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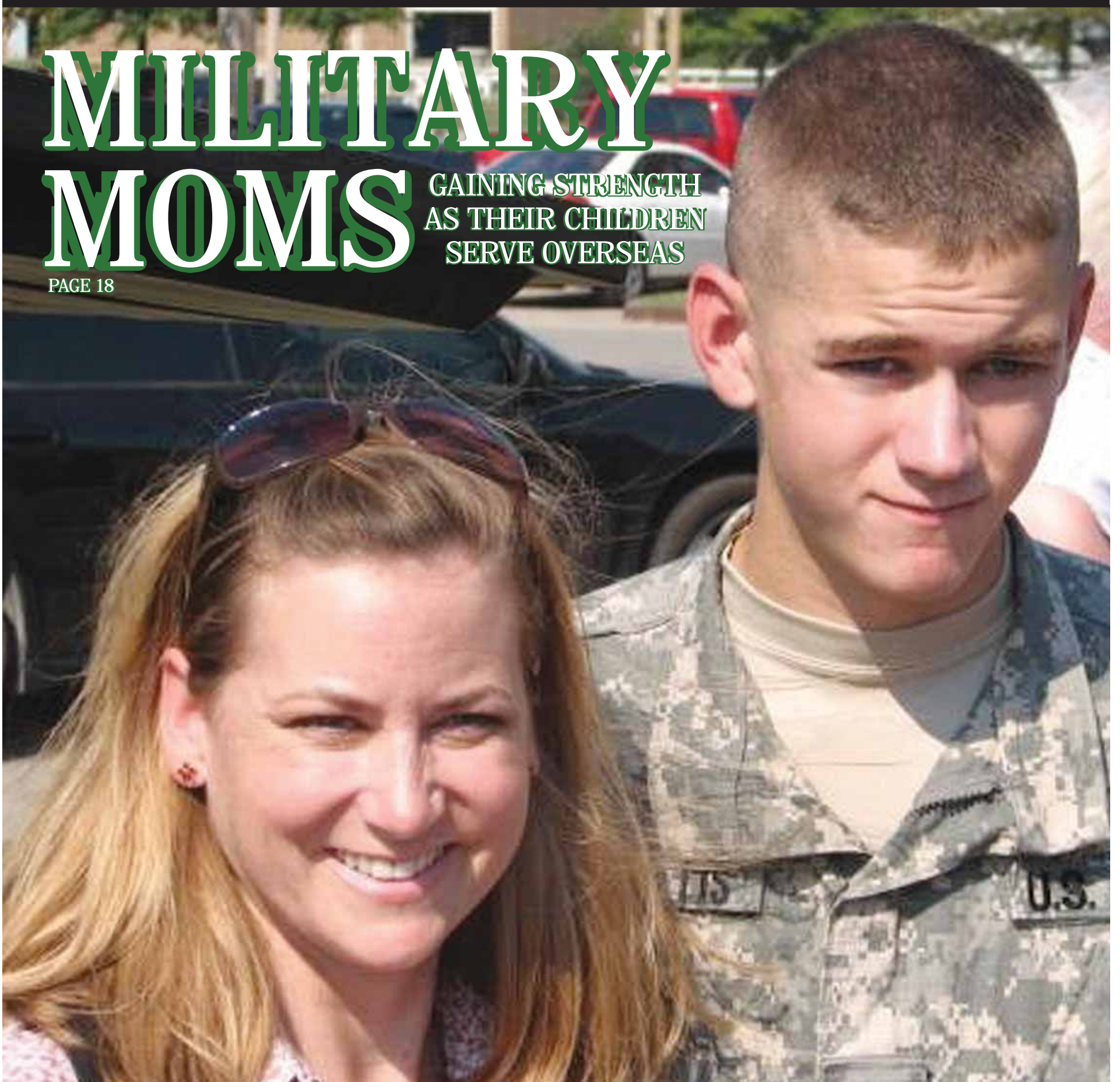
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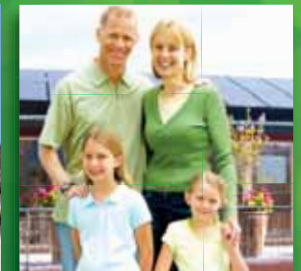


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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Presbyterians to honor mothers at new church complex

Pleasanton Presbyterians will throw open the doors to their new multi-million-dollar church campus Sunday, an appropriate time since it's Mother's Day, a 102-year-old special observance that got its start in churches. With its new name of Centerpointe Presbyterian Church—marking its central location to the Tri-Valley cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton—the campus is still a work in progress, with at least two more large structures, including a main sanctuary, to be built over the next five-to-10 years. For now, after being "on the road" since moving out of its former church facility on Mirador Drive, the congregation will worship in the unique, green Sprung structure that's highly visible at the north end of the 6-acre corner site at Valley Avenue and Busch Road. The other new buildings house adult meeting and fellowship rooms, a youth center and the church's new Centerpointe Christian Preschool at Ironwood, which will also be used for Sunday School and other after-school activities.

I walked the campus last week with fellow newsman Tim Hunt, a longtime member of Pleasanton Presbyterian. With us were Mike Barris, the church pastor; Geoff Haskell, pastor to youth and families; Rob Bryceson, director of worship and adult education; and Heidi Maher, who with Tina LaDue is co-director of the children's ministry and nursery coordinator.

New technology has taken over churches and the most advanced, sophisticated systems are in place at Centerpointe. All 400 families are now in the church computer base and each can be accessed by age, gender, interests and availability. Email, instant messaging and text messaging offer quick communications whether parishioners are at home or on the road. With the campus open to the public,

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Over in the Sprung structure, a trademarked name for a stressed membrane, blimp-like structure similar to those once positioned on Ground Zero in New York City during clean-up efforts, Bryceson has put together a large platform where Barris will give his sermons and share with choirs, bands and many others involved in the church's "blended traditional" service at 9 a.m. and more robust, contemporary service at 10:30. With the acoustics in the Sprung structure considered "better than superb," Bryceson already has booked concerts and shows in a city where space for major presentations is hard to find. The Las Positas College choir may make Centerpointe is regular concert home. On June 23, the University of the Pacific will present its version of the theatrical show called "Joe."

An outdoor courtyard abut equal-distance from the church's main buildings offers a quiet, nicely landscaped retreat that's open to anyone during daylight hours with the CenterPerk coffee and refreshment center and a small lending library just a few steps away. Kat Repose, the brewmaster, makes a wicked double latte and Italian soda which are as good as Starbucks' but with one special ingredient that she always adds: love. There will be a lot of that to go around on Sunday. Happy Mother's Day. ■

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Cindy De Pretis, with son Chris who turns 20 in June, is one of many Pleasanton moms whose children are serving in the military. Chris De Pretis is currently in Iraq and while it is hard for Cindy De Pretis to be apart from her son this Mother's Day, she is proud of the man he's become.
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Streetwise

Q: Should the government collect DNA from anyone who is arrested, which is being proposed?

