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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

What's fowl? It's anybody's guess

I don't know much about hawks except to see them occasionally flying over my home in Vintage Hills. In fact the closest I've been to one was last fall when Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, a state licensed apprentice falconer, joined Master Falconer Michael Pociacha in showing their birds' skills at a special outdoor Pleasanton Library program. That presentation attracted about 30 onlookers, which told me that not many people in Pleasanton want to spend a beautiful Saturday morning learning about hawks.

So I was surprised Tuesday that the City Council, with so much on its municipal plate, spent nearly two hours deciding if Hosterman could keep her hawk Ariel in its elaborate cage behind her home on Chardonnay Court. The Planning Commission refused to grant a special use permit on the grounds that city laws don't define if a hawk is a fowl, which might be allowed. Chickens are, but not roosters and the law is silent on many other animals that people keep as pets. Planners asked for a more defining law. Hosterman, who has nurtured her injured Ariel back to health and plans to release him this spring, likes the sport of falconry and plans to continue keeping hawks, asked the council to overturn the Planning Commission's decision. Neighbors near her home told the council they have no problem with that, but political opponents who came to the meeting did. Dan Carl of Ruby Hill, who first complained about Hosterman's hawk, said the bird is not a fowl and she is in violation of city code. Former councilmembers (and mayoral opponents of Hosterman) Kay Ayala and Steve Brozosky said they were concerned that the council might favor the mayor because of her position instead of strictly looking at the facts in the case, as the Planning Commission did. Brozosky cited several spe-

cific plans that deal with the issue, including Happy Valley's, which defines fowl as a chicken, goose or turkey, and one governing the Vineyard Corridor that also allows ducks. Others talked about ostriches in neighborhood backyards, asking if they're fowl. Chris Beratlis said his hilltop home south of Vintage Hills has hawks, owls, vultures and even Canadian geese stopping by. Janet Lin, a retired veterinarian, said the hawks at her Happy Valley ranch are harmless, but she's been attacked by hummingbirds. Should they be banned in any new ordinance? Councilwoman Cindy McGovern would add parrots, complaining that four of these "exotic" birds chatter in the backyard of her neighbor's house all day long.

Even the definition of fowl proved elusive. At Tuesday's meeting, City Planner Jerry Iserson received an email challenging his definition of "fowl," which he took from a 10-year-old Webster's dictionary in his City Hall office. It differed from one given in Webster's newer collegiate dictionary. Others pointed out that there are at least 50 different dictionaries in use, many, no doubt, with varying themes on what's a fowl. In the end, most agreed with Beratlis who said that all the fowl talk over the last 15 months since Dan Carl filed his complaint is silly and that it's time for city leaders to move on to more pressing issues, such as the General Plan update and traffic improvements. Hosterman got her special use permit and City Manager Nelson Fialho promised to come back to the council some day in the future with suggestions for a broad-based ordinance governing the keeping of backyard animals in Pleasanton, but only after other priorities were handled. Mercifully for us and our fine feathered friends that won't be anytime soon. ■

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by
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Stocking

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Streetwise

Q: What is your reaction to the tiger attack at the S.F. Zoo? Do you feel safe there?

Asked Downtown



Dave Coyle

Nonprofit Marketing Consultant

I was there a few years ago and felt perfectly safe. As more news comes out you wonder if indeed the zoo was constructed in a way that might allow some of these animals to escape.

Kim French

Fire Prevention Specialist

I will be interested to see the full story when more details are available. I think the incident will invoke change and hopefully the zoo will be safer. I have never been a zoo person. I have a difficult time seeing animals in captivity. I understand the educational aspect of zoos but I don't frequent them.



Stephen Cheung

Operations Manager

I think the incident is tragic, but I would return. It's tough to say what actually happened. The media discloses so much information true and untrue. There will be legal mitigation and I think the story will come out eventually.

Karen Bell

Nurse

I would feel safe at the zoo. We may never know the true story but perhaps the result will be that there are better safeguards put in place and safer enclosures for the animals.



Alyssa Hobson

Student at Cal High

Although all of the information is not yet available, from what I understand they were taunting the tiger, possibly hurting it. I believe it's their fault—after all it is a wild animal and they have instincts. I'm sure the animals get harassed regularly. I think the incident was self provoked.

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com
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Newsfront

News Digest

Retired educators offer 4 scholarships

Four scholarships, each worth \$1,250, are being offered to high school seniors and college students through the Tri-Valley Retired Educators Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be residents of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol and be planning a career in education. Applications are available at the high schools, Las Positas College and California State University East Bay, and are due March 3. Call 443-6097 or email greegno@pacbell.net for more information.

Adult school offers parenting classes

Amador Valley Adult and Community Education is holding another round of parenting classes. "Parenting your aging parent" is held at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. A class about planning for the future of a special needs child or dependent is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Village High School's multipurpose room, 4645 Bernal Ave. "Positive Parenting" (formerly "Sharing ideas for parenthood") invites parents of young children (birth to 10 years old) to a class at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays through June 18 (no class March 26) at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive, room five. To register, call 426-4280 or visit www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted.

Register online for parks programs

The Parks and Community Services Department will debut its new online registration system Feb. 13, with the spring activities guide. Programs and classes include after-school recreation, aquatics, exercise and sports, teen activities and more. Register at online.active-communities.com/Pleasanton. Carden West School holds open houses

Learn more about Carden West School at either of its two open houses, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Jan. 22 and Feb. 20 at 4576 Willow Road. Parents of prospective students may also tour the school any Tuesday or Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 463-6060 for more information.

Corrections

An attorney's name was incorrect in "Drunk driving case continued," News, Jan. 11, page 7. The attorney representing Katie McKewon is Kirk Elliot.

Lin family wins court order to block Oak Grove petition

Dual legal actions put referendum on hold

by Jeb Bing

An Alameda County Superior Court judge Tuesday blocked the Pleasanton City Council from hearing the results of a petition aimed at forcing a public vote to overturn the council's decision that approved the Oak Grove housing and open space project.

Judge Ken Burr granted a temporary restraining order at the request of Oak Grove developers Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic Lin.

The order prevented City Clerk Karen Diaz from reporting the official results of a citizens' group's effort to gain enough signatures from registered voters to qualify their measure for the June 5 ballot.

The Registrar advised Diaz last week and also sent a letter to Kay Ayala, who heads the citizens' group called Save Pleasanton Hills, reporting certification of 5,225 signatures collected by the group. A total of 3,700 signatures were required—representing 10 percent of the number who voted in the city's last election on November 2006, to place the anti-Oak Grove measure on the ballot.

Tuesday's restraining order, issued at the request of the Lins' San Francisco attorney Clark Morrison, is temporary. Burr, who was filling in for Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch, gave no indication when the restraining order might be lifted so that the Pleasanton council could proceed with accepting the Registrar's report and deciding whether to place the measure on the ballot or to rescind its action that approved the project.

There are also two other legal actions pending before Roesch: a suit by the Lins to toss out the Save Pleasanton Hills petition because

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It's easy being 'green' for PMS

Pleasanton Middle School (PMS) is going green thanks to a group of volunteers that have helped the children jumpstart that effort. PMS has set up 10 separate lunchtime recycling stations to help the kids organize their food and paper waste as well as recycle their cans and bottles. The result is just a small amount of remaining trash. Above, Go Green coordinator Michelle LaMarche and students from PMS participate in their first week of a school-wide Food Scrapping program collecting food waste.

PMS has also collected 22,000 pounds of paper and 3,300 pounds of cardboard the past three months, doubling the amount from last year. The school is collecting old cell phones, DVDs and inkjet cartridges to help generate money for more recycling containers and Earth Week activities in April.

Residents open, closed on Amador gate issue

Public meeting on Gatetree Circle entrance scheduled for Jan. 28

by Emily Atwood

Amador Valley High School parents and students are at odds with some residents of Gatetree Circle over a chain link fence.

The debate stems from a portion of a fence erected to replace a gate near the back entrance of the campus at the beginning of the school year. Walkers enter the campus from Gatetree Circle on a small paved path before the fence forces students to turn left onto a dirt fire road that reroutes students around the all-weather track and football field and toward the student parking lot—away from most classrooms.

Amador Principal Bill Coupe said the new route adds 200 to 300 yards for students to walk, most of which is on a dirt path that can be very muddy during rainy weather. He said the school doesn't have a preference about the gate, but said Amador wants to be good neighbors.

