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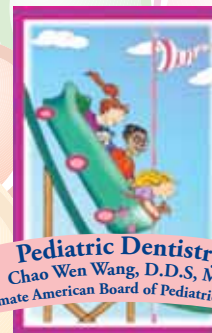
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Ski slope fall seen as miracle

I doubt that many of us who have fallen on the ski slopes and cracked a rib, as I have, ever think of those mishaps as miracles. But Steve Yeffa does, and with good reason. Steve and his family were on a ski trip to Tahoe five years ago when the accident happened. Although there's usually not much anyone can do for a cracked rib other than wait out the healing process with a few pain pills, Steve's wife Becky was concerned by the unusual discomfort it was causing and insisted they stop at ValleyCare's emergency room when back in Pleasanton. There, an X-ray showed that Steve had fractured a couple of ribs. Since one was directly over Steve's spleen, a full CT scan was ordered. The results were stunning. Besides the fractures, the scan also showed for the first time a hard cyst on his right kidney, which Dr. Robert Mandiberg explained was a tumor with a 99 percent chance of being malignant. On April 2, 2003, Steve had a radical right nephrectomy. His right kidney was removed and because it was an early Stage 1 cancer that had not yet spread, he went home a week later with a clean bill of health, although regular tests were necessary for the next five years.

On Tuesday, April 15, Steve's surgeon at ValleyCare, Dr. Bernard Schmidt, called with final test results that showed there was no evidence of any cancer, that Steve's other kidney was functioning well, and he could consider himself cured.

Steve talked about his experience last Sunday at a celebration party he and Becky held at the Veterans Memorial Building downtown for 120 of their friends, business associates and medical professionals from ValleyCare, including Drs. Mandiberg and Schmidt. Calling it a "Party for the Cure," the Yeffas also used the occasion to celebrate their 50th birthdays, which occur this year. Instead of gifts, those who came donated to the Kidney Cancer Association, with several thousand dollars raised. There was one exception: at the end of his remarks Steve asked Becky to come to the stage where he presented her with a 1-carat

diamond as a symbol of her being his "rock." Without the cure, Steve said he probably wouldn't have made it to the party. The Yeffas' neighbor, Rich Gluck, fought kidney cancer for five years, but died two years ago. Steve's aunt died of cancer just recently. The big "C," in fact, was on the minds of others at Sunday's party who have also passed the coveted cancer-free mark or have theirs in remission.

Steve's five-year odyssey began with the CT scan. Although faced with uncertainty, he views his miracle as a "stroke of luck—the hand of God pushing me over." The ski mishap tipped him off to the cancer before it had a chance to spread. He was surrounded by people of great faith, a kind of familial support, as he describes it, that caused him to go out and try new things. He became Scoutmaster of the new Troop 908 in Pleasanton, and under his leadership, 908 has become the largest Scout troop in Northern California. He also moved to a new position as chief financial officer of Cartridge World, an Emeryville-based licensed remanufacturer of ink jet and laser toner cartridges that now has 1,650 stores in 61 countries. He was part of a management team that bought out the company's Australian founders 2-1/2 years ago, enabling its faster growth. Stepping down recently as Scoutmaster, Yeffa serves the troop as an Eagle Scout mentor. Among those I've seen him helping is his son Dan, 18, a senior at Foothill High School, who built the free-standing outdoor directory at the entryway to the Trinity Lutheran Church campus on Hopyard Road, which the family attends.

The Yeffas' daughter, Katie, 22, will graduate from Fresno State University next month with an education degree and the Dean's Medal as the top student in her class. With Katie planning a career in teaching and Dan heading off to archaeology studies at UC Davis, the Yeffas, who will soon be empty nesters, plan to spend more time buoying the spirits and caring for others who are dealing with cancer—help that Steve Yeffa found so overwhelming and welcome during his own trip to wellness. ■

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When the Weekly asked for photos of look-alike mothers and daughters, staff email inboxes filled with submissions. Jennifer Harris and daughter Kendall, 5, were the first to send in a photo. We chose the top 10 finalists, which are featured on page 10, but it is up to readers to decide who takes home first place. Vote for your favorite online at www.PleasantonWeekly.com by May 4. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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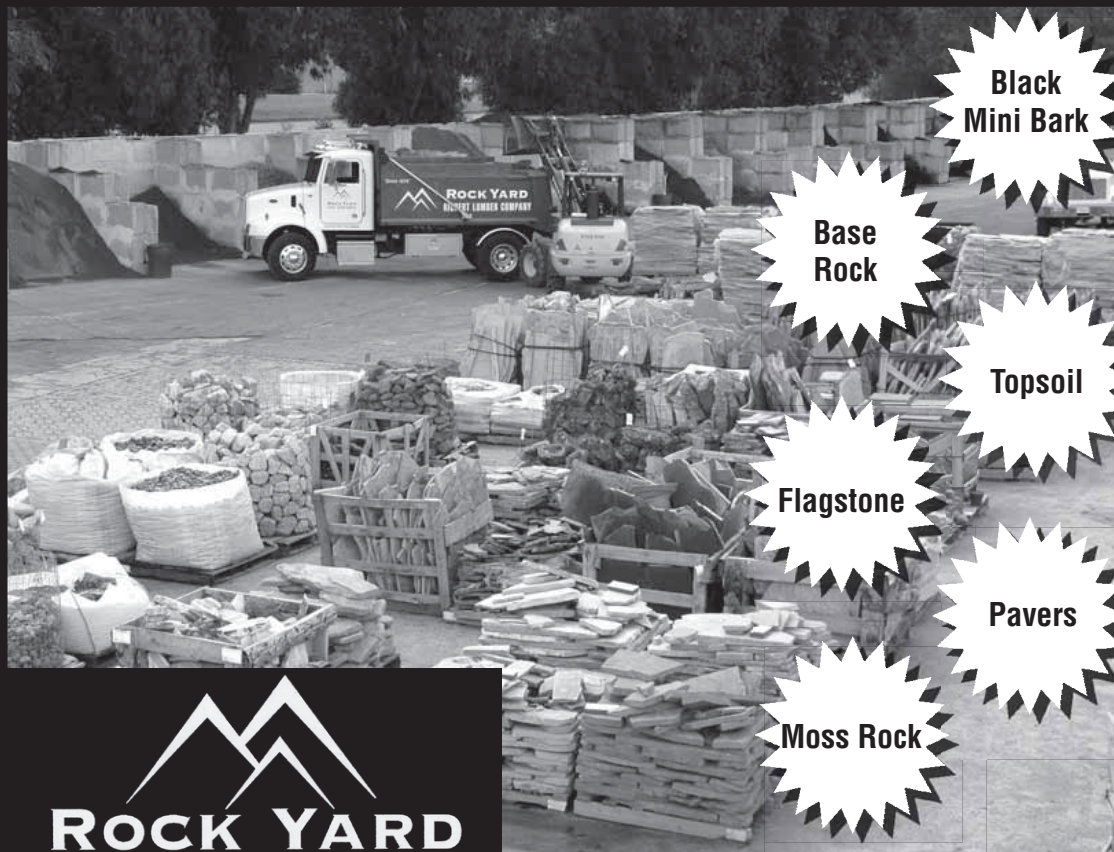
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Streetwise

