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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## Hockey + newspaper design = success

Our longtime colleague Shannon Corey, the Pleasanton Weekly's art director since this newspaper was launched on Jan. 28, 2000, is moving up the corporate ladder, so to speak. Today she has assumed broader responsibilities at Embarcadero Publishing and our flagship paper, the Palo Alto Weekly. A gifted designer and graphics artist, Corey holds an English degree from Chico State University, which serves her well since a major part of her responsibilities has been to prepare catchy covers to go with feature stories in those papers. A talented photographer, she often accompanies reporters on assignments with some of her favorite photos taken inside the homes of John Madden and real estate developer Ken Behring. Even our first paper where Corey drew a look-alike Monopoly caricature welcoming the Pleasanton Weekly to Pleasanton drew rave reviews, with extra copies gone in a flash. I may have one of the few first editions left, which I've carefully wrapped in a home file awaiting the day when it becomes an auction item at Sotheby's. Corey's covers are often "keepers," with photos at the annual pooch parade on Main Street, the balloon platoon, the City Hall flag-raising a few hours after the 9/11 terrorist attack and a cover of workers at the PeopleSoft building hanging Oracle signs from the rooftop (which was actually a creative illustration by Corey) still in demand. District Attorney Tom Orloff's office called for copies of Corey's "In Cold Blood" cover about the recent double murder in Castlewood to hang in his office.

Corey's at her best when she has time to manipulate her Mac design software to design creative covers and pages for the Pleasanton Weekly and, starting four years ago, with the launch of the Danville Weekly. Her continuing education and technology seminars have brought new challenges to the changing world of online news and advertising, with the latest push at our papers into video news and

commercials. By moving back to Palo Alto, where she got her start as assistant design director in 1996, she'll take over as creative director with a staff and management team that is in the forefront of technology breakthroughs. The Palo Alto Weekly was the first newspaper in the U.S. to publish on the World Wide Web in 1994. More recently, it has moved into sports and news videos and interactive presentations for readers and advertisers. Corey has brought many of those technologies to Pleasanton and Danville and now she can accelerate the pace for all the newspapers Embarcadero publishes, including the Almanac that serves the Menlo Park area, the Mountain View Voice and the Pacific Sun in Marin County.

Corey's new responsibilities will no doubt add to the long workdays and deadline stresses all of us face in the newspaper business. One break she'll have immediately is that the 40 miles she traveled each way from her home in Campbell to Pleasanton will be cut in half to reach Palo Alto, although she says the drive time might be about the same. It'll also put her closer to the Logitech ice hockey facility, a four-rink arena operated by a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks. Corey is an avid hockey player who once played on the Junior Sharks team and more recently coached it. She now plays for a San Francisco women's team that made it to the quarterfinals in national competition earlier this year. "No matter what the stresses have been during the day or problems I encountered, once I'm on the ice there's no time to think about anything but the game," she says. It's much like completing an award-winning design—once Corey has made the perfect shot into the goal, there always another game or another paper to produce when she knows she'll do even better. When the Sharks build their new recreational ice rink in Pleasanton, Corey promises to come back and show us how it's done. ■

## Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

### HOW LONG WILL YOUR HOME LAST?

We don't tend to think of houses aging to the point of being uninhabitable, but it can happen if homes are not maintained with care. The same is even truer of the appliances in our homes, without proper care they can become unusable.

The National Association of Home Builders recently issued a study that estimated the amount of time various parts of a home should last. The most basic parts of a home—its foundation, dry-wall, plaster, pipes, basement and framing—should last at least fifty years, the study asserts.

The median age of a house in America today is 32 years, four years older than when the NAHB did its last such survey in 1993, meaning that homebuyers should be that much more aware of the condition of the most basic elements in the construction of the home they choose to buy. Some of those elements, though, have far more durability than they used to. Kitchen cabinets, for example, used to last 15 to 20 years; now, they're expected to last 50 years. A good paint job used to last 3 to 5 years; now, thanks to chemical improvements, it lasts 15.

Some things, mainly because they've become more complex, don't last as long—refrigerators, for example, and water heaters. You can view the complete NAHB study at [www.nahb.org/fileUpload\\_details.aspx?contentID=72475](http://www.nahb.org/fileUpload_details.aspx?contentID=72475). For answers to your questions call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

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### About the Cover

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# Streetwise

**Q:** What should Hillary Clinton do?

Asked Downtown



**Tom Pochylski**

Retired

I think she should drop out and give the Democrats the momentum they need to knock the Republicans out of office and get this country moving in a better direction. Her involvement splits the energy of the party when we should be united, moving in one direction.

**Anna Leah Ah**

Sales

She needs to pursue her dream and do the best she can and run a good honest campaign. I don't like the dirty politics and infighting that has been occurring, but she has to do what she has to do.



**Sara Van Orsdel**

Color Consultant

I'm concerned about the Democratic Party losing their momentum. Part of me feels she should bow out now. The party is splintered and needs to get behind one candidate.



**Rich Shinn**

Engineer

She should probably drop out. It seems inevitable that Obama will win. Her involvement does divide the party. I'm a Republican, so in reality, that's not a bad thing for us.