Before the fence was erected, residents living on Gatetree complained about traffic, an increase of cars parking on the street and careless drivers compromising the safety of neighborhood children and pedestrians.

The debate received new energy recently on the Weekly's online forum, Town Square. Those identifying themselves as Gatetree Circle residents said they were happy with the change and the quality of life they once had has returned.

"Since the Amador gate has been replaced by the fence, Gatetree Circle is delightfully quiet almost 24/7, and prior to the gate being replaced by the fence, the danger during drop-off and pick-up was paramount," said 'A Gatetree Circle Family' on the forum. "The traffic and speeding has been almost eliminated, which has also nearly eliminated

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Commissioners give feedback on Adams proposal

Privacy, views, size among neighbors' concerns for home

by Janet Pelletier

Planning Commissioners praised the "greenness" of a proposal for an 8,300-square-foot home and 8,400-square-foot adjoining indoor tennis court, but made little mention of how they felt about the grand scale of the construction project, which some neighbors are saying could be setting a precedent.

The project is being proposed by Scott Adams, creator of the "Dilbert" comic strip, for a 1.35-acre property in Foxborough Estates.

Known to many in town as the old Martin homestead, the land currently houses a one-story home built in the 1950s. Plans include the construction of a two-story mediterranean-style villa at the end of Crellin Road with a connecting indoor tennis court behind the home.

Neighbors expressed concerns about the mass of the home and tennis court, landscaping, privacy and views.

Teri Bush said she was concerned that approving a home of this scale would be setting a precedent for other large homes in the city. Others requested more details about what trees would be planted

as well as other landscaping that would shield neighbor's views or the scale of the proposed home.

But resident Dave Allen said "at the end of the day, it's pretty hard to disguise the equivalent of a 25,000 to 26,000-square-foot house," in a reference to his calculations based on the scale, massing and dimensions of the home.

Residents said the home would be significantly larger than those surrounding it, which range from 2,700 to 5,000 square feet.

While some said they wonder about illustrations showing what neighbor's views would look like with the home in place and how much trees would shield it, Adams said he's made his best effort to be a good neighbor.

According to the city staff report, unlike the majority of the city's custom home developments that require a formal design review and approval process, the Adams proposal can be exempted due to the original Foxborough development approval, which doesn't require design review.

Despite that, Adams said he was willing to take the proposal process slow, showing sensitivity to neighbors.

"I've spent \$20,000 on visuals to show neighbors what it's going to look like," Adams said. "We wish it would have been less time, but it's

been a good process."

And while he said he understands neighbors' concerns, he said "When you moved next to a field in a place like Pleasanton, you take some risk that it's going to be developed."

Commissioners agreed with neighbors that they would like to see more detailed plans regarding landscaping and visualizations, and Commissioner Kathy Narum said she would like to see a condition of approval that no accessory structures can be built on the property. Commission Chairman Phil Blank said he too was concerned about the mass of the home.

The commission praised Adams for his plan to give the home and tennis court a high rating in terms of how environmentally-friendly it is by using solar roof panels, recycled wood and drought-tolerant landscaping. The project will come back to the commission next as a public hearing, where commissioners will decide whether to approve it. No date has been set for that meeting.

Commissioner Phil Blank named chairman

At the Dec. 12 Planning Commission meeting, commissioners voted to name Phil Blank as chairman, succeeding former Chairwoman Anne Fox. Blank will serve for one year. ■

Committee oversees bicycle, pedestrian plan

Group will meet for next two years developing citywide plan

by Janet Pelletier

"Bicycles should be equal to cars," is how Bill Rose sees it.

The bicycle advocate and member of Valley Spokesman, a local bicycle enthusiast group, will help oversee along with six others, a comprehensive plan for bicycle and pedestrian routes throughout the city.

It's an undertaking that was approved by the City Council in September and got under way recently. The city plans to fund the preparation of a master plan that will layout such issues as what bike lanes need improvements on city streets, how to efficiently connect segments of the Iron Horse Trail, address where new bike lanes are needed and offer suggestions on how to improve overall bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The money comes from a \$111,000-grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA).

The group, called the Bicycled

Pedestrian Advisory Committee, is made up of seven members: representatives from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Trails Ad Hoc Committee and Planning Commission and four at-large members.

At Monday's committee meeting, the group reviewed work proposals from three consultants interested in being hired to develop the plan. After scoring each consultant, the committee decided that Alta Planning and Design and Fehr & Peers will present their proposals at the next committee meeting Feb. 4.

One of the issues the members plan to tackle during the formation of the master plan is bicycle advocacy. Youth representative Melissa Ott rides her bike to school. One such problem she's encountered is waiting an inordinate amount of time at the Mohr Road-Santa Rita Road intersection to cross Santa Rita to get to school. She said she doesn't understand why there isn't a


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Bike plan

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striped crosswalk but yet bikes are allowed to cross there.

City traffic engineer Mike Tassano, who is one of the city's staffers heading up the meetings, explained that despite logical thinking that striped crosswalks are safe, they aren't. In fact, he said they give pedestrians and bicyclists a false sense of security when actually, the city has recorded more accidents between vehicles and those crossing when a crosswalk is striped as opposed to when it's not. The city has tried working with the police department on pedestrian "sting" operations—where an officer pretends to be a pedestrian crossing the street—but stopped conducting them after officers had a few close encounters with cars.

One officer said she was done after her hand was on the hood of a car in one particularly close call, he said.

"It was unsafe for officers and it didn't change driver behavior, so now (police) focus efforts on educating students at schools about safety," Tassano said.

The group will also utilize the Community Trails Master Plan for guidance. ■



Farmer's celebrates new offices at long-vacant site

The long-vacant swath of land at the corner of Sunol Boulevard and Junipero Street is now the newest Pleasanton sales branch of Farmer's Insurance. A ribbon-cutting was held Tuesday to celebrate the district building, which has 12 private offices and houses 15-20 insurance agents. The facility serves as a training center for agents who can then move on to starting their own operations.

The land, situated next to the Pleasanton Weekly offices, was purchased in 2004 and construction was completed last October. Here, Patti Eichhorn of Mothers Against Drunk Driving accepts a \$2,000 check from Vic Lelaurin, Mike Picone and Dave David, who are self-employed independent contractors of Farmer's.

McNerney to hold downtown public meeting tomorrow

'Congress at Your Corner' to convene at Coffee Beans & Bistro

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) will hold his first "Congress at Your Corner" of 2008 in Pleasanton, starting at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Coffee Beans & Bistro, Main and Angela streets.

The program is designed to allow constituents to meet and discuss

issues with McNerney in locally popular places. It is part of an effort to reach out to residents throughout the congressman's 11th Congressional District.

"Instead of asking community members to come to one of my offices, I am excited to head to the

Coffee Beans & Bistro in downtown Pleasanton for my first Congress at Your Corner of 2008," he said.

McNerney also will host a Veterans Assistance Workshop at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on Hartz Avenue in Danville.

—Jeb Bing

Gate

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the chance of a dangerous accident involving pedestrians."

On the other hand, parents are upset because the fence is an inconvenience and they think it's dangerous for students to use the other routes on busy streets. There are even some neighborhood residents who would like the gate back.

"I am a resident of Gatetree Circle who also has a child attending AVHS and we want to see the gate re-opened," said 'concerned mom.' "A big part of the reason we moved to the street was easy access to the high school. My son has to leave home a little earlier now to get to class on time due to the closed gate, but more importantly, the path that these kids now are walking is not well maintained (and often muddy) and also not terribly safe, as I can see it. They are literally "trapped" between the school and the business park for a couple hundred yards with nowhere to go if someone were to want to start trouble. Closing the gate was a selfish decision on a few homeowners'



Some students, in an effort to avoid having to walk an extra 200-300 yards to get to school, hop a chain link fence from Gatetree Circle, seen here.

part and I want to see the decision by Amador reversed."

The fence is about six feet tall and students often climb over it. Coupe said those caught in the act are given verbal warnings and only students who are defiant would be punished.

The school district is holding a follow-up meeting about the fence

issue to one held last month at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28 in the AVHS library, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Notices of the meeting were sent to residences within 1,000 feet of the school, as per the district's policy, although the public is invited to attend. District representatives will be on hand to answer questions and address concerns. ■

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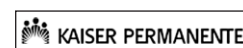


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Oak Grove

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of irregularities in the way the group obtained its signatures and a claim that it misrepresented the Lins' project plans in brochures and newspaper ads it placed.