Q: Would you support an ignition lock on vehicles for first-time drunk driving offenders, as an Assembly bill is proposing?

Asked Downtown



Bren Blichfeldt
 Volunteer

I think it might be helpful. Most people who are first-time offenders will most likely offend again. It would be a deterrent and protect them as well as the rest of society.

Jordan Kuduk
 Hostess

It's a good idea. It would prevent drunk driving. If you are on probation and you drink then you are breaking the law. The general society needs to be protected from drunk drivers, so I'm for it.



Marty Rasmussen
 Teacher

One of my concerns is cost. Who would pay for installation? Would the offender absorb the cost of installation in lieu of a fine? Until questions like that are resolved in the bill, I would be on the fence. I would not be in favor of the taxpayers picking up any of the cost.

Jeff Kallman
 Engineer

In theory, it's a good idea, but I'd like to know more about how it's implemented. I'm distrustful of any technology that restricts freedoms. I can imagine all sorts of emergency situations where it would be a real impediment if the technology failed.



Darren Graham
 Network Admin.

I absolutely agree with it. All it takes is one time behind the wheel of a car whose driver is drunk to kill a child. It's statistically more probable that if a person's convicted once they'll do it again.

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

News Digest

Garage sale to benefit Kenyan girls

Foothill High School students are hosting a garage sale for their senior project and need nice, gently used donated items to sell. Proceeds will go to WISER, an all-girls boarding school being built in Kenya aiming to reduce gender inequality and sexual abuse. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3 at Oak Hill Pool, 7624 Olive Drive. Call 413-0816 or email chelcbacah@hotmail.com to donate.

Agencies hold Delta conservation meetings

Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Dougherty Valley and unincorporated eastern Alameda County rely on the ecologically fragile Delta to convey about 80 percent of their water supply. Zone 7 Water Agency has been working with wildlife agencies, environmental groups, and other water districts to develop a more proactive, comprehensive approach to stabilizing the Delta's ecosystem and improving the water supply system. Public scoping meetings on this topic will be held at 6 p.m. May 5 at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau, 3290 N. AdArt Road, Stockton; and at 6 p.m. May 6 at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose. Visit www.zone7water.com.

Local students place in Earth Day art contest

KB Home named winners of its third annual Earth Day Art Contest. Madison Craig, a student at Hart Middle School, won third place and took home a new bicycle and a \$100 savings bond. Devin Cao of Pleasanton Middle School was named a runner-up. Art work is displayed at the KB Home Studio, 4226 Rosewood Drive.

Shop to support special education school

Milfleur, located at the Old Kottinger Barn, 200 Ray St., will donate 20 percent of purchases from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday to raise money for Harvest Park Preschool Special Education Center.

Correction

A phone number was incorrect in "Iron Horse Trail Trotting Along," (Cover Story, April 4, page 11.) People walking more than three dogs at a time on the trail must obtain a permit by calling 510-544-3009.

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

School board may spare reading specialists

Trustees voted programs off the potential cut list, but wait for finalized state budget

by Emily Atwood

Some employees and programs may have been saved from the cut list at the school board's regular meeting Tuesday night, but the fate of these and others may change depending on the finalized state budget.

With three of five trustees present, the board voted to take programs off the potential reductions list for a total of \$563,300. The additions would keep one reading specialist per elementary school; maintain the current level of high school counseling, which goes beyond state funding; keep the current AVID tutoring program; and maintain the Math 1 Support Class at both comprehensive high schools.

The need for cuts stems from the initial state budget requiring districts to cut \$4.5 million from their budgets. Trustees recently voted to borrow \$2 million from the reserves and were asked to approve a list of reductions at the Feb. 26 meeting to cover the remainder of the deficit.

At that time, the board approved of the reductions, but added reading specialists to the list. Since that time, many people came before the board showing support for the program.

"It's essential that our community understands that we're only able to fund these and other programs and educators by taking \$2 million from our reserves," Jim Ott, board president, said. "After this coming year, that source of funds is no longer available, and unless we identify another funding source, such as a local parcel tax, we will not be able to fund education in Pleasanton to the level we've come to expect, and this will impact the quality of education for our youngsters."

The board also asked the school district to make \$290,000 in additional cuts to administrative costs, in addition to the \$375,000 in administrative costs on the initial list.

"It's important for residents to recognize that (Superintendent John) Casey and the board, in light of the budget crisis, will reduce next year's

budget by some \$665,000 in administrative costs," Ott said. "This is significant since management costs have already been reduced over the past decade due to shortfalls in education funding."

For now, the district will hold off on filling the following positions to total \$289,277 in reductions: a middle school vice principal, a half-time elementary school vice principal and an administrative assistant in Educational Services.

Yet, the "saved" programs are not guaranteed because the final state budget hasn't been revealed. It is expected in May, called the "May revise," but is likely to be delayed.

