore seeks to annex the land.

## Pleasanton could lose \$millions in Staples Ranch grab

*Two efforts under way to deny commercial benefits to city*

by Jeb Bing

Pleasanton stands to lose millions of dollars annually in future tax revenue it's been counting on if either of two initiatives under way to stop commercial development of the unincorporated 124-acre Staples Ranch or to have the land annexed into Livermore succeeds.

Late last Friday, Anne Fox, chairwoman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission and a coalition that includes former chairman Brian Arkin filed a petition with Pleasanton City Clerk Karen Diaz calling for a referendum to turn Staples Ranch into a greenbelt with no residential or commercial development.

Arkin and John Carroll, a frequent speaker at City Council meetings who has objected to ever extending Stoneridge Drive to Livermore, also are believed to be backers of the petition, although neither signed it.

At the same time, political interests in Livermore are talking to county officials and to LAFCO, the Local Agency Formation Commission in charge of annexation, about annexing Staples Ranch and all of El Charro Road from I-580 to Stanley Boulevard. Both the roadway and Staples Ranch lie in the so-called Pleasanton "sphere of influence," but that is a non-binding agreement that both LAFCO and the county, which controls both Staples Ranch and El Charro Road, could change.

The petition was clearly a surprise and believed

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## 22-year-old resident dies in motorcycle crash

*Nick Sellick remembered for his love of thrills, friends and family*

by Emily Atwood

Nick Sellick lived for thrills. Whether it was wakeboarding, off-roading or cruising in his motorcycle, the 22-year-old loved the adrenaline rush. He and his long-time friends, known as the inseparable Four Musketeers, enjoyed several trips often filled with these fear-inducing activities.

Speed appears to be the cause of a crash shortly after 7 p.m. May 15 where Sellick, on his motorcycle, crashed into a tree on Mines Road in Livermore. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

"He did it doing something that we all do," Chad Nielsen, one of the musketeers, said. "We do it for the reason of that fear. If there was no fear of something like that, then we didn't do it."

While he said the accident won't stop him from riding a motorcycle, Nielsen said they're now coming to realize that a big part of the crew is missing.

More than a thrill-seeker, Sellick's friends and family remember him as a part of that solid crew. There are countless stories of Sellick being woken up in the early hours of the morning to help a friend. If it was car trouble or they were stuck in a field, he would load up his truck and help as fast as he could.

His dad, Bart Sellick, knew he was a great friend, but found out after the accident in the outpouring of people who came to the family's side.

"He was loved by more people than I ever thought existed," he said. "He was a wonderful kid that I'll just plain miss."

Nick Sellick graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2004. He is survived by a twin brother, Steve, and his parents Bart and Linda Sellick and many more relatives and friends. He

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## Best buddies ride for diabetes

9-year-old, 11-year-old join corporate biking team

by Emily Atwood

Last year, Pleasanton resident Harinder Grewal wanted to do something different before he turned 40. He heard about Team in Training sponsoring a 100-mile ride benefiting leukemia and lymphoma and said he knew biking was for him. It wasn't about a new hobby, he said, but it was about doing something significant.

Little did he know that the same inspiration would trickle down to his daughter.

Nine-year-old Saira Grewal was "bit by the biking bug" after seeing her dad participate in the 100-mile ride. She watched her dad train with long rides on the weekends and was there to cheer him on as he completed the long trek.

Even without the excitement of the event, when the weekend came Saira would join him on long-distance rides.

"When my company (Solectron in Milpitas) approached me about getting involved in the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure, the kids were excited as well," Hardiner Grewal said.

For Saira and her sister, Nisha, 11, this is their first fundraising ride. They join the Solectron crew of about 30 to cruise the mostly flat terrain 30-mile course. The ride takes place June 10 in Palo Alto and raises money for diabetes research and awareness.

It was this cause that inspired Saira. Her fourth-grade classmate



Job Bing

Best friends and classmates Saira Grewal (left) and Ashna Jasuja will ride in the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure June 10 in Palo Alto.

Ashna Jasuja has had diabetes since she was 1 year old. Every day when they eat lunch together, Ashna must test her blood sugar before and after she eats. So Saira decided she would ride in Ashna's honor.

"I feel bad for her," Saira said, "and I hope that researchers can find a cure."

Ashna's mom said she was beaming when she heard that Saira was riding in her honor. She was so touched, in fact, that she decided to join in. While she has participated

in a juvenile foundation diabetes walk, this is Ashna's first bike ride for the cause.

Since Saira has been training for about two months and Ashna only recently started, the two decided to aim for completing 15 miles, which would equate to about two hours of riding.

To sponsor Harinder, Saira or Ashna, visit <http://tour.diabetes.org>, click sponsor a rider and enter the name of the rider you wish to sponsor. ■

## Motorcycle

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also had a girlfriend, Katie, who Bart Sellick said was just about to become his fiancé.

His girlfriend said he was a bad guy with a soft side and his dad would agree.

"He had two different smiles," he said. "One was a little devilish smile and everybody knew that about him. Most of the time no one ever really saw his happy smile with the gleam in his eye. He had it when he played with the puppy we had and also for his very special girl, Katie."

Family and friends said this is especially hard on his identical twin brother Steve.

"We're all taking it really hard," Nielsen said, "and trying to be strong for Steve. It's hard, it's like he's lost his second half."

Nick Sellick was also very independent and mechanically minded. As a young boy, he and Steve loved to take things apart—even things like their crib. Nick Sellick put his skills to work, rebuilding trucks and motorcycles to make them exactly how he wanted. He also worked at Crawford Sheet Metal in high school and most recently worked for Cresco Rentals on California Avenue.

But his real desire was to work



Job Bing

A makeshift memorial stands at the tree on Mines Road.

for East Bay Regional Parks as a ranger. He took classes at Chabot College with backgrounds in law enforcement. In fact, he was accepted into the program the day he died. Bart Sellick is in the Pleasanton Police Department reserves and

Nick Sellick eventually wanted to be in law enforcement.

"Nick was straightforward and honest," Nielsen said. "He would always be there for you."

Memorial services were scheduled for last Thursday. ■

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## District faces tight budget for the next school year

*Superintendent says if cuts are necessary, they will be far from the students*

by Emily Atwood

After being lavished last year with extra money and grants going towards counseling, physical education, music and arts, the Pleasanton Unified School District is now facing a tight budget for the 2007-08 school year.

The school board and staff met May 17 for to discuss the preliminary state budget's impact on the district's budget. Superintendent John Casey is a little more worried this year, but said there are variables that still have to come together.

"If our experience holds, we will have money unspent at the end of this year to a higher level than what we have budgeted so far," he said.

He also said the budget could change if enrollment numbers are higher than what was budgeted. While there's a reported decrease in statewide school attendance, Casey also added that they're anticipating growth for the coming year.

If cuts were needed, Casey said the first place they would look to make reductions would be at the district office level.

"We always attempt to make reductions in programs which are the farthest from the students," he said. "Each of the [district] depart-

ments has a budget and we would see what we could do there."

Assistant Superintendent Sandra Lepley said the comparisons between the budget at this time last year and now are "diametric." Last year there were huge one-time and ongoing augmentations for counseling, district grants, and extra money for physical education, music and arts.

This year's budget, she said, is a "normal, typical increase from year to year. It's sort of lackluster. It's nothing to get excited about but fortunately we have a lot of things in place that started last year that we can continue to improve and polish."

The only thing to count on in the budget, Lepley added, was the cost of living change in revenue limit. It increased from \$4.04 million to \$4.53 million statewide, giving the district about \$400,000.

She said it wasn't much considering they work off a \$120 million budget, but "it's better than having a deficit."

Also discussed at the meeting was the use of money allotted for the proposed Neal Elementary School.

"We've put in \$600,000 annually for operating costs associated with

Neal School," Casey said. "The school's not going to be built next year so we don't need to hold that money. But we still want to maintain it as a placeholder."