An enraged Kay Ayala, who spearheaded the 30-day signature gathering process through the Thanksgiving holidays, filed a legal brief in responses with Roesch's court ruling asking that he set aside the Lins' suit as a violation of its supporters' free speech rights. The

plea was filed under California's "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation"—or SLAPP—which seeks to block efforts to curb voter referendum efforts.

Roesch has set Feb. 22 as the date to hear both complaints.

City Attorney Michael Roush said it's unclear if Burr, Roesch or another Superior Court judge will handle the opposing legal briefs. If the restraining order against City Clerk Diaz is lifted, the council could proceed at its meeting on Feb. 5 to accept the Ayala petition and signatures.

But the council's next action—deciding whether to place the Ayala

measure on the June 5 ballot or to rescind its vote approving the Oak Grove project—can't proceed until the court decided the Lins' and Ayala legal matters. If a judge would rule in favor of the Lins, agreeing with the Hong Kong-based developers that the Ayala group's effort should be invalidated, the issue is over and the Lins can start building.

At stake is the plan approved by the council to allow the Lins to developed 51 large-size custom home lots on 77 acres of property they own atop Kottinger Ranch, a community they also developed. As part of that development agreement, the Lins also agreed to give to the city of Pleasanton 496 wooded hilltop acres that they own adjacent to the housing project, which the city plans to use for trails, picnic areas and as open space.

The land grant, the largest Pleasanton has ever been offered, is part of a plan by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Matt Sullivan to acquire 2,000 acres or more across the southeast hills of the city as open space, similar to the acreage to the west now under the control of the East Bay Regional Park District and Pleasanton.

The Lins have faced public adversity before. In the 1990s, a City Council approved their plan for 98 homes alongside an 18-hole championship public golf course. Some homeowners, including those who had just moved into Kottinger Ranch, moved quickly to overturn that council's decision. They were successful and some, even last Tuesday, said they thought that decision locked up the land forever.

However, the Lins who own the

property have pointed out that the city's 1996 General Plan, which is still in force, allows them to build 98 homes on the land, although the city must still issue permits. When they returned three years ago to bid for the housing project, but without the golf course, nearby homeowners again objected.

Over the last three years, the Lins, through their representative Attorney Marty Inderbitzen and Pleasanton businessman James Tong, met with community leaders and eventually reached a compromise for the 51 custom lots and land grant.

Although the council approval of the Oak Grove project did not authorize the construction of any homes, preliminary plans show most would be in the 8,500- to 12,500-square-foot range.

It was the size, visual impact and location of the homes on steep hillside lots that caught Ayala's attention. She has championed a revised city zoning ordinance that would prohibit hillside development in the southeast hills just as an earlier ruling prohibits them on what is now the Easy Bay Regional Park property. Along with her petition to overturn the Oak Grove development approval, she has also collected enough signatures to force a measure to be placed on next November's ballot to impose the hillside building ban on property with 25 degree slopes or greater, which would include many of the custom lots in the Lins' development plan.

Since the Oak Grove issue was not on Tuesday night's council agenda, the lawmakers could only listen as

22 speakers spoke against the Oak Grove project and more specifically, against the Lins. The offshore developers were accused of trampling free speech rights and ignoring the long tradition of ballot box referendums in Pleasanton when citizens don't like a specific project.

"I want to congratulate all 5,263 people who signed these petitions," Ayala said. "Without question, Jennifer and Frederic Lin of Taiwan and (Pleasanton businessman) James Tong of Fremont are suing me with their frivolous lawsuit to intimate me. If we don't challenge these developers now, other citizens' groups that follow may be reluctant to voice their opinions fearing a lawsuit."

Ayala reminded the audience that she sat on the council several years ago when Ponderosa Homes was seeking approvals to build in what is now that developer's Ironwood community.

"I had supported that proposal and was one of the votes that gave them their approval" she said. "But when a citizens' group was trying to gather signatures to reverse the council's action at the ballot box and thugs came in and destroyed their signs, I was among the first to call to rescind that council vote, which we did."

Ayala and other speakers urged the council to do it again—to rescind their vote approving Oak Grove.

"Our City Council was offended by the tactics of the Ponderosa people, and here we go again with a developer working against the will of the people," she said. "We need to stop them." ■

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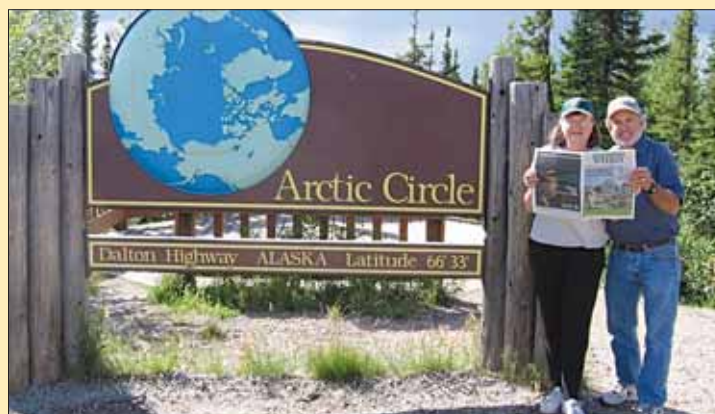
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Road trip: Alaska

For the many countless hours it took the Guidices to drive to Alaska in their travel trailer, they had the Weekly to keep them busy. Wonder if they read every word? Here, Tom and Daylene Guidice pose at the Arctic Circle, taking a dirt road leading to Prudhoe Bay and the end of the Alaskan Pipeline.

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by Jeb Bing

There's more than coffee brewing at Tully's Plaza in downtown Pleasanton.

The 349 Main St. complex, as its developer Craig Sellemeyer calls it, has become the hottest retail property on Main Street and it keeps getting better.

"We have retailers lined up trying to lease space here," Sellemeyer said. "I just wish I could find more properties on Main Street to develop like this to accommodate them."

Sellemeyer worked with others years ago to write Pleasanton's Downtown Specific Plan, a land use and strategic planning document that today serves as a guideline for the downtown district. His biggest disappointment was the decision by planners—and ultimately the City Council—to ignore a plea to impose a "first floor retail only" provision that would have forced new developments downtown to lease ground floors only to restaurants and retail shops.

That was one of several proposals by Craig Scharton, then the director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, whose other ideas for sprucing up and revitalizing downtown also failed to garner property owner and planning support. These included bringing smaller-size stores such as Crate & Barrel and other chain merchandisers to the downtown, adding more pedestrian-friendly plazas such as Tully's at other Main Street locations and even having the PDA pay for minstrels and other small musical groups to play on Main Street during busy weekends.

"The one thing Scharton brought up that was a very good idea that would have been very good ultimately for downtown was the retail-only ordinance or a retail-preferred ordinance," Sellemeyer said. "If you look at downtown Pleasanton today, unfortunately too much of the space is occupied by financial institutions and non-retail uses."

Sellemeyer is particularly critical of a decision by Bud Cornett, who is investing several million dollars in restoring the Kolln Hardware building, to lease its ground floor space to a bank.

"What our downtown doesn't need is another ground floor bank," Sellemeyer said. "Strong growth retailers—and there are many who would liked to have had a chance on that space—won't want to locate next to a bank. Banks are one of the worst co-tenants there are and this will create negative retail energy on a street that needs better."

Co-tenant energy is in the forefront of Main



Mitch Pereira's new Railroad Square complex opened late last year, offering a major retail extension to downtown Pleasanton's busiest corner. Stores are open late and on weekends, adding to the downtown's need for dining and appeal.

Street Property Services' principals of development and marketing strategies. A good retailer helps bring business to an area, not just its own store, which is why Sellemeyer believes the corner of Angela and Main streets has become such a successful business model for making Pleasanton's downtown more attractive and prosperous. Developer Larry McCole's architecturally striking corner building at 350 Main, across from Tully's, and Sellemeyer's similarly appealing Stacey's Cafe at 310 Main are crowded day and night. These businesses follow the same formula that Sellemeyer imposes on Tully's, Hi Tech Burrito, Cold Stone Creamery, Bibiane Bakery and Fontina Ristorante at the 349 com-

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—Craig Sellemeyer, developer

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property owners will add a pedestrian-family plaza farther north on Main, where retail traffic is suffering, or farther south where there's almost none at all.