"Over the next number of weeks the budget will become clearer," Casey said. "If it gets worse, we'll go back to the drawing board. If it gets better, we will talk about reducing the dependency on reserves and bringing back positions."

The board has another regularly scheduled meeting May 13 before they will discuss the May revise from 7 to 9 p.m. May 20. ■

City hosts open house

Event will offer overview of city services, programs, activities

Ever wondered how many cars travel on Hopyard Road during the peak commute, where the oldest home in Pleasanton is located and what's the latest with Staples Ranch?

These are just some of the questions that will be answered at the City of Pleasanton's free Citywide Open House, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 3.

The event will be held rain or shine at the city's Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road.

The fun family event will offer residents a comprehensive overview of the city's services, programs and activities. Also scheduled are demonstrations by the police and fire departments, along with booths featuring information about emergency preparedness, public safety and water quality. Visitors will be greeted with a free Pleasanton-themed gift, while supplies last.

"This event was designed to inform residents about the vast array of services offered through the City of Pleasanton, and how to best access those services," said City Manager Nelson Fialho. "The interaction between staff and residents is an invaluable resource for assessing the needs of the people who live in Pleasanton, and this event is a wonderful opportunity for that synergy to take place."

Children and adults will enjoy demonstrations by the city's firefighters and a display and demonstration by the city's heavy equipment corps. The action continues with demonstrations by the Pleasanton Police Department motor and canine units. Also on display will be fire trucks, a police radar unit patrol car, the criminal investigations van and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) trailer. The city's animal control officer, Roy Ficken, and his mascot Gandolf, will be on hand to greet visitors and answer questions about animal control issues such as barking, leash laws and pet licensing.

Visitors can learn about traffic patterns and monitoring in Pleasanton at a booth hosted by the city's traffic engineering division, complete with a computer that displays the city's arterial traffic management system. Visitors will also get an insider's view into the type of paving



The body of a Foothill "basketball star" who was "killed on impact," was taken to the Alameda County Coroner's van during a mock DUI crash at Foothill High School.

Drunk driving simulation gives students reality check

"Every 15 Minutes" anti-DUI program staged at Foothill High School

by Janet Pelletier

It may have only been a simulation, but the faces of high school students who watched the events unfold told it all.

Their eyes were fixated on a real-time drunk driving collision that was simulated in front of Foothill High School's front entrance Tuesday morning.

As fire engines, ambulances and a coroner's van responded to the accident scene and a helicopter circled above, hundreds of students saw how emergency services personnel would respond to a deadly car accident and the effects drinking and driving could have on other people. A handful of students played roles in the incident. One student, a female basketball star, was

"killed" in the collision, her body sprawled out on the hood of the car, while others were "taken by ambulance" to the hospital, one of them who was extricated from the car by firefighters using the Jaws of Life. One of the drivers of the two vehicles involved was given a series of sobriety tests, later handcuffed and presumably "hailed off to jail."

The mock accident was part of the "Every 15 Minutes" anti-DUI program, which gets its name from the frequency in which a person is killed in an alcohol or drug-related collision in the United States. During the event, Foothill Road was closed off between West Las Positas Road and Muirwood Drive.

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Roche celebrates opening of \$57.5-million "green" building

Medical science group relocates 120 workers from Alameda to Pleasanton

by Janet Pelletier

Officials for leading biotech company Roche Molecular Diagnostics recently hailed the opening of a new \$57.5-million research building on its sprawling campus in the Hacienda Business Park.

The 135,000-square-foot building opened in February, ahead of this month's dedication ceremony, on Roche's 33.4-acre property. The move allowed the company to consolidate its West Coast operations by shifting 120 employees to Pleasanton from a former center in Alameda, bringing the total number of workers to nearly 500. Pleasanton is the global headquarters for Roche.

"This building provides a well-designed space to bring research and development together under one roof, along with marketing and medical affairs," said Severin Schwan, chief executive officer of parent company the Roche Group.

"The better we collaborate, the better we'll be able to unlock molecular information for new tests in important areas like virology, oncology, blood screening and others."

In his remarks, Schwan said Roche continues to strive for finding better ways to provide "personalized healthcare." The term, often used in the biotech industry, refers to tailoring treatments to a patient's genetic profile, allowing for earlier detection, specific treatment and less side effects. Schwan said the drugs that exist currently to treat diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis, breast cancer and melanoma are a "one size fits all" solution.

"If you take all the therapies in the pharmaceutical industry, on average, they only work for 50 percent of the patients," he said. "And for many drugs, the response rates are even worse."

The research facility houses more than 200 employees and features a

number of laboratories, offices and a cafeteria.

Roche has applied for a LEED-certified silver rating, a distinction given to sustainable and "green" buildings. Project design and construction was also performed using PG&E's Savings by Design program, which enlists a third party engineering firm to identify, analyze and suggest energy conservation measures during the project design. "Green" measures incorporated into the building include: drought-tolerant landscaping; bio-swales, which filter runoff; low-pressure drop HVAC system; low-flow restroom fixtures, recycled building materials and solar panels. Roche said it expects a cost savings of these measures to total \$250,000 per year. In addition to energy and gas savings, there will be an estimated reduction of more than 1 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually. ■



Hart plays Carnegie

Seventh- and eighth-graders in Pleasanton Middle School bands traveled to the East Coast recently to play in New York City's famed Carnegie Hall. In addition to taking in the sights, the jazz band played with a high school Latin jazz band at Lehman College in the Bronx and went to the New York Philharmonic Symphony. To continue the honors, Grammy-award nominated musician Jeff Lorber recently met the jazz band at the school for an exclusive, private lesson.

Every 15

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This is the seventh year the Pleasanton Police Department and the Pleasanton Unified School

District has presented the program, which rotates high schools every other year. The program is directed toward a junior and senior audience.

Principal John Dwyer closed the

simulation by telling the audience that drinking and driving is not to be taken lightly, especially at a time of the year where teens are going to be attending prom and starting their summer vacation. ■

Open House

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materials and concrete used on city streets, and the rigorous maintenance schedule adhered to by the city for street paving. The public is also invited to walk through the city's water quality laboratory and observe the process used to analyze drinking water samples.