**Lou Colzani**

Insurance Broker

She should continue, go all the way and then lose at the end. She has the right to do what she is doing. She has a large support system and owes it to them to continue. I don't think she'll win nor do I think the split in the Democratic Party happening now will benefit the presidential election for Republicans. The General Election is a whole other entity unto itself.



## A reminder from The Pleasanton Police Department Internet Safety Tips

June is National Internet Safety Month. Although kids are more savvy with the Internet, it can still be a dangerous place. But most dangers can be avoided if children and their parents learn about smart Internet use.

- Talk with children about the benefits and risks of the Internet.
- When possible, go online with your children. Have them show you their favorite websites, online games, and chat rooms.
- Go online and look at websites, chat rooms, and blogs that your children might visit. This will help you identify what you think is important to discuss with them.
- Keep the computer in a busy area of the house.
- With your children, agree on rules of what they can and cannot do online, when they can go on the Internet, and how long they can stay.
- Make sure your children ask your permission first before signing up for online services or games.
- Teach children about plagiarism. Explain that if they conduct online research they must give attribution to the author, organization, or website that created the content.
- Consider using a filter, blocking, or ratings system for your computer.

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Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

Compiled by Cybele Ryan

# Newsfront

## News Digest

### City opening 'cool zones'

With nearly triple-digit temperatures this week and continuing into the weekend, the city has plans in place to open "cool zones" for people to beat the heat. When temperatures reach over 100 degrees over two consecutive days, or when unexpected high temperatures occur, the city will activate cooling centers, located at the senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. (open until 10 p.m.), aquatic center, 4455 Black Ave. (open 1-9 p.m.), and the tennis and community park, 5801 Valley Ave. (open until 10 p.m.). Free transportation will be provided through Pleasanton Paratransit Service to any cooling center location for those ages 60 and older or ADA-qualified, free of charge. Call 931-5376 to arrange a ride. For more information, call the Parks and Community Services Department at 931-5340 or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

### Physicians needed for health fair

The Community Association for Preschool Education Incorporated (CAPE Inc.), whose focus is to provide comprehensive education to the low-income children and families in Eastern Alameda County, is looking for physicians to volunteer their time at a summer health fair. Many families continue the health services with the providers they meet at the health fair. Interested parties should contact Health Specialist Lindsay Tibbetts at 443-3434, ext. 109 or [ltibbetts@capeheadstart.org](mailto:ltibbetts@capeheadstart.org).

### Eat spaghetti to support Tri-Valley Haven

The Spring Fling Spaghetti Feed is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 522 South L St. in Livermore. There will also be crafts and games for kids and a silent auction and drawings for adults. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 449-5845. The event proceeds will benefit the Haven's domestic violence, sexual assault and homeless programs.

### Input sought at bike, pedestrian workshop

The city of Pleasanton has joined with Fehr and Peers, which is developing the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Those active in biking and walking are encouraged to attend a workshop to give their input from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## School board member's residency called into question

*District's legal counsel says Pat Kernan's apartment satisfies the law*

by Emily Atwood

A few residents claiming school board trustee Pat Kernan is in violation of residency requirements led the Pleasanton Unified School District to seek legal counsel, the Weekly has learned.

Kernan is accused of moving out of Pleasanton while still continuing to serve on the school board.

Although school district attorneys have told Superintendent John Casey that they believe Kernan is within the law in continuing his service on the board, others say that findings are simply a way of

circumventing the law.

Kernan's primary home was initially called into question on the Pleasanton Weekly's Town Square online forum, and more so after a board agenda showed him participating in a special meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 1 by phone from a Camino, Calif. location, which is east of Sacramento.

Casey said the district began the investigation about two weeks ago, which included asking attorneys to research the residency criteria and interview Kernan.

"[The lawyer] is not the decision maker," Casey said, adding that residents can challenge the situa-

tion in court.

In a 500-word statement sent to the Pleasanton Weekly, parent and school activist Julie Testa said there is "overwhelming evidence" that Kernan's home in Camino is his "long-term home." She then states a non-resident should have no say in parcel tax discussions and should step down.

She cited California Education Code 3510, which defines a primary residence or domicile as a place having intention to make it a permanent home, adding that a person may only have one.

In their report, district lawyers cite various government, education

and election codes and 13 points that determine a Pleasanton residency. These points included that Kernan's vehicle is registered in Pleasanton, he was excused from jury duty in El Dorado County this year on the basis of his Pleasanton residency, that he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is registered to vote and has voted in Pleasanton elections.

"Determination of legal residency is a fact specific analysis, in which a myriad of factors are collectively evaluated," the report states.

Testa contested that several of

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Mrs. Chris Buchheit (plaid shirt) watches as Theresa Yu (white shirt) and "Sam-Sam" (black shirt) trim her bushes as part of Rotary Gives Thanks service project for seniors at Hacienda Mobile Home Park. See the story on page 7.

## Residents asked to curb water usage

*Reduced pumping in Delta, small Sierra snowpack means another dry summer*

by Janet Pelletier

Pleasanton's main water supplier is asking residents to cut down on the amount of water they use in light of the situation in the Delta region and a below-average snowfall season.

Zone 7 Water Agency, which provides 80 percent of those who live in Pleasanton with water, is asking people to reduce their water usage by 10 percent, a similar request that was made last summer.

The call for conservation comes on the heels of the East

Bay Municipal Utilities District's announcement Tuesday that it was asking its customers to cut their water use in half.