Asked Downtown



Lynne Sullivan
Chiropractor

I think it is a good idea but I think a person should be convicted of the crime before DNA is collected.

Mandy Li

Nurse

For future leverage in the case of a crime, the society would have DNA to match the scene, the crime and the possible suspect. Even if a person is not proven guilty yet, there would be no concern if you are innocent. What does it matter?



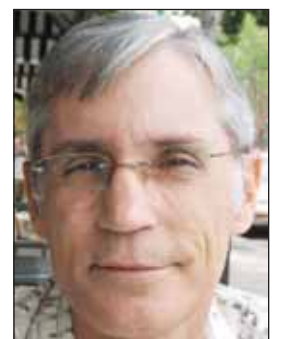
Jim Mirr
Finance VP

A person would need to be convicted of a crime before DNA could be collected. I have a problem with the government having samples of innocent people's DNA. There are many minor offenses that the general public commits on occasion that should not warrant collection of their DNA.

Tony Gervasi

Retired

I am conflicted about the idea. I can see it either way. I'd like to see criminals convicted because of DNA, but then again I'm against giving up personal rights. Overall, I have mixed feelings, but I lean more toward supporting the idea. It could help solve new and old crimes.



Merry Sedlak
Marketing

I think it's a good idea. Chances are if someone is arrested, there is a good chance they already have a record and we will be able to go back and solve crimes that have been unsolved. The government has all kinds of information on us all—tax records, fingerprints—DNA samples just fall into the same category.

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

Compiled by Cybele Ryan

Newsfront

News Digest

Barton reading volunteers needed

The Barton Reading Program is looking for volunteers to serve as tutors to students in the district. No experience is necessary and training is free. All materials are provided to help students work toward grade level or above in reading and spelling. Currently 80 volunteers are helping 135 students. An informational meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 19 in room RSP 2 at Valley View Elementary School, 480 Adams Way. Call Christina at 426-4231 or 596-0292 or email Christina.clark2@comcast.net.

Youth to gather for human rights

Amador Valley High School's Amnesty International Club will host a human rights conference for Bay Area youth from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 31 at the school, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The conference will center around Africa with such issues as genocide, human trafficking, poverty and AIDS. Registration is \$5 and is due by May 20. Visit www.amadordons.com/Amador/projects.html.

Activities honor museum month

The Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society and the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St. host events from May 14 to 16 to celebrate National and International Museum Month. A list of activities can be found at www.museumonmain.org or by calling 462-2766. Visitors are encouraged to dress in historical costume. General admission to the museum is a suggested donation of \$2 per person.

Walk, wine and dine next Sunday

The Kiwanis Club presents its Sunday Stroll, a restaurant and wine tasting walking tour, at 1:30 p.m. May 18. Beginning at Gay 90's Pizza, 288 Main St., the tour will make six stops along Main Street. Tickets are \$35 and are limited. Call Dawn, 846-5858 or Chuck, 294-9981 for tickets.

Corrections

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

Amador named 4th in 'We the People'

'Incredible team experience' for 29 top seniors as 11-month program wraps up

by Jeb Bing

Amador Valley High School's competition civics team was named the fourth place winner Monday night in the national "We the People" competition in Washington, D.C.

The announcement of the top 10 winning teams came at an awards banquet for all 51 high school teams at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. More than 1,500 students, teachers, coordinators, judges and other program participants were in the audience.

Amador, which won the state championship

earlier this year and again represented California in the national competition, trailed East High School of Denver, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies of Richmond, Va. and Grant High School of Portland, Ore. in the contest.

For the 29 seniors from Amador, the banquet marked the end of 11 months of studies on the Constitution and Bill of Rights as part of the Competition Civics class taught by veteran social studies teacher Brian Ladd, the Pleasanton school district's Teacher of the Year

in 2006. The competition civics class lasts only for the first semester, so the students had to meet after school and on weekends as they prepared for "We the People" competitions.

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, and now, in 2008. It won the national title in 1995.

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A Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department firefighter shows a child how he performs CPR.

City's Open House a hit

Hundreds enjoyed a weather-perfect Saturday at a city of Pleasanton open house that included firefighting and police demonstrations along with exhibits and presentations by many of the city's 535 employees and managers.

The event, held at the municipal Operations Service Center, gave residents a chance to walk through the maze of separated repair shops and paint stations at the center, to talk to and watch 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 talk about and demonstrate their work.

Crowds jammed that special room set up to show the intricacies of the city's overhead video cameras mounted atop light poles at many intersections and other traffic monitoring devices that determine if motorists will get the green light or a red as they approach. With some of the newer cameras and more sophisticated installations, photos coming from Bernal Avenue and First Street showed cars and even front seat drivers and passengers, although not clear enough to identify their faces or probably even the cars' license plate numbers.

—Jeb Bing

Gingerbread Preschool closing May 23 for renovations

Children's center will reopen for fall program Sept. 29

Gingerbread Preschool will close on May 23 for renovations that will take place over the summer, according to the city.

The popular tot center will re-open on Sept. 29 for the first day of its fall program. In its 40-year history in the Pleasanton community, Gingerbread has launched the academic and social lives of

more than 8,000 children with a focus on learning through play and participation.

The renovations mark the first major upgrades to the current Gingerbread site, located at 4333 Black Ave. (at Santa Rita Road) in 18 years, according to city spokeswoman Joanne Hall. The new design includes a concrete play/art terrace, trellis canopy, music wall, hand pump and water

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ICE makes arrests at El Balazo

Both Pleasanton restaurants investigated by federal authorities

by Emily Atwood

Agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) searched area El Balazo restaurants, including the Hopyard Road and Wal-Mart shopping center locations, on claims of possible employment violations.

Capt. Eric Finn said the arrests stem from the business practices of the restaurant chain, which has locations in Pleasanton, Danville, Concord, San Francisco, San Ramon and Lafayette.

Virginia Kice, spokeswoman for ICE, said the 10 locations were searched as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. While she gave no details on how many were arrested, Kice confirmed that arrests were made and the people are being processed and placed in immigration removal.

"Some may be detained and others may be released for humanitarian reasons," she said.

Kice said family members of those arrested can call 415-844-5345 if they have any questions.

"These are not criminal arrests," she added. "The people arrested were taken into custody for being here in violation of our immigration laws."