The Pleasanton Public Library will provide online library card registration and demonstrate the library's online services. The library will also host a cakewalk

and feature two appearances of its mascot, the 'Books.' The Parks and Community Services Department will host five booths full of information about recreation and sports programs for adults and youth, civic arts programs, environmental and outdoor education, facility rentals, pre-school and senior programs and services, landscape architecture, and the summer activities guide and registration process.

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—Janet Pelletier

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Residents asked to give their vote on county mosquito tax

\$5 assessment proposed, can be adjusted for inflation

Pleasanton residents have until next Wednesday to return a ballot that asks them whether they approve of a \$5 assessment to curb the spread of the West Nile Virus.

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District mailed out the ballots in mid-March, asking for the fee based on single-family homes on 1 acre or less.

If approved, the fee could be continued in future years and can be adjusted for inflation according to the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 3 percent each year. Residents currently pay \$1.75.

Money raised from the fee would

fund monitoring and treating mosquito breeding areas within the county.

West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne disease that can be deadly in humans and animals, hasn't led to any deaths in the county, but there have been cases reported here. According to the abatement district, steps it has taken to rid the spread of West Nile include increasing the trapping of adult mosquitoes for disease testing and population evaluation, hiring seasonal workers to increase surveillance of larvae and maintaining chicken flocks to locate where local infections are occurring.

The assessment would also fund the district's program of provid-

ing free mosquitofish to residents. According to the district, the tax hasn't been raised since 1982. If not passed, the district said it will have to cut services.

Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. next Wednesday. They can be mailed or delivered in person at an April 30 public hearing at the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District office, 23187 Connecticut St., Hayward, CA 94545. Results will be announced at another public hearing on May 14 in the same location. For more information, visit www.mosquitoes.org, or call 510-783-7744.

—Janet Pelletier

Gala aims to help stop child abuse

Proceeds to support free services provided by prevention council

According to the Alameda County Child Abuse Prevention Council, there were 25,000 cases of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect to children last year. In nearby Contra Costa County, Children and Family Services received 24,000 phone calls regarding child abuse; of these, 5,290 cases required action, affecting 9,823 children.

Carol Carrillo, executive director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County, said many of the incidences go unreported because people think the child will be removed from the family.

"That's the last resort," she said. "We want the children to be protected. We want the families to be supported. If a report is made early on, it gives the families a chance to get help. If they wait, the children may be too much at risk and have

to be removed."

The Child Abuse Prevention Council is busy with educational programs this month since April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Its fundraiser, "When I Grow Up," is a gala dinner at the San Ramon Marriott to raise money so it can continue to offer its services for free.

Child abuse crosses all cultural, socioeconomic and racial boundaries, she added. The council exists to combat the problem by training people who work with children on how to identify and report suspected child abuse. These people include teachers, childcare providers, law enforcement, social work and parks and recreation employees, who are mandated to report their suspicions.

"There many be a difference in a child's behavior, bruises or marks that are unexplained, or a story that

changes or doesn't seem right," Carrillo said.

Help stop child abuse

If you feel that a child is in immediate danger, call Pleasanton police at 931-5100 or the Alameda County Child Abuse Prevention Council at 510-259-1800.

Fun for a good cause

What: 'When I Grow Up' 2008 Gala: dinner, wine-tasting, auctions, music and dancing
Who: Child Abuse Council of Contra Costa County
Where: San Ramon Marriott
When: 6-11 p.m., May 3
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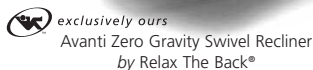


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Opinion

Editorial

Taxpayers shouldn't foot costs for Oak Grove appeal

At long last, the City Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday to discuss if the city of Pleasanton and its taxpayers should pay the cost of appealing a Superior Court decision that, in effect, supported the council's decision on Oak Grove. Oak Grove is the proposed 51-luxury-home development proposed for a 600-acre site atop Kottinger Ranch and Vintage Hills, where the developer also has agreed to turn 496 acres over to the city of Pleasanton for hiking, equestrian trails and a nature park. Following the council's 4-1 vote last November to allow Oak Grove to proceed, a citizens' coalition—Save Pleasanton's Hills—organized and led by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, spent the next 30 days collecting signatures on petitions seeking to force a referendum to overturn the council's action. The Alameda County Registrar's office later affirmed that the group had collected more than the 3,700 signatures needed from registered Pleasanton voters, as required by law. However, the Oak Grove developers, Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic, filed a suit through their attorneys to block certification of the voter petitions on grounds that they were improperly obtained. Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch agreed and, in a decision rendered last Feb. 22, ruled against Ayala, thus allowing the council's decision to stand. It's that decision that Ayala and Save Pleasanton's Hills are appealing before the First District Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Ayala and others now have asked the council to pay for the appeal, arguing that since 4,000 to 5,000 voters here signed the anti-Oak Grove petition, the city should represent them in court. She is also seeking financial help from other organizations, including the Sierra Club and the ALCU. The costs of arguing an appeal through to conclusion is estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000, and Ayala said neither she nor her organization have those kinds of funds. In recent weeks, several residents—but not many—have joined Ayala before the City Council to support her bid for financial help. Others, including the Lins' development representative, Atty. Marty Inderbitzen, have argued that the Superior Court ruling should stand and it's time to get on with the Oak Grove project. But so far, hamstrung by rules preventing them from discussing pending legal action, councilmembers have been unable to discuss Oak Grove. However, with Judge Roesch's ruling now recorded, the council must decide if it wants to appeal a ruling that went its way. Tuesday will be its first opportunity as a group, with the public invited to give its views at the start of the 6:30 p.m. meeting and then councilmembers to discuss the question among themselves in a closed session with City Manager Nelson Fialho and City Attorney Michael Roush. Following their discussion, the council will report out on any decision it made in closed session. Each councilmember is expected to speak publicly for the first time about Roesch's decision and if they think the city should join Ayala in an appeal or let her and her organization fight that legal battle on their own.