Karla Nemeth, environmental and public affairs manager for Zone 7, said the water agency isn't asking for as much of a reduction from its customers as East Bay MUD, and that's because the agency has enough stored groundwater and other reserves to meet demand this year. But, she added, that doesn't mean residents shouldn't see East

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## Registrar certifies hillside ban initiative

*Council, citizens group to meet on issue Tuesday*

by Jeb Bing

The Alameda County Registrar's office certified a ballot box initiative Tuesday that would block all future developments in Pleasanton on hill-sides with slopes of 25 percent or more.

The initiative, written and promoted by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala and her citizens' coalition—Save Pleasanton's Hills—obtained more than the required 3,700 signatures from registered voters in Pleasanton. The measure calls for banning any development on steep slopes with exceptions possible for parcels where 10 or fewer homes are planned.

Another part of the initiative calls for stricter guidelines on determining housing units that should be counted against the city's voter-mandated housing cap of 29,000 units.

Ayala's initiative will be discussed at a City Council meeting starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Civic Center.

As for the hillside building curb, Ayala's initiative closely mirrors a similar plan that will also be under consideration Tuesday night. That plan, the result of a meeting in February that added a study of a hillside ordinance to the council's priority list, could include the same provisions. However, the study, as typical of proposed city ordinance research, could take months to complete because of the council's insistence on bringing all affected parties together. That would include property owners, developers, city planners, councilmembers and even Ayala and members of her citizens' coal-

tion.

Ayala's initiative calls for faster action with a public vote on Nov. 4 at the time of the General Election. If approved, the city would still have to formulate an ordinance to add to the General Plan but its regulations could not digress from the 25 percent slope ban.

Concerns over hillside development go back a long way in Pleasanton. Critics in the 1990s sought unsuccessfully to block some developments along the west side of Foothill Road. A majority of homes in Castlewood, which lies outside Pleasanton in unincorporated Alameda County, are on slopes greater than 25 percent. A majority of homes in Kottlinger Ranch and many in Vintage Hills, Vintage Heights, Foxborough, Grey Eagle, Golden Eagle Farms and the Vineyard Corridor also occupy slopes that would exceed the proposed new regulation.

The rules also would have blocked the 51-home development on Oak Grove above Kottlinger Ranch, although that plan has now been approved. If an appeal filed by Ayala and her group is granted by the state Court of Appeal, and the Oak Grove plan is subsequently blocked, the new 25 percent hillside development regulation would affect future development on that land parcel as well.

Hillside development regulations were considered when the 1996 General Plan was written, Ayala said, but there was no follow up. Two years ago, after a three-hour public hearing by the Planning Commission and City Council that packed the council

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# Kids treated to author visit on school day

*Library hopes to continue forging strong relationship with school district*

Well-known children's book author Jonathan London treated dozens of children to a special book reading at the Pleasanton Library last Friday.

While the library regularly holds author readings, signings and other book-related events, this was the first time it arranged with the Pleasanton Unified School District to hold the event on a school day.

After receiving district approval, the library notified area teachers of the event and if they were interested in having their students attend, they could sign up on a list.

"It was hugely successful," said children's librarian Sandy Silva.

"We're absolutely ecstatic about it. Given the response, this is something we want to offer again."

Roughly 150 students in first through third grade as well as children from Gingerbread Preschool were on hand to listen to London read a couple of his popular "Froggy" series books. London also writes about a number of other animals.

Silva said many of the classes that participated last Friday are currently studying frogs, so the event was good timing. Local bookstore Towne Center Books helped with the event by ordering London's books (he has more than 20 picture books in all) in advance

for parents.

Silva said London, who lives in Point Reyes in Marin County, is a hit with younger children because he has a knack for appealing to their interests.

"He captures children to a tee," she said. "He knows children's behaviors."

With such a high-profile author as London visiting, the library often pays for their guests' time. The money is drawn from funds raised by the Friends of the Library and the library's annual budget.

With such a good response, seats filled up fast and some teachers and their classes were not able



Janet Pelletier

Popular children's book author Jonathan London reads to kids at the Pleasanton Library.

to attend, but Silva said she hopes this will be the first of many future events as the library continues its ongoing relationship with the school district.

—Janet Pelletier

## Conservation

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Bay MUD's decision as a red flag for the Tri-Valley, which also receives its water supply from the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta. Zone 7 receives its supply from the Delta through the State Water Project, and then wholesales it to serve 200,000 people in Pleasanton, Dublin and the Dougherty Valley in San Ramon.

Water that is pumped through the channels of the Delta to the Bay Area has been decreased due to a court ruling involving the killing of the Delta smelt—a small, silvery fish that is being sucked through the pumps.

Nemeth said the ruling has caused Zone 7 to lose nearly 10,000 acre-feet of water since the beginning of this year—enough to serve about 20,000 households for a full year. Another 25,000 acre-feet has been cut from State Water Project deliveries due to a

small snowpack in the Sierras and a dry rainfall season locally.