While not specifically related to this case, Kice said there have been

several problems with businesses employing illegal immigrants throughout the country.

"[Illegal immigrants] are often exploited by businesses that hire them," she said. "It also gives businesses an unfair economic advantage. Another trend we're finding recently is that increasing numbers of illegal aliens are using the identities and the identity information of U.S. citizens and lawful residents to obtain their jobs. That has serious consequences on the identities they steal."

Enforcement found identity thefts from illegal workers at a poultry processing plant in the Midwest. According to Kice, there were reports of lost medical benefits and a false arrest all resulting from identity thefts. ■

"Some may be detained and others may be released for humanitarian reasons."

—Virginia Kice
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Sullivan, Sierra Club join Oak Grove appeal

Councilman's letter urged Tri-Valley group to help

by **Jeb Bing**

The Tri-Valley region of the Sierra Club has agreed to support an appeal by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala and her citizens' coalition of a Superior Court decision that favors a 51-home and open space development project planned for Pleasanton's southeast hills.

Ayala told the City Council Tuesday night that the organization voted to join in her appeal at a Monday meeting where Councilman Matt Sullivan also asked for its support. Sullivan was not able to attend the meeting, Ayala said, but sent a letter endorsing the move.

"I will tell you that we were honored to have his support and we needed it at that meeting because, of course, the attorney for the developers was there armed with his own letters," Ayala said.

At issue is a decision by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch on Feb. 22. That decision ruled that petitions filed by Ayala and Save Pleasanton's Hills that sought a referendum aimed at overturning the council's 4-1 approval of the Oak Grove project late last year were invalid. Roesch ruled that signatures on the petitions were improperly obtained because those gathering the signatures did not carry all of the documents about Oak Grove as required by state law.

Ayala and her group immediately asked the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco to overturn Roesch's ruling. At a special meeting on April 29, the council voted 3-2 against appealing the ruling, which went in its favor, or supporting the Ayala group financially in its efforts.

Councilwoman Cindy McGovern

opposed the Oak Grove approval from the start. On April 29, Sullivan, who had voted in favor of the project, voted along with McGovern to authorize the city to also appeal the Roesch ruling or at least to hire outside legal counsel to advise the council on the ramifications of the ruling.

The majority prevailed, however, with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and councilmembers Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne voting to let the Roesch ruling stand.

Although Sullivan did not speak on the issue Tuesday, Ayala read his letter to the Sierra Club, which mirrored the councilman's public comments on April 29.

"I am very concerned by the direction this project has taken related to our citizens' ability to protect the environment and in shaping open space policy," Sullivan wrote. "I supported the process used to work toward compromise for the Oak Grove project and in the resulting project that zones 500 acres of public open space. However when the project referendum qualified for the ballot, a message was sent loud and clear to me that the City Council did not finish its work in gaining community buy-in for this project."

"When the developers' lawsuit was successful in overturning the referendum based on a technicality, it sent chills up my spine as I understood what this meant—not only to this situation but the implications for future grass roots efforts to protect the environment and our precious hillsides from development," the letter added. "I urge the Sierra Club to join the referendum proponents in appealing this case."

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Celebrating Israeli independence

Community is invited to special events at Congregation Beth Emek

Congregation Beth Emek is celebrating 60 years of Israeli independence and is inviting the community to join in the festivities.

The celebration, called Israel @ 60, kicks off tomorrow night with a Middle Eastern dinner followed by an Israel trivia contest and Israeli dancing. It all begins at 6 p.m. and the cost for non-members \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 5 to 12.

Shop the Mother's Day Israeli Market, which will have Israeli jewelry, candles, gifts and more, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Shortly following the market, Arnold Sternberg, lawyer, affordable house advocate and collector of historic maps of Israel and Palestine, will show off his prized maps and share his experiences as a WWII veteran who fought for Israel's independence in 1948.

"Jews all around the world, including in Pleasanton and at Congregation Beth Emek, feel deep ties to the Jewish state," Charlotte Salamon, co-chair of the Israel @ 60 committee, said. "Of course, Israel is a complex, modern nation living in a tough neighborhood and Jews outside Israel have an equally complex relationship with the State of Israel and its policies. But the underlying commitment to the safety, security and continued growth and prosperity of the only Jewish state in the world touches the core of almost every Jew."

The whole family can come to Congregation Beth Emek at 7 p.m. Sunday night for a free concert by Strong Black Coffee, an Ethiopian-Israeli teen hip-hop group.

—Emily Atwood

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Gingerbread

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trough for water play, resilient play surfaces, sand box, slide, mud play area, garden area, a new tricycle path and tunnel, outdoor circle area, swings and climbing structure and story telling circle, she said. The project also includes a separate play area for the Gingersnaps program, which caters to young children ages 21 months to 3 years of age.

“Every element of this fabulous new playground has a development purpose with small children in mind,” according to facility supervisor Becky Hopkins. “These include core strength, social and emotional development, and cognitive learning.”

While the school undergoes the 18-week construction period, Gingerbread summer camp will be held at Donlon Elementary School in four one-week sessions beginning June 23 and continuing into the week of July 14. More information can be found in the city’s summer activity guide, which will be mailed to residents in the coming weeks.

Parents can register students for the summer and fall programs by downloading forms on the city’s Web site, www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/gb/gbhome.html. For those who wish to meet with staff, during the construction period the Gingerbread Preschool office will be relocated to the City of Pleasanton Operation Services Center, located at 3333 Busch Road. To make an appointment, call 931-3430.

—Janet Pelletier

Oak Grove

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On April 29, Sullivan explained that while he had originally supported the project, the 5,000 signatures Ayala and her group

And the winners are...



First Place: Daisy Ng and daughters Sarah, 14, and Jennifer, 10

Readers voted on Pleasanton Weekly.com and chose Daisy Ng and daughters Sarah, 14, and Jennifer, 10, as the winners of the Mother-Daughter Look-alike Contest. They will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Faz Restaurant. Coming in a close second was Sue Barks and daughter Stephanie Deffner who were pictured at Deffner’s wedding. Their prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Stacey’s Café. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the mothers and daughters who entered.

Fathers and sons—don’t forget to send in your entries for our Father-Son Look-alike Contest. Entries are due by 8 a.m. May 19. Digitals may be sent to gallen@pleasantonweekly.com. Readers will be able to choose the winner in an upcoming issue and the winning picture will be published June 13.



Second Place: Sue Barks and daughter Stephanie Deffner

obtained to overturn the council’s vote “sent a message that maybe we didn’t do our job all the way.”