To make the plaza a success, Sellemeyer allowed only food and beverage tenants to lease space.

"The plaza is part of the building complex so it's jointly shared," he explained. "So you can go there for an ice cream cone at Cold Stone, meet a friend who has coffee from Tully's and have a friend who just bought a burrito at Hi Tech join you at the same outdoor table. It's European-style outdoor companionship at its best."

But he also points out that as eager as some in the city are to replicate the plaza concept on other parts of Main, it's food that drives Tully's Plaza's success. If he had leased the space at 349 Main to dress shops or boutiques, there'd be little synergism for customers to spend time outside.

Sellemeyer and other property owners who have successful retail tenants are sometimes criticized for the higher rents they charge. But Sellemeyer says those property owners actually collect the least rent. Someone may charge \$3 a square foot down the street in a part of Main Street that generates little pedestrian business, but the tenant has poor sales performance and actually spends more on rent. At the 349 building, rents are as high as \$7, but business is so good that the percentage paid on rent is much less.

Faced with growing competition from a revitalized downtown in Livermore and plans for a Disney-type Main Street concept for an outdoor shopping mall in Dublin, across from Hacienda Crossings, Pleasanton business will need to upgrade their stores, product offerings and services. Sellemeyer is concerned that too many retailers here like to close their doors at 5 p.m. and all day Sunday and much of Saturday. That doesn't work anymore when there are more alternatives nearby.



Jeb Bling

Just the opposite of Railroad Square, the restored, historic Kolln Hardware Building has been leased to a bank, much to the disappointment of downtown promoters who want more ground floor retail and fewer financial institutions to keep Pleasanton retailers competitive.

"Sure, the ambiance of our historic downtown Pleasanton is a draw, but it's not what really brings shoppers or diners here," Sellemeyer told the PDA's Downtown Vitality Committee recently. "We've always had the old buildings, but, even so, downtown has had a number of ups and downs nevertheless. It's what you sell and offer and the hours you provide those services that count."

"Downtown Pleasanton is like a stage," he added. "The colorful historic sets are nice to look at, but without good actors and a script, no one's going to buy tickets just to look at the attractive backdrop." ■

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Opinion

Editorial

School district braces for state budget cuts

Despite the housing slump and Gov. Schwarzenegger's \$14.5 billion budget shortfall that threatens to trim 10 percent from state department budgets, Pleasanton schools are prepared to weather the fiscal storm. Superintendent John Casey said he's bracing for a financial beating, calling the fiscal crisis one of the worst he's seen in his career. Still, advanced planning, a strong reserve and good news last week from the district's demographer position Pleasanton schools better than those in surrounding districts or even in much of the state to move into fiscal 2008-09 reasonable unscathed.

With money on hand, expansion projects largely finished and a \$600,000-set-aside for opening Neal Elementary School, which won't happen anytime soon, Casey's cuts to meet any shortfall in state aid will be mostly in travel money, conventions and other expendable services. He also doesn't expect Schwarzenegger to actually take any money away from schools, but the governor has said he won't add any either. That means the \$6,300 in state aid for every student enrolled won't change. But the district also won't get the 7 percent in scheduled increased funding to meet cost-of-living increases or another 2 percent in reduced revenue from such sources such as developer fees.

Also good for Pleasanton is a demographer's forecast that while the surging enrollment, particularly at the high school level, is ebbing, there won't be any enrollment decline either. Declining enrollments are especially tough on school districts. Besides losing the vital state aid for each student who's gone, the district still has to pay 100 percent of its ongoing costs to operate the schools, keep classrooms open and meet its teacher union's contractual agreements. In Pleasanton, moderate enrollment gains allow the district to manage any increases school-by-school with little or no financial impact or changes in programs and the quality of education.

Last week the school board decided to end its ongoing consideration of building a new high school, with the emphasis now on moving some students and classes to different facilities. The demographer's report forecasts a modest drop in the high school enrollment numbers, which could also ease overcrowding and extra services the district pays to accommodate larger student populations. Casey believes there is now enough space to handle increases at the elementary and middle school levels. As enrollment evens out across the district, there's also a better chance at returning enrollment to about 600-650 at the elementary schools and to add new programs, such as a second dual immersion language program like the one at Valley View.

With enrollment projections stable through 2017, Casey has positioned the district to handle the state's budget crunch this year without the layoffs and program cutbacks neighboring districts are considering. It's planning at its best. ■

Letters

Not OK to cheat with steroids

Dear Editor,

I do not normally write a letter in response to your Streetwise section, but your latest one asking about the steroid problem in baseball really made me upset "What is your reaction to the Mitchell Report revealing baseball players who are alleged to have used steroids?" (Streetwise, Jan. 4, page 4). The three men who answered were right in their answers. It is the answers of the two women that made me mad. These two represent what is wrong with our society today. They think cheating is OK as long as it improves the game and improves their performance because it is a private matter. What these cheating athletes and these (Streetwise responders) are doing is telling our youth that it is OK to cheat because it makes the game better. What they don't say is that it destroys their minds and bodies and in a lot of cases causes the suicide rate among athletes to rise. I would hope in the future this newspaper leaves out stupid answers to their questions.

Bill Melton,
Pleasanton

City should protect citizen's rights

Dear Editor,

I am asking the City Council, city attorney and city manager to stand up to the harassment of our citizens. It is outrageous that a citizen would be put in a position that requires that they hire an attorney to defend themselves for participating in a process that is so much a part of our Pleasanton culture. It is the process that began the political involvement of most of our current City Council. It is the responsibility of our city and City Council to protect every citizen's rights.

Even if you support the Oak Grove project, it is your responsibility and moral obligation to protect our rights against intimidation and harassment.

Please follow the example set by a past council that stood up for the rights of Pleasanton citizens, even when they did not support the referendum as in the case of the Ponderosa project.

Please complete the certification of the referendum per California Election Code at the next council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Julie Testa,
Pleasanton

Make a resolution for wellness

Dear Editor,

On New Year's Eve day, 239

participants in the first World Walk to Wellness festival donated \$1,267 for PPIE to administer PUSD Student Wellness Grant funding, matched by funding sponsor, ACCUSPLIT Activity Pedometers, for a total of \$2,534. Most took self-guided 5,000-step walks around the park, and some walked two loops, getting the full 10,000 steps a day recommended for healthy adults. At noon, 27 walked with Mr. Pedometer on a short 2,000-step loop in the park to see how quickly 2,000 steps of activity can be added into our daily lives and improve our chances for better health. Hippocrates is to have said in 453 B.C. "Walking is man's best medicine."

Many of our schools now have student organized wellness clubs, reflecting the need for lifelong commitment to wellness education and practices from the PUSD's second five-year strategic plan. Teachers of all subjects are integrating wellness into their teaching, and students are learning that issue is critical to their lifelong well being.

I invite Pleasanton residents to make a 2008 resolution for a personal, achievable, high purpose wellness goal (not just "losing weight"). Integrate that goal into your daily and weekly life (the only way to make it important enough to allocate time to achieve it). Share your goal with a wellness buddy (who will encourage and motivate you). Then make the time to achieve your goals. Staying active, since 11/11.

W. Ron Sutton,
(Mr. Pedometer), Pleasanton

Animal Services should cite dog owners

Dear Editor,

I am a dog owner and always walk my lhasa apso at the Tennis Park on Hopyard.

My dog is always on a leash when we walk. On several occasions I have had encountered the same woman with two dogs (one big dog and a small dog) who never has her dogs on a leash. Twice her dogs have chased me and my dog thru the park. Twice I have called animal services and complained about her off leash dogs. Twice animal services has given her a courtesy notice instead of citing her the for the second offense.

There is clearly a notice posted at the park at both ends--however, for some reason several dog owners feel they don't need to obey it. If there is a city code for dogs off leash, and owners are reported then they should be given a citation. Animal Services needs to get tough on these citations instead of issuing courtesy notices which

Talking Points

by Gina Channell-Allen



Good journalists want to know about perceived bias

A panel discussion during Leadership Pleasanton earlier this month was educational on many levels. Longtime Pleasanton news-hound Tim Hunt and public relations professional Helen Mendel coordinated Media Day. Students were introduced to several topics such as news gathering, dealing with the media and the "business" of media.