An average family of three living in the Tri-Valley uses about 350-450 gallons of water per day, including for irrigating landscaping. However, water usage can double in the summer months due to higher temperatures. ■

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### Savings Per Day (in gallons)

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- Water lawn sparingly; step on grass and if it springs up, it doesn't need water 36+
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants 36
- Don't run hose when washing cars; use a bucket of water and quickly rinse at the end (for two cars) 38
- Use a shut-off nozzle on hose, making sure there are no leaks 5+
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation 32
- Use a broom, not a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks 19

#### Indoors

- Shorten showers by 1-2 minutes up to 22
  - Install a high-efficiency toilet 22
  - Don't use toilet as trash can 16
  - Run only full loads of laundry and dishes 18
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# Tightening home mortgage rules hitting self-employed hardest

*Most lenders won't accept 'stated income' to qualify for loans*

by Jeb Bing

In a blow to hundreds—probably thousands—of breadwinners in Pleasanton who successfully operate their own businesses, the housing credit crunch is causing lending institutions to significantly curb issuing home mortgages to those who try to qualify by using “stated incomes” without business-provided W-2 Internal Revenue Service forms to document their income.

George Duarte, chairman of the Government Affairs committee of the East Bay chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers, said that historically the stated loan program served the needs of thousands of borrowers who are self-employed, have good credit ratings and generate incomes well above those required by lenders for home loans.

Duarte was one of three real estate experts and analysts who spoke about the Pleasanton real estate market at a Town Hall Forum sponsored by the Bay East Association of Realtors, the city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Weekly.

“The stated income loan program was designed for self-em-

ployed, independent business people and it worked very well,” Duarte said. “But several years ago it was expanded to include people who were wage earners—regular people who had salaries. That’s when it turned into the liars’ loan that we’ve heard about. And that’s where the problem is.”

Duarte said that loan applicants started using the stated income provisions to buy homes they were really unqualified to purchase, stating that their income from various sources totaled \$15,000 a month when they were actually taking home only \$5,000. They got caught up in that and are among many who can no longer pay their mortgages and are facing foreclosure.

“As a result, we’re seeing the pendulum swing in a much more conservative way and I’m very concerned about that because there are people who are legitimately self-employed who legitimately should be able to obtain stated-income loans who are now completely out of luck,” he added. “That’s becoming a huge and bad problem.”

Duarte said that over the last 18 months, more than 200 lenders—mortgage lenders and banks—

have actually closed their doors and gone out of business.

“It’s chaotic out there,” he said. “That’s a huge channel of mortgage loan distribution that’s just disappeared. About 30 percent of the people who are interested buyers are not able to secure financing where they were able to previously.”

In addition to turning away stated income applicants, lenders are also tightening their underwriting guidelines, Duarte said.

“They are requiring much higher credit scores, higher down payments and more cash reserves,” he said. “This is impacting a lot of people. So anyone who is in the purchase marketplace really has to do their homework well in advance and be prepared. It’s truly like a military exercise. You’ve got to plan in advance and make sure all your ducks are in a row.”

“So generally speaking the market is still the victim of the credit crunch,” he added. “But again the stock market is a good leading indicator on that and there’s some indication that the credit crunch is hopefully going to start loosening up at some point. We just don’t know when.” ■

# Rotarians help seniors maintain their homes

*From hedge trimming to turning mattresses, volunteers take over*

by Jeb Bing

More than 85 Rotarians and other volunteers spent last Saturday washing windows, trimming hedges and even turning a few mattresses in the downtown club’s annual Rotary Gives Thanks service project to help senior citizens.

Mert Van Dreser, a past Rotary Club president and retired executive of Kaiser Aluminum, headed the project, now in its 20th year. Working with the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Van Dreser’s group went to 60 homes whose owners had requested help.

Although most are well enough to live independently, age and physical problems have caught up with them. Organizations such as Rotary and other service organiza-

tions and churches volunteer their services throughout the year to keep bushes and hedges trimmed, gutters cleaned and chores both inside and outside homes that require ladders.

Marlene Petersen, executive director of the Senior Support Program, which is housed in the Pleasanton Senior Center, said the nonprofit utilizes a core of 100 volunteers to provide services to nearly 700 seniors in Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol and Livermore.

“Eighty percent of the seniors served by the program are functionally impaired,” according to Petersen.

Saturday’s schedule was prepared in advance by Lorie Rohloff, the center’s Friendly Visitor coordinator. She reviewed requests for help

from more than 100 seniors, pairing the Rotary visits down to 60.

“Many of these people can no longer wash their windows, they can’t clean up their floors as good as they would like them to look, they can’t turn a mattress,” Van Dreser said. “Many have gorgeous yards with beautiful flowers but they need help in taking care of them.”

“These are all things that are important and they need help getting this done, which is why Rotary helps them,” he added. “We believe it makes a difference in their lives.”

Joining members of the downtown Rotary Club of Pleasanton were Boy Scouts from Troop 911 and the Amador Valley High School Interact Club, a Rotary-sponsored program. ■

# Initiative

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chambers, the council decided to allow the 1996 General Plan rules to continue. Those required housing developments on hillside lots to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis rather than with an ordinance affecting the entire city.

It’s unclear how Ayala’s housing unit initiative differs from the city’s own interpretation. At present, affordable housing units and so-called granny units—second units that are built on the same lot as primary residences—are not counted against the 29,000 cap.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said state law authorized homeowners to add second units to their

properties. These are intended to be used by grandparents to reduce the need for senior housing elsewhere.