“The process itself was about empowering the citizens,” Sullivan said. “I know we tried with people on all sides of the

issue. We worked very hard to make that happen. But maybe we didn’t finish the job.”

“What we started out with four years ago was very difficult and a lot of people worked hard,” he added. “But our job wasn’t done; 5,000 people told us that.” ■

Of Note



Foothill student named 2008 Miss Teen SF Chinatown

The 42nd annual Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship and Charity Gala took place at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel on April 12. More than 700 people attended this event hosted by the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club. The 19 participants were all teen-

age girls from the Bay Area. After being judged on public speaking, talent, poise, and her response to the final question, Angela Chan, a sophomore at Foothill High School, was crowned Miss Teen Chinatown 2008. She became the Official Goodwill Ambassador of the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club and \$1,000 is going to be donated in her honor to Foothill.

The Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship and Charity Gala is a major fundraising event for the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club. All proceeds from this competition will be used to benefit charitable non-profit organizations. This year, it has been decided that the money will be used to help people afford eye surgery at the California Medical Center. This is the first time in Miss Teen Chinatown history that all the participants have raised over \$1,000.

Purple potty benefits cancer walk

If you’ve noticed a purple-colored toilet in your neighborhood, it’s a fundraising tool implemented by the Hikers for Hope group, which is participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life walk in July.



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Civics

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

Students on this year's team were 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, Jeyshee 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.

The first rounds of the competition took place on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, the top-10 schools met on Capitol Hill. Students demonstrated their knowledge of the Constitution before simulated congressional committees made up of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists, and public officials.

The panel of judges tested the expertise of the classroom teams on the six units of the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" text. Questions included: What are the philosophical and historical foundations of



Congressmen Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) joins Amador civics class on steps of Capitol. Amador placed fourth among 51 schools that competed in "We the People" contest.

the American political system? How did the framers create the Constitution? How did the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shape American institutions and practices? How have the protections of the Bill of Rights been developed and expanded? What rights does the Bill of Rights protect? What are the roles of the citizen in American democracy?

"We had an excellent day in the final round," Ladd said. "The hearing was held in the magnificent Senate Intelligence hearing room in the Senate Hart Building. Congressman McNerney (D-Pleasanton) was represented by one of his aides, Eric Halstrom, who was tremendous in helping us

in Washington this weekend." "The performance of the students was truly outstanding," Ladd added. "I have never had a better final round performance from a team. At the end, the students soaked in the atmosphere of the room and the incredible 11-month experience that they had gone through, and many had trouble holding back their emotions. The students have collectively given tens of thousands of hours in preparation, and have been under some of the greatest academic pressures a person could face."

After their final presentations on Monday, the Amador group headed to the State Department for a special tour. Tuesday, the group

Take Us Along



From Russia with love

Mary Nathan traveled to Moscow, Russia to adopt her daughter Kaylie, who was 18 months old at the time. Here they are with the Weekly in front of the Bolshoi Theater, which was being renovated.

met again with McNerney for a photo on the Capitol steps and then toured the Supreme Court building and other federal government and capital sites. The group returned to Pleasanton Wednesday.

"All in all, the experience was tremendous," Ladd said. "The students will take with them the knowledge that they were part of an incredible team experience that will help them with the rest of their lives. Any obstacle they face down the road, all 29 of them will be able to always hold their heads high with pride."

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Opinion

Editorial

Do sobriety checkpoints make any sense?

We were stopped in our tracks twice Monday, first by traffic on westbound Bernal Avenue that was waiting to be processed through a one-lane thoroughfare at a sobriety checkpoint next to the fairgrounds, and later at the office where we found an unsolicited email from the American Beverage Institute (ABI) telling us that those roadside checks are a waste of money. Both the checkpoint and email caught our attention, and really for two reasons. Sarah Longwell, ABI's managing director in Washington, D.C. who wrote us, seemed to know a lot about the Pleasanton checkpoint for someone 3,000 miles away. Second, that checkpoint, which involved officers from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, the California Highway Patrol and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, was well publicized in advance with the specific location announced on TV30's "Live at 4" news broadcast well before the road cones were placed to stop westbound motorists.

The police effort on Cinco de Mayo was understandable. The holiday is often associated with libations, such as the St. Patrick's Day holiday. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from 2002 to 2006, an average of 43 percent of all highway fatalities on May 5 and overnight into the early morning of May 6 were caused by impaired drivers with a blood alcohol content level of .08 percent and above. So the California Office of Traffic Safety provided funds to local law enforcement agencies to set up the sobriety checkpoints and it also asked for the public's help in reporting drunken drivers by calling 911.

Although the Bernal Avenue checkpoint delayed many motorists, it also resulted in the arrest of four drivers who were charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. One arrest was for a combination DUI and drug possession charge. In addition, a total of 15 vehicles were impounded and police charged several more drivers with using a suspended driver's license or having none. A total of 1,134 vehicles were screened during the 4-1/2-hour effort that started near the end of rush-hour at 6:30 p.m., with 26 drivers investigated for license violations and 14 given police citations.

In her complaint to the Weekly, Longwell said that Pleasanton police "spent a lot of officers' time and taxpayers' money to arrest just four drunk drivers out of 1,134 cars stopped. That's a meager 0.3 percent success rate." Longwell and her organization, which represents restaurants that serve alcohol, believes that California law enforcement agencies would likely make far more arrests if they spent their available patrol time roaming the streets looking for drunk drivers. She has a point. Because Monday's sobriety checkpoint was highly visible by design and publicized in advance, it seemed it could be all too easily avoided by the chronic alcohol abusers that comprise the core of today's drunken driving problems. A report by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, in fact, shows that the number of DUIs made by roving patrol programs is nearly 10 times the average number of DUIs made by checkpoint programs.

Although we're glad that at least four drunk drivers were apprehended and hundreds of drivers were educated by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) materials in the Cinco de Mayo checkpoint, we have to ask if the dozen or more officers we saw from five different law enforcement agencies might have found even more inebriated drivers on their own home turf where their intentions weren't broadcast publicly in advance.

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Letters

Young talent was impressive

Dear Editor,

I'm inspired to drop a line even though the event is several days behind us. Recently, Don Lewis and his wife Julie created and produced a program at the Amador Theater which displayed the talents of a number of young people in Pleasanton. The title for the evening's show was "Young Expressions."

As a person who attends many concerts and performances, this show was as well done and enjoyable as any I have ever seen. The talents displayed by the young people were extremely impressive. We are fortunate to have the Lewises in the community to provide this leadership.

Just as important, this show demonstrates the value and the need for facilities in Pleasanton for performances by young people. This is one of the core reasons for supporting the development of the new Firehouse Arts Center downtown. It will be a place where all the arts can be on display, those created by local people and youth, as well as those on national tours. All Pleasantonians are invited and urged to support this new downtown arts facility.