The morning session included a panel comprised of media professionals from radio, television and local newspapers. I was on the "other side" of the table, as a Leadership student, and got an unadulterated look at how "the other side" views the media and how many perceive bias in the media.

Upon doing a little reasearch, I found my classmates were not in the minority. A March 2007 Zogby International poll of likely 2008 United States presidential election voters reported that 83 percent of those surveyed believe that there is a bias in the media with 64 percent of respondents of the opinion that this bias favors liberals. Journalists have been labeled as liberals for decades. The label was really affixed in 1986 when a book called "The Media Elite" was published. The authors conducted a survey and stated findings that most journalists in the

national news outlets who were surveyed were Democratic voters whose attitudes were well to the left of the general public on a variety of topics. The authors deduced, and a good portion of the public accepted, that predominance of political liberals in newsrooms therefore pushed news coverage in a liberal direction.

Since then, entire organizations, such as the Media Research Center and Accuracy in Media, have been founded with the purpose of documenting alleged liberal media bias. Objectivity in reporting is essential to the integrity of a news source. The editorial page is fair game for opinion; the news stories are not. In order to maintain that objectivity, journalists need to report both sides of a story and in no way color the tone of the story.

Even use of certain words can evoke emotions that have no place in a news story. For example, it can be reported that a person walking along a sidewalk stepped on a skateboard, fell and broke his arm. Or it can be reported that a victim tripped on a skateboard abandoned on a sidewalk and struck the ground with enough force to shatter the bones in his arm.

Alas, we are all human and have a lifetime of unique experiences that

have left impressions (or scars) that affect our opinions, beliefs, motivations, everything that makes us who we are. Writing is an extension of the writer, much as voice inflection and facial expressions are innate.

This is why having several sets of eyes on any story is standard practice at a news organization and why all information should be filtered for credibility. Newspaper editors and news producers have the responsibility to sift through and question any "coloring" and ensure all sides of the story are represented.

Cheryl Jennings, a news anchor at ABC-TV, encouraged Leadership students to call on any bias perceived through the chit-chat between anchors, facial expressions and so on. Good journalists want to know if their work is being perceived as anything other than accurate and objective.

But I guess that also means that if 50 percent of the audience isn't angry with us, we're not doing a good job.

Gina Channell-Allen, a 20-year journalism veteran, is the president of the East Bay division of Embarcadero Publishing Company, president of the Pleasanton Weekly and publisher of the Danville Weekly. Send questions to gallen@pleasantonweekly.com.

Letters

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mean nothing. If a person runs a stop sign, they are given a ticket the same should hold for dog owners whose dogs are off leash and chasing people and dogs thru the park. If you want people to take this seriously then enforce the code and issue citations on the first offense.

*Marlene Baca,
Pleasanton*

Campaign spending should be known before election

Dear Editor,

In the Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 11, healthy attention was brought to the amounts raised and spent by candidates in previous elections ("Curb your campaign spending," Cover Story, page 12). Nothing was mentioned about the timeline for reporting, except to say it has been Dec. 31. What's the point? Citizens want to know this information before the election, not after.

One argument against an expenditure deadline (including debt) is maybe having to go over the

expenditure limit because of the need to answer a last-minute hit piece. But since there are no penalties for going over the limit, if attacked, I'm sure a candidate could justify the extra spending, (most candidates claim they spend nothing near their limit anyway).

But it isn't money that makes a last-minute hit piece effective, it is not having enough time. In 2006, Jerry Thorne had a \$25,000 debt that was not reported before the election, and miraculously he was able to raise the money in one month following the election. Had

he claimed that he raised \$11,000 and spent \$34,000, I would have no problem, but not to report that expenditure because he hadn't paid it yet, I think is a problem.

People have a right to know if someone has a big debt and who they approach to raise the money (and it won't be your average citizen) to retire that debt. Also, the PACs (the ones that have to) need to report before the election. A timeline may not be perfect, but it is a step in the right direction.

*Marjorie Muentz,
Pleasanton*

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PCUP 207, Sylvan Learning Center**

Application for a conditional use permit to operate a tutoring center for more than 20 students at an existing building located at 6654 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 185. Zoning for the property is PUD I/C O (Planned Unit Development – Industrial/ Commercial Office) District.

- **PTR 7940, Mike Carey and Steve Maestas**

Application for a tentative subdivision map approval to subdivide an approximately 0.24 acre site into five lots ranging in size from 1,156 square feet to 3,186.5 square feet located at 225 West Angela Street. Zoning for the property is PUD HDR (Planned Unit Development – High Density Residential) District.

- **PUD-57, Hendrick Automotive Group**

Work session to review and receive comment on an application for PUD rezoning and development plan approval for an auto mall with six dealership buildings and related site improvements, on an approximately 37 acre parcel, a portion of the total 124 acre Staples Ranch site located at the southwest intersection of the I-580 Freeway and El Charro Road (Staples Ranch). The property is located in unincorporated Alameda County and is currently zoned Agriculture by the County.

Library Commission

Thursday, January 24, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda for this meeting.

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If you have any questions regarding the City Grant process, please contact Kathleen Yurchak, Community Services Manager at (925) 931-5346

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Woman robbed leaving BART station

A 55-year-old woman was robbed on Willow Road after leaving the Pleasanton BART station Jan. 10, according to police.

A man allegedly approached her from behind, threatened her and grabbed her purse before escaping by car. She was not injured and the purse contained only a checkbook and some paperwork because the woman had both her wallet and cell phone in her pocket.

The car was described by police as an older four-door, white or cream colored sedan with a darker colored roof.

The culprit was a black male in his mid to late 20s and was about 6-feet tall. He was also described as having a medium complexion and a thin mustache. He was last seen wearing a red-hooded sweatshirt.

There was no description of the individual driving the car.

The car took off eastbound on Owens Drive and some of the purse's contents were found dumped on an Interstate 580 on-ramp.

No weapon was displayed or seen, according to police.

Sisters scammed out of \$7,000

A man and woman allegedly approached a woman last Friday in Pleasanton, offering to sell diamonds, valued at \$20,000, according to police. The couple reportedly said the money would help their son who had been hit by a car and was in the hospital.

The victim, from Stockton, offered \$1,000 for a diamond and took the suspects to her sister in Livermore, who paid another \$6,000 for the second diamond. The women later learned the diamonds had little to no value, according to police.

The male suspect is described as being about 50 years old with dark skin and the woman about 30 years old with light skin. They are both Hispanic, speak Spanish and were in a blue four-door vehicle.

Anyone with information should call the police at 931-5100.

Police Report

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

Jan. 4

- Theft:
 - 10:09 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; stolen vehicle
 - 12:18 p.m. in the 2600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 2:29 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 9:56 p.m. in the 4700 block of Wingate Drive; grand theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:32 a.m. in the 4200 block of Garibaldi Place; worth more than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 8:37 a.m. in the 3900 block of Bernal Avenue
 - 12:50 p.m. in the 4100 block of Foothill Road
 - 11:24 p.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- Public drunkenness:
 - 5:03 p.m. at the intersection of National Park Road and Sequoia Court
 - 9:31 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Spring Street

Jan. 5

- Stolen vehicle:
 - 5:23 p.m. in the 7100 block of Woodbury Court
- Burglary:
 - 6:23 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street
 - 6:30 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street
- DUI:
 - 7:13 p.m. in the 400 block of Mission Drive

Jan. 6

- Theft:
 - 9:45 a.m. in the 800 block of Palomino Drive; stolen vehicle
 - 11:01 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft
- Burglary:
 - 8:40 a.m. in the 7000 block of

Johnson Drive

- 12:16 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street
- 3:16 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:28 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- **DUI:**

- 2:09 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

Jan. 7

- Theft:
 - 9:14 a.m. in the 4600 block of Herrin Way; petty theft
 - 11:26 a.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
 - 1:09 p.m. in the 4300 block of West Ruby Hill Road; identity theft
 - 2:17 p.m. in the 6300 block of Shorewood Court; identity theft
 - 4:34 p.m. in the 1 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 5:05 p.m. in the 1100 block of Via Di Salerno; identity theft
 - 8:29 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; grand theft
- Vandalism:
 - 8:50 a.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 8:50 a.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; worth less than \$400
 - 2:20 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400

- **Burglary:**

- 8:50 a.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive; worth less than \$400
- 8:50 a.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; worth less than \$400
- 2:20 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400