At its meeting Tuesday, the council will be asked to accept the certification of the initiative. It can then adopt the initiative and prepare an ordinance without taking it to voters, or it can simply authorize the initiative for a public vote on Nov. 4. ■



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## School

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those points could easily be challenged and aren't what students, for example, need to prove residency to attend district schools. Utility bills in the resident's name prove residency and she said students who are in question are visited by district officials, looking for signs of a permanent living situation.

Asked about the Town Square comments and the disconnected home/fax number listed on the district's Web site, Kernan told the

Weekly April 7 that he considers his apartment on Andrews Drive in Pleasanton to be his permanent residence where he also runs his law practice. Myla Grasso, school district spokeswoman, said April 29 that the residence in Camino is a vacation home.

A recent hip surgery kept Kernan from attending board meetings, and his recent letter to the editor praised ValleyCare Medical Center staff for their part in his recovery.

Kernan was appointed to the school board in November 1997, was elected in November 2001 and ran unopposed, as did cur-

rent board president Jim Ott, in November 2006. His term is set to end in December 2010.

Testa said El Dorado County assessors office documents show the Kernans sold their Tanglewood Drive home in April 2006 and then purchased a home on Superior Drive in Camino before he was reappointed to the board in November 2006.

She also told the Weekly that his activities in Camino include being a partner in a Sacramento law firm, opening a private practice in the fall of 2007 and serving as a representative on the board of the El Dorado Community Foundation. ■

## Foundation awards \$1,850 to students

*Funds will pay for sports equipment, gardening supplies and competition fees*

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation has announced the latest round of PPIE student grants totaling \$1,850.

Fifteen Pleasanton Unified School District students have been selected to receive funding for their Student Grant projects.

They include: Abhiraj Chowdhury, Foothill High School, \$150 for start-up funding to provide equipment for a new cricket club; Stefan Hall, Amador Valley High School, \$100, support for two garden boxes for the Amador Foods Department to grow fruits, herbs and vegetables; Amy Martin and Claire Wei, Amador Valley High School, \$250 each to support facilitation expenses for AVHS's Amnesty Club to participate in a Human Rights Conference for local youth; Cheng Tian, Amador Valley High School, \$100 in support for interactive white board pilot program; Shawn Chen and Kelly Fisher Foothill High School, \$50 each for funding to support conference registration fees for the DECA International Career Development Conference; Caroline Hsia, Sharon Jiang and Nina Saleh, Amador Valley High School, \$50 each for funding to support conference registration fees for the DECA International Career Development Conference; Kevin Kim, Foothill High School, \$250 in funding to support Foothill High Robotics Club 2008 Competition fees; Karna Mendonca-Kamath, Fairlands Elementary School, \$125 in funding to support the Destination

Imagination State Competition fees; Tyson Payne, Lydiksen Elementary School, \$125 in funding to support Destination Imagination State Competition fees; Shannon Parker and Meg Haupt, Amador Valley High School, \$125 in funding to support "We The People" competition fees; and Connie Sun, Amador Valley High School, \$125 in funding to support "We The People" National competition fees.

The program, now in its 18th year, promotes positive learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and supports co-curricular and extra curricular student activities and projects. General guidelines require each application to be student authored, to have a teacher sponsor and the site principal's approval. To better support student interests, two grant cycles are offered, the first in the fall semester and the second in the spring semester.

PPIE Foundation also offers education grants for Pleasanton Unified School District employees to fund projects that are student-focused, that promote creativity and innovative thinking, and that offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Grant requests are accepted in amounts up to \$2,500. The grant application deadline was April 15 and those recipients will be announced this month.

The foundation was one of eight nonprofits listed as beneficiaries of the Pleasanton Weekly's 2007 Holiday Fund.

—Janet Pelletier

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## Cyclists prepare to 'Dash for Cash'

*Christian Cycling Club to host competition here May 31*

The International Christian Cycling Club will hold the 17th annual Dash for Cash, which organizers say is a fixture on many racers' calendars.

The event, which will take place May 31 in the Hacienda Business Park, will feature a series of races where cyclists can take cash prizes. The Dash for Cash is one of the area's oldest, continually run races and will bring several hundred area cyclists to Pleasanton.

"We really try to put together a race that's very competitive and fun to watch," said Darryl Smith, leader of the local club, which is based in Pleasanton and includes cyclists from the Tri-Valley and South Bay.

Using the prize money format, the club provides extra incentive for more aggressive racing. Every race features a prize list for the top finishers. In addition, several in-race sprints, or primes, are used to increase the pace and reward especially fit riders who can stay away from the group. Coming out

of the corner at Willow Road and Stoneridge Drive, racers will go four or five wide as they launch into all-out sprints for the line a hundred yards up the road. The rush, which tends to draw a large crowd of spectators, takes place lap after lap.

Races will be held along a rectangular course throughout the day. Starting on Willow, racers will turn right onto Gibraltar, dive sharply onto Hacienda, and take another right onto Stoneridge, before completing the circuit on Willow. Races are broken into categories based on age, gender and race experience, with the more accomplished racers averaging speeds of nearly 30 miles per hour for more than 40 minutes.

The racing will get under way at 8 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Organizers say there may be a few spots open for racers on the day of the race. For more information or to register, visit <http://norcal.christiancycling.com/IC3/Race.html>.