Rudy Johnson
Pleasanton

'Young Expressions' program magnificent

Dear Editor,

I was honored to see the performance on March 29 of Don Lewis and the wonderful young people perform. The "Young Expressions" program was magnificent. Nicely done.

Wayne Leavitt
Pleasanton

Thank you ValleyCare

Dear Editor,

I recently had hip replacement surgery and had the opportunity to experience firsthand the extraordinary and compassionate care of the ValleyCare community. I would like to publicly acknowledge the wonderful team of physicians, Drs. Malstrom, Knight, Schmidt and Santos, and their respective staffs, the awesome nurses, nursing assistants, lab techs, staff and Occupational Therapy on 2A and last but not least, Max, whose morning vanilla lattes were as effective as the pain medication.

Thanks again to each and every one of you for simply reaffirming something I already had known; ValleyCare is a very special place and one of the true jewels of the Tri-Valley.

Pat Kernan
Pleasanton

City open house a resounding success

Dear Editor,

Thank you and congratulations to city staff for the fantastic Citywide Open House (held May 3). This event far exceeded our expectations. It is clear that every city department put substantial time and effort into making sure this was a high-quality event.

Our three children (3 1/2-year-old daughter and 20-month twin sons) enjoyed the police and fire demonstrations, climbing into the heavy equipment, traffic signal demonstrations, the delicious barbecue food and so much more. My wife and I enjoyed meeting so many members of the city staff and getting a behind-the-scenes look at the complexities of our city's operations.

We hope you will make this a regular city event, as our children will certainly appreciate it even more as they grow older, and we will most certainly make a point of attending. My wife offered only the following suggestion, with a grin and a twinkle in her eye: how about an ice cream truck next year? That would just complete a perfect day.

City staff deserves a pat on the back for a job well done.

Bill Bennett and Jyllian Kemsley
Pleasanton

McNerney champions better energy policy

Dear Editor,

Jerry McNerney is the House of Representative's leading advocate of a better energy policy. Recently, he has championed a bill called The Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008. It passed the House with a vote of 236-182, and bolsters his effort for saving the environment.

This piece of legislation is instrumental in reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and extends a hand to the people using renewable resources by adding tax incentives and credits for plug-in hybrid cars, solar power and energy efficient homes.

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Auditions

Valley Concert Chorale Auditions
Auditions for the 2008-2009 concert season are from 6 to 7 p.m. May 19 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. They seek experienced singers with sight-reading skills. Call 462-4205 to schedule an appointment. Visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Author Visits

Turning Personal Stories into Fiction
The California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch will present award-winning novelist and essayist Wendy Lichtman, speaking on "Turning the Stories You've Lived into Fiction," at 11:30 a.m. May 17 at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St. For reservations, call 462-7495. The cost is \$20 for members or \$25.

Civic Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Classes

Yoga Class
Join Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, at 6:30 p.m. every Monday night for yoga in Lynnewood United Methodist Church's multipurpose room, 4444 Black Ave. The class is \$12, open to the public and is appropriate for all levels of experience. It incorporates relaxation through deep breathing and stretching. Call 846-0221.

Clubs

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.

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.

Valley Concert Chorale Spring Concert
The Valley Concert Chorale will perform a spring concert at 8 p.m. May 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. The program will include Schubert's Mass in G, Peteris Vasks' Dona Nobis Pacem, familiar spirituals and English part songs. Tickets are \$18 advanced or \$20 at door; students 18 and under are free. Call 866-4003 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Events

Au pair event
Cultural Care Au pair is having a wine and cheese tasting event for host families from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 17 at Little Valley Winery, 5700 Greenville Road, Livermore. Parents interested in finding out more about

Weekend Preview



Bras for the Cause

The Tri-Valley SOCKS (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures) is at it again with the Bras for the Cause walk at 7 p.m. on Saturday in downtown Pleasanton. Participants don decorated bras, worn over shirts, and walk in support of cancer research. Benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure, San Francisco, registration is \$50 and check-in is at 6 p.m. at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Visit www.trivalleysocks.org.



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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.

Israel @ 60 Birthday Celebration

At 6 p.m. May 10 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, celebrate 60 years of Israeli independence with a Middle Eastern buffet dinner, followed by an Israel trivia contest and Israeli dancing. The next morning, browse through our Israeli market, showing jewelry, candles and other Israeli products, and learn about Israel today. The event is free for members or \$15 for

adults and \$10 for kids. Call 462-7279 or email csalomon@lwtech.com.

Livermore Legacy Tour

Tour of Livermore's finest historic homes as well as period automobiles and gift boutique from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18. Tickets are \$26 or \$30 day of event. Proceeds directly benefit Livermore History Mobile. Call 577-4206 or visit www.livermorehistory.com.

Livermore Scottish Games

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District presents the Fifth Annual Livermore Scottish Games from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 17 and 18 at Robertson Park, 3200 Robertson Park Road. Activities include a children's glen, sword fighting, birds of prey, caber tossing, archery, fencing, jousting, Highland dancing, Scottish and Celtic music and Scottish food and

drink. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 children/seniors. Call 373-5748 or visit www.livermoregames.com.

Ridgeland Odyssey Hike

East Bay Regional Park District hosts a hike at the Pleasanton Ridge from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17. The 5-mile exploration includes a hunt for amphibians and other spring harbingers. For ages 10 and over. Call 510-544-3240.

Special Events for Museum Month

The Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St., invites the public to attend special events from May 14 to 16 to celebrate National and International Museum Month. Visit www.museumonmain.org for details. Call 925-462-2766.

Sunday Stroll Food and Wine Tasting Tour

The Pleasanton Kiwanis Club presents a restaurant and wine tasting walking tour at 1:30 p.m. May

18. The tour begins at Gay 90s Pizza, 288 Main St., and visits Baci Café, Pasas, Redcoats, The Wine Steward and Gourmet Works. It ends with a spaghetti dinner at Vic's All Star Café. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in advance only by calling Dawn Wilson, 846-5858 or Chuck McGraw, 294-9981.

TVHOC Housing Forum 2008

The Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center hosts a forum from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10 at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Events include: presentation by local elected officials on current state of the housing market, TVHOC orientation and presentation of new TVHOC services, testimony from TVHOC clients, TVHOC registration for new clients. Call 373-3934 or visit www.tvhoc.org.

East Bay Symphony, ValleyCare Foundation and the Taylor Family Foundation. Tickets are \$250. Call 447-WINE.