Part of that money would then be designated for increasing teacher salaries as negotiated by the district and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers. The district still has to work with the classified employees and the managers.

The talk of tight budgets leads back to the idea of a parcel tax. The district is currently under way with developing a feasibility study. A survey is expected to be circulated soon and, if all goes to plan, the district will see the results next year.

Yet, it would be a while until the district saw money from it, if it were to pass. Lepley said that if everything went smoothly and it hit ballots in November 2008 and was passed, the district wouldn't see that money until 2009 or 2010.

Next in the budget process will be the presentation of the district's preliminary budget at the regular meeting June 5 and adopting the final budget June 26. The state's adopted budget is supposed to be completed by June 30 or July 1. ■

## WiFi

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For a 10 to 15-day period, the company will test the access points and the network to ensure its workability.

Linman said his crews will be playing with the network, causing it to purposely crash so that they will know how to fix it if that were to happen unexpectedly.

"We have outside people from the Chamber, from the Pleasanton Downtown Association that are going to help us test as well," he said. "They're going to walk around with their laptops and PDAs in all kinds of different areas to test, morning and evenings and on the weekends. Then, I'll go back and present the results to the city."

Linman said an operational guide will be created for the city to instruct them how to deal with any technical issues, should they arise.

The expected June launch is three months later than first anticipated, but issues such as ordering specific paint, rainy weather and unexpected tree growth delayed the project.

"It was really going to be in March," Linman said. "We had to order certain kinds of paint that have serial numbers only for Pleasanton. It's the Pleasanton green that you're used to seeing."

"Then we had some rain days where we couldn't really work on anything," he continued. "And then we had on top of that, all the growth came out. We had trees that we didn't even know where they came from, but they weren't



Doug Linman

Electrical engineer Lee Ganje, left, and David Schneider, president and electrical engineer of Vista Electric, assist NetworkAnatomy by installing access points that blend so well with city light posts that most people haven't noticed they're there.

in line for our antennas when we did our (survey) work in January and February, so we had to move some antennas because of the tree patterns and the growth patterns. These things happen. It's good to find things now than all of a sudden go into a test and say 'Why aren't these antennas working?'"

But despite the delay, Linman said the project is being completed in a relatively quick timeframe.

"Essentially, the kickoff was Jan. 17 and we're essentially finished four months later which is almost unheard of," he said. "We're probably the fastest municipal implementation yet. Everybody else is taking eight, nine months to a year to 15 months to put these things up."

"We have not set a specific date yet," Pamela Ott, economic development director for the city, said of

the official unveiling. "My sense is that it will be in mid- to late-June. We know that these things, they happen in time, and just as with any product, testing or installation sometimes might take a little longer."

The equipment that's been installed is also meant to withstand the hot temperatures in Pleasanton's summer months.

"We don't want the equipment to fail because we didn't consider what's going to happen when it gets to be 110 degrees," Linman said.

Users of the service will be shown a splash page when they log into it. Linman said it will be a welcome message and will have a user agreement. There will be no advertisements or pop-ups, he said. ■

# Memorial Day service planned at Pleasanton cemetery

*Pleasanton Memorial Gardens will salute fallen soldiers*

by Janet Pelletier

Taps, a salute to fallen soldiers, the placing of a wreath and speeches by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Congressman Jerry McNerney and a rear admiral are among the activities planned Monday for a Memorial Day ceremony at the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens.

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the cemetery, 5780 Sunol Blvd.

It will begin with a posting of the national colors by VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 and Boy Scout Troops 941 and 998. The Pledge of Allegiance will come next, followed by the National Anthem, an invocation by Chaplain Gerald D. Evans and General Logan's Order by Leo Walker of the American Legion Post 237. Three speakers will then present, including Hosterman, McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mary P. O'Donnell.

Jon Rosell of Boy Scout

Troop 998 will then read the Gettysburg Address. Tina and Marissa Mancebo and Molly Corbin Society of Children of the American Revolution will lead a Memorial Day prayer. Then, Ruth Lindhurst of VFW 6298 Auxiliary will do the placing of the wreath and Jose Rose of the VFW will lead the Honor Roll of Silence.

The Rifle Firing Squad of the U.S. Air Force ROTC of Berkeley will conduct the Salute to the Fallen. Scout troops will play taps and all attendees, led by Chaplain Gerald D. Evans, will sing "America the Beautiful."

The final parts of the ceremony will include a benediction by Evans and the retiring of the national colors by the VFW and American Legion Post.

Both Boy Scout troops will place flags on all the graves, many of which are notable people who lived in Pleasanton, including city founders. ■

## Antique Faire this Sunday

*300 vendors expected to show their wares*

The semi-annual Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique Street Faire will be held Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Main Street. More than 300 professional antique dealers are expected to attend this free event.

For 16 years, the Antique Faire has set up shop in downtown Pleasanton. The tradition continues despite slowing antique sales and high costs, which almost caused Frate and Associates, the organization that runs the faire, to close its Pleasanton stop last fall. In the end, a loan from the PDA for the street closures allowed the show to go on.

Despite last fall's problems, the faire is still one of the largest in the West. Part of the draw is the insistence on all vendors selling genuine antiques, as opposed to crafts or used items. An object is considered an antique if it is 50 years or older.

Contact Frate and Associates, (760) 724-9400 or the Pleasanton Downtown Association, 484-2199 for more information. Visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

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# Hosterman, 3 council members say Staples Ranch petition is bad for Pleasanton

*'Divisive and waste of resources'—Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio*

by Jeb Bing

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and two City Council members are vigorously opposing a proposed ballot initiative by the head of the city's Planning Commission as "irresponsible" and "weak and misguided." A third council member, Matt Sullivan, said he hopes a compromise can be pursued to resolve the issue.

Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne asked residents to refuse to sign any petitions that may be circulated in the coming weeks to put the measure on the ballot.

"This so-called open space initiative is a thinly veiled attempt to jeopardize Pleasanton's efforts to achieve regional cooperation on transportation solutions," Hosterman said. "Among other things, it overturns the City Council's unanimous decision to keep the Stoneridge Drive extension in the General Plan."

Planning Commission Chairwoman Anne Fox and two others, with support from former Planning Commission chairman and unsuccessful City Council candidate Brian Arkin, filed the petition last Friday. It seeks to turn the 124-acre unincorporated and undeveloped Staples Ranch into a "greenbelt," a move that would scrub residential and commercial development plans for the property. Fox stated in her petition that the land, which borders on El Charro Road and Livermore with much of it in the Livermore Airport protection zone, could be used only for public parks, trails and sports fields if voters approve the ballot measure she is proposing.

Livermore, however, also wants Staples Ranch as part of a broad-scale commercial development at the intersections of El Charro and Interstate 580. The Livermore City Council is expected to approve a

plan June 11 for developers to build a Prime Outlet Mall with 180-200 retail stores at the southeast corner of El Charro and 580. The freeway interchange would be widened to four lanes and El Charro also widened to accommodate four lanes of traffic to both the new outlet mall and Jack London Boulevard, which would be extended to connect to El Charro. An extension of Stoneridge Drive on the Pleasanton side of El Charro would complete the east-west intercity roadway connections both cities and the county have long planned.

Pleasanton has been moving forward on plans to allow Hendrick Automotive Group, which is located now near the 580-Santa Rita Road interchange, to develop an auto mall on Staples Ranch. The development would include other dealerships and retail stores. Pleasanton also is considering plans for an indoor ice rink to be built by an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks as well as a 600-800-unit senior and assisted living facility to be owned and operated by Continuing Life Communities. A public park and athletic fields also are planned.

As the approvals are granted, Pleasanton would then annex the sites into the city.