—Janet Pelletier

Of Note



Local Scouts earn Eagle status

An Eagle Scout Court Of Honor for Rob Flagler and Adam (AJ) Whitehouse was held April 5 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church on Hopyard Road. They were recognized for achieving the highest honor awarded to a scout in the Boy Scouts of America movement. It is said that only 2 percent have earned this earn this prestigious recognition since its inception almost 100 years ago.

Both are members of St. Clare's Charter Troop 908 in the Twin Valley District of the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

The ceremony included an Eagles' Nest, where all Eagle Scouts were invited to participate.

Flagler earned his rank with a culminating project of building bat habitats at the Harvest Park Middle School Ecology Garden. Rob earned 21 merit badges during his scouting career. He is a recent graduate of Amador Valley High School and is attending Las Positas College and will continue his education at Sonoma State University. He plans to be a math teacher.

Whitehouse started at age 6 as a Tiger Cub in Pack 911 and earned his "Arrow Of Light" before bridging to Troop 908 in March 2000. His Eagle project objective was to transform an unused patch of land adjoining the play area at St Clare's Preschool into an attractive paved patio for the teachers and other staff to relax. The project also included six planter boxes for the preschool classes to enjoy planting and tending their seedlings. Whitehouse held a yard sale to raise \$600 needed for project materials. The hugely successful sale accrued an excess of \$700 which was donated to St Clare's to help pay for the large group transport for its first venture with Corazon house building projects in Mexico.



Local Big O Tires franchisee donates to pediatric cancer

Big O Tires stores in Pleasanton are among the tire company's franchisees who have combined to donate \$50,000 to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Alex's Lemonade Stand was started by a young girl named Alexandra

"Alex" Scott at age 4, who while suffering from neuroblastoma, a form of aggressive childhood cancer, began raising funds for research with her own lemonade stand. In August 2004, at the age of 8, Alex died. By that time, more than \$1 million had been raised to help find a cure for all kids with cancer. The charity continues to grow in funds raised and donated to research by millions of dollars annually. To date in excess of \$18 million has been raised.

Dave Cherry, franchisee of the Big O Tires stores in Pleasanton, has, is shown with Liz Scott, mother of Alexandra Scott, originator of Alex's Lemonade Stand.



(L-R standing): Matthew Roberts, Miss Jeri Schall (Principal), Jacob Clouser, Cameron Chan, Tommy Becker, Mason Spina. (L-R sitting/kneeling): Christopher Mann, Luke Valentine, Peniel Wong, Tyler Franklin, Ryan Berry

Cub scouts develop recycling program

Cub Scout Pack 909 has developed a recycling program that has so far netted them \$80 for 180 pounds of bottles and cans.

The group from Valley Christian Elementary in Dublin started the recycling program at the school to help the environment by preventing non-degradable garbage from sitting in landfills. Parents of the Wolf Cub den spoke with the Amador Valley Industries recycle coordinator Debbie Jeffrey about their idea. She explained how a special Dumpster would be placed on school grounds specifically for CRV value bottles and cans. Once the dumpster is filled, AVI is called. A truck picks up the Dumpster, hauls, weighs and dumps and returns it school grounds. The payment is based on weight, and a \$25 hauling fee is subtracted from the final check.

Parents then had to win the support of Valley Christian Principal Jeri Schall, who agreed on the plan. AVI then made their required site visit and a location for the Dumpster was determined. The scouts then purchased five recycle bins to be placed inside the school for easy collection. Parents and scouts are responsible for changing the (internal) collection bins.

Last month, the scouts received their first check for \$83 for 180 pounds of bottles and cans. For information on how to start a similar program, contact AVI at 479-9545.

BofA recognizes high school students

Two Pleasanton students were among 32 local high school seniors who were recognized recently by Bank of America's 60th annual Achievement Awards program, a

rigorous half-day oral and written competition.

Students participated in four general study areas: applied arts, fine arts, liberal arts or science and mathematics. John Palowitch of Amador Valley High School received first place in the fine arts category, earning \$2,000 in prize money. Karin Bouche of Foothill High School received an honorable mention in the fine arts category, earning \$500.

A total of \$28,000 was distributed to 32 students who competed in the San Jose event. It was one of 10 achievement award competitions held across California. Finalists were selected from more than 15,000 competitors statewide, based on outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements.

Foothill grad's paper published in 'Parasitology Research'

Tyler Saxton, a Foothill High School graduate who now attends Laffayette College in Easton, Pa., recently published research in "Parasitology Research" under the guidance of chemistry professor Joseph Sherma and biology professor Bernard Fried.

The research involved extracting parasites from snails. These parasites, he said, are good models for studying other diseases and parasitic infections which commonly affect humans in developing countries. Saxton has worked with Fried since last summer and has three other projects in press.

Saxton is pursuing a degree in biology and plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in biology. He hopes to work as a wildlife biologist.

Wolfe graduates from Naval Academy

U.S. Navy Ensign Lauren C. Wolfe, daughter of Timothy and Kay Wolfe of Pleasanton, graduated May 23 from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. She graduated from Foothill High School in 2004.