Health

Diabetes Support Group Free support group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Topics will cover travel, stress, medications, food, emotions and general living with diabetes. Call 510-383-5185.

Free Diabetes Classes People with Type 2 Diabetes or Pre Diabetes are invited to free classes in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. Classes start May 13. Call the Alameda County Diabetes Program, 510-383-5185, for details and to register.

Heart-to-Heart Talk San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present a free community educational program, A Heart-to-Heart Talk at 7:30 p.m. May 13 at the Dougherty Station Community Center's Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Cardiologist John Vu, M.D., will discuss heart health, risks and symptoms of heart disease, and advanced diagnostic and treatments. Call 275-8230.

Lectures/ Workshops

Employment Rights and Disability Benefits A discussion of the various laws that protect people with cancer in the workplace as well as disability benefits available to them will be held at 6 p.m. May 15 at the ValleyCare Medical Center Plaza, 5725 West Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twcba.org.

History Comes Alive for Israel's 60th Birthday

Arnold Sternberg, law professor, affordable housing advocate and antique map collector, will display his unique collection of original and historic maps of Israel and Palestine and share his experiences as a fighter with the Israeli army in the 1948 War of Independence. Event is from 1 to 3 p.m. May 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Call 462-7279.

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 "How to Rollover Your IRA/401k into Real Estate" at noon May 15 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 426-1120.

Live Music

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

Wicker Vault Plays at Bosco's Wicker Vault will be playing Classic Rock and more from 8 a.m. to midnight May 9 and 10 at Bosco's Bones and Brew, 11922 Main St., Sunol. Visit www.wickervault.com.

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. The cost is \$1.50 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

California Retired Teachers Luncheon California Retired Teachers Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:15 a.m. May 20 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall, 6250



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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.

Sculptor Mackenzie Thorpe

Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St., hosts a two-month exhibition of Mackenzie Thorpe bronze sculptures, pastel paintings and limited editions. The exhibit will run through July 1. Call 846-4322.

Film

Free After Hours Movie "Cry Baby"

will be shown at 7 p.m. May 16 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Johnny Depp stars in this 1990 film that depicts the happiness of teen rebellion and the tragic pitfalls of early conformity. This film is rated PG-13. Call 931-3404.

Fundraisers

Gingerbread Alumnus

Gingerbread Preschool is going under construction this summer. A special area in the playyard 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.

Relay For Life Pep Rally

The Relay for Life hosts a pep rally at 6 p.m. May 20 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. We will have a mock team campsite set up, luminaries, Fight Back flags and people on hand to answer questions about the relay. Call 519-0280 or visit www.relayforlife.org.

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



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Health Chat Health Chat takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. This group setting informs and educates seniors about various health issues. It is open forum and an interactive session. Sponsored by Amador Valley Adult School and the senior center. Call 426-4280.

Lunch Downtown Join us for lunch downtown at 11:30 a.m. May 22. This month we'll visit Me and Mai Friend's Deli Cafe. Meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., and Paratransit will provide transportation. The cost is \$15 for residents or \$18.

Welcome to Medicare Seminar The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will discuss Medicare A, B, C and D; how to buy supplemental insurance; and when and how to buy a drug plan. HICAP is a non-profit organization under the Dept. of Aging. Attend one of three classes at 7 p.m. the first Tuesdays in April, May and June at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, south conference room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 275-8230 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Spiritual

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

Mother's Day Service Tri-Valley Unity Church's May 11 will be at 10 a.m. at Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Guest speaker Rev. Grace Nicodemus will speak on "The Love of the Invisible Woman." Special musical ensemble performing. All are welcome. Call 829-2733.

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.pleasanton-rage.org/kicksareforkids.

Beginning Cycling Skills Workshop Fundraiser Newer riders will get more comfortable on their bikes and learn tips for being properly equipped and riding safely at the workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon May 17 at Cyclepath, 337-B Main St. On-the-bike skills will include clipping in/out, shifting, stopping, straight line riding and some basic group riding dynamics. We will take a short, 1 hour ride to practice. The suggested donation is \$35 to the Breast Cancer Fund. Call 485-3218 or visit www.cyclepath.com.

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.

Intermediate Cycling Skills Workshop Fundraiser Geared toward intermediate cyclists looking to improve their skills and gain confidence riding in a group the workshop is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18 at Cyclepath, 337-B Main St. Participants will take 2-hour ride to practice. The suggested donation is \$50. Call 485-3218 or visit www.cyclepath.com.

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 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. Riders 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 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. Riders 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. May 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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Contact Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

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.

Prostate Cancer Support Group The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at San Ramon Regional Medical Center's south conference room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Men at any stage of prostate cancer and their family members are welcome. Michael Stephens, MST, facilitates. Call 933-0107.

Stress and Pain Management Strategies and Support Learn how to use visualization, relaxation techniques and new ways of thinking (cognitive restructuring) to help reduce stress levels and down-regulate pain. Share experiences and ideas in a supportive, caring environment. Free classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of each month at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Facilitated by Betty Runnels, M.A., Counseling Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy. Call 734-3315 or email bettyrunnels@earthlink.net.

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@comcast.net.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group The group meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., to provide information and support for Parkinson's patients and caregivers. Call 831-9940.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group This group provides peer support for those affected by Parkinson's disease and for their caregivers, families and friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 831-9940 or email jackiebard@pacbell.net.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club General meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Drive. and include

round table discussion and dinner. Visit www.TVMOTC.com.

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 nonprofit 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.tv-ar.org.

TV30

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. Aired daily 6:30 am, 12:30, 3:30 & 9:30 pm.

Let's Talk Sports TV30's "Let's Talk Sports" features sports memorabilia and the history of modern baseball with one of a kind artifacts, with sports collector legend Mark Macrea and Dr. B. On Channel 30 daily at noon, 2:30, 4 (Friday), 6:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

YOU AND YOUR BBQ

There are symbols of home ownership that do a better job of making a man's heart pump a little faster than a barbecue that stands ready to cook a meal for the family. In the American mythology, this signifies home ownership and leisure time and extremely good food. But the magical picture shatters if the barbecue grill carries dried souvenirs of meals cooked throughout its life.

What to do? Heloise has an answer. Stick the grill in a big, heavy-duty plastic garbage bag with a quarter cup of ammonia, tie it shut, and let it be overnight. In the morning, the ammonia fumes will have persuaded most of the caked-on stuff that it's time to go. Finish the job by rubbing the grill with a ball made of aluminum foil or spray the crusty stuff off with a strong power washer.

