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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Come to city's Open House tomorrow

For a fun-filled and close-up look at how Pleasanton operates, don't miss the city's open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow at the municipal Operations Service Center, located just off Valley Avenue at 3333 Busch Road. A walk through the maze of separated repair shops and paint stations at the center, itself, is amazing, and mechanics, sign painters, street maintenance crews and even the guys who hang the sign in the middle of night every Monday morning under the Main Street arch will be on hand to explain their work. Hundreds turned out two years ago for a similar event hosted by the police department. Public Works held its own open house a year earlier, with traffic engineers explaining the intricacies of the city's videocams and other traffic monitoring devices—not always to every driver's satisfaction—that determine if you'll get the green light or a red as you approach busy intersections. The success of these two programs prompted City Manager Nelson Fialho to put them all together in one public event, and that's tomorrow.

A good portion of Pleasanton's workforce has jobs outside the city, often facing long commutes. Long before they leave or during the evening hours after they get home, scores of city workers are on the job, making sure the water storage tanks are full, patrolling neighborhood streets, checking burned out street lights or staffing the 911 emergency response desk at the police station. Many of these "night people" will be on hand to talk about their work. You might also want to give them your thanks for jobs well done.

Pleasanton has 535 employees in jobs ranging from firefighting, police, library services and park maintenance. Traffic Engineer Mike Tassano will staff a special booth to talk about Pleasanton's favorite subject: traffic congestion and cut-through traffic. He'll also have his staff with notepaper on hand to hear comments and complaints (he likes compliments, too) about signals,

speeding problems and large trailers parked on your neighborhood street. Newly-hired Community Development Director Brian Dolan will be on hand with his associates to hear your views on future housing in Pleasanton, where it should go and how big should these homes be. It'll also be the last chance to hear Public Works Director Rob Wilson describe his many days of walking through the muddy southeast hills to prod contractors into finishing the Callippe Preserve Golf Course on time. Wilson retires shortly. Another helpmate to all of us who have homes is George Thomas, chief building official, who will be on hand with his crew with tips and manuals on all aspects of home repairs and improvement, including roofing, decks and driveways where inspectors can make sure your job is done right. Jim Wolfe, director of Parks and Community Services, will have maps of current parks and layouts of new sports fields now being built on Bernal or planned for Staples Ranch. For those who've never been inside City Hall, Fialho can describe the services there, while City Librarian Julie Farnsworth will talk about plans for expanding the library. She'll also have library card applications to get you to come by.

As before, police under the command of Chief Mike Fraser will demonstrate their expertise on motorcycles and the capabilities of the department's canine unit. Fire Chief Bill Cody will describe—but probably not participate—in the firefighter demonstrations on rappelling off the sides of the fire training building. You might also have a chance to hold onto a working fire hose. All told, the city will have more than 20 demonstration and game booths with a schedule of events for both morning and afternoon visits. A new favorite will be the chance to watch a mini-video camera crawling along the insides of sewer pipes to watch for leaks or other problems. It's one job where nobody complains about high tech replacing a hired hand. See you tomorrow. ■

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

THE BEST TIME TO BUY A HOME

Is it best to buy a home when the market is alive with buyers and you can be sure that your own home will sell quickly if you find another that you wish to buy? Or is it best to buy when the market has cooled and sellers are more willing to accept both your offered price and the terms and timing you've asked for?

There is no satisfactory answer to this question. Perhaps the closest we might come to a viable answer would be to say that buyers should shoot for the time shortly before a slow market reaches bottom, when sellers are still flexible and prices are as low as they're likely to go. Ideally, then, the buyer would find and purchase a home, and then sell his or her existing home as the market begins to regain steam.

That kind of timing, though, is nearly impossible to pull off.

So we're left with this truth: The best time to buy or sell real estate occurs when you truly want and need to buy or sell real estate. Every market has both opportunities and pitfalls, and it's important to negotiate your way through them to the best possible purchase and sale with the guidance of a seasoned real estate professional you trust – someone with whom you are truly compatible. Don't leave this to chance. Find the best possible support and advice when you seek to buy or sell real estate...no matter the condition of the market! For expert advice call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com

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Students from the Asilo Orphanage made a presentation to Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association delegates, who have supported the orphanage throughout the 25 years of city partnership. Mexican delegates will travel to Pleasanton to continue the silver anniversary this fall. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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Q: Do politics matter in the Olympic games?

Asked Downtown



Peter Bradley
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They matter to some degree, but I think the athletes that train, sometimes a lifetime, should be given the respect deserved. For the glory and thrill to be taken away because of a political situation they have no control over is unfair.

Steve Zhang
Researcher

Politics have always mattered in the Olympic games. It is how people evaluate a country. I don't think the policies of a country exposed by hosting the games will have a huge economic negative or positive effect. We live in a world community and these situations give the world an opportunity to better understand and investigate the workings and politics of the hosting country.



Daphyne Thomas-Mirr
Speech Therapist

They do matter, but I don't think they should. Athletes work very hard for years and I think they should be able to practice and compete without these distractions.

Nancy Ripcke
Accountant

Absolutely, the politics of the country where the Olympics are held is very important. There has been rioting and unrest. There is an awful lot of turmoil. We should be alert to the possibility of further problems. We should try to create some negotiations to ensure we have a successful Olympics.



Katherine Woodward
Quality Manager

Politics always matter, especially when human rights are involved. The Olympic Committee should evaluate countries wanting to host the games and set internationally agreed upon requirements in order to be granted that honor.

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News Digest

Students to play free jazz concert

The Michael Czaja Quartet will bring a variety of jazz standards and ballads to a free concert at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 7 p.m. Saturday. Czaja is a junior at Foothill High School where he has been the lead alto saxophone player in the jazz band since his freshman year. He is joined by Colin McDaniel on drums, Ryan Coleman on guitar and Ben Kopf on bass.

Congressional art displayed in Tracy

The 11th District Congressional Art Competition will be displayed at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts in Tracy from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Artwork was done by high school students in the 11th District and Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) will announce the winner at noon. Winners of each district will be featured in a busy corridor that connects the Cannon House Office Building with the U.S. Capitol.

Laugh to help Harvest Park aide's cancer battle

Called the Harvest Park Big Give, an evening of comedy will help support special education aide Terry Caprista. She was diagnosed with cancer four years ago and was given six months to live. Debi Gutierrez, the Mommie Comic, will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 7 at Tommy T's Comedy & Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Road. Tickets are \$20 (with a two item minimum) and \$15 of that would go towards offsetting mounting medical bills. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a live auction will follow at 7.

Arthritis walk comes to the Tri-Valley

May is National Arthritis Month and the Arthritis Foundation's signature walk will take place from 9 to 11:30 a.m. May 10 at Lifestyle RX Center, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd. in Livermore. The event features both a three- and one-mile course as well as activities for families. Those with arthritis will wear blue hats to signify their action in taking control of their condition. Leashed dogs are invited to walk as well. Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dogs to walk with them at the event. To join a team, make a donation or for more information visit www.arthritiswalktrivalley08.kintera.org or contact the Arthritis Foundation, Northern California Chapter at (415) 356-1230.