Fox's petition would undo those plans, and go against Alameda County's stated interest in selling off the parcel that is now county land, although her proposed greenbelt would still allow the use of public lands for parks, trails and sports.

Councilwoman Cook-Kallio said Fox's proposed ballot initiative would harm the city of Pleasanton.

"It concerns me that members of a particular neighborhood would put their own interests above the interests of Pleasanton and the region," she said. "This is a weak and misguided attempt to remove the Stoneridge Drive extension from the General Plan and in the

process puts the entire Staples Ranch project in jeopardy."

"I appreciate the right of the people to participate in the decision-making process, but this particular initiative is divisive and a waste of resources," she added.

Councilman Thorne said: "This is clearly a very irresponsible move and could be damaging to Pleasanton. If we don't annex this property, you can be sure Livermore will and all of the development already contemplated—and possibly more—will go forward. There won't be any greenbelt, just a city limits sign with Livermore's name on it smack up against the Stoneridge Drive barricade where Pleasanton now ends."

Sullivan's statement appeared more conciliatory toward those advancing the ballot measure.

"I am concerned about the effect that the initiative will have on our plans for Staples Ranch, but I am also concerned that our constituents feel the need to go directly to the voters," Sullivan said. "Citizens' initiatives and referenda are a sign of lack of representation by City Councils."

"There was a compromise on the table for this issue that the council majority chose not to pursue, and, if we had, I believe this would not have occurred," he added. "I don't think it's too late to revisit this to avoid the damage now occurring both locally and regionally."

It's not clear what impact any city initiative or petition filed with the Pleasanton city clerk would have on Alameda County, which controls Staples Ranch and has long sought to sell the property. Supervisor Scott Haggerty has said repeatedly that the property should be developed and told the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce a year ago that Hendrick Auto was becoming exasperated by repeated delays by Pleasanton in developing the land.



## Making a difference

The Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) honored the 2007 "Make a Difference" awardees May 16. The awards were established to celebrate the special education youth throughout the Tri-Valley and provide an opportunity for families to acknowledge individuals who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the life of a child with special needs. More information about the group can be found at <http://trivalleyselpa.org>.

Besides waiting for Pleasanton to act on its request to build an auto mall on Staples, Hendrick has also been talking to Dublin and Livermore about alternate sites where it could move its business. Pleasanton's Saturn dealership already has leased land in Dublin and plans to move its agency there later this year.

Hendrick and the auto row it plans to develop, which could include other upscale car dealerships now in Pleasanton, would produce an estimated \$5 million a year in sales tax revenue, with even more to the city's revenue base in the form of property taxes.

Hosterman said she has been working with the City Council to achieve consensus on what is best for Pleasanton in development issues.

"This initiative undermines all of the work that we have done," she said. "It is destructive and short-sighted."

"I urge the community to research this issue before signing any petition," she added. "Please look at the city's Web site or contact me to find out what the City Council is trying to implement on

both Stoneridge Drive and Staples Ranch."

Fox filed the petition with two others who are opposed to extending Stoneridge Drive to Livermore. Matt Morrison, who identified himself as a "co-proponent of the initiative," is on the executive committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter Sierra Club, Tri-Valley Group. In 2000, he campaigned unsuccessfully for a seat on the Zone 7 board of directors.

Another co-proponent is Bimal Sangari, who spoke at a recent meeting of the City Council against extending Stoneridge Drive. He moved to Pleasanton late last year and works at Applied Biosystems.

Fox was appointed to the Planning Commission by former Mayor Tom Pico and reappointed by Hosterman. She was chosen as chairwoman of the commission after Brian Arkin resigned during his unsuccessful campaign for City Council last year. Arkin and John Carroll, also a frequent speaker at council meetings, also are backing the initiative.

The group can be reached at [friendsofpleasanton@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofpleasanton@yahoo.com). ■



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Staples Ranch

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to be an unprecedented move by a sitting chair of the Planning Commission to undo carefully crafted and long-discussed plans by city officials to eventually annex Staples Ranch. A land use document endorsed by officials calls for development of an auto row by the Hendrick Automotive Group along with retail stores, a 600-800 unit senior independent and assisted living facility by Continuing Life Communities, an indoor ice skating arena to be built by an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks and a community park.

Fox's petition, also signed by Matt Morrison, a supporter of Brian Arkin when the former Planning Commissioner chairman ran unsuccessfully for City Council, and Bimal Sangari, a project manager for Applied Biosystems in Pleasanton, does not specifically mention turning Staples Ranch into a greenbelt. But it states that its purpose is "to protect the remaining open space, park land and/or green belt along I-580 between Pleasanton and Livermore from urban sprawl."

"Any undeveloped public-owned lands within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) larger than 25 acres shall be designated as open space, park land and/or green belt," states the text of the "Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative" given to Diaz.

"The city of Pleasanton shall not allow or support the commercial development of any undeveloped public owned lands within the UGB larger than 25 acres," the petition adds.

The petition goes on to state that while it is the intent of the initiative to preserve public lands for open space and park land, uses such as sports fields, sports facilities, parking, daycare centers, youth organization facilities, cultural arts facilities and public trails for public use would be allowed.

"It is the intent of this initiative to classify any undeveloped publicly owned lands as land owned by the public as of Jan. 1, 2007," the petition states. "This is to disallow the sale and transfer by a public agency to another party of any publicly owned lands before the voter adoption of this initiative."

City officials, including members of the City Council and City

Manager Nelson Fialho, learned about the petition late Friday. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, in vacation in Montana, was told of the petition by telephone.

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Quietly, however, the city of Livermore has been advancing its interests in annexing Staples Ranch and El Charro Road. It believes the proposed automobile row and retail stores planned on the site would mesh with a discount outlet mall planned for the southeast corner of El Charro and 580, which is in Livermore. Livermore and the developers of Prime Outlet Mall, which plans to build 180-200 stores in the outlet, also want El Charro Road reconstructed as a major thoroughfare between Stanley Boulevard and 580. Developers will help pay to extend Jack London Boulevard to connect to El Charro and to widen El Charro to four

lanes from that roadway to 580, where a new four-lane interchange will be built.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said he wants Jack London Boulevard to connect to Stoneridge Drive.

Livermore officials said all of the plans now before Pleasanton for Staples Ranch would fit nicely, even better if the property was part of Livermore. They also want El Charro Road built through to Stanley Boulevard quickly, pointing out that Pleasanton hasn't even considered that plan yet.

The Livermore City Council will meet June 11 in a special hearing to finalize plans for the outlet mall, with construction expected to start late this summer.

The Stoneridge Drive extension has been a contentious issue for years, and recently Haggerty, Kamena and Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart voted against Mayor Hosterman over improvements she wanted to State Hwy. 84 because of the Pleasanton City Council's delay in deciding whether to keep the Stoneridge Drive extension in a new General Plan the city is drafting.

Two weeks ago, the council voted to keep it in the plan, but gave no timetable for actually building the extension. Hosterman said she is trying to arrange a meeting with Haggerty and the two mayors to seek their support for Hwy. 84 and other regional and local traffic improvements.

Although it's rare for one city to challenge another on annexation, especially when the "sphere of influence" is on the other side, it's happened before. Pleasanton annexed the property that is now Ruby Hill, which was at the time in Livermore's sphere of influence," although Livermore did not object to that action.

In the case of Staples Ranch and El Charro Road, any annexation effort by Livermore would need the approval of LAFCO. Dublin Mayor Lockhart chairs that seven-member commission, with both Haggerty and Kamena as voting members. Pleasanton has no representation on LAFCO.

Pleasanton City Attorney Michael Roush is reviewing the petition filed by Fox and friends before it can be certified and signatures can be collected for a voter referendum. Its sponsors hope to have the measure on the November ballot. ■

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# Hope on the 'Horizon'



Karen McMahan, Horizon High School career and employability skills instructor, leads a session of her class "The World of Work" where students learn the basics about how to get a job and start a career.