Another advisor, Linda Cobb, suggests the best job can be done when the grill is hot. Let it cool enough that you're unlikely to burn yourself, then rub it down with a ball of aluminum foil—not with a grill brush (because it often holds food debris itself). Then rub the grill down with "waterless hand cleaner" from your local hardware store. In theory, at least, your grill should shine like new, as should your reputation as the Barbecue Chef (and Chief). For real estate assistance call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.geradastocking.com.

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Sherry Yonker is greeted by her son, Kenny, on his return home from a seven-month tour in Iraq.

Sunday marks an especially meaningful Mother's Day for Sherry Yonker and her family. After being split by an ocean and many countries for months, her son returned from his first tour in Iraq two weeks ago. "At the airport, I can't even tell you the emotions I had," she said of seeing him get off the airplane. "I hope I never have those again. I wanted to hold him so badly I couldn't wait." Cpl. Kenny Yonker, 23, returned from a seven-month tour in Iraq and his mom considers it a wonderful Mother's Day present.

"Ever since he was little he always wanted to be a Marine," she said. "I'm very proud of him. I admire him. He's my hero. After 9/11 he really wanted to do what he could to help and I think he has. He's succeeded in that goal."

Seeing their children succeed is a goal of many mothers, but for those with children in the military, it can be a difficult journey. No news can be good news, but moms cling to some of the available modes of communications: emails, phone calls and even mailed greeting cards that allow senders to record a voice message.

"Those poor moms in World War II with no email, no phone calls, just someone pulling up to the door with a notice," Sherry Yonker said. "Just to hear his chuckle—I held onto that."

Another way Yonker made it through the ordeal was joining the Pleasanton Military Families (PMF) support group. There, she met other families who could commiserate, send packages to support troops and get updates from other local servicemen and women through daily emails.

Ofelia Gomez is also a member of the group and was

thankful for the support right down to assistance in figuring out the mechanics of making a phone call to her daughter Jennifer, 21, an Army medic.

"It's been very encouraging," she said. "It's been great to see and hear other moms and parents going through the same struggles."

Gomez is waiting a little longer for her Mother's Day present, as Jennifer will end her 14-month tour of service in Iraq early June.

"I'm so glad it's May, because now I'm counting weeks and soon will count days until she's home," she said.

It was one day in the car that Jennifer told her mom she wanted to learn more about the Army.

"I was really surprised and scared," Ofelia Gomez said. "Then she said, 'Didn't you teach me about God's plan for me and how he will protect me wherever I am?' I didn't know what to do, then she said the reason why [she wanted to go]: 'I want to serve God, other people and my country,' she said, so I had peace about it."

While it has been one of the most "scary and painful expe-

riences" for the Gomez family, their faith has grown more than ever.

"My desire is to reach out to other moms that are going through the same things," she said. "I don't know how moms who depend on their own strength can go through a thing like this; that is my desire to be able to share with others what God has done for us."

Cindy De Pretis' son, Chris, who turns 20 in June, is also currently deployed to Iraq and found the support from other families to be very helpful.

"At first it's really hard but it gets easier," she said. "Pleasanton Military Families makes a huge difference."

Chris graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2006 and went to boot camp a few weeks later. He is now an infantry SAW gunner and is expected to return home in either December or January.

One of the hardest parts for the De Pretis family is having to go through holidays and even the death of a grandmother without him. Yet, they find creative ways of staying in contact online.

"We talk through AIM [AOL instant messenger], which I've never used before," she said. "It's really great and very convenient. He sends messages and pictures through MySpace, which I would have never used before."

He's already been home for his 18-day leave and seeing him made it easier for the family to say good-bye again. Although, De Pretis noticed that his military experience has changed her son.

"He's very much in the war," she said. "He has had friends die, and has been shot at—he's very much on the front lines. It takes them from being a child to a man. It was a very profound and clear-cut severing."

"That is very interesting as a mother—one day he's your child and six weeks later he's not mine anymore," she continued. "I also think it's been the best thing in the world for him. I mean, he's not fond of the Army, but he sees how it stretches you and teaches you discipline. He says 'They strip you of all your freedoms so that you know what it is to be free.'"

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—Sherry Yonker

The strength she's gained as a military mom will be put to work again as her son Marc will join the Marines after graduating this year from Village High School. As her involvement with PMF continues she looks forward not only to Chris' homecoming, but also of those she's learned about through the group.

"The group coordinates homecomings for every soldier who comes back home after their tour," De Pretis said. "They often have the Patriot Guard waiting at the airport to escort the soldier home. Then people wait at the home with a 'welcome home' banner, flags waving, music playing, people cheering. The VFW [Veterans of Foreign Wars] is there in uniform and the soldier is presented with a flag, a medal and a letter from the congressman. This is all coordinated by the group and is the most overwhelming display of love that you could ever imagine."

When Kenny Yonker was recently welcomed home, his homecoming included a water arch from fire hoses over the planes, American flags scattered throughout his lawn, uniformed veterans waiting to shake his hand and 100 thankful members of the community.

"It would be an answer to prayer to have everyone received in that manner," Sherry Yonker said. "[Kenny] was really touched by it all. In my eyes, they all deserve it. They're hometown heroes." ■

Ofelia Gomez stand with daughter Jennifer, who is in Iraq serving as an Army medic.



Chris De Pretis and mom Cindy enjoy a family dinner before he was deployed last July 2007.

HOW TO LOCALLY SUPPORT TROOPS

Get involved with a military families group

One way moms cope is by joining together with other families through the Pleasanton Military Families support group. It meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at a different group member's home each month. Throughout the year they gather to talk and share updates as well as send packages to troops.

For those wanting a yellow streamer placed on light poles on Main Street in honor of a man or woman in the service, give Chris Miller a call at 730-1604.

Donate items at Operation SAM's spring donation drive

In Livermore, Operation: SAM (Supporting All Military) is planning its biggest military appreciation drive yet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 31 at the Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Road.

Many items have been requested for troops in Wounded Warrior Casualty Hospitals in Iraq, Afghanistan and Germany, as well as U.S. deployed military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The all-volunteer, apolitical, nonprofit group is asking that community members stop to think of the troops by donating some items or even writing a letter of encouragement and appreciation.

While residents are enjoying weather in the 70s and 80s, Operation SAM organizers said troops are currently enduring sand storms and heat in excess of 140 degrees. To make the heat and living situation more bearable, they are requesting the following items to be donated: eye wash, nasal saline spray, deodorant, razors, white cotton tube socks, washcloths, bug repellent, Tylenol, sun-block, cough drops, Tums, trail mix, individual water flavorings, granola and energy bars, jerky, lip balm, batteries and more.

They will also collect used cell phones, working or not, to be exchanged for prepaid phone cards that would allow troops to speak with loved ones.

To learn more about Operation SAM and the donation drive, visit www.operationsam.org or call 443-7620.