Council votes 3-2 not to appeal Oak Grove court decision

Special meeting leaves project approval in tact pending end of citizens' group litigation

by Jeb Bing

The Pleasanton City Council decided in a 3-2 vote behind closed doors Tuesday night against appealing an Alameda County Superior Court ruling that, in effect, allows the Oak Grove development project to proceed.

Oak Grove is the 51-luxury-home development proposed for a 600-acre site in the hills above Kottinger Ranch and Vintage Hills, where the developer also has agreed to turn over 496 acres to the city of Pleasanton for hiking, equestrian

trails and a nature park.

The announcement of the council's decision came near the end of a three-hour meeting on a decision made Feb. 22 by Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch. That decision ruled that petitions filed by a citizens' coalition—Save Pleasanton's Hills, organized and led by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala—were invalid because they were improperly obtained. Ayala and her group immediately asked the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco to overturn the ruling, an appeal

that she asked the City Council to also file or at least to finance her group's continued litigation.

Tuesday night, the council took the unusual action of waiving the confidentiality of remarks and decisions made by individual council members in their closed door discussion in a 5-0 vote.

But that was the only unanimous decision made by the local legislators that night.

In 3-2 votes—with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and

Jerry Thorne voting in the majority and council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan casting the two dissenting votes—the council:

- Rejected a proposal to join the citizens' group in appealing Judge Roesch's decision;
- Rejected a proposal to hire outside legal counsel to review Roesch's ruling and advise the council if there were good reasons to appeal his verdict;
- Approved a motion to accept the

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Lydiksen goes multicultural

Lydiksen Elementary School recently had its first multicultural event in several years with 18 countries represented. Students carried "passports" where they were required to answer a question about a country, color in the flag and receive a stamp. Parents and family members served as country tour guides with elaborate displays and many in traditional garb.

Emily Atwood

Search for Castlewood couple's killers continues

Investigators call the process 'frustrating'

It's been six weeks since authorities discovered the bodies of Charlene Abendroth, 57, and her husband Ernest Scherer, Jr., 60, in their Castlewood Country Club home, victims of an apparent double homicide.

With no arrests to report, investigators are calling the case "frustrating," but are hopeful it will be resolved.

"It's been very frustrating," said Sgt. Scott Dudek of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, which is handling the case because Castlewood is in an unincorporated part of the county. "We're optimistic there will be a conclusion in this at some time, hopefully in the near future."

The couple, married for 31 years, were found brutally beaten to death March 14 by a country club employee, after the couple's daughter from

Utah became concerned and asked that someone check on them. It's believed that the couple was killed in the hours after returning home from a dinner at the country club on March 7. They were found clothed in their sleepwear. Authorities have been careful not to disclose too many details about the case and the official cause of death by the county coroner's office has still not been released.

Dudek said he can say for sure that investigators don't believe the killings were random.

"We're still working on it 24/7," he said.

Authorities have been focusing on the couple's son, Ernest "Skip" Scherer III as of late. It was revealed a couple weeks ago that the sheriff's department seized a red Chevy Camaro for forensic investigation, but

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BART apartments clear first hurdle

Plans for 350-unit complex, retail space moves on to City Council

by Janet Pelletier

Planning Commissioners were on board with plans for a 350-unit apartment complex next to the future West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. They voted 4-1 to approve the plans, forwarding their recommendation on to the City Council for the final okay.

Windstar Communities, which is also proposing a 150-room hotel, 309 apartments and 7,500 square feet of commercial space directly across Interstate 580 in Dublin, is planning the Pleasanton transit-oriented development (TOD) on a 7-acre parcel off Stoneridge Mall Road, adjacent to where the new BART station will open in 2009.

Part of the development includes 14,000 square feet of retail space, where developers are trying to court a grocery store.

Twenty percent, or 70 units, will be affordable housing. The complex will include a fitness center, club room, pool, spa and tot lot.

While a majority of the commissioners overwhelmingly approved of the project, some had qualms about parking and what should go in the retail portion.

"I think the elephant in the room is parking," Commissioner Kathy Narum said at the April 24 meeting.

Since the complex is within walking distance of BART, Eric Heffner of Windstar Communities said they expect that one out of five residents will be commuters and will not own a car. Parking will be allotted in two garages and an uncovered surface lot to total 460 spaces for residents. An additional 222 spaces will be available for visitors. For a project of this size, city

code requires 531 resident spaces and 50 visitor spaces, but Heffner said since it is a TOD, he believes not as many cars will be using the spots.

Commissioner Anne Fox, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said she turned down the project because she felt stricter conditions should have been placed on what allowable businesses could be placed in the retail space, such as those that would discourage residents from having to use their cars to receive services off site.

"We should have mandated a grocery store," she said. "We should have the list of commercial uses narrowed down."

City planner Steve Otto explained that the city didn't narrow the list because they didn't want the space to end up empty if the developer had trouble courting specific tenants.

While commissioners said they shared Fox's sentiment, they also didn't want to overly restrict the applicant.

"It's market-driven," said Commissioner Phil Blank. "TOD is so new, that what defines what types of retail (should) go there?"

Fox said she also felt Windstar didn't have a proper contingency plan for parking should Caltrans decide to take their right-of-way north of the project's border with I-580.

Heffner said should that scenario occur, the company would offer mechanical parking, a system that he said is being used in Manhattan, where a device parks cars on top of one another like a vending machine.

The development is planned to

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Civics champs head to D.C.

Team faces 49 states, District of Columbia in "We the People" finals

by Jeb Bing

Amador Valley High School's Competition Civics team headed to Washington, D.C. Wednesday to compete against high school civics champions from 49 other states and the District of Columbia in the 2008 "We the People" competition.

Led by coach and social science teacher Brian Ladd, the 29 seniors face intense competition in the annual contest.

This year's Amador team, which won the California state championship, also faces a legacy. Amador has become one of the better known high schools on Capitol Hill, finishing second in the national contest in the last two consecutive years and one of the top 10 schools nationally in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000 and 2004. It won the national title in 1995.

The annual "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" is considered one of the country's most prestigious academic competitions for high schools.

More than 200 parents and students watched this year's team handle Constitutional questions last Monday night in a final dress rehearsal at Trinity Lutheran Church. Judges for that session were Councilwoman Cheryl

Cook-Kallio, Palo Alto Attorney Benjamin A. Glickman, who was on Amador's 1995 championship team, and Dave Richmond, head of the California "We the People" program.

Students on this year's team are Vincent Buscarello, Joel Detweiler, Stoney Glover, William Grau, Margaret Haupt, Kristyn Hayashi, Genevieve Hoffman, Pooja Jaeel, Udani Kadurugamuwa, Teresa Machado, Erica Miranda, Sarah Moellering, Lanz Nalagan, Joshua Pann, Shannon Parker, Jeyshree Ramachandran, Devi Santhosh, Kevin Sasek, Alexander Schlick, Ryan Seams, Amaan Shaikh, Siddarth Somanathan, Yichuan Sun, Kristopher Tayyeb, Corinne Tu, Alan Wang, Terri Wang, Tony Wang and Curtis Wong.

"This is the hardest working group ever," said Ladd, who has taught social studies for the last 17 years and was Pleasanton's Teacher of the Year in 2006. "Each year, the competition is more demanding. These students have worked seven days a week to prepare for the national contest."