## story and photos by Rebecca Guyon

The Friday before Mother's Day is a special day for the students at Horizon High School in Pleasanton.

The school hosts a brunch in the morning for all the students and their mothers followed by a party where the students tell their mothers how much they mean to them. What makes this event even more special is that the teens are also mothers.

"I didn't know my mom was a good mom until I saw her with my daughter," said student Gina Griffith, holding back tears—a common theme throughout the event.

Going through many boxes of tissues, many of the girls and their mothers spoke to the group, expressing their love and admiration for each other.

"I thought the greatest thing in my life was watching my three daughters grow up, but then I saw Austin born," started mother Doris Frost, unable to finish her sentence as she choked up.

Austin, her grandson, is now 7 months old.

Getting to this point wasn't easy for the mother-daughter pairs. Many of the mothers spoke of the difficult times they went through raising their daughters, and many of the daughters expressed regret for the hurtful things they had said to their mothers in the past. But despite these rocky starts and ongoing struggles, Mother's Day provided the opportunity to

celebrate motherhood, even if it did come sooner than some of the girls expected.

Most important to the mothers and the staff at Horizon is the fact that, despite difficulties and perhaps some misjudgments in the past, the teens are now working hard to stay in school and get a high school diploma while also raising their child and, in many cases, also holding down a job.

"I'm proud of my daughter for her decision to be here, and all you girls should be proud," said mother Jane Grant.

Since 1975, Horizon High School has provided teenage parents the opportunity to complete their high school education. What started as six students taking classes in a one-bedroom apartment has grown into a full program offering accredited high school courses in addition to personal counseling, career development, parenting classes and on-site daycare. With funding through California School Age Families Education (a program run through the state), state attendance revenue and various grants, the school is now able to enroll 45 students from cities throughout the East Bay Area.

The school also enrolls teen fathers and there are currently two in the program, with one graduating this year. To enroll, students must be high-school-age and either pregnant or a parent, said Horizon Coordinator Janise Erickson. After that, the school will accept anyone willing to make the commitment.

The school is tucked away at 24 Unified School District offices and small enrollment, many Pleasanton students attend elsewhere, but it's actually Pleasanton's first high school. The school was originally run by the school district, but in 2000, it was incorporated into the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Horizon is about to undergo another change, as it is incorporating its alternative education program into the main school, independent study, adult transition program and the new Community Day School. Students who are expelled, truant or have other disciplinary issues will be in the education division. Instead of each program being a part of the district, they will consolidate into one program, gaining the benefits of larger programs, such as dual focuses. Current Village Principal Janise Erickson is in agreement with the help of two assistant principals.

"Pleasanton has fully embraced the alternative education programs," Erickson said. The school is moving from a room apartment to a county program in a full program in the Alternative Education Center. Erickson, who has served as Horizon High School principal for 10 years, will not be part of the transition to spend more time with her middle-

## Horizon High School helps teenage parents reach their goals and beyond



As a school in the district, Horizon holds its students to the same high standards expected of all Pleasanton students. An average course load includes mathematics, English, economics, civics and everything in between. English and math are taught in a large group setting and other courses are taught in an independent study format with students working on different subjects, but in the same room and under the teacher's supervision. Students are in class from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—a shortened school day since many commute long distances and have other obligations such as work and parenting, Erickson said. Although the actual in-class hours are less, students are required to do more work outside of school in the evenings and the weekends, she added. The understanding is that all students will graduate with a PUSD diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, even if it may take some students a little longer to get there.

"I was only a sophomore when I got pregnant, so I still had two more years of school left and it was important I stayed in school, especially for my family, because they want to see their kids grow up and finish school and go to college," said 17-year-old Jennifer Frost, the mother of Austin.

In addition to the regular high school classes, students also take a parenting skills class and a career development class titled "The World of Work." While there is an obvious need for the parenting class, Career and Employability Skills Instructor Karen McMahon pointed out that the career component is also very important for the students at Horizon.

"The students need (to think about future careers) because they will need to make more money than regular students since they are already parents," McMahon said. "They need a head start on other students because they are going to be financially responsible for their child."

In addition to career planning and long term goals, the class helps students address more immediate concerns, teaching them practical skills from how to open a bank account and balance a checkbook to writing strong cover letters and resumes. Helping students get experience to add to their resume, the city of Pleasanton coordinates an intern program with the school where students spend six weeks working at one of the city's departments.

McMahon also helps students with their college planning, walking them through the steps of applying and navigating the financial aid system.

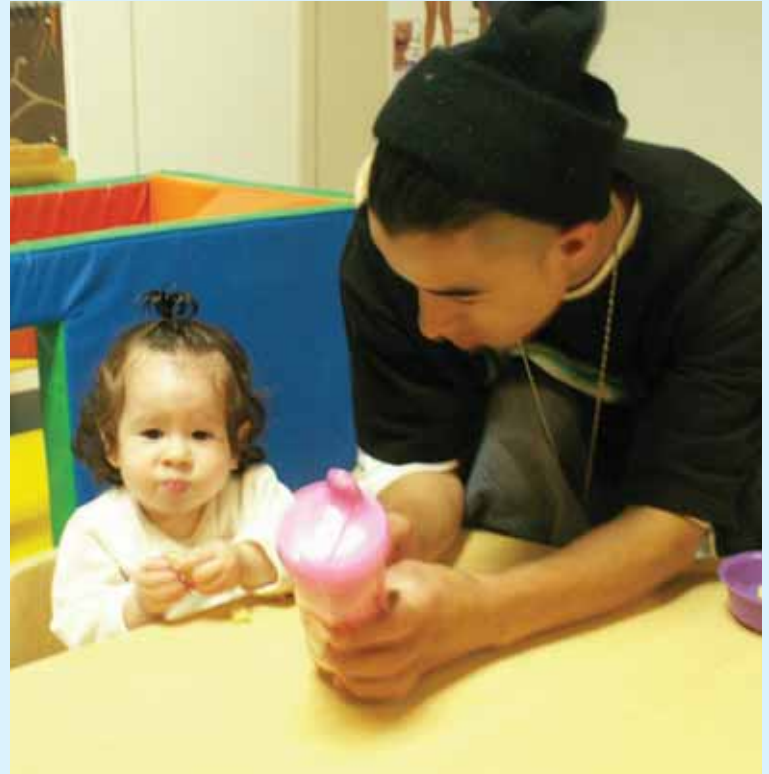
"A large percentage of the graduates will go to college, most going to a two-year and then transferring to a four-year, and some will complete their two-year," McMahon said. "The majority has jobs, usually entry level positions—and that's great. It's not unlike typical high school graduates."

Beyond practical concerns, the school also offers students support in making necessary changes in their lives so they can reach graduation while being the best parents they can be.

"Over here my life has changed a lot and if I went to another high school I would have got into more trouble, even though I was having a daughter," said student Wilmer Calejas, 18, from Oakland.



Horizon High School student Kaitlin Costa (Left) spends time with her 3-month-old son Matthew at the school's on-site day care facility while Kris Moss, a childcare worker at the site, feeds 7-month-old Nathan Hernandez and 8-month-old Austin Klith.



Wilmer Calejas, one of two teen fathers at Horizon High School, spends lunch with his 2-year-old daughter Annalisa at the school's on-site daycare facility.

Calejas enrolled in Horizon two years ago with his girlfriend when she was two months pregnant.

Colleen Bell, the school's on-site clinical therapist, is one of the resources available to students who need help making life changes and dealing with their stresses. Before Bell, the school rotated in interns working on their master's degrees every two years, but Erickson changed that program, favoring instead to keep a clinical therapist on staff for the long-term.

Much of what Bell does is help students with "personal planning" to organize their days and overcome any obstacle they perceive as keeping them from reaching their goals, things as simple as getting an alarm clock to get to class on time or as serious as dealing with substance abuse.