Wolfe successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training, resulting in a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in English. As a graduate of the Naval Academy, Wolfe completed a four-year, total immersion program where a strong, balanced academic program, focused on the educational needs of the Navy and Marine Corps, is superimposed on a strict, professional military training environment emphasizing the development of leadership skills. Following graduation, Wolfe has been assigned to the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. for training as a naval aviator.

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Making smiles in Kenya

Pleasanton dentist Barry Penner, and a dental team from Cornerstone Fellowship brought the Weekly with them to the ROHI Orphanage and School in Nakuru, Kenya. Pictured (L-R) are Penner, Kim Sanchez RDH, Sharon Penner DA, Jill Hansen RN, Patti Spahr RDH and Kris Boomer RDA, and an ROHI student. Just weeks after the rioting and unrest in Kenya, the dental team brought hope and much needed dental restorations, dental cleanings, and new smiles to over 150 students and teachers. Ninety percent of the students are orphans and most had never seen a dentist before. Cornerstone Fellowship has partnered with the Mathua family from Kenya to develop the school.

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# The lap dog of luxury

## How Pleasantonians pamper their pooches

story and photos by Jerri Pantages Long

**B**eing owned by a dog is a special privilege enjoyed by those who welcome canine companions into their hearts and homes. These four-legged, furry friends become members of our families, and we shape our lives around them, honoring their wacky rituals, giving them time, attention, gifts and soaking up their love and loyalty in return.

Take Shamus, for example. Former Pleasanton Police Chief Bill Eastman and his wife DiAnn believe that they are "owned" by their lively little white Westie.

"I used to be in charge," Eastman said jokingly. "Shamus trained me, the squirrels, and other varmints."

Part of the "training" involves Eastman taking Shamus for daily walks in a neighborhood park, where the eight-year-old Westie has seniority among a pack of pooch pals. Before that outing, however, DiAnn prepares a breakfast for Shamus consisting of healthy cottage cheese—topped by freshly cooked bacon strips.

Cleo and Alan Foster are owned by Socky, a dog they rescued from an animal shelter for their son when Eric was in fifth grade. Now Socky prefers lounging on "her" leather couch in front of the large-screen TV, where family members have been trained to offer generous tummy-rubs.

Socky's favorite treats come from Three Dog Bakery on St. Mary Street downtown.

"She's crazy about their 'pupcakes,'" said Foster, who also purchased one of the store's bling-blings, a silver leather collar adorned with rhinestones "for special occasions."

Three Dog Bakery opened in Pleasanton in 2006 at 335 St. Mary St., half a block west of Main Street. Longtime Pleasanton residents may recall when that location was a people bakery, the original home of Nolan's Cakes.

"I got my Amador Valley High School graduation cake here, and also my wedding cake," said Kathy Moreno, whose business card identifies her as the "Cookie Mogul" for Three Dog Bakery. "Who'd have guessed that this is where I'd be in

business now?"

Established in 1989, Three Dog Bakery has stores in Japan and Canada as well as in the United States. Moreno did a Google search to contact them, and they agreed to grant her a trademark license after months of persistence on her part.

"That means I run my own show and choose what other products I offer in addition to the Three Dog Bakery line," noted Moreno, who takes pride in her one-of-a-kind store.

Moreno traveled to the company's headquarters in Kansas for three days' training with their head pastry chef, who in turn brought a team to her store for on-site training before the grand opening.

"I bake cakes and cookies here, and order prepackaged goods from the company," said Moreno.

Her most popular product? Bone-shaped birthday cakes for dogs, personalized with the name of the canine guest of honor, using carob frosting. (\$10 for small, \$18 for a size large enough to share with pooch pals.) The cakes are offered in three flavors: peanut butter, carob (like chocolate chips, only dog-healthy), and wheat-free (for dogs with allergies). The cakes and smaller "pupcakes" are made of people-quality ingredients, with no salt or sugar. Applesauce or honey is used as sweeteners, and the frosting is made with a yogurt or buttermilk base. Even the food colorings are natural: carob, wheat, tomato, or turmeric powders.

Dogs are welcome to drop in with their owners, and they are greeted with treats and fresh water.

"That's what's so fun about this business," said Moreno. "No one comes in a bad mood."

Moreno admitted she knows more of the dogs by names than the people they own. Perhaps that is in part due to the photo display of doggy visitors. Included in that display is Maggie, Moreno's very first customer. Cyril and Diana Bonanno, owned by Maggie, live just down the street.

"Mr. Bonanno was my high school counselor," said Moreno, who appreciated the Bonannos' encouragement and



Clockwise l-r: Maggie Bonanno models her Doggles, which protect her eyes from sun and glare; she also wears a silver metal necklace, owns Sarah Freels; Cyril Bonanno is owned by Maggie, here surrounded by toys.



Melanie Sadek, co-owner of Murphy's Paw, shows the duck that is their best-selling toy.

visits while she was setting up her business.

Maggie has her own toy box and a colorful assortment of stuffed animals that are her treasured pets. When she hears the word "walk," she rushes into the laundry room to retrieve her own leash, and then, each day, takes the Bonannos on a 2-mile walk.

One of Maggie's most unusual accessories is a pair of "Doggles," goggles to protect the eyes of dogs that lean out car windows when traveling.

"We just love this dog!" Cyril Bonanno said. "We take her everywhere."