Ladd will have help in final preparation sessions in the capital. Cook-Kallio, who lives in Pleasanton and teaches AP Government at Irvington High School in Fremont, will join the group on its Washington trip.

Her "We the People" class finished in the top 10 statewide and she offered her help to Amador when it won the state championship.

"My goal is to make sure California comes home with the title so I'll help Amador do everything it can to win the competition," she said.

The Amador team will compete starting Saturday, with the first round before judges at 9 a.m. and a second round at 2 p.m. Sunday. If Amador makes it to the top 10, it will compete again on Monday, with the national champion and runners-up to be announced that night at a "We the People" banquet.

While in the capital, the students also have been invited to meet Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-San Francisco). Ladd also has arranged a special State Department tour and briefing while the group is in Washington.

At Monday night's final rehearsal, Ladd and the group acknowledged the efforts of Pleasanton businessman Jerry Pentin and his "Cycling for Civics" team, which earlier gave the civics group a check for \$6,000 to help meet the group's fundraising goal of \$39,000 for the Washington trip, which it raised.

Pentin brought a laugh from the



Team One of the 29-student Competition Civics class from Amador Valley High School waits for start of practice session at Trinity Lutheran Church Monday to discuss the Constitution. The five, with their coach and teacher Brian Ladd standing behind, are (from left) Joel Detweiler, Terri Wang, Ryan Seams, Alan Wang and Udani Kadurugamuwa. Class begins competing in national "We the People" competition in Washington, D.C. tomorrow.

audience when he disclosed that the cyclists actually had raised \$8,200, but were setting some of it aside for Foothill High School's Comp Civics team, which lost out in this year's state finals.

"We had a number of great sponsors this year with the Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation becoming our 'Yellow Jersey' winner with a \$1,500 donation," Pentin said. "We hope all of our sponsors will be on board next year as our goal is to raise over \$10,000."

The "Cycling for Civics" team rode a total of 885 miles in Death Valley, with Bryan Gillette completing the entire 200-mile course

while facing wind gusts greater than 40 mph. Other team members were Barry Schwartz, who rode 175 miles; Gary Boal, 150 miles; Jim Ott, 150 miles, and Pamela Ott and Pentin, 105 miles.

"We the People" is a competitive civics experience sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, a division of the U.S. Department of Education. Students' knowledge of the Constitution, the founding of the country and the evolution of American government is tested in simulated congressional hearings that foster critical thinking and creativity. ■

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A selfless birthday celebration

Kelly Shotwell turns 13 and donates hair, walks to support breast cancer

by Emily Atwood

Kelly Shotwell is turning 13 on May 10 and she is celebrating with a haircut and some exercise. That is, she will donate her hair to Locks of Love and walk with her mom, Debbie, in the annual Bras for the Cause event.

Growing out her hair to give away isn't a first for Kelly, who has done it a few times since she was 6 or 7, she said.

"Ever since I was little I've heard people talking about Locks of Love and how my hair is so long that I should donate it," she said. "I hope more people will think about donating hair for cancer. I've always wanted to help people and this is the perfect plan."

She was also inspired by hair-dresser Bonnie Shamblin to partici-

pate in the Bras for the Cause walk.

"Bonnie did it last year with her daughter," Kelly said. "The last time I went to go get my hair trimmed, she told my mom and I about the walk and got us talking."

The walk is fast approaching and the mother and daughter duo are looking forward to joining in for the first time.

The 10K moonlight walk is in its second year and takes place downtown. The Tri-Valley SOCKS (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures) is sponsoring the event to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The spirit of the event is lively, as participants don decorated bras over shirts.

It's not too late to register to walk in the event. Visit www.trivalley-socks.org to sign up and learn more about the event. ■



Kelly Shotwell's hair is ready to be donated.

Castlewood

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officials haven't confirmed whether that car belongs to Scherer III. DMV records show him owning a vehicle of that description. Sheriff's deputies said they have served a search warrant on the son's home in Brea, Calif., searching it on March 22, the day funeral services were held for the

couple in Pleasanton.

"It's not just the son (we're looking into)," Dudek said. "There are still other people who have not been cleared yet."

The possible leads investigators are exploring focus on the life of Scherer Jr. and not Abendroth, who was a beloved professor at Cal State East Bay for over three decades. Scherer Jr. was a former school board member in San Ramon who was recalled. Just days before his

death, he was preparing to file paperwork against the school district's attempt at a parcel tax. In addition to education, Scherer Jr. was interested in the game of poker and investment in real estate. Scherer III is a professional poker player with career earnings of over \$300,000. While investigators have said they don't believe Scherer Jr. had any poker debts, they have declined to answer whether the son did.

—Janet Pelletier

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Councilwoman receives civic education award

Fremont teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio one of three nationally honored

Pleasanton City Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who teaches AP Government at Irvington High School in Fremont, is one of only three teachers in the U.S. be honored with the 2008 American Civic Education Teacher Awards.

The annual award is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University and the National Education Association. The other recipients are from Montana and Kentucky.

In addition to classroom studies, she oversees the school's com-

petition civics program called "We the People," which teaches students about the Constitution and how to be a responsible citizen.

"Education is a prerequisite for democracy," Cook-Kallio said. "So is civic virtue. Service learning and community service connect academics



Cheryl Cook-Kallio

with real world learning opportunities. Civic education allows students to learn for the sake of learning."

As a part of the honor, Cook-Kallio will join the other winners in Washington, D.C. this summer. There, the teachers will observe committee hearings, meet members of Congress and other key officials and visit sites such as the National Archives and the U.S. Supreme Court.

To learn more about the Center for Civic Education, visit www.civiced.org.

—Emily Atwood

Castlewood Country Club offering golf scholarships

Merit program selects high school, college-aged students

Castlewood Country Club is again offering their Merit Program for the development of local junior golfers.

Through the program, the club provides selected high school and college students special club privileges. With the merit scholarship, players can play the two challenging championship 18-hole courses and utilize the club's practice facilities at a reduced cost. Those selected would pay a \$50 registration fee and monthly dues of \$10.

Up to 12 applicants can be selected annually with the process beginning in May. The criteria the club looks at includes the individual's academic record, golf accomplishments, letters of recommendation, personal goals and other pertinent supporting information.

A screening committee and the club's board make final decisions. Once in the program, the club acts

in a similar role as a parent. Report cards have to be submitted at the end of each school semester. If grades aren't maintained, the merit golfer could lose their position.

The scholarships have been offered for 20 years as a way to help aspiring golfers that chance to play on high quality courses at affordable prices. Former merit scholars include Dana Dormann, who became a three-time All American at San Jose State University, was the 1985 U.S. Junior Girl's Champion, and also Junior World Champion. Dormann went on the LPGA tour where she became a two-time winner. Joel Kribel, another past merit scholar, went on to Stanford University on a golf scholarship and was an NCAA First Team All American in 1997, 1998, and 1999, then joined the PGA tour in 2003.

"At Castlewood, we have a vibrant junior golf program," said

John Hughes, PGA director of golf. "Beyond our own club tournaments for juniors, we host the JGANC Castlewood Junior Tournament, the West Coast American Junior Golf Association Championship and many other youth golf programs."

"Our club is designed so that, when someone joins the club, their families are also members," he continued. "So, we have parents participating with their kids in a game they can all play together."