"I meet with students all day, every day, so there's definitely a need for (a counselor)," Bell said. "I think the students appreciate having someone to talk to and relieve whatever stress they're feeling, and then they can go back to class and do what they're supposed to do, which is work on their education," Bell said.

In addition to the one-on-one counseling, Bell holds support group sessions twice a week where 10 to 20 students meet and either talk about a topic of the day or just check in with each other and compare notes on what they are experiencing.

"Group (counseling) with Colleen where we basically sit down and talk is nice because we talk about anything that comes up, about our kids or anything we're going through," said student Monica Dias, 17.

Helping the students realize they are all going through similar changes and are not alone is a key part of the group sessions, Bell said.

"Sometimes teenagers in general developmentally think 'I'm the only one this happens to and my life is the worst.' So add that they're pregnant and have a child—they think 'My 2-year-old is the only one who stays up all night.' For them to get together and be in an environment where someone else is also tired because their baby didn't sleep makes them feel not so alone and that they can finish school and be successful parents," Bell said.

For 13 of Horizon's students, that final goal of graduating from high school will be achieved June 13 during a private, and likely emotional, graduation ceremony. Each graduate gives a speech about the struggles they overcame to get there and their goals for the future. While this year's graduates celebrate their accomplishments and look to the future with excitement and trepidation, another batch of students are getting ready to celebrate the same accomplishments next year and the year after that.

"I get a lot of questions about how many of the students actually graduate and I always say, 'Well, all of them,'" Bell said. "Sometimes it takes a year longer, but they all graduate with a diploma or GED...there's a misconception that when they're pregnant, they're not going to finish school and their lives are ruined and that's definitely not the case." ■

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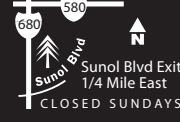
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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Is Planning leader hurting Pleasanton?

In an unprecedented move, the chairwoman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, Anne Fox, is asking voters to reverse the decisions of her own City Council to develop Staples Ranch into a commercial and residential center and eventually to extend Stoneridge Drive to Livermore. Conspiring with her is the former Planning Commission chairman Brian Arkin, who quit that post to run for the council last year. He lost.

Fox and two others—Matt Morrison of the Sierra Club and Bimal Sangari, who moved here from Santa Clara late last year—submitted a petition announcing their intention to collect signatures as required from 10 percent of the last registered vote count, about 4,000 signatures, to put a measure on the ballot that would declare Staples Ranch as a greenbelt, where no commercial or residential development could occur. That move would strip Pleasanton of the proposed auto mall that Hendrick Automotive of Pleasanton plans to build there and also end negotiations with Continuing Life Communities for a 600-800-unit upscale independent and assisted living facility on Staples and a large ice rink proposed by an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks. Besides canceling out \$5 million or more in sales tax and property tax revenue Pleasanton has been counting on, the Fox measure would seal off the city from its last remaining large tract of land for residential and commercial development. It would also un-do the months of work by council members and city staff to reach an agreement Alameda County and neighboring cities would accept to extend Stoneridge Drive to Livermore when the council believes the right regional and local road improvements are in place before building it. Of course, it's their objections to extending Stoneridge that are the driving force behind this onerous petition and possible referendum. Fox, Arkin, Morrison, Sangari and another supporter, John Carroll, are outspoken opponents of ever building Stoneridge through to El Charro Road and Livermore. They know that a majority of voters would likely turn down a referendum to block the extension, with studies showing many want the roadway built now, but enough voters might buy into a greenbelt plan that would substitute parks, trails and open space for apartments and an automobile mall.

This group bills itself as "Friends of Pleasanton," but that's a misnomer. They're not friends. Their proposed measure would destroy the good will Pleasanton has been rebuilding with its neighboring communities and the county. It would also play into the hands of some political interests in Livermore who already have used Pleasanton's restrictive housing cap and long delays in completing the regional plan to build out Stoneridge Drive to start the process of annexing Staples Ranch to Livermore. As preposterous as that once sounded, Livermore's Mayor Marshall Kamena and County Supervisor Scott Haggerty are on the seven-member Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) which approves annexation bids. Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart chairs that commission. Pleasanton has no representation. Remember, Staples Ranch is county land, not part of Pleasanton. Unless it becomes part of Pleasanton, Fox's petition and referendum would probably lack legal standing.

Even more troubling than the destructive conditions called for by this proposed referendum is the question of ethics when a chairwoman of the city's most important deliberative body outside of the City Council works publicly against the policies set by these elected officials. It's one thing to stand before the council as a private citizen, as commissioners occasionally do, to support or protest a pending council action. It's quite another to lead a movement to overturn established policies of the council. If Anne Fox wants to continue these divisive pursuits, she should do it on her own, not as a member or chairwoman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission.

# Guest Opinion

## Whose City Council is this, anyway?

by Nancy Allen

I was very disappointed that our city council approved the Home Depot proposal at their May 15 meeting. It was not just the outcome that was disappointing. It was the startling disconnect between their words and their decision. We heard members express serious concerns, but four voted for it anyway. Let's review what we heard.

\* Each member expressed the concern that putting more traffic on Pleasanton's worst interior intersections is not sensible, but four members voted for the store anyway.

\* Nobody—not even Home Depot—was convinced that the 20 daily delivery trucks, mostly semi-trailers—would use the route specified in the agreement. Sgt. Michael Collins of the police department confirmed it is virtually impossible to enforce unmarked trucks from using inner city streets. The council hoped the Home Depot clerk would convince drivers to travel out of their way, but did not express confidence in

that possibility. Four members voted for it anyway.

\* Four members expressed doubt that city revenues from the project would be substantial, projected to be only \$300K, but four of them voted for it citing increased revenue as a benefit.

\* Members said that such a project requires community support, but Sullivan reported that 90 percent of the council's emails were opposed. Since they are not listening to our voices, we must ask, Who are they listening to?

\* Those examining the business case for this proposal wonder why anyone believes that Pleasanton can sustain two Home Depots. No other city in Northern California our size has more than one consumer-oriented Home Depot. Store employees were even told they would close. With declining sales, the existing store will find it difficult to compete with the new



Lowe's store. Common sense suggests that it will close, resulting in a loss of city revenue and causing existing Home Depot customers to drive 3-4 miles across the heart of Pleasanton to the new store. This additional traffic contradicts what all members of the council have claimed to be their top priority: to reduce interior traffic. So, why did they vote for it anyway?

The Home Depot proposal is a solution in search of a problem. Nobody has established a need for another Home Depot. Lumber, hardware and other services are available at the existing Home Depot and at smaller businesses across the east side of Pleasanton today.

We support adding the other stores planned to support Vineyard area residents. The sole issue is adding a Home Depot at this site due to its significant risks and costs.

The only council member whose vote matched his words was Matt Sullivan, who voiced these concerns and voted no. Other members voiced these concerns but still voted yes.

I am one of many who want to overturn this decision because the risk and costs far outweigh the benefits. Please join us and contact [beckersp1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beckersp1@sbcglobal.net) or 415-667-2236 to help gather signatures to overturn this decision, if required. You can listen to the May 15 meeting at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/government/>

[search/cc-archive.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/government/search/cc-archive.html). I believe that you, too, will be disappointed in your city council.

Contact: [www.stoppleasanton-gridlock.com](http://www.stoppleasanton-gridlock.com).

*Nancy Allen is a business-woman and 20-year Pleasanton resident who heads up the Stop Pleasanton Gridlock grassroots organization.*

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**Planning Commission (Special Meeting)**

Wednesday, May 30, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

• **PAUP 4, Jennifer A. Hosterman**

Application for an animal use permit to allow a red tailed hawk to be kept in the rear yard accessory structure of an existing residence located at 2922 Chardonnay Drive.