It's been four years since the Lins filed a development plan for Oak Grove. There have been dozens of public meetings and opportunities for the community to weigh in on whether the project should move forward. The City Council, after workshop meetings and public hearings, decided in a 4-1 vote that the 51-home development, accompanied by the largest land grant ever given to Pleasanton, would be good for the community. It would make no sense to us for the council and taxpayers of Pleasanton to now reverse course and appeal a decision that supports the development. We should use our resources to advance other public projects and let the Ayala appeal run its course.

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Letters

Grave concern over Oak Grove referendum

Dear Editor,

I wanted to voice my grave concern over the Oak Grove referendum that was signed by over 5,000 Pleasanton voters. What happened to the process and apparent lack of support by the city?

I was dismayed that the judge ruled against the city of Pleasanton and Kay Ayala (a private citizen who helped lead the referendum) and hope anyone who believes in the democratic process feels the same.

Concerned and dedicated citizens worked in "good faith" carrying the "proper" paperwork as provided by our city attorney. But, apparently, the city attorney did little to defend against the lawsuit filed by the Lin family, even though the attorney's office

had provided the very paperwork which was considered necessary. If the citizens of Pleasanton can't trust the assurances of it's own city, who can they trust.

Many feel that the city should have no alternative but to appeal this decision. This ruling goes to the very heart of First Amendment rights and it removes the people's right to petition the government. If not overturned, the ruling would certainly have severe repercussions throughout California.

The Pleasanton City Council is our official representative. We need to hear what they have to say regarding this unprecedented ruling. This is not something for "closed session" by a select few. This issue should be open to the public by putting it on the agenda, and citizens of Pleasanton should be able to state their concerns and hear how their elected officials feel about this very important issue.

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Mommy and me

Vote online for your favorite look-alike

The bond between mothers and daughters is unlike any other. They share many personality traits, mannerisms and often an uncanny resemblance. In light of this, the Pleasanton Weekly decided to hold a mother-daughter look-alike contest to celebrate Mother's Day, coming up May 11.

Photos flooded the Weekly's email inboxes and staff had the difficult task of narrowing the lot down to 10 finalists. It is now up to the readers to choose their favorite by voting online at www.PleasantonWeekly.com by May 4. It's as easy as clicking the button below the photo.

Winners will be announced in the May 9 edition of the paper, with first prize being a \$50 gift certificate to Faz Restaurant and second place being a \$25 gift certificate to Stacey's Café.

Fathers and sons—it's your turn!

Fathers and sons aren't left out of the look-alike contest. They can join the competition just by sending photos to the Pleasanton Weekly and prove their doppelganger-like qualities.

Send digital photos to gallen@pleasantonweekly.com by 8 a.m. Monday, May 19. Photos can be black and white or color, must be in a JPG format, at least 300 dpi and no larger than 1 MB.

The staff at the Weekly will choose the finalists, and readers will be able to vote on which father and son in Pleasanton look most alike. Prizes will be awarded for the first- and second-place winners. Photos of the winners will be published in the June 13 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, April 28, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Pleasanton has completed its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch project, located on the southwest corner of the I 580 and El Charro Road intersection, in unincorporated Alameda County.

The proposed 124- acre Staples Ranch development would include an approximately 37 acre auto mall to accommodate the relocation of the Pleasanton Auto Mall, a 45-acre senior continuing care community with a health center, an 11 acre commercial/retail development, a 17 acre community park, and a 5 acre neighborhood park that includes a storm water detention basin. Access to the auto mall and future commercial development would be from a new road off El Charro Road, with no through connection to Stoneridge Drive except for emergency vehicles.

Copies of the DEIR are available at the City of Pleasanton Department of Planning and Community Development and on the City of Pleasanton's website. A copy is also available for review at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

Written comments on the DEIR will be accepted by the Department of Planning and Community Development through Wednesday, June 4, 2008, a 45 day review period.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Robin Giffin, Associate Planner, at (925) 931-5612 or rgiffin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award

The Community of Character Collaborative is seeking nominations for the first annual Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award to recognize citizens who consistently display sensitivity to relevant social issues and exhibit the traits of the Collaborative advocates: Responsibility, Compassion, Self Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity. Nomination forms are available at the Pleasanton Unified School District at 4665 Bernal Avenue; the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Avenue; the City of Pleasanton City Clerk's office at 123 Main Street or at www.communityofcharacter.org. Forms may be turned into the Chamber office or faxed to 846-9697; turned into the School District office or faxed to 426-7146; or turned into the City Clerks' office or faxed to (925) 931-5492. Deadline for submitting nominees is May 1, 2008. The award recipients will be announced May 29, 2008 at the Community of Character Collaborative Celebration at the Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton.

Jobs Available at Aquatics Center

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
For complete information, please visit
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Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Jewelry looted from Zales store

Around 8:44 p.m. April 9, a man allegedly stole jewelry from the Zales jewelry store in Stoneridge Shopping Center, 2441 Stoneridge Mall Road.

According to police reports, the 1.5 carat women's ring with a yellow band was valued at about \$6,000. Fingerprints were obtained at the scene and witnesses were interviewed.

Police Report

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

April 11

- Theft:
 - 12:33 p.m. in the 3800 block of Trener Drive; identity theft
 - 1:21 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- Alcohol violations:
 - 12:15 a.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Reflections Drive; public drunkenness
 - 12:58 a.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; DUI
- Assault:
 - 12:23 a.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 1:14 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

April 12

- Grand theft:
 - 10:28 a.m. in the 3700 block of Boulder Street
- Vandalism:
 - 8:58 p.m. in the 4800 block of Saginaw Circle; worth less than \$400
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 10:12 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
 - 3:5 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 9:56 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Public drunkenness:
 - 12:57 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
 - 1:57 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue
- Trespassing:
 - 4:26 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- Found property:
 - 8:37 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

April 13

- Stolen vehicle:
 - 1:58 p.m. in the 4600 block of Sierrawood Lane
 - 5:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Burglary:
 - 12:03 p.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

April 14

- Theft:
 - 11:02 a.m. in the 4300 block of Payne Road
 - 5:35 p.m. in the 7600 block of Highland Oaks Drive
- Public drunkenness:
 - 2:03 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- Assault:
 - 12:28 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