Hughes said many junior golfers grew up playing golf at the Castlewood Country Club, which was established in 1926. Prominent LPGA players Paula Creamer and Pat Hurst of Pleasanton learned to play golf at Castlewood.

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—Janet Pelletier

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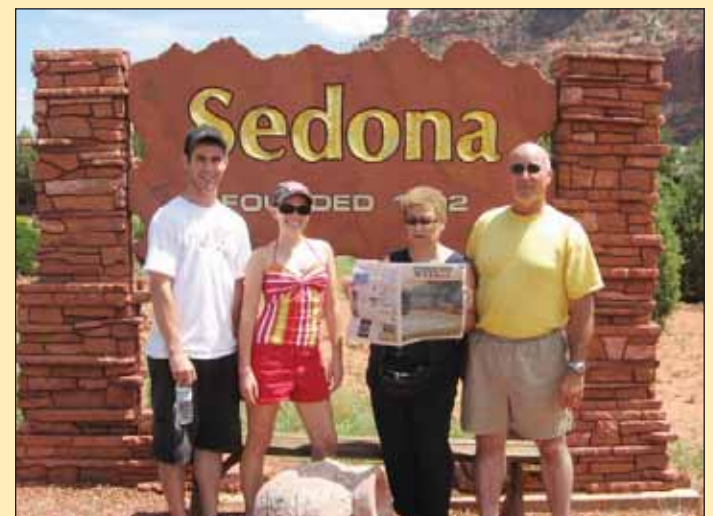
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Council

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Roesch ruling and move on with the Oak Grove project once the legal hurdles of the Ayala group appeal are concluded.

Of course, if the appeal to the state court is successful, legal experts expect the Roesch decision to be returned to the Superior Court for further review and reconsideration.

If Ayala and her coalition proceed with the appeal, these experts also predict that the process could take a year or more to resolve at a cost of up to \$50,000.

"That's an uncertainty that I am unwilling to commit this city to," said Hosterman. "I am opposed to appealing this decision that favors a project that will be good for the community."

Sullivan said he was "torn" by his decision to support the appeal after earlier voting to approve the Oak Grove development plan. In addition to the 51 custom homes that were [part of the approval, Sullivan especially liked the land grant the developers agreed to make to the city. Both he and Hosterman have worked for four years to seek these kinds of land grants along the southeast hills that could eventually provide a commitment of more than 2,000 acres in open space that could extend from the Callippe Preserve Golf Course to Shadow Cliffs Regional Park.

He said that the council, city staff and many other groups spent many hours in discussions to seek the compromise that Oak Grove developers and landowners Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic supported. But in looking at the 5,000-6,000 signatures Ayala's group obtained in an effort to reverse the council's decision, Sullivan said he and others apparently had not included everyone in their Oak Grove discussion. He wanted the council to

take another look at the issue or at least support a public vote in a referendum.

McGovern, who cast the lone vote against Oak Grove at the time it was approved last fall, said that Roesch's decision contained enough errors that an appeal was warranted.

Councilwoman Cook-Kallio disputed comments from others on the council and some of the 23 speakers who addressed the council at the start of its special Tuesday night session who called the Roesch decision precedent-setting that would discourage citizens throughout California from seeking referendums. These comments also included charges that City Attorney Michael Roush failed to provide the right information on what signature-gatherers were supposed to carry when they solicited signers to their petitions.

"The judge's ruling is not predicated on the wrong-doings of the staff or council, but an acknowledgement of the evolution of the planning process and the law," she said.

"It is the duty of the judiciary branch to interpret statute," she added. "It is not unusual to have a difference of opinion between the judicial branch and the law-making body. That is why we have separation of powers."

After the council's vote to approve the Oak Grove project and land grant agreement last fall, Ayala's group 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 Lins filed a suit through their attorneys to block certification of the voter petitions on grounds that they were improv-

erly obtained. Judge Frank Roesch agreed.

In recent council meetings, Ayala has said that neither she nor her organization have the funds that will be required to appeal Roesch's ruling, although the appeal was filed nevertheless.

At Tuesday's meeting, she again asked the council to join in the appeal both to seek a new decision on the Lins' suit and also to protect the rights of those in Pleasanton and other cities and counties in California to seek referendums on public issues when they disagree.

Others also spoke at the council meeting in favor of filing an appeal, but more urged the council to stay out of further litigation, pointing out that the Roesch ruling, by invalidating the petitions calling for a referendum, was in fact a decision that supported the 4-1 council vote to approve the Oak Grove project.

Up to Tuesday night's meeting, the council has been unable to discuss the Oak Grove issue because of pending litigation before Roesch and until the judge actually signed his ruling in late March. With Councilman Jerry Thorne out of the country for several weeks, Tuesday night's special meeting was the first opportunity for the full council to come together for a discussion.

It's been four years since the Lins filed a development plan for Oak Grove. Since then, the project has gone from a 98-home development to the current plan for 51 homes and the gift of 496 acres by the Lin family to Pleasanton, which would be the largest land grant ever given to the city.

During that time, the council and several of its key commissions have held public hearings on the proposal, and the project has also been reviewed and revised by homeowners' groups, business organizations and ad hoc citizens groups concerned with the environmental impact of the project. ■



Tackling trash

Children at Valley View Elementary School were encouraged to "bag it and tag it" as a part of the Go Green Committee's goal to educate students and families about the harmful impact of litter. Students, such as Euan Houston, Clare Beer, Joanne Houston, Joe Beer, Mackenzie Riddle and Elizabeth Beer, were given biodegradable bags and asked to collect litter from their communities. The collection was turned into "trash island" to visually show what was saved from waterways. The classroom with the most litter received a "green party."

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Opinion

Editorial

City help needed at Vintage Hills Center

Scaffolding, fresh paint and a few construction workers now and then are buoying hopes among hundreds of residents that the long-deteriorating, nearly empty Vintage Hills Shopping Center may be getting a new lease on life. But the process is painfully slow with many days that no one is at work to repair and rebuild the 30-year-old complex. The Sim and Yoon partnership bought the center from local investor James Tong after the City Council and city planners nixed his plan to redevelop the 5-acre property with two- and three-story apartments and condominiums. He was even agreeable to let the profitable Cutt Co. Salon and Vintage Hills Cleaners, the last two remaining tenants, stay there as first-floor tenants and possibly to attract others to a mixed use complex similar to what Dublin has done so well. But a majority on the council at the time and neighbors demanded a grocery store, with many fondly remembering the good-old-days of Flair Market and Romley's.

But times have changed. Both stores went out of business as Safeway expanded and Raley's built a supermarket just a few miles away on Sunol Boulevard. Since then, despite the best efforts of the city's Economic Development Manager Pamela Ott and Al Sim, the center's owner, grocers—even smaller ones such as Trader Joe's and Fresh & Easy—have turned down bids to move to Vintage Hills. Bernal Avenue, which wasn't even a through street when the center was built, is now a fast-paced thoroughfare with only an almost-hidden entrance into the center's parking lot. The other bordering street, Tawny Drive, which borders the only other side of the center, is a block-long, two-lane neighborhood roadway, hardly the kind of bustling entryway that retailers need these days.