• **PCUP-185, Steve Black, Generations Health Care of Pleasanton, LLC**

Applications for: (1) a modification to a previously approved conditional use permit (UP 71 13, Pleasanton Convalescent Hospital) to increase the number of beds from 129 to 139 at the existing convalescent hospital; and (2) a variance from the Pleasanton Municipal Code to reduce the required parking from 125 spaces to the existing 99 spaces. The property is located at 300 Neal Street.

• **PUD 55, Michael Carey and Steve Maestas**

Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning of an approximately 0.24 acre parcel from RM 15 (Multiple Family Residential) District and Core Area Overlay District to PUD HDR (Planned Unit Development – High Density Residential) District and Core Area Overlay District; and development plan approval to demolish two existing residential units, renovate one existing residential unit, and construct four new single family homes for a total of five residential units, at the property located at 225 West Angela Street.

• **PDR-602, Michael O'Callaghan**

Application for design review approval to demolish the existing building (former Union Jack Pub) located at 725 Main Street and construct a two story commercial building in its place.

• **PREV 656, CarrAmerica**

Work Session to review and receive comments on an application for preliminary review to expand the existing CarrAmerica Corporate Center to include:

- two (2) 165,000 square foot six story office buildings with orientation toward I 580;
- one (1) 150,271 square foot six story office building with orientation toward Owens Drive;
- a 93,000 square foot five story 130 room hotel with a 10,000 square foot retail space on the ground floor; and
- three (3) four- to five story parking structures with a building profile of three to four stories (with roof deck parking).

The project site is located at 4400 4460 Rosewood Drive in Hacienda Business Park.

**Trails Ad Hoc Committee**

- The May 28, 2007 Trails Ad Hoc Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next committee meeting will be held on June 25, 2007.

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# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

**Idling vehicle stolen**

A woman left her 2000 Volkswagon Beetle running when she parked in front of a residence to drop her child off in the 6300 block of Alvord

Way at 8:30 a.m. May 16. The keys were left inside the vehicle along with a computer, her wallet and miscellaneous papers. There was no known value of the loss at the time of the report.

### Police Report

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

**May 12**

- Theft:
  - 4:24 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting
- Reckless driving:
  - 11:50 a.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Ruby Hill Boulevard

**May 13**

- DUI: 1
- Theft:
  - 7:56 a.m. in the 4500 block of Mohr Avenue; stolen vehicle
  - 12:39 p.m. in the 4500 block of

- Rosewood Drive
  - 1:10 p.m. in the 700 block of Main Street; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 8:28 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

**May 14**

- Found property: 2
- Grand theft:
  - 1:30 p.m. in the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive
  - 4:41 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- Vandalism:
  - 10:18 a.m. in the 600 block of Junipero Street; graffiti
- Burglary:
  - 8:52 a.m. in the 5200 block of Franklin Drive

- 6:26 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Public drunkenness:
  - 9:11 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

**May 15**

- Grand theft:
  - 11:28 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Vehicular vandalism:
  - 10:25 p.m. in the 1600 block of Calle Santa Anna
- Burglary:
  - 1:31 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive
- Public drunkenness:
  - 2:00 a.m. in the 9500 block of MacDonald Court

**May 16**

- Annoying phone calls: 1
- Theft:
  - 9:04 a.m. in the 6300 block of Alvord Way; stolen vehicle
  - 10:52 a.m. in the 8100 block of Arroyo Drive; identity theft
  - 1:22 p.m. in the 5500 block of Blackbird Drive; petty theft
  - 3:29 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
  - 9:07 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

**May 17**

- DUI: 1
- Theft:
  - 12:31 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 5:20 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

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## Obituaries

### Michael Karl Hamblin

Michael Karl Hamblin died April 23 at the age of 56.

Born Dec. 18, 1951 in Toledo, Ohio, he grew up in San Francisco and graduated from Paul Revere High School. He lived in Chatanooga, Tenn., Livermore and Oakland before moving to Pleasanton nine years ago.

He spent 25 years working in masonry and later worked for Home Depot for three years. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, gardening and cooking. He was also affiliated with City Team Ministries.

He is survived by parents Margaret and Ernest; step-daughter Lisa; son Michael K. Hamblin II; sisters Marge and Patty; and nieces Leslie and Loretta.

A memorial service was scheduled for May 16 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Joseph A. Higgins

Joseph A. Higgins died May 12 at the age of 58.

Born May 7, 1949 in Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. Higgins had lived in Pleasanton for the last 15 years and in Southern California for 37 years before that. He also served in the Army.

Mr. Higgins is survived by his wife Catherine Higgins of Pleasanton, mother Myrna Bills of Oregon, daughters Carrie Higgins of Pleasanton and Katie Higgins of Livermore, son Philip Higgins of Pleasanton, sisters Peggy Valko of Central California and Barbara Cleaver of Oregon, brother Tracy Higgins of Oregon and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father James Higgins.

A private memorial service is planned. Donations can be made to a local hospice agency.

### John F. Vomacka

John F. Vomacka died May 9 at the age of 43.

Born Feb. 25, 1964, Mr. Vomacka

was a longtime Tri-Valley resident. He was an expert marksman and gun collector. He spent his free time at the beach, the gym or riding his Harley. Mr. Vomacka loved deeply and never had a harsh word for anyone. He will be deeply missed by his biker brothers, friends at the Fellowship, and Lu Lu, the love of his life.

He is survived by aunts and uncles Ted and Larrissa Vomacka of Antioch, Bill and Karen Vomacka of North San Juan, Jim Vomacka of Rocklin; step-mother Phylis Vomacka of Grass Valley; brothers Dean Vomacka of Tuscon, Ariz. and Steven Conely of Grass Valley; sisters Lisa Conley of Grass Valley and Joy-Ann Mickey of Santa Cruz; step-son Joseph Smythe of Pleasanton; and devoted partner Lourdes (Lu Lu) Smythe of Pleasanton.

He was preceded in death by his father John Vomacka and his grandmother Anna Vomacka.

### Patricia Rita Otvos

Patricia Otvos died May 12 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Otvos was a native of Syracuse, N.Y. and was a dedicated homemaker for 65 years making her home and raising her family in Pleasant Hill for 46 years. Her most precious times were being with her family, whom she held close to her heart. Mrs. Otvos was a parishioner at Christ the King in Pleasant Hill, she also volunteered faithfully at Mt. Diablo Hospital in the cardiac care unit, where she was warmly appreciated.

She is survived by her loving family, sons Jay Otvos of Antioch, Ron Otvos of Pleasanton and Mike Otvos of Pleasanton; daughters Sister Josepha D.C. of Los Altos Hills, Judy Merrill of Chico and Mary Pat Patrick of Pleasanton; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation and a funeral mass were scheduled for May 18 at the Christ the King Catholic Church, 1990 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill. A burial was scheduled in Lafayette.

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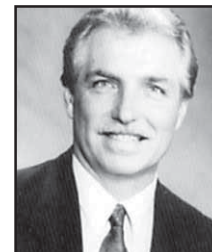
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# Calendar

## Auditions

**Join the County Fair's Annual Parade** The Alameda County Fair's annual parade is calling for entries for the event June 23. Entrants for the one-mile parade are encouraged to keep with the theme of "The Sounds of Summer." Last year's parade hosted a record of 92 entries, 10 bands, oversized balloons, floats and entertainers. Applications are available at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com) or by calling Nicole at 426-7511.

## Book Clubs

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

## Civic Meetings

**City Council** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Housing Commission** The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Human Services Commission** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**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. 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@sbc-global.net](mailto:playhousewest@sbc-global.net), call 943-6464 or visit [www.playhousewest.org](http://www.playhousewest.org).

**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 through June 7. It is \$25 per person. For more information and to register online, visit [www.dublinvcc.org](http://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](http://www.TriValleyYPA.org).