April 15

- Theft:
 - 7:42 a.m. in the 7500 block of Trotter Way; identity theft
 - 10:42 a.m. in the 3900 block Arrowwood Court; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:25 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Vineyard avenues; worth less than \$400
 - 11:01 a.m. in the 4000 block of Fernwood Court
- Marijuana possession:
 - 2:06 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
 - 10:55 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- Lost property:
 - 6:40 p.m. in the 4000 block of Francisco Street

April 16

- Theft:
 - 4:30 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft
 - 7:02 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; stolen vehicle
- Shoplifting:

- 7:35 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Found property:
 - 7:35 a.m. in the Owens and Hacienda drives
 - 10:10 a.m. in the 3200 block of Runnymede Court
- Lost property:
 - 10:34 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens drive
- Assault:
 - 2:14 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road
 - 5:13 p.m. in the 3500 block of Old Santa Rita Road

April 17

- Theft:
 - 12:49 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
 - 8:25 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 8:54 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; stolen vehicle
 - 10:37 a.m. in the 700 block of Main Street; forgery
 - 11:35 a.m. in the 7100 block of Koll Center Parkway; forgery
- Vandalism:
 - 9:05 a.m. in the 900 block of Main Street; worth less than \$400
 - 11:00 a.m. in the 4800 block of Muirwood Drive; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 4:33 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 7:20 a.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive; public drunkenness
 - 4:44 p.m. at the intersection of Dorman Road and West Las Positas Boulevard; non-narcotic controlled substance possession, under the influence of a controlled substance, DUI

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Obituaries

Raymond Lloyd Zybach

Raymond Lloyd Zybach died April 6 at the age of 89.

Mr. Zybach was born April 24, 1918 and was a Pleasanton resident.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. April 27 at the Ridgeview Commons Community Center, 5200 Case Ave., Pleasanton.



Lawrence Joseph Simonetti

Lawrence Joseph Simonetti died April 9 at the age of 84.

Mr. Simonetti was born April 6, 1924 and raised in Oakland. He was a 15-year resident of Pleasanton.

He was a proud World War II Navy veteran and a member of ILWU Local No. 34.

The loving husband of the late Shirley (Revelli), Mr. Simonetti is survived by stepchildren, Michael

Revelli, Thomas Revelli, Peter Revelli and Nancy Elam; his sister, Millie Calbo; and nieces Janet Butcher, Joan Green and Claudia Calbo.

A funeral mass was held April 14 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Walter K. Lukens

Walter K. Lukens, a resident of Pleasanton since 1987, died peacefully on April 18 at ValleyCare Medical Center. He was 62.

He was born in Middletown, N.Y. May 10, 1945 to Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. Lukens.

Mr. Lukens graduated from Minot State College in Minot, N.D. and Webutuck High School in Millerton, N.Y. He served in the Air Force in the Minuteman Missile field, taught high school English and ended his professional life with Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale.

Most recently he attended On Track, a school for Adult Onset Brain Injuries, sang in the church choir, participated in Bible study and volunteered at Open Heart Kitchen.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; mother, Marion of Connecticut and Florida; sisters, Joanne and Sarah; brothers-in-law, Richard, Roger and Don; nephews,

Jeffrey, Matthew, Jon, Christopher and Ryan; nieces, Amy, Kelsey, Jennifer, Sarah and Christine; and two great nephews, Hunter and Aiden. He was predeceased by his father, Walter and brother, Paul.

A celebration of life service was held April 22 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to On Track, 1266 San Carlos Ave., Concord, CA 94518 or Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Helen J. Manczak

Helen J. Manczak died in Pleasanton, April 19 at the age of 93.

Mrs. Manczak was born Feb. 22, 1915 in Chicago.

She was a banker for National Bank of Austin in Illinois.

She is survived by her daughter, Judi Hinckley of Danville; grandchildren, Mark Nelson of Chicago, Jill Stager of Livermore, Christopher Manczak of Chicago, Jason Manczak of Mississippi and Kym Roberts of Tennessee; and great-grandchildren, Julia Stager, Jacqueline Stager, Ryan Stager, Emma Roberts, Addyson Roberts and Cole Manczak.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Manczak and son, Robert Manczak.

Michael S. Sullivan

Michael S. Sullivan died April 20 at the age of 37.

Mr. Sullivan was born June 23, 1970 in Redwood City, Calif. and resided in Pleasanton the last 28 years.

He graduated from Castro Valley High School. After graduation, he happily worked for California Indemnity Insurance Company for 11 years. His most recent employment was at Safeway in the mail room.

Mr. Sullivan was known for his big heart and caring ways.

He enjoyed family, friends, sports, live jazz music and the fine dining experience.

One of his greatest joys was summers spent at the family beach house in Hermosa, Calif. He loved the ocean.

He is survived by his mother, Jean Sullivan; sister, Cindy Sullivan; many family members and good friends.

His life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. A reception will follow.



Births

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

Feb. 19

Shiraz and Scott Eaton, a boy

Feb. 26

Ann and Victor Lopez, a girl

March 7

Ashley and Jeff Sprague, a boy

March 8

Deysi Gonzalez and Victor Zamora, a girl

March 11

Jennifer and Juan Pangelinan, Jr., a boy

March 13

Cynthia Salazar and John Mogyrodi, a girl

March 14

Mimi and Darian Edwards, a girl

March 16

Neneltzin Paredes and Freddy Morales, a girl

March 17

Kelli and Timothy Davis, a boy

Genevieve and Thomas Turpel, a boy

March 19

Summer and Bryan Bowers, a boy

Joanne and Ernard Santos, a girl

March 27

Sabryna and Chad DeLuz, a boy

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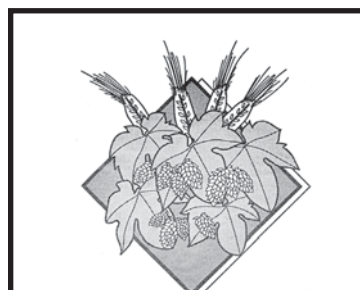
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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by
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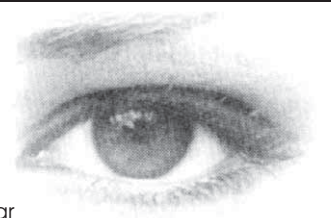
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Calendar

Author Visits

Lunch with Robert Alexander

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., author Robert Alexander will be the guest at Read It and Eat the monthly author luncheon. Reservations are required. The cost is \$30 for lunch and the book or \$15 for lunch. Call 846-8826.