Working with Ott and Assistant City Planner Natalie Amos, Sim has made good faith efforts to find tenants for a center that looks more 1960s than 21st century. He claims to have signed a lease with Kokoro Sushi, a Japanese restaurant, and another with Nirvana Day Spa. Gold's Gym also has been discussed as a future tenant, although that would require a conditional use permit and neighborhood approval. Sim talks of attracting a coffee shop to the center and perhaps an ice cream parlor to replace the once popular Baskin-Robbins, which the company closed after its franchise owner died. Other uses under consideration are another children's dance studio similar to the one that moved out or a permanent location for a karate training facility for the part-time business Sim, himself, now operates in one of the empty storefronts.

Frankly, we think it's too bad Tong and his investment funds are gone. Without an anchor tenant such as a grocery store or larger retailer, it will be financially difficult for the Sim partnership to succeed. The slow pace of the tenants Sim mentions—which we wrote about on June 10, 2005, make for a bleak assessment as to how Vintage Hills Center will fare in the future. With the city's General Plan Update nearing completion, we'd like to see this neighborhood center become a priority for creative planning with a private-public partnership as a driving force that would produce a plan that would work best for Sim, the neighborhood and the community as a whole. After all, this is Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's neighborhood, so the property's development is no doubt high on her municipal plate.

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Talking Points

by Gina Channell-Allen



Story premise is service, not sensationalism

In the April 18 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly, Managing Editor Janet Pelletier wrote of a "cold case" in Pleasanton the murder of high-school freshman Tina Faelz in 1984. The anniversary of the death was April 5.

Within hours of posting the story online, we had an online comment condemning The Weekly, stating it "continues to sensationalize crime against Pleasanton citizens." Town Square contributor Mark from the Castlewood neighborhood continued by saying, "There was no constructive point to this article. The only possible reason to print an article on this crime would be to honor the child. ... Wouldn't you prefer that if it had been your child that was killed?"

I asked Pelletier how the story came to her attention. She received a call in early March from Tina's mother, Shirley Orosco, asking if the Pleasanton Weekly wanted to write about the case.

"There are no real leads and, after 24 years, she's looking for closure," Pelletier said of Orosco.

Pleasanton Police Department Investigations Captain Eric Finn said this type of case, being unsolved for many years, is atypical for Pleasanton, so he doesn't know if the story will yield any results in the form of leads. However, bringing attention to the case might bring forth tips.

"We need the public's help in this case," Finn said. "We have worked hard to look at this case on several occasions with fresh eyes and have used the most modern technologies available to us to seek clues that could help us bring the case to a conclusion or give the investigation new life."

Tips like the ones produced

from news stories such as the Weekly's have helped solve cases in other communities. This is the basis behind newspaper and magazine stories, television shows like "America's Most Wanted" and "Unsolved Mysteries" and sites such as www.coldcasecenter.com.

"We know for sure one person knows who did this and that's the suspect," Finn said. "Our hope is that along the way they have shared something with someone who isn't involved and that person might come forward with information."

Finn said the department has received emails even within the past year from people familiar with the case or Tina and her family inquiring as to whether there is any new information.

In the April 18 story, Orosco said the unsolved murder is "about the only thing I have left in my life that's incomplete."

The story was written not to sensationalize a tragedy; it was written with the hope that shedding light on the details of the case and promoting awareness will produce leads that will bring what Tina's mother, friends, classmates and anyone close to the case desires most: closure.

According to Finn, the police department wants that as well.

"Our closure is to bring someone to justice and help the family to bring their closure to fruition," he said. "We never want the memory of Tina Faelz to fade away."

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Letters

Council—preserve our rights

Dear Editor,

Investments do not guarantee profit. The Lin family chose to invest in Pleasanton's southeast hills, even though land speculation is a very risky investment.

Our democratic process allows Pleasanton residents the opportunity to vote on whether we believe that the Lin's development proposal negatively impacts our city. But instead of respecting the rights of 5,000 citizens who signed a petition, and are legally entitled to voice their opinions through voting, the Lins are trying to eliminate their investment risk, and guarantee huge personal profits, by invalidating our democratic process. Land speculation/ownership does not entitle them to profit and it certainly does not give them the right to deny our First Amendment rights.

There have been many referendums in Pleasanton...and that process has been considered fair and legal until this landowner and developer, (with very deep pockets), decided to sue our city. We must encourage our City Council to courageously stand up and support the Oak Grove referendum appeal. This appeal has nothing to

do with houses or hilltop development. It is about safeguarding the democratic rights of Pleasanton citizens, defending the integrity of our city, protecting the future viability of our referendum process and preserving the right of everyone in Pleasanton to vote.

If we can't count on our Mayor and City Council to support and preserve our democratic rights, then we clearly elected the wrong people.

*Carolyn English
Pleasanton*

Thank you for nice homecoming

Dear Editor,

To all of the dignitaries, Canyon Oaks community, Miss Yonker's second grade class, friends and family members, the Yonker family wishes to extend a huge thank you to each and everyone of you who took place in the homecoming of Cpl. Kenneth Yonker, U.S.



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*The Yonker family
Pleasanton*

City parks are a gem

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the Pleasanton Parks Department for the great job they do maintaining our parks.

My morning walk takes me through Nielsen Park and its beautiful lawns and trees just brighten my day. As citizens, we must also do our part to protect these jewels of our city and show our respect for all the hard work these great people do.

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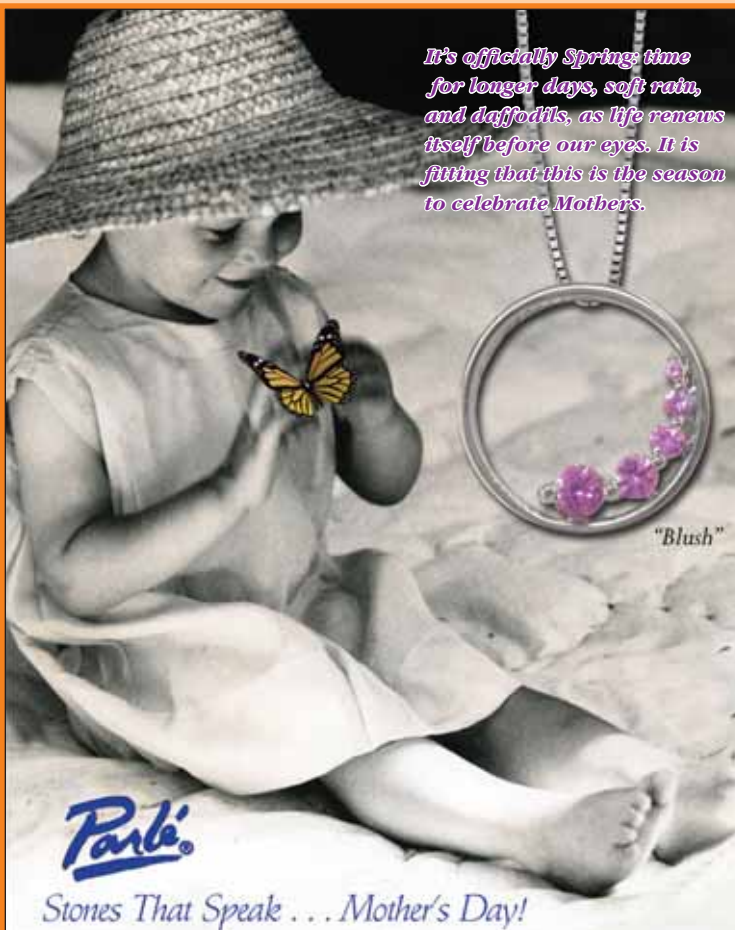
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Human Services Commission The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club The monthly meeting will take place at 7 p.m. May 6 at Alisal Elementary School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Carolyn Parker will discuss roses. Visitors are welcome. Call Sally, 417-8809.