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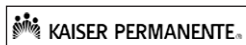
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Obituaries

Roger K. Floyd

Roger K. Floyd died suddenly April 13 from an aneurism in Korea. He was 51.

Mr. Floyd was born July 26, 1956. He attended San Lorenzo High School and when he was 18, joined the Army.

During the next 20 years, he served two tours of duty in Seoul, Korea, and also five years at S.H.A.P.E. headquarters in Belgium.

When he retired from the Army, he went back to school to obtain an engineering degree. He took a job with the Army Corps of Engineers and in December 2002, he went to Seoul, Korea.

He is survived by his wife,



Hyun-Ju of Korea; sons, Roy, 28, and Kenneth, 26, and daughter, Sarah, 16, who all live in Southern California; two step-daughters, Ju-Nee and Ye-Jin; his mother, Bonnie McLaughlin of

Pleasanton; and sisters, Wendy Clare of Pleasanton and Sally Dull of Lake Oswego, Ore.

A memorial service with full military honors was held April 24 in Korea.

Births

Colin Henry Fournier

Colin Henry Fournier was born March 14 at 6 a.m. at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces. Proud parents are Kevin and Denise Fournier. Kevin is a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. Denise is a stay-at-home mom and Presbyterian minister. Big brothers Paddy and Liam are overjoyed with their little "cutie."



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

April 3

Alisa Woehl and Christopher Cruger, a boy

March 30

Amy and Todd Fischer, twins: a girl and boy

April 4

Ping Han and Yong Chen, a girl



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch Project**

Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for a Specific Plan amendment to the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan for the Staples Ranch project.

The review of the Specific Plan amendment to the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan (PSP-11) is being rescheduled to a future meeting.

Housing Commission

Thursday, May 15, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, May 15, 2008 @ 7:30 a.m.
Operation Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Overview of Community Development Department

Youth Commission

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

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Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC)

Monday, May 12, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m.
Operation Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Approve the YMPIC Master Plan update
- Youth Concert update
- Youth and Government Day findings
- Update on YMPIC Ad-Hoc Committee/Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative
- Update on YMPIC Vacancies and New Appointees

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.

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.

The DEIR is available at the Pleasanton Planning Division, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue and online at www.staplesranch.org.

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

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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Police Bulletin

Checkpoint leads to 4 DUI arrests

Four drivers were arrested Monday night for driving under the influence of alcohol during a Cinco de Mayo DUI and driver's license checkpoint near the fairgrounds. One arrest was for a combination DUI and drug possession, police said.

A total of 15 vehicles were impounded relating to the DUI arrests and drivers who were either unlicensed or using a suspended license.

Held between 6:30 and 11 p.m. at Bernal and Pleasanton avenues, Pleasanton officers were joined by those from Livermore, Dublin, the California Highway Patrol and the Alameda County Sheriff's department.

A total of 1,134 vehicles were screened with 16 drivers given a field sobriety test. Police said 26 drivers were investigated for license violations and 14 were given citations for license violations.

Police Report

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

April 25

- Theft:
 - 7:42 a.m. in the 4900 block of Monaco Drive; petty theft
 - 10:08 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; stolen vehicle
 - 6:14 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
 - 6:41 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
 - 8:31 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 9:50 p.m. in the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway
 - 10:39 p.m. in the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road; grand theft
- Vandalism:
 - 12:22 a.m. at the intersection of Lockhart Lane and Santa Rita Road
 - 9:05 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; worth less than \$400
- Lost property:
 - 5:05 p.m. in the 2700 block of Lylewood Drive

April 26

- Theft:
 - 9:32 a.m. at the intersection of Boulder Court and Boulder Street; stolen vehicle
 - 11:07 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stonecliff Vista Lane; identity theft
 - 1:19 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; identity theft
 - 3:21 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
 - 4:28 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 5:07 p.m. in the 700 block of Montevino Drive; petty theft
- Burglary:
 - 7:22 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

•DUI:

-2:48 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Stoneridge Mall Road

April 27

- Vandalism:
 - 9:36 a.m. in the 1900 block of Florio Circle; worth over \$400
 - 12:48 p.m. in the 5700 block of Hanifen Way; worth over \$400
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 6:09 p.m. in the 7400 block of Flagstone Drive
- Public drunkenness:
 - 3:34 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

April 28

- Theft:
 - 8:22 a.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive; grand theft
 - 9:12 a.m. in the 4800 block of Dolores Drive; grand theft
 - 10:26 a.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive; petty theft
 - 11:23 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; identity theft
 - 3:26 p.m. in the 2500 block of Tapestry Way; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 7:53 a.m. in the 3100 block of Paseo Granada; worth less than \$400
 - 2:32 p.m. in the 2500 block of Tapestry Way; worth more than \$400
 - 4:19 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

•Vehicular burglary:

- 5:44 p.m. in the 2500 block of Ramblewood Way
- 5:54 p.m. in the 2500 block of Tapestry Way

•Marijuana possession:

- 5:20 a.m. in the 900 block of Riesling Drive

April 29

- Theft:
 - 6:39 a.m. in the 2500 block of Raven Road; grand theft
 - 9:35 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; grand theft

-12:31 p.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; identity theft

-2:24 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

-9:40 p.m. in the 700 block of Rose Avenue; grand theft

•Vandalism:

-2:31 p.m. in the 3900 block of Churchill Drive; worth less than \$400

•Driving with marijuana:

-2:46 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

April 30

- Theft:
 - 5:11 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 6:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
 - 6:41 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft
 - 7:11 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 8:35 p.m. in the 3600 block of Fairlands Drive; petty theft

•Found property:

- 10:59 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 3:14 p.m. in the 1 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 1

- Theft:
 - 10:13 a.m. in the 7300 block of Shady Mill Lane; forgery
 - 11:43 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
 - 7:42 p.m. in the 3400 block of Vermont Place
- Vandalism:
 - 11:46 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
 - 8:08 p.m. in the 4100 block of Foothill Road

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44 Church St., Danville, 820-7200. Executive Chef Kevin Gin interprets California-American cuisine with European and Asian influences with expansive lunch and dinner menus. Add dessert, wine and cocktails and you have Bridges' casual fine dining experience. Visit www.bridgesdanville.com for event and private party details.

Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant

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Zorn's Restaurant

3015 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 462-0994. Located in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center, Zorn's serves breakfast all day. Open seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with breakfast and lunch spe-

cial. Dine in or take out. Catering also available.

Asian-Pacific

Mahalo Grille

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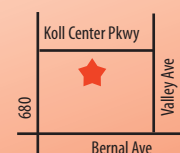


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