## Clubs

**Amador Valley Quilters** Featured at our June meeting, quilting celebrities Diana McClun and Laura Nownes, who will present "Shared Stitches and Stories." Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend the meeting held at 1:30 June 9 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Visit [www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org).

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

**CommArt Club Presents Promotional Advertising** Communications Arts (CommArt) Networking Club features Sandy Harvey, owner of Ad On Products, who will speak on promotional advertising at the club's 11:45 a.m. June 12 meeting at Mudd's Restaurant, 10 Boardwalk Place, San Ramon. Call 462-8083 or visit [www.commartnet.org](http://www.commartnet.org).

**Everything Poetry** This poetry workgroup meets from 9 to 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month to critique poetry and the third Saturday for a workshop pertaining to an aspect of poetry business at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Bring 10 copies of a poem.

**Good News Bears** Be a part of providing comfort to children and adults by giving stuffed animals. Good News Bears meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station, 1110 S. Livermore Ave. Join us on the third Thursday of the month to see how you can provide "stuffed love" in our community. Club dues are \$30 per year. Contact Jeanie Haigh at [jhaigh@web-bearings.com](mailto:jhaigh@web-bearings.com) or 373-7982.

**Mad Zymurgists Homebrewing Club** The Mad Zymurgists Homebrewing Club meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 14 at Hoptech, 6398 Dougherty Road, Dublin. Regular meetings are held at pubs and other

## Weekend Preview



## Children's Art Festival next weekend

Matt Luperine (Above) had fun sailing a paper boat he made at last year's Children's Arts Festival, hosted by the city of Pleasanton Civic Arts. The Children's Art Festival returns this year from noon to 4 p.m. June 3 at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission is free. Activities include easel painting, hot wheel and marble painting, clay creations with Erin Davis, origami with Youngmin Lee, jewelry making, paper boat construction, bubbles, and sidewalk chalk. Creation of art banners for the Cultural Arts Center classroom will be a group project. City Naturalist Eric Nichols will host a booth called "nature's impressions," where children will be able to make prints from objects found in nature and another booth where they will be invited to fashion scrap monsters' from recyclable materials. Email [jfinegan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:jfinegan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

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**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.

**Retired Public Employees' Association** The Tri-Valley Area, chapter 075, of the Retired Public Employees' Association presents a presentation about the Tahoe Rim Trail at 10:45 a.m. June 7 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. A slide show and speaker Dale Schauer will talk about 60 miles of the 165 mile circuit. This section is the southern part of the trail starting in the vicinity of Caron's Pass, hiking through the Desolation Wilderness and ending at Barker Pass. RSVP by June 5 to Bob at 846-6563 or June at 461-0315.

**Women's Stock Investment Club** Women's Stock Investment club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month in Livermore. The club follows Better Investing principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term while having fun. For details, call Eleanor at 846-6911 or Barbara at 846-1319.

## 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. 4 p.m.

## Events

**1st Wednesday Street Party** Stroll down Main Street at the First Wednesday Street Party from 6 to 9 p.m. June 6. Visit the unique shops, businesses and restaurants, and

learn about community and nonprofit groups. Visit the beer and wine garden with wines from the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and listen to the Drive Band. Call 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**2007 Danville-Area Open Studios** Visit 42 talented artists at 16 locations and see how they create from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 2 and 3--enjoy demonstrations, inquire about their work, collect unique masterpieces and help raise funds for grants to art programs in San Ramon Valley Schools. Maps are available at the Danville library or [www.stephensanfilippo.com/eventopenstudios2007.html](http://www.stephensanfilippo.com/eventopenstudios2007.html). Call 837-1003.

**Cancer Survivor Celebration at the Ranch** All cancer survivors and their families are invited to a celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 3 at Little Hills Ranch, 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Activities will include: special door prizes, live music, dancing, games, swimming, ball games for children and adults. Bring your own lunch; dessert and drinks provided. Co-sponsored by several local health care organizations. Call 947-4447.

**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](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**Father's Day at Garre Winery** Bring the family and give Dad a treat by heading to the wine country for Garre Winery's Father's Day Rockin' in the Vines BBQ with live blues by The Blue Truth from noon to 3 p.m. June 17. Relax outdoors surrounded by vineyards and enjoy an all-you-can-eat BBQ Buffet, wine tasting and bocce ball. Garre's wine tasting room will be open for tasting its newest release, Pinot Grigio, and more Garre favorites. The outdoor bocce courts will be open for guests to play free of charge. Tickets are \$39.99 for adults, \$18.50 for children 3-12, and under 3 are free. Reservations are required. Call 371-8200 or visit [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com).

**Father's Day on the USS Hornet** The historic USS Hornet Museum in Alameda hosts "Living Shop 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](http://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](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/foothill) and look under the Announcements/Activities section for information.

**Knit This, Purl That! Sock Contest** Through May 31 Knit This, Purl That! will be sponsoring a sock contest. Participants can enter one pair of socks per category in any or all of the

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**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](http://www.ensemblesmeals.com).

**Mitchell Katz 2-Day Wine Release** Pleasanton's Mitchell Katz winery is hosting a 2-day wine release event from noon to 5 p.m. June 9 and 10 at the winery, 1188 Vineyard Ave. No reservations are required. Tickets are \$15 per person, per day. Call 931-0744 or visit [www.mitchellkatzwinery.com](http://www.mitchellkatzwinery.com).

**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](http://www.thelearning-cafe.com/html/netevent.html).

**Wings of Freedom Tour** World War B-17, B-24 and B-25 Bombers will be on display and in walk-through tours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 27 to 29 at the Livermore Airport. A few Livermore-based WWII airplanes will also be on display. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and under. Flight experiences are also available, call (800) 568-8924 for reservations. Call Kevin at 216-4371 or visit [www.collingsfoundation.org](http://www.collingsfoundation.org).

Exhibits

**A Spring Celebration** Celebrate Spring at Alexander's Main St. Gallery, 610 Main St. The theme of this show is flowers and runs through May 28. Also featured is artwork from nationally acclaimed artists Brian Davis and Leon Roulette. Call 846-6015 or visit [www.alexandersmainstgallery.com](http://www.alexandersmainstgallery.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., with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. May 5. Call 485-1183 or visit [www.worthingtongallerywest.com](http://www.worthingtongallerywest.com).

**Pieces In Time: 90 Years of Quilts** "Pieces In Time: 90 Years of Quilts," at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., 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).

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. 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.

**Carden West School's Annual Fundraising Dinner/Auction** Carden West School, committed to success for every child, every day, will host its annual fundraising dinner/auction at 5 p.m. June 1 at Castlewood Country Club. A new addition this year is an afternoon golf outing that will precede the evening event at noon. The public is welcome. Auction items include a weekend at Lake Tahoe, tickets to sporting events, collectibles, electronics, a Vespa scooter and many personalized items made by Carden West students. Call 463-6060 or visit [www.cardenwest.org](http://www.cardenwest.org).

**Community Violence Solutions 2007 June Gala** Community Violence Solutions, the umbrella organization for Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin Counties, celebrates 33 years of service by hosting a special fundraiser June 14 with Emcee Ann Notarangelo, Weekend Anchor of CBS 5 Eyewitness News. This special event begins at 6 p.m. and is held at Scott's Walnut Creek, 1333 N. California Blvd. The cost is \$100 and includes entertainment and auctions. Call Amy at (510) 307-4144 or visit [www.cvsolutions.org](http://www.cvsolutions.org).

**Elegant Evening of Fashion, Wine & Music** The Tri-Valley community will converge at an event June 29 to raise funds for Valley Children's Museum. The event includes a silent auction, food and drink from the area's top restaurants and wineries, entertainment, and the official unveiling of Valley Children's Museum's new museum-on-wheels. The VIP preview party will begin at 5 p.m. at the Enigma Motors showroom, 5947 Dougherty Road, Dublin. The reception will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature music by Mystique. VIP tickets are \$125.00 (\$90.00 tax deductible) and reception tickets are \$50.00 (\$15.00 tax deductible). To order tickets, go to [www.valleychildrensmuseum.org](http://www.valleychildrensmuseum.org) or mail a check made out to Valley Children's Museum to P.O. Box 305, San Ramon, CA 94583, attn: Elegant Evening.