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.

Pleasanton Newcomers May Luncheon Karen Joy Fowler, author of "The Jane Austin Book Club," a New York Times Best Seller, will speak at the Pleasanton Newcomers Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. May 14 at Chef India, 5100 Hopyard Road. RSVP to Joyce at 399-5840 or jwange1953@comcast.net. The cost is \$12.50.

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.

Weekend Preview



Celebrating Art Made Easy

"Calla Lilies," by June Ferreri, is just one of the watercolor works from the Art Made Easy class, taught by local artist Charlotte Severin. A reception will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. May 5 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The Art Made Easy exhibit will run through noon May 9 and includes a variety of works done with watercolor.

Concerts

Ethiopian-Israeli Hip-Hop Group Ethiopian-Israeli teen hip-hop sensation Café Shachor Chazak (Strong Black Coffee) will perform music at 7 p.m. May 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. The music is based on their own personal experiences in a dynamic and heartwarming show that highlights the issues behind immigration, assimilation and multiculturalism. Call 462-7279.

Events

Candlelight Peace Vigil Pleasantonians 4 Peace hosts a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main St. at 7 p.m. May 14. Bring a votive candle in a paper cup so wax doesn't drip wax on the sidewalk. Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or email Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com.

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. Booths feature chow mein, egg rolls, sushi, meatballs, basketball, mini putt, fishing game and more. 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.

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Rick Rusking Fingerstyle Workshop Join Rick Ruskin, international fingerpicking champion, in his Fingerstyle Guitar Workshop at 3 p.m. May 4 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. It benefits Rotary Music Scholarship and Bothwell Arts Center. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at Fine Fretted Friends, 2181 First St., Livermore or by calling 606-1324.

The Capitol Steps Known for putting the MOCK in Democracy, the Washington-based music and political satire troupe of Congressional staffers turned songwriters has skewered politicians of all persuasions for 25 years. The show is at 8 p.m. May 5 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$28-\$36 or \$11 for students with ID. Call 373-6800.

Exhibits

Barbara Jean Solos at Brushes Art Gallery "Entering the Mystery through Art," a vibrant and evocative body of work by abstract Pleasanton artist Barbara Jean will be shown from 4:30 to 7 p.m. through May 16 at Brushes Gallery, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite C-7, in the San Ramon Dental Center, Gateway Center Mall, San Ramon. Call 829-0994.

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.

Celebrating Art Made Easy A community reception and art exhibit of students' watercolor paintings from Art Made Easy will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. May 5 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

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Pleasanton Art League Circuit Change The Pleasanton Art League's Public Art Circuit will mount exhibits from through July 18 at Bank of America, Keller Williams Realty, Towne Center Books, Me & Mai Friend's Cafe, Vogue Hair Studio, Realty Express & Sallman, and Yang & Alameda CPAs. A portion of sales supports PAL's community programs. Call Lisa, 518-4436. Pleasanton.

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Ship of Hope Gala The Ship of Hope Gala, benefiting Hope Hospice, will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 16 at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. KPIX 5 Emmy Winning Anchor John Kessler will emcee and food is by Scott's. Tickets are \$100. Reserve tickets by May 2 by calling 829-8770.

The Fascinating Culture and Art of the Kuna Indians of Panama Claudia Hess, owner of Worthington Gallery West, will give a talk, "The Fascinating Culture and Art of the Kuna Indians of Panama," at 7 p.m. May 15 at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St. Tickets are \$5 or \$10. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

The Tri-Valley Arthritis Walk The signature event of the Arthritis Foundation will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 10 at Lifestyle RX Center, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Features 1-mile and 3-mile courses and activities for families. Dogs on leash welcome. To join a team or make a donation go to www.arthritiswalktrivalley08.kintera.org. Call Julie, 454-6993.

Wine auction to benefit local groups The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation hosts the annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction Experience at 5 p.m. May 17 at Concannon Vineyards' new barrel room, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. Beneficiaries include Kaleidoscope After School Program/Easter Seals Bay Area, Oakland East Bay Symphony, ValleyCare Foundation and the Taylor Family Foundation. Tickets are \$250. Call 447-WINE.

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 per child. Call 846-8650.

Lectures/ Workshops

How to Rollover Your IRA/401k into Real Estate Most people don't know that you can use a self-directing IRA to purchase real estate. Gina Smith, a land banking specialist, will discuss

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Live Music

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Greg Greenway Greg Greenway will play music at 10 a.m. May 4 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Musically, he draws inspiration from all over the map—gospel, rock, blues, jazz, and world music—but his center is in the singer/songwriter tradition that traces its roots all the way back to the social awareness of Woody Guthrie. Call 829-2733 or visit www.greggreenway.com.

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. Join us for an evening of exciting jazz.

Miscellaneous

Delta Conservation Meetings 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 Deltas 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.

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.

Seniors

Advance Health Care Directive Workshop Advance Health Care Directives provide legal options that help protect you and your estate in the face of illness. At 10 a.m. May 13 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Legal Assistance for Seniors will explain the AHCD, DNR, Durable Power of Attorney, and conservatorships, as well as assist you in completing an AHCD form to help you secure your future. The cost is \$1.50 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Pleasanton PC Users Group The PC User Group meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. You don't need to be an expert to attend, we have all skills levels in our meetings. Call 931-5365 or email pleasenior@yahoo.com for details.

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Welcome to Medicare Seminar The Health Insurance Counseling and

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Spiritual

Discovering the God Within The message by guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern will be presented at 10 a.m. May 4 at the Tri-Valley Unity Church, Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Call 829-2733. All are welcome.

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.

Sports

Annual Kicks are for Kids A youth soccer clinic for ages 5 to 10 is presented by U13 Premier players, parents and coaches from 9 a.m. to noon May 18 at the Aquatic Park field, Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. Learn some new soccer moves and have fun playing soccer with some of Pleasanton Rage's top players. Proceeds support U13 team and give them a chance to be mentors. The cost is \$25. Call Darryl, 918-1472, or visit www.pleasantonrage.org/kick-sareforkids.

Callippe Niners Callippe Niners is a fun group of nine-hole women golfers. We are currently welcoming new members into our group. Our play days are Tuesday mornings. Call Joan, 462-1054.

Pleasanton Ridge Mountain Ride Join cyclists of all levels Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in May for this friendly, no-drop mountain ride which 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.

Saturday Morning Beginner Ride This weekly no-drop ride from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays 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 from Cyclepath Pleasanton and will generally be 12 to 15 mph, 20 to 25 miles and no more than two hours. E-mail rides@cyclepath.com if you plan to attend.

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.