Classes

Introduction To California Native Culture

Patricia Belding of Pleasanton Adult Education presents a multimedia class on California's first people from 9 to 11 a.m. April 26 at Village High School, room 602, 4645 Bernal Ave. The fee is \$25. Call 426-4280.

Clubs

Amador Valley Toastmaster Club

Wake up your career and improve your communication skills by joining the Amador Valley Toastmaster Club. They meet at 7 a.m. Thursdays at Mimi's Cafe in Dublin.

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 dress-maker pins.

Communication Arts Network The East Bay's Communications Arts Network (CommArt) meets from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Forli Ristorante in Alamo. Tickets are \$20 cash, includes lunch. Call Terry, 462-8083, or visit www.commartnet.org.

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 Grille, 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.

Concerts

Voice Recital The Sarah Sloan Voice Studio will be hosting a free concert at 7 p.m. April 26 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Call 719-4984.

Events

Artists' Flea Market The flea market will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at First at Neal streets. Sponsored by the Pleasanton Art League, it will feature new and used art supplies and equipment; dis-

counted original artwork; canvas, frames, paper, ink, colored pencils, pottery, paintings, brushes, etc.

Carnival with Food & Games All ages are welcome to PCCS' Carnival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3 at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Drive. Buy tickets to play games and purchase food. PCCS teaches Mandarin and Cantonese to kids on Saturday mornings. New session begins Sept. 6 for 2008-09. Call 417-2623 or visit www.pccs-usa.org.

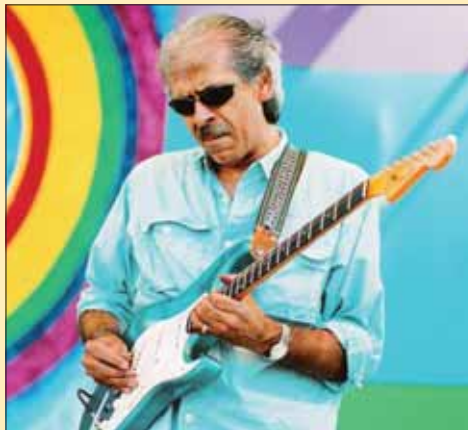
Emergency Survival Expo The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will host its first Emergency Survival Expo, free of charge to all Tri-Valley residents, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Call 373-5718.

Sixth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive The food drive is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 26, rain or shine. All food donations go to local food pantries. About 800 youth volunteers will be collecting non-perishable items from single-family residences throughout the Tri-Valley. Call 998-6513 or visit www.youth-servicecouncil.com for locations.

Exhibits

Celebrating Art Made Easy A community reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. May 5 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The art exhibit of students' watercolor paintings will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6 to 8 and 8 a.m. to noon May 9. Call 931-5340.

Weekend Preview



'Style with Substance' to benefit cancer research

Gary Gemma, owner of Gary Patrick Salon, hosts the second bi-annual fundraising event called "Style with Substance: A Fusion of Fashion, Music and Giving" from 7 to 10 p.m. April 27 at Ruby Skye Night Club, 420 Mason St., San Francisco. All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Destiny, Harpist from the Hood, will open the festivities with a prelude of classical crossover music. The evening will showcase a fashion show featuring the latest from San Francisco's Colleen Quen Couture, seen on America's Next Top Model and debuting in Paris this year. Contemporary men's fashions will be provided by Acc'sentials. Tickets are \$50 for general admission and \$100 for VIP, which includes one cocktail and a gift bag. Visit www.rubyskye.com or www.ticketweb.com or call 462-2375.

able odds to save his dying mother. Film viewing every 15 minutes.

Fundraisers

A Chair Affair The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop hosts a unique chair sale. Chairs painted and decorated by local artists will be up for auction from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 to 28 at the shop in Mission Plaza Shopping Center, 1987 Santa Rita Road. A preview party will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. April 25. Call 462-7374.

Brain Tumor Walk The National Brain Tumor Foundation will host its 14th annual 5K fundraising walk May 3 at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Registration begins at 9 a.m., program 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All ages welcome. Fun family activities, fundraising/raffle prizes and more. Help make a difference in the fight against brain tumors. Call 866-455-3214 or visit www.brain-tumor.org/AngelAdventure.

Bras for the Cause Breast Cancer Walk Celebrate Mother's Day, May 10, by talking a walk in underwear to support breast cancer. Decorate a bra and wear it on the outside for this fun evening 10K walk through downtown Pleasanton. Registration is \$55. Check in is at 6 p.m. and the walk starts at 7 p.m. For details and to register, visit www.trivalleysocks.org.