Jan. 8

- Theft:
 - 11:34 a.m. in the 4100 block of Crisfield Lane; petty theft
 - 11:12 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- Burglary:
 - 6:32 a.m. in the 1100 block of Harvest Road
 - 6:33 a.m. in the 4100 block of Walnut Drive
 - 6:54 a.m. in the 4100 block of Walnut Drive
 - 9:38 a.m. in the 4100 block of Suffolk Way

- **Public drunkenness:**

- 1:46 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

Jan. 9

- Theft:
 - 12:22 p.m. in the 1500 block of East Gate Way; stolen vehicle
 - 12:51 p.m. in the 3000 block of Badger Drive
 - 5:55 p.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 10:58 p.m. in the 2600 block of Vista Diablo Court; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 5:43 a.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue
 - 9:10 a.m. in the 8000 block of Canyon Creek Circle
 - 7:22 p.m. in the 5800 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- Mental health danger
 - 10:46 a.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 9:25 p.m. in the 2800 block of Daylily Court
- Public drunkenness:
 - 2:08 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
 - 5:01 p.m. in the 600 block of Rose Avenue

Jan. 10

- Petty theft:
 - 9:25 a.m. in the 4100 block of Sharab Court
 - 3:19 p.m. in the 6700 block of Paseo San Leon
- Robbery:
 - 8:58 p.m. at the intersection of Willow Road and Owens Drive
- Mental health danger:
 - 3:16 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue
 - 3:58 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue
 - 4:42 p.m. in the 300 block of Amador Court
 - 5:41 p.m. in the 1200 block of Greenwood Road

Transitions

Obituaries

John Gilbert Rogers

John Gilbert Rogers died Jan. 11 at the age of 80. Mr. Rogers was born Nov. 11, 1927 on Jersey Island in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. He was raised in Oakley and was a Pleasanton resident for the past 39 years.

Mr. Rogers graduated from Liberty High School in Brentwood and received a degree in industrial arts from San Jose State University. He went on to work for Continental Can Company as a quality control inspector for 35 years. He also enjoyed his membership in the U.S. Navy Seabees. After retirement, Mr. Rogers was known by family and friends as a generous handyman always offering his help to those in need.

He is survived by his sisters, Isabel Pace of Danville and Linda Gregory of Brentwood; children, Greg Rogers of San Ramon, Rick Rogers of Pleasanton, Mark Rogers of Gresham, Ore., Laurie Rogers of Fremont and Karen Ali of San Jose; and by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Patricia Ann Rogers.

A private memorial will be held for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566, or to the library of your choice, in memory of John Rogers.



Engagements

Kristine Stephens & Bryan Wakefield

Kristine Nicole Stephens and Bryan James Wakefield have announced their engagement to be married.

Kristine is the daughter of Jack and Vicki Stephens of Pleasanton. She graduated from the Idyllwild Arts Academy in Idyllwild, Calif. in 2002. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University in 2007. She is employed as an actress in Chicago.

Bryan is the son of Frank and Pam Wakefield of Chesapeake, Va. He graduated from Hickory High School in Chesapeake in 2000. He graduated in 2004 from Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received a Master of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University in 2007. He is employed as an actor and systems installer for Metronet Safe and Sound in Chicago.

The ceremony will be held at the Wine & Roses Hotel & Spa on July 27, 2008 in Lodi, Calif. A reception will follow.

The couple plans to honeymoon in Scotland and Ireland and reside in Chicago.



Weddings

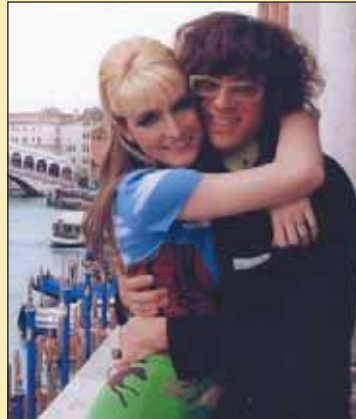
Geoffrey Long & Maren McConnell-Collins

Jerri and Rob Long announce with joy the marriage of their son Geoffrey to Maren McConnell-Collins on March 8.

Maren is the daughter of Justice Judith McConnell and Dr. Randall Collins of San Diego. Geoffrey attended Alisal Elementary, Harvest Park Middle and Amador Valley High schools. He and Maren both were freshmen at Reed College in Portland, Ore. in 1994, but it was not until a decade later that a friend introduced them.

The couple chose to have a civil ceremony in Venice, Italy with just their four parents present. The bride wore cowboy boots (from Pleasanton) in her favorite hue of green with an Italian designer knit dress in a western motif. The groom wore a western belt buckle inherited from his paternal grandfather and gave his wife a wedding ring handed down by his maternal grandmother, June Pantages of Concord.

The newlyweds honeymooned throughout Europe, with a one-week extension in November when they were guests of the groom's Uncle Tom and Aunt Kathy Long in Hong Kong. Geoff and Maren have made their first home in Los Angeles, where both are musicians.



Births

The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center.

Dec. 18

Stephanie Scott and Gabriel Araiza, a girl

Dec. 21

Tracy and Derek Vercelli, a girl

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Calendar

Auditions

The Boxcar Children Auditions Auditions for youth will be on Feb. 7, ages 7 to 9 at 6 p.m., ages 10 to 12 at 7:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 16 at 8:30 p.m. Auditions for ages 17 and up will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 5. Call backs will be held Feb. 6 by invitation. Call Michelle Russo, 931-5350.

Youth Music Festival Auditions Solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles, ages 18 and under, are welcome. Rock bands are not included. Audition appointments are required; call 931-5353. Performance at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Amador Theater.

Author Visits

Clara Hsu Poetry Reading A poetry reading by Clara Hsu will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Clara combines Chinese and original poetry.

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

Pruning classes Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave., is hosting pruning classes during the month of January. Dates include: Jan. 6 and 7 fruit trees and grapes; Jan. 12 and 13 roses; and Jan. 26 and 27 Japanese maples. Saturday classes start at 10 a.m., Sunday classes at 1 p.m. Learn about pruning techniques, care and feeding requirements for

best fruit and flower production. Call 462-1760 or visit www.westerngardennursery.com.

Suburban Stargazing Rob Drew presents a class on stargazing that meets at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 at Village High School, Room 704, 4665 Bernal Ave. Register by calling 426-4280 or going online at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted (class No. 252101).

Clubs

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 Meeting CommArt meets from 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Mudd's Restaurant in San Ramon. Tickets are \$20 cash, which includes lunch. The organization is for professionals interested in networking in arts and communications industries. Call 462-8083.

Daughters of the British Empire Come for a friendly "cuppa" and a chat with your sister Brits in the local chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in Pleasanton. Call 875-0828 or 494-1273. Visit www.dbenca.org or www.dbesociety.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.

Local Writers Meet for Support and Learning The California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch meets the at 11:30 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Oasis Grill, 780 Main St., to support experienced and aspiring writers in learning about their craft and sharing their work. Anyone who is curious about the group is invited to attend

with no obligation to join. Call Kathy Urban, 296-0447 or visit www.trivalleywriters.com.

MOPS- Mothers Of Pre Schoolers If you have children from birth to 6 years old, come join us and be refreshed, equipped and encouraged. MOPS meets from 9-11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month through May 2008 at 7106 Johnson Drive. Enjoy breakfast, crafts and speakers. The cost is \$60 per semester. Call Silvia, 560-1411.

Calendar Spotlight



A Passion for Life

Charlotte Severin's "A Passion for Life" exhibit is going strong at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. The watercolor artwork, depicting scenes from her travels to Yosemite, Carmel and Mendocino, will be displayed through Jan. 31. Severin also conducts art classes through the city of Pleasanton, called Art Made Easy II and III. Call 931-5340 for more information.

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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.

Toastmasters Pleasanton Community Toastmasters holds meetings Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 4530 Sandalwood Drive. Learn the art of public speaking in a fun-filled supportive environment. Call Bobbi at 846-8654 or visit pleasantontostmasters.com.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network The group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Monday of the month at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. Dads and children are welcome. See www.holisticmoms.org.

Tri-Valley Wood Carvers Tri-Valley Wood Carvers meet each Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, wood shop room, from 12 to 4 p.m. The regular business meeting is held the second Saturday of the month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call Ken Morgan, 462-6586.