Sunday Morning Group Ride Join cyclists of all levels for this friendly, no-drop road ride Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon. Routes vary weekly and last approximately 2 to 3 hours. Riders warm up together and split into smaller groups based on skill level (A--60 miles, B--35-40 miles, C--20-25 miles). Bring water and a snack. Rides depart from Cyclepath, 337-B Main St. Call 485-3218 or visit www.cyclepath.com.

Sunday Morning Group Ride Join cyclists of all levels from 9 a.m. to noon Sundays for this friendly, no-drop road ride. Routes vary weekly and last approximately two to three hours. Riders warm up together and split into smaller groups based on skill level (A--60 miles, B--35 to 40 miles, C--20 to 25 miles). Bring water and a snack. Rides depart from Cyclepath,

337-B Main St. (in the Bank of America building).

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 3, 10, 16 and 24, and May 1, 8 and 15 at Frederiksen Elementary School's multipurpose room, 7243 Tamarack Drive, Dublin. Season begins in June and ends in March. Call 216-6742.

Support Groups

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.

Tri-Valley ADHD Parent Support Group Network with other parents as we share experiences and information on topics related to parenting ADHD children. The group meets from 7 to 8:45 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Thomas J. Hart Middle School. Email JoAnn, jmatone@com-cast.net.

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

Volunteering

Blankets for Kids Blankets For Kids, founded by Pleasanton resident Jo Molz, makes and distributes soft fleece blankets to at-risk, abused and neglected children in the Tri-Valley, Alameda County and even Los Angeles. The easy-to-make blankets are constructed of a soft fleece material with pleasant

designs. Volunteers have made more than 10,000 blankets for distribution since the organization began. Those interested in volunteering, or donating money or fleece to the nonprofit organization call Jo, 846-6155.

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 non-profit organization benefiting families of fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Email Sparky George, thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com.

San Damiano Retreat Opportunities abound for people of all ages and abilities at San Damiano, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Sit and socialize while helping with mailings, enjoy solitude and meditation while cultivating the flower, vegetable and fruit gardens, or lend your support to the front desk and gift shop. Open seven days a week includes a free meal. Call 831-9141 ext. 307.

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.tvr.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.

In a Word Tune in to hosts Jim Ott and Kathy Cordova on Channel 30. TV30 Book Club discuss Eckhart Tolle's "A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose." Guests: Sandra Kay & Violet Hernandez. Interview with author of "Hope's Garden." Commentary by Susan Groshans. Airs daily 6:30 am, 12:30, 3:30 & 9:30 pm.

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CONNECTING ACROSS THE BORDER

SISTER CITY GROUP CELEBRATES 25-YEAR LINK WITH TULANCINGO

BY JERRI PANTAGES LONG

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It is one thing to visit a foreign country as a tourist. It is quite another to be welcomed as a member of an extended family. That second kind of trip was what a delegation of 38 Pleasanton residents looked forward to when they traveled to Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico last month to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association (PTSCA).

“By now, I have so many friends in Tulancingo that it’s like going home,” said Bob Athenour, former Spanish teacher and travel agent who “discovered” Tulancingo in 1983 and worked with co-founder Steve Noble to establish the PTSCA. (Noble has since moved to the Gilroy area but remains active in PTSCA).

A Pleasanton resident for 51 years, Athenour takes justifiable pride in how the sister city connection has evolved. “It’s been a wonderful relationship. The similarity between our two cities is the people. I feel [PTSCA] has been my contribution to this community. Of course, when I started out, I had no idea it would become such an integral part of our community. It’s a wonderful feeling to have been part of it from the very beginning.”

Having spent his teaching career at Amador Valley High School, Athenour had a very specific goal in mind when the sister city program began.

“We wanted to tear down the stereotypes on both sides of the border,” he said. “The best way to do that seemed to be to start with our youth.”

Each year since 1985, PTSCA has selected five teenagers (from among local applicants who have studied Spanish for at least two years) to travel to Tulancingo

in June for a month’s stay with a family there. The exchange students return in July with their “brothers and sisters,” who stay with local host families for a month.

“There was a time when there used to be discrimination against Mexicans,” Athenour said. “I think we have gotten past that here, and that’s a tremendous step forward.”



In fact, he reports, the exchange students on both sides of the border stay in touch via email years after their first visits.

The same is true for the adult delegations. Lasting friendships are formed when Pleasantonians head south each April and when Tulancingo residents come north each September. There were 14 who made the first trip to Tulancingo from Pleasanton in 1973. Last month, the delegation numbered 38, and 35 were repeat visitors,

according to PTSCA President Jorge Victoria.

“Joining us for their first visit were Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Mike Hosterman, and Bob Silva,” he said. “Seven of us were past association presidents: Bob Athenour, Steve Noble, Jim Muck, Thelma Asbury, Joe Asbury, Ron Hyde (and myself).”

The 2008 Pleasanton delegation also included Larry Annis, Frank and Judy Brandes, Steve Brozosky, Mike and Janet Cloutier, Maria Cornwell, Lety Hyde (formerly a Tulancingo resident), Shirley Lutes, Ron and Annette Mack, Anne Athenour Martin, Bruce McFarlane, Mike Mele, Steve and Pat Murray, John and Karen Oldemeyer, JJ and Cary Parra, Armando and Edelia Pino, Kent and Alice Pryor, Anne Richert, Dick Stafford, Margo Tarver, and Sylvia Victoria.

Although this was Mayor Hosterman’s first visit to Tulancingo, her family has long been connected with the sister city.

“Our family played host to Nadir Del Blanco, a wonderful young woman from Tulancingo, about nine years ago,” she said. “Sarah, our middle daughter, traveled to Tulancingo that summer at age 16, which was the beginning of many, many worldwide adventures for her and her sisters. They all caught the travel bug.”

Before her departure, Mayor Hosterman said, “We treasure our sister city relationship with the people of Tulancingo and look forward to a wonderful cultural exchange to commemorate our 25-year relationship. Michael and I will take the spirit of Pleasanton to Tulancingo, and hope to strengthen the bridge of friendship between and amongst members of our cities. I know firsthand, through our daughter Sarah, how important it is to allow our children to share cultural experiences across this globe. I hope others will take advantage, join



The delegation was treated to a Charra performance at Rancho, which dates back to the 1700s.



Tulancingo held a parade commemorating the 25th anniversary of friendship between the two cities.



While most trips include gift exchanges, this year the PTSCA along with the Pleasanton Rotary clubs and the Behring Foundation gave 280 wheelchairs.



The sister city celebration included a carnival party where Anne Richert joined Fanya Badillo, an exchange student coming in June, and her sister.

the Pleasanton delegation, and get involved!"

One easy way to get involved will be to join in the PTSCA's Cinco de Mayo celebration. The family friendly event will take place from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday at 4455 Black Ave. Admission is free and food will be on sale. There will be games with prizes, candy-stuffed piñatas and an eight-piece mariachi band. If you cannot attend that event, look for the sister city booth at the First Wednesday street parties on Main Street in the months of June through September.

Every trip to Tulancingo involves tours, receptions and visits to local sights, but for the 25th anniversary visit, one of the highlights was personal delivery of 280 wheelchairs to those in need. The wheelchairs were donated by PTSCA in conjunction with both Pleasanton Rotary clubs and with the Behring Foundation. The visitors from Pleasanton got to see firsthand how the gift of a wheelchair can transform the lives of those immobilized by illness or injury.