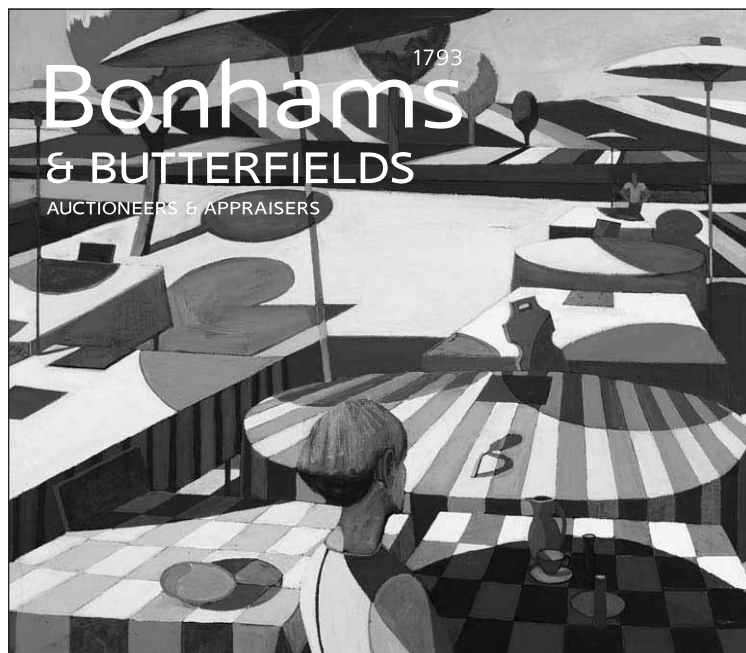
Gingerbread Alumnus Gingerbread Preschool is going under construction this summer. A special area in the play yard will be laid with bricks personalized by our existing and past families. Bricks are being sold for \$125. There are only 60 bricks left. Deadline for purchase is May 12. Call 931-3430.

Harvest Park Pre-School Education Center Fundraiser Help to raise money for Harvest Park Pre-School Special Education Center, serving special needs children in Pleasanton. The event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. April 27 at Milflur, 200 Ray St. Twenty percent of all purchases will be donated. There will also be music, wine, coffee and chocolate. Call Diane, 462-3566.

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour The tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4, rain or shine, will take participants to unique gardens at Pleasanton homes, where the love of gardens meets the love of pets. Proceeds benefit the Valley Humane Society. Tickets are \$35. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

Looking for Garage Sale Donations Foothill High School students are hosting a garage sale for their senior project and need nice, gently used item donations to sell. All proceeds go to WISER, an all-girls boarding school being built in Kenya aiming to reduce the gender inequality gap in education and sexual abuse for girls there. Email chelcbacah@hotmail.com or call 413-0816.

Primavera Dinner Dance Eat food from Tony Martinelli and dance to the music of JB Smooth Sounds at 6 p.m. May 3 at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. The fundraiser benefits Tri-Valley Scholarship program and other charities. Reserve a spot by April 28 by calling Helen, 462-3798 or Rose, 846-4227.



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The Magic of Music 4th Annual Fundraising Gala

A Celebration of the Roaring '20s will be held at 6 p.m. April 26 at The Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive. It includes an elegant evening with champagne, speakeasy beer, a three-course seated dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. This event is only major fundraiser of the year for Amador Valley High Schools concert bands, jazz bands, winter percussion and colorguard. Tickets are \$75. Call 426-5662 or visit www.amadorband.org.

Tri-Valley YMCA Golf Tournament A golf tournament to benefit the Tri-Valley YMCA will be held April 28 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. Tickets are \$195 and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments, a round of scramble golf, a raffle, and live and silent auctions. Call 475-6108 or email mcasper@ymcaeastbay.org. Corporate involvement is also available.

WISER Garage Sale Foothill High School seniors are hosting a garage sale for their senior project from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3 at Oak Hill Pool, 7624 Olive Drive. All proceeds go to WISER, an all-girls boarding school being built in Kenya aiming to reduce the gender inequality gap and sexual abuse in Kenya. Oak Hill Pool, Pleasanton.

Health

Diabetes Self Management Class

Seven week series of classes will help you learn how to manage your diabetes at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Classes include nutrition, monitoring blood glucose, medications, exercise and stress management. Classes are ongoing, call 510-383-5285 for times and locations.

Kids & Teens

Vacation Bible School Faith Chapel Assembly of God presents "Power Lab—Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power," from June 23 to 27. Registration begins May 1 and space is limited. The cost is \$5. Call 846-8650.

Live Music

Community Band Plays at Farmer's Market

Pleasanton Community Concert Band will entertain shoppers at the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9:15 a.m. to noon on April 26. The market is on West Angela Street, between Main and First streets. The Band will be located in the parking lot of the Panda Restaurant.

Michael Czaja Quartet Jazz program The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., presents the Michael Czaja Quartet at 7 p.m. May 3. These local teens Alex Reiff on bass, Colin McDaniel on drums, Ryan Coleman on guitar and Micahel Czaja on sax play jazz standards.

Political Notes

Tri-Valley Republican Women meeting

Rochelle Conner, the treasurer of the San Francisco Republican Alliance, will speak at the dinner meeting of Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated at 6:30 p.m. May 8 at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Road. New members and visitors are welcome. Reservation deadline is May 1. Call 426-1995.

Spiritual

A New Earth, A New You April message theme by Dr. Richard Southern, special speaker at Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at 10 a.m. Sundays at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. The April 27 message is

titled, "How Then Shall I Live: Living as a Blessing to the World." All are welcome. Call 829-2733.

Sports

California Spirit Cheerleading Tryouts

Three-day required tryouts April 29, 30 and May 1 at California Spirit Elite, 1056-A Serpentine Lane. Call 462-5877 for age time slots and details.

Tri-Valley Cheer Sign-ups Girls between the ages of 10-15 years old as of July 31 are invited to sign up for Tri-Valley Cheer. Registration fee is \$75. Upcoming sign-ups for the 2008 season are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 24, and May 1, 8 and 15 at Frederiksen Elementary School's multipurpose room, 7243 Tamarack Drive, Dublin. Call 216-6742.

Support Groups

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

Widows/Widowers Grief Support

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Volunteering

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Hats Off America Volunteers are wanted for the Hats Off America Casino Night April 19; Muscle Car, Hot Rod, and Art Fair May 16 to 18; Red T-Shirt 10K runs/5K walks June 7, Sept. 13 and Nov. 8. HOA is a nonprofit organization benefiting families of fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Email Sparky George, thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com.

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.

TV30

Conversations Joining host Robin Fahr are therapist Barbara Tuber-Sooy who discusses stress and the best way to manage it and Dr. Anja Lindblad of the Creekside Center for Natural Medicine talking about naturopathic medicine. On Channel 30 every day at 6 and 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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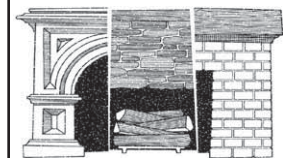
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