**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.schoolofimagination.org/events](http://www.schoolofimagination.org/events) or call (877) KIDS-TLC.

**Good Medicine Plays at Westover Vineyards** Good Medicine, a seven-piece band, will be playing at the Fundraiser for Stoneridge Water Polo's Girls Travel Team. The event will be held at Westover Vineyards, 34329 Palomares Canyon Road, Castro Valley. You must purchase a car ticket for \$50.00 in advance for up to 10 people in your car. Call Paula Glogovac at 426-0929.

Health

**Art of Living Course I** Learn and experience specific breathing techniques which reduce stress and anxiety, while bringing the mind to a peaceful centered state and restoring the natural rhythms. From June 5 to 10 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekends at the Hyatt Summerfield Suites, 4545 Chabot Drive. Call 964-9228 or email [aol\\_trivalley@comcast.net](mailto:aol_trivalley@comcast.net)

**Gentle Yoga Class** Beth Fox, a

certified yoga instructor, will teach gentle yoga at 6:30 p.m. June 4 in Lynnwood United Methodist Church's multipurpose room, 4444 Black Ave. Bring a sticky yoga mat, blanket and yoga strap. The class is open to the public and is appropriate for all experience levels. The cost is \$10 for general public, \$5 for people 55 and older. Call Marnie at 846-0221 or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**Kundalini Yoga and Meditation with ilahi** Yoga Priestesses of the Bay Area present an eight-week introductory series of Kundalini Yoga and Meditation with ilahi at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays from May 17 through July 5 at World School, 699 Peters Ave. The course is free for World School Staff and students otherwise \$12 drop-in fee or \$30.00 for the series. Call 461-2533 or visit [www.worldschoolmassage.com](http://www.worldschoolmassage.com).

**Life Line Screening** The community can now be screened to reduce the risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave., at 9 a.m. June 2. Screenings use ultrasound technology and are fast, painless, and at low cost. Pre-registration is required. For information or to schedule an appointment call 1 (877) 237-1287 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

**Spring Immunization Clinics For Children** Axis Community Health free immunization clinics are open to Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care from 9 to 11:30 a.m. May 5 at 4361 Railroad Ave. Bring immunization records, insurance and income information. There is a fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755 for details.

Kids & Teens

**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.

**Free Multicultural Dance Workshops** Students from Foothill's Leadership Academy are holding free cultural dance workshops for UNICEF's Unite for Children, Unite Against AIDS program at the school, 4375 Foothill Road. The workshops are from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: May 19 (Salsa), May 26 (Indian) and June 2 (Tahitian). All elementary students are welcome, and donations will be appreciated. RSVP three days prior to desired workshop. Email [ishika.arora@comcast.net](mailto:ishika.arora@comcast.net) or [asra\\_z@yahoo.com](mailto:asra_z@yahoo.com) or call 461-4370.

**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).

**Pure Girls Runway Fashion Event** Enjoy the Downtown Wednesday Street Party June 6 and drop your daughter, ages 6 and over, at Pure Girls, 660 Main St., at 5:30 p.m. for a Runway Fashion Event. Each girl will assemble our outfits and accessories to create a unique look for their walk on the Pure Girls' runway before window modeling for street party friends. The cost is \$30 per girl or \$25 each they bring a friend. Call Tracy at 485-4380 or visit [www.puregirlsclub.com](http://www.puregirlsclub.com).

**Shakespeare Camps in the East Bay** Camps for children and teens are available at several locations and instruction includes: acting, improvisation, voice projection, Shakespearean language, set and costume design. The cost is \$395 and aftercare is \$125. Call John at (415) 865-4422 or visit <http://sfsakes.org> for dates, times and locations.

## Miscellaneous

**American Red Cross Annual Meeting** The American Red Cross Bay Area is holding its Annual Meeting 5 p.m. June 8 at the San Francisco Marriott, 55 Fourth St., to elect directors and officers for the Chapter's Board of Directors. Visit [www.redcross-bayarea.org](http://www.redcross-bayarea.org).

**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).

## On Stage

**Comedian Mark Lundholm** Sober comedian Mark Lundholm details his battles with addiction in a clever manner that is sometimes shocking, often heartwarming and unceasingly honest. This is a fast-paced show that never fails to leave audiences thinking differently. He'll perform at 7 p.m. June 24 at El Campanil, 602 W 2nd St., Antioch. Tickets are from \$22 to \$50. Call (510) 589-3432 or visit [cfralumni.org](http://cfralumni.org).

**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).

**Fusion Pleasanton--Dances of India** Pleasanton Public Library presents Dances of India at 4 p.m. June 3 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Experience the beauty and excitement of dances from all regions of India performed by some of the premier Indian dance studios in the Bay Area. Dr. Bindu Shankar will provide introduction and explanation of each dance. Call 931-3405 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library).

**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.valleydancetheatre.com](http://www.valleydancetheatre.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 [mcorpora@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mcorpora@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or call 931-3400 ext. 21 for details.

**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 [pleaseni@yaho.com](mailto:pleaseni@yaho.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.

**Mata Amritanandamayi (AMMA)** Mata Amritanandamayi--Amma--will be at the M.A. Center, 10200 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley, from June 5 to 12. Free programs are held in the morning at 10 and in the evenings at 7:30. Free Devi Bhava program with Amma (a celebration devoted to world peace) will be held at 7 p.m. June 10 at June 15. Retreat with Amma will be June 13 to 15. Registration is required. Call (510) 537-9417 or visit [www.amma.org](http://www.amma.org).

**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).

**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.

**East Bay Colt.45s Fall Tryouts** EastBay Colt.45s Baseball Fall Tryouts. Tryouts for competitive fall travel teams, ages 13U and 14U (age as of 4/30/08) to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. June 9 and 10 at Osage Park, baseball diamond 2, Danville. Our organization offers professional coaching to prepare players for high school. The cost is \$25. Download our registration form at [www.eastbaycolt45s.com](http://www.eastbaycolt45s.com). Call (510) 551-6866.

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**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.

## Volunteering

**Reading Volunteers Needed** The Barton Reading Program needs reading volunteers are needed and a new group is set to train in the fall. No experience is necessary and training is free. We will match you to a student who needs your help and will provide the materials needed to bring the student's reading and spelling up to grade level or above. There are currently over 80 volunteer tutors making a difference for over 135 Pleasanton students. An optional information meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. May 23 at Valley View Elementary School, 480 Adams Way. Call Christina Clark at 426-4231 ext. 2638 or e-mail [cclark@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:cclark@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

**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).

## TV30

**Ask the Doctor** Beautiful and healthy skin is the topic for Ask the Doctor, a live call-in show on Channel 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. June 6. Viewers can phone in medical questions for the doctors by calling TV30 at 462-3030. It is co-sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

**Let's Talk Sports** Raiders and 49ers Draft Special with Dr. B and coaches Lane Kiffin, Mike Nolan, Mike Singletary, and players Alex Smith, Adam Snyder, Tyler Braxton, Quentin Moses and more. It airs on Channel 30 at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday; 2, 4 and 6:30 p.m. Friday; and 11:30 a.m., 2, 4 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**Tri-Valley Sports Final** This weekly show covers team and individual high school sports in the Tri-Valley. It airs on Channel 30 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Fri. Sat. and Sun. Hosts: Ian Bartholomew, Dr. B, and Dennis Miller.

**TV30 News** Tune in to TV30 for community news focusing on the Tri-Valley. It airs live Monday to Thursday at 4 p.m. and repeats at 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

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