"We would also like to thank the Pleasanton Lions Club for their donation of hundreds of used eyeglasses that we delivered to the Tulancingo Lions club for future distribution to the needy community," said PTSCA President Victoria. (Eyeglasses can be donated via a white-painted mailbox in the Pleasanton City Library.)

The exchange of gifts has been a part of the PTSCA for all of its 25 years. In fact, there now are so many items that a special exhibit room was created in 1993 at our City Hall, under the direction of PTSCA Historian Corinne Mavridis. The collection includes tapestries, paintings, handmade clothing, and a 15-foot fiberglass statue. Those who attend city council meetings may have noticed a striking 23-foot mural painted on the back wall of the council chambers, the work of a Tulancingo artist.

If you look very closely, you can see a sign reading "Puente Tulancingo" on a bridge west of the fairgrounds on Valley Avenue, dedicated by (then) Mayor Ken Mercer in 1985 to honor the new sister city alliance. Tulancingo Boulevard was dedicated in 2004 to mark the 20th anniversary of PTSCA, but that street has yet to be built, on



the Bernal property south of the fairgrounds. Another sign, beneath the landmark Pleasanton arch, announces that Tulancingo is 2,300 miles to the south of Main Street.

In addition to providing friendship and artwork, PTSCA has found ways to be of help to their sister city, donating bulletproof vests from the police department in 1987 and a fire engine from the fire department in 1988. These items were obsolete here, but still of use

in Tulancingo. Besides the gift of wheelchairs this year, PTSCA delegations have annually visited and contributed to an orphanage for girls, a neurological center for children, and a school (which recently named its library in honor of Bob Athenour).

The most dramatic help came after a flood in 1999 inundated Tulancingo and surrounding lands. Pleasanton residents, service clubs, churches and schools joined PTSCA to raise over \$90,000 to quickly provide essentials such as blankets, clothing, stoves, cooking utensils, and drinking water. Just as family members help each other in times of need, sister cities reach out with helping hands.

"I'd like to extend to the community an invitation to participate in the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association," Athenour said. "PTSCA is a community program, and we do want more and more people to participate in any of the local events."

Check PTSCA.com for details about upcoming events, like when the community will welcome the 25th delega-

Take part in the celebration

WHEN: Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.

WHERE: Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave.

WHAT: Family fun, including music, games, prizes, plus the chance to meet PTSCA members and learn about our Sister City in Mexico. Admission is free and tacos and sodas will be on sale.

The Cinco de Mayo fun continues at the First Wednesday street party series begins. Main Street will be bustling with booths and the popular band La Ventana will be performing. To learn more about this event, visit PleasantonDowntown.net.

Transitions

Obituaries

Marie Margaret Dignan

Marie Margaret Dignan died April 24 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Dignan, a resident of Pleasanton, was the daughter of the late Maximillan and Katherine Roschitsch.

She was born Feb. 19, 1914 in Oakland and raised in Alameda, attending Notre Dame grammar school and Alameda High School Class of 1932. She then attended Merritt Business School. Married in 1938, she lived in Oakland for a short time before traveling while her husband Jim was in the Army.

In 1947, she moved to Pleasanton to live on the grounds of the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, where her husband was a deputy sheriff and

eventually division chief. She adapted to rural life and became an adept gardener and caretaker of ducks, chickens and rabbits. She loved to entertain family and friends.

In later years, she was known for the beautiful roses in front of her Pleasanton home.

She was a longtime member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, initially belonging to Piedmont Parlor. She loved to travel, especially trips to Lake Tahoe.

Enjoying a long and active life, she bowled into her mid-80s, and took long walks until she was 90. In the last few years, she was lovingly cared for by her "angels," caregivers Laura, Maura, Sony and Mila.

She is survived by her beloved husband, James G. Dignan; son, James "Jerry" Dignan (Phyllis); daughters, Madeline Deaton (Myrkle), Theresa Thut (Mike) and Jeanette Murff (Rick) She is also survived by her brother, Fred Roschitsch (Margaret), grandchildren, Larry (Monica), Christopher and Kevin Christman, Michael, Timothy (Karen), Brian (Sherry) and Melissa Fassler, Sean (Jen) and Kelly Eagan, Melinda (Robert) Nanini, Julie Hoyt, Kyle and Cody Keels; many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Christman; brother, Joseph Roschitsch; sisters, Katherine Davis, Elizabeth Chambers, Sophie Languemi and Maxine Lubeck.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a favorite charity. Services are today at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church.

Raffaella "Falina" Verrilli

Raffaella "Falina" Verrilli died April 27 at the age of 78.

Born April 15, 1930 in Italy, Mrs. Verrilli was very proud of her Italian heritage.

A longtime Pleasanton resident, she worked most of her life in food services, having worked in her family-owned restaurants in San Leandro and in what is now Gay 90's in Pleasanton. Until her retirement, she worked many years in the food department at the Veteran's Hospital in Livermore.

She is survived by cousins and many close friends from the Pleasanton Gardens. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rocco and Yolanda; and her sister, Carmelita.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 1 at St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon. Burial will follow at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to her favorite charity, The Society of the Little Flower, 1313 Frontage Road, Darien, IL 60561, or to a charity of choice.

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Engagements

Amy Bachtel & Dominick Mullen

Amy Nicole Bachtel and Dominick Adam Mullen have announced their engagement to be married.

Amy is the daughter of Dennis and Lou Ellen Bachtel of Pleasanton. She graduated from Foothill High School in 2000 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cal State East Bay in 2006 and her teaching credential in 2007. She is employed as a second-grade teacher.

Dominick is the son of Larry and Joan Mullen of Pleasanton. He graduated from Foothill High



School in 2001, received an Associates of Art degree from Las Positas College in 2004 and is employed as an assistant golf professional at Round Hill Country Club.

The couple plan to wed the summer of 2009 at Round Hill Country Club and will reside in the Tri-Valley area.

Births

Quinten Cañalita Decker

Quinten Cañalita Decker was born Feb. 25 to parents Reggie and Cynthia Decker of Roseville, Calif. Little Quinten was 20 inches long and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. He is the grandson of proud grandparents Rick and Susie Decker of Pleasanton.



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Zorn's Restaurant

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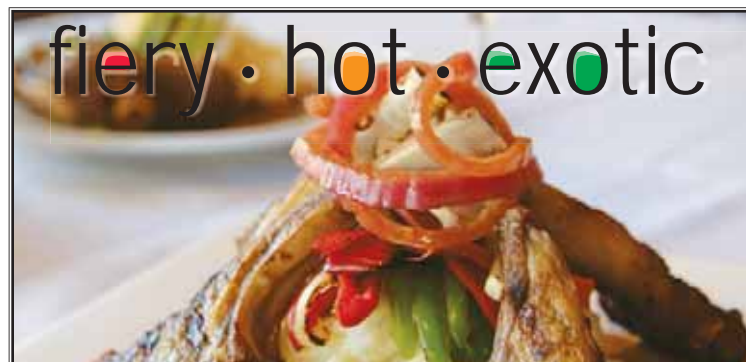
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