TwinValley Mothers of Twins Meeting Join us for our monthly Twin Valley Mother of Twins meeting, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. Our goal is to provide support, information and friendship to Mothers of Multiples. Roundtable question and answer time is at 6:30 p.m.; dads are encouraged to attend the roundtable. Call DeAnna at 948-0004 or visit www.tvmotc.com.

Events

8th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast Community leaders and members from the Tri-Valley area will come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 28 at the Pleasanton Plaza Hotel (formerly the Crowne Plaza Hotel). Hosted by the Tri-Valley YMCA and Assemblymember Guy Houston, it will include a variety of inspirational speakers. Call 475-6108.

Teen Games Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., welcomes teens (sixth grade and up) to Teen Game Days: from 3 to 7 p.m. Jan. 17 and 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Play classic board games, D&D and Magic the Gathering. Snacks provided.

Exhibits

Unity with Variety Las Positas College student art work from Art 10 Design and Materials instructed by Mark Roberts will be on display Jan. 19 through Feb. 16 at the SPCA Gallery, 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin. It's open from 1 to 8 p.m. Wed. to Thurs., and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri. to Sun. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 19.

Film

The Eleanor Roosevelt Story Eleanor Roosevelt was the conscience of her generation, helping to construct policies both nationally and abroad that put people first. This public event, at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin, is wheelchair accessible. Meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m., and for those who wish to stay afterwards, a lively discussion follows the film. A \$3 donation is appreciated.

Fundraisers

Knights of Columbus Crab Feed The Pleasanton Knights of Columbus is having its 39th annual crab feed Jan. 19 at St. Augustine Catholic Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave. The proceeds are used to benefit the

church and community through the activities of the Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Call 846-7181 or email crabfeed@comcast.net.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue 3rd Annual Crab Feed Join us from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, for a fun evening of all-you-can-eat crab, salad, pasta, French bread and dessert. A no host bar is available. Enjoy live and silent auctions and 50-50 raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1, winner need not be present. All proceeds go towards helping homeless animals. Tickets are \$45 if purchased by Jan. 10, or \$50 afterwards. Visit www.tvvar.org.

Kids & Teens

Abbie 4-H Meeting 4-H is a nationwide youth organization for ages 5 to 19 that helps young people gain citizenship, leadership and life skills, and participate in community service. The Abbie 4-H club has numerous animal, non-animal and leadership projects. It meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Drive. Visit www.abbie4h.org.

Jim Gamble's Puppets to Perform 'Peter & The Wolf' The Amador Theater presents "Peter and the Wolf" at 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at 1155 Santa Rita Road. Jim Gamble's Puppets interpret the favorite classic about a boy who disobeys his grandfather and encounters a dangerous wolf. Tickets are \$10, \$14 & \$18 for adults and \$6, \$10 & \$14 for children; 931-3444, at the theater or at www.civcarkstickets.org.

Mexican Folk Dance at the Library Ensembles Ballet Folklorico de San Francisco comes to the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 2 p.m. Jan. 19. This innovative, theatrical body of dancers is committed to the preservation of one of Mexico's finest artistic and cultural traditions—folklorico dance. Perfect for all ages!

Lectures/ Workshops

Free Yoga and Breath Workshop Two hours of yoga, breathing and meditation will be held at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 7 p.m. Jan. 28. Open to all over 18 and taught by an Art of Living teacher. Bring a yoga mat and blanket for warmth.

Meditation for Healthy Living Dr. Marshall Zaslove will offer a lively, fascinating workshop at the Pleasanton Public Library 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 7 p.m. Jan. 24. He will demonstrate the latest and most astonishing discoveries in preventive, healing and pain-relieving effects of meditation.

Live Music

Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Listen and dance to the live, traditional jazz every second and fourth Tuesday at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St.

Jesse and the Rippers At 8 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., enjoy an after hours evening of live Jazz with Jesse and the Rippers.

Pride of the Pacific Chorus - Come Sing! We are a new women's capella chorus and we would love to have you join us. We rehearse at 7:30 p.m. at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Call 209-830-7444 or visit prideofthepacific.org.

On Stage

Role Players presents Bus Stop by William Inge The classic American play in which bus passengers and locals stranded in a 1950s Topeka diner in a snowstorm grapple with the challenges of loneliness and

connection, romance and reality. Directed by Dana Anderson. Show runs Jan. 18 to Feb. 9. For tickets and information, call 314-3400 or visit www.villagetheatreshows.com.

Seniors

Independent Living Tips Tools & Techniques Discover new ways to live an active, safe and independent life at 10 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us as Karen Marshall of Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) shares skills to maximize the quality of your life. Cover is \$1.50 for residents or \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Lawrence Livermore National Lab Tour Seniors are invited to take a bus tour of LLNL from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 24. We'll explore some of the most innovative science and technology research developed in the nation. After the tour we will dine at Zephyr Grill and Bar in Livermore. Registration and completed security form deadline is Jan. 3. Tickets are \$53 for residents or \$58 for non-residents. Call the Senior Center at 931-5365.

Seniors Computer Tutoring One-on-one computer tutoring is available every day at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The tutor works with you on topics where you need help. No formal program to follow, just help where you need it. Internet, Office applications, picture editing, etc. Call 931-5365 to set up an appt.

Seniors PC User Group The Pleasanton Senior Center PC Users Group meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday monthly 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. Senior Center charges apply. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

Faith Chapel Assembly of God Sunday services include: All ages Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., and children's church (ages 2 to 12) at 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study meetings 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 846-8650.

Tri-Valley Unity Church Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Sports

Pleasanton Ridge Ride Join cyclists of all levels for this friendly, no-drop mountain ride 6 p.m. Tuesdays in January that lasts approximately two hours. Riders should be in good fitness, have a well-adjusted, safe mountain bike (with a light) and general knowledge of bike handling skills. Meet the Cyclepath group at the Foothill staging area. Call 485-3218 or visit cyclepath.com.

Saturday Morning Beginner Road Ride This weekly no-drop ride is for those new to cycling, who haven't been on their bike for a while or just want to ride at a slower pace. Rides depart at 9 a.m. from Cyclepath, 337-B Main St., and will generally be 10 to 15 mph, 20 miles and no more than 2 hours. E-mail rides@cyclepath.com if you plan to attend. free

STRETCH STRETCH Winter Boot Camp, an advanced softball and baseball camp, will be held Jan. 25-26 at Valley Community Church and Amador Valley High School. Girls 10U and 12U prior to December 2008 and boys 10-14 prior to April 30, 2008 are welcome. Visit gostretch.org for details. The cost is \$150.

Support Groups

Cancer Support Group A free support group for people with cancer

and their loved ones. Facilitated by The Wellness Community. The group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twc-bayarea.org.

Crohns and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group This support group meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. Walk-ins are welcome. Feel free to bring a guest. Call 462-6764 or 846-4653.

Grief Care at CCOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Join grieving people at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 and 24 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. The meetings are open to all, regardless of religious orientation.

Grief Share Are you looking for community, understanding and support? If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. The grief support group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. It is \$35.00, with scholarships available. Call 560-6202 or register at www.dublinvcc.org.

Manspeak This weekly men's group meets 8 to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights at Kiva Counseling Group, 11740 Dublin Blvd., Suite 202 in Dublin, and is designed to create a community between men to resolve problems, form friendships, and understand and improve relationships. It provides a source of support for personal growth and change in a safe environment so we can become aware of our own emotional habits and attitudes. The cost is \$30 per session or \$100 per month. Call 485-9370 or visit www.kivaspirit.org for details.

Pleasanton Military Families Pleasanton Military Families, a support group for families of service members, meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month. The group includes families who have loved ones serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and in the Global War on Terrorism. Meetings are held at a different group member's home each month. Call Chris Miller for information on the placement of a yellow streamer for the military person on Main Street and for information on the group, 730-1604.

Volunteering

Seeking Amador Theater Ushers After a brief hiatus for renovations, the Amador Theater is back up and running, with a full slate of programming through July 2008. If you would like to support the perform-

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Sports

Sports Briefs

6 Amador cheerleaders chosen for parade

Amador Valley cheerleaders Baqiyyah Bent, Kim Carmichael, Caterina Natale, Lisa MacFarland, Morgan Cater and Alexa Pullen were all designated all-stars this summer at the Camp of Champs by USA staff

and in turn, were invited to cheer in London's New Year's Day Parade.

The opportunity allowed the girls to meet varsity all-star winners from around the nation and many international cheerleaders as well. The internationally televised event took the girls marching past a number of historic landmarks such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Baseball Winter training camp registration open

Tigers baseball will host a winter training camp for players, ages 11-14, Jan. 26-27.

The event will take place at the Foothill High School varsity field and all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Foothill High School baseball program. The first 40 players to register will receive a private session with Coach Robert "Skip"

Clapgood on Saturday morning.

Players who are interested in the camp may download the event registration form off the Tigers Baseball Web site, www.rteamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball. Mail both the filled out registration form and a check payable to "TnT training" to Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road.

If weather does not permit, the event will be relocated to the Total Player Center. All registered players will be notified of the changes via email and given the new location and times.

—Jeff Hollar

Pleasanton Rage nearly shuts out opponents

The Pleasanton Rage U-12 Premier Team won four consecutive games to bring home the first place medal at the Bullard Classic Soccer Tournament in Fresno, held Jan. 5-6.

The first game was all offense as the Rage racked up six goals and shut out the Xtreme Heat. Kira Ewanich had three goals for the Rage including a breakaway and she also had an assist to Tori Larson. Haley Lukas also scored in the game.

During the second game against the Bullard FC Blue team, Ewanich scored the only goal to lead the Rage to a 1-0 victory.

In the semi-finals, the Rage gave up their only goal of the tournament against SVU 95 Black, but they were able to put in two goals of their own and win the game. Ewanich and Jessica Medina each scored one to help the Rage get to the championship match.

In the championship, the Rage faced the Turlock Tornadoes and Ewanich scored the only goal of the game on a breakaway shot to help the team to a 1-0 victory.

The team will be competing in the state cup in a few weeks.



The Pleasanton Rage U-12

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Game on for basketball's 'Battle of Pleasanton'

Falcons host Dons in cross-town rivalry next Friday

The Amador Valley boy's varsity basketball team got off to a particularly good start this season with four straight wins and have continued to play well.

They currently hold a 12-4 (2-0) record and sit atop their conference tied with Foothill, 12-4 (2-0) and Monte Vista 12-4 (2-0). Amador will host Monte Vista this Friday in a conference tie-breaker. The Falcons will host the Dons on Jan. 25 in a "Battle of Pleasanton," that will decide who takes sole possession of first place, assuming neither team loses until then. Here are both Pleasanton high schools' schedules for the coming week.

High School Basketball Schedule

Amador Valley High Basketball

Boy's Varsity

- tonight vs. Monte Vista at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 23 vs. California at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 @ Foothill at 7 p.m.

Girl's Varsity

- tonight @ Monte Vista at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 22 @ California at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 24 vs. Foothill at 7 p.m.

Boy's Junior Varsity

- tonight vs. Monte Vista at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 23 vs. California at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 25 @ Foothill at 5:30 p.m.

Girl's Junior Varsity

- tonight @ Monte Vista at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 @ California at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24 vs. Foothill at 5:30 p.m.

Foothill High basketball

Boy's Varsity

- tonight vs. Livermore at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 23 @ Monte Vista at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 vs. Amador Valley at 7 p.m.

Girl's Varsity

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- tonight @ Livermore at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 vs. Monte Vista at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 24 @ Amador Valley at 5:30 p.m.

Realtor group donates \$12,304 to Holiday Fund

Gift will go to help eight local charities

by Jeb Bing

The Valley Marketing Association of Realtors and real estate related professionals have given the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund \$12,304 in contributions.

The donation was presented at a VMA meeting by Roy Dronkers, president of the VMA and a Realtor with Alain Pinel Realtors.

Gina Channell-Allen, president of the Pleasanton Weekly and president and publisher of the Danville Weekly, thanked the Realtors for their generous donation.

"This is the largest donation we have received in the five years we have been sponsoring the Holiday Fund," she said. "It will go a long way toward helping us meet our goal for 2007."

Dronkers said the organization, which is part of the Bay East Association of Realtors, raises money throughout the year for needy causes, people and organizations.

Eight nonprofits have been selected as this year's recipients for this community-wide campaign that provides needed funding for vital local nonprofits. They are: Axis Community Health; Emergency Room Expansion at ValleyCare Medical Center; Hope Hospice; Open Heart Kitchen; Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation; Senior Support Services of the

Tri-Valley; Tri-Valley Haven, and the Valley Humane Society.

Last year, the Holiday Fund exceeded its \$100,000 goal, raising \$112,419 in direct contributions and matching funds. Each of the targeted nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the community—six in all—received \$18,737 to help them continue their work this year.

At a time when more homes are on the market in Pleasanton than in the past several years and with the days required to make a sale lengthening, the large gift from the Realtors' group was especially noteworthy.

The VMA, which holds regular meetings on Friday mornings, is both a networking and educational forum to help keep real estate current on housing inventory, relevant industry trends and events affecting the Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol markets it serves.

Since Realtors as a group also are often involved in charitable work, they use the VMA forum to promote upcoming events, from the garden tours to support the Valley Humane Society to contribution efforts to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Many Realtors work with Habitat for Humanity, taking time to join in home building efforts for the needy. ■



The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund was created to provide financial support from our readers for a select group of local nonprofit organizations to help alleviate the needs that exist, despite our community's prosperity. This marks the fifth year of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. It provides an opportunity to aid local groups at a time when the numbers of those without jobs or with low-paying jobs and few if any health benefits have increased.

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund drive could not exist without the help of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and its generous donors. The Pleasanton Weekly nor the Tri-Valley Community Foundation will take any fees or expenses for administering the fund. One hundred percent of donations go to the intended grantees. We appreciate your support of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and these worthy nonprofits.



How to Give

Your gift helps seniors, children and others in need

Contributions to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be increased by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. For every \$1 contributed, \$2 total will be donated to these local organizations. All contributions will go directly to programs that benefit Pleasanton and Tri-Valley residents. Contributions will be distributed by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation to the eight agencies listed below. No administrative costs will be deducted from the gifts, which are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

This year, due to the tremendous need of all nonprofits, donations will be shared equally among the eight recipient agencies.

For more information call us at 600-0840 or e-mail editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

The following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund:

- **Axis Community Health:** Provides medical, mental health, addiction counseling and health education services to more than 20,000 patients and clients each year, regardless of their ability to pay. An estimated 70 percent have no medical insurance or are underinsured, including some that have recently lost their jobs and health benefits. Call 201-6017 or visit www.axishealth.org.
- **Emergency Room Expansion at ValleyCare Medical Center:** ValleyCare, a nonprofit health system, needs funds to expand its emergency room, built in 1991 to accommodate 13,000 patients a year and now handles more than 26,000. It will cost \$6.7 million to replace the facility and upgrade equipment, and the Holiday Fund will help get that started. For more information, contact Ken Mercer at 373-4566.
- **Hope Hospice:** Hospice care is unique because it works to not only meet the needs of those at the end of life but also supports the emotional and spiritual needs of the family as well. Hope Hospice care is provided regardless of the ability to pay and relies on contributions such as those raised by the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. Visit www.hopehospice.com.
- **Open Heart Kitchen:** As the only nonprofit free soup kitchen in the Tri-Valley area, this service provides nutritious meals for low-income people in the Pleasanton-Livermore area at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton and Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. Visit www.openheartkitchen.org or call 580-1616.
- **Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation:** The PPIE is a community-based organization whose mission is to enhance learning experiences for Pleasanton students through a partnership of business, education and the community. Its foundation offers education grants which will now benefit by Holiday Fund contributions. For information, call Debi Covello at 846-5620.
- **Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley:** This independent, nonprofit organization offers a variety of services at no cost to seniors or to their families. Programs include health maintenance, nutrition, fitness, disease prevention, partners-in-safety, in-home counseling, friendly visiting programs and nurses on staff who regularly visit clients. Call 931-5379.
- **Tri-Valley Haven:** Runs a domestic violence shelter as well as a homeless shelter for families and a rape crisis center. Its mission is to aid those who have experienced abuse and offers counseling, a legal clinic and other practical advice. Call 449-5845; 24-hour hotline: 800-884-8119 or visit www.trivalleyhaven.org.
- **Valley Humane Society:** This nonprofit group is all volunteers, with the mission to educate on responsible pet ownership. It assists in rescuing and placing abandoned or injured animals and operates an adoption center on Nevada Street in Pleasanton. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate. Call 426-8656.

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Holiday Fund

Holiday Fund Donors

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