Jim and Joanie Fields are owned by Penny, an American



dust, grit and insects when she rides in the family truck; Mike Sadek offers a treat to one of the regular visitors to Murphy's Paw. Lola, the Westie, garbed in pink cashmere with a matching "pearl" necklace, is surrounded by her stuffed toys; a display case at Three Dog Bakery holds a delectable array, including personalized birthday cakes for dogs; Cleo and Alan Foster provide Socky with tummy-rubs.



Tutu, anyone? In addition to treats, dogs can get snazzy attire at Three Dog Bakery.

cocker spaniel that they adopted eight years ago from puppies on display at the East Bay SPCA booth during a First Wednesday street party on Main Street. Now that Jim has retired from teaching, Penny takes him for a walk every day the full length of Main Street and back again.

"In many ways, dogs are easier than children," said Fields. "They never talk back, and they always appreciate you, especially when they are welcoming you home."

For the past six months, Penny Fields has had another stop, at Murphy's Paw, the second dog boutique to open downtown. Located at 410 Main, Murphy's Paw is the dream-come-true for owners Melanie and Mike Sadek. Named after

their golden retriever, the shop is designed to look like a ladies' boutique. In fact, women can buy pet-themed jewelry designed by a local veterinarian. For an investment of just over \$200, a buyer can have a unique designer tote-bag personalized with an enlargement of their pet's photo.

Speaking of photos, every dog that enters the store is photographed and incorporated into a TV monitor on continuous, random display. This was Mike's creation, since he is employed in San Ramon as a software specialist. The first display screen, over the cash register area, has been augmented by a second screen in the front window, where people can stop by at any time of the day or night to try to catch a glimpse of their dog among the more than 1,400 now on the video.

"We honestly wouldn't be here if people did not treat their dogs like family members, not like accessories or like property," Mike Sadek said.

He and Melanie have tried to create a place where dogs and people enjoy being together, sponsoring such events as "Yappy Hour," with treats for dogs and their owners. There's a Yappy Hour tonight, in fact, from 6-8 p.m.

Melanie, who formerly worked for the American Automobile Association's office in San Francisco and commuted up to three hours a day, is very enthusiastic about her new career.

"I get to play with dogs! And we have great customers," she said. "The whole thing is fun."

Besides Yappy Hours, the Sadeks sponsored "Santa Paws," a photo fundraiser for special needs dogs last winter, hosted a spring "Paw-loroid" event for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, and in July will host an ice-cream social. And in August, they will support the annual First Wednesday Pooch Parade that benefits Tri-Valley Guide Dogs.

They're particularly proud of partnerships they have formed with other local businesses, featuring locally-made natural food, toys and jewelry products in their store. Two

large dog statues flank a bench in front of the shop.

Another pet store, Just Dogs, opened in the Stoneridge Shopping Center in December, next to California Pizza Kitchen.

"And yes, dogs can come into our store, although they are not allowed in the mall in general," said manager Laura Lawlor.

At Just Dogs, owners can purchase heart-shaped feeding bowls labeled "Prince" (blue dish) or "Princess" (pink), and for those who miss their pets while at work, the store also offers coffee mugs and mouse-pads picturing their favorite breed of dog. There's even a mesh-enclosed stroller, complete with latte holders for the owners plus a pocket in which to stash pooch treats.

When someone says, "It's a dog's life," the ones from Pleasanton seem to be enjoying the very best. ■

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- Americans who adopt dogs tend to spend an average of \$1,250 per pet the first year; each year after, they spend an average of \$500 per dog
- In 2006, Americans spent \$38.5 billion on their pets
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- In the last decade, the percentage of homes with pets has remained relatively stable, but the amount of money people spend on pets has doubled.
- The 2007 market size for pet insurance in the U.S. was estimated to be approximately \$195 million in premium, up from \$161 million in 2006

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Just say no to more initiatives

We've said before that we're generally opposed to ballot box initiatives that should best be left to paid city staff to research and elected officials to enact. That, after all, is why we have a City Manager form of government and elect our mayor and two City Council members every two years. If we want change or don't like the way the city's being run, regular elections provide a reasonably frequent opportunity to change leaders. So it comes as no surprise that we're not in support of former Councilwoman Kay Ayala's latest effort to block all developments on hillside properties with slopes of 25 percent or greater. We also question the need for another initiative to clarify the housing cap, a 29,000-unit limit that voters imposed in 1996. Even if these initiatives are needed, which we don't think they are, the General Election on Nov. 4 when they would be on the ballot is the wrong time to ask voters for a decision. The presidential, congressional, state assembly, mayor and city council and school board races, along with a long list of state bond and other measures, will complicate the November ballot enough. We don't need two more issues that lack any sense of urgency.

Concerns over hillside development have been around for decades. As recently as early last year, after a lengthy public hearing, the council decided to leave in place a 1996 General Plan article that allows steep hillside development if, on a case-by-case basis, engineers, planners and law-makers agreed to the plans. If, in fact, the proposed ban on any development citywide on slopes greater than 25 percent had been in place in the earlier years of Pleasanton's development, all of Kottinger Ranch and much of Vintage Hills, Vintage Heights, Foxborough, Grey Eagle and Golden Eagle Farms would still be open space. That might be what anti-growth advocates would have liked, but fortunately wiser leadership prevailed and we have a city that accommodates premier housing, a top-rated school district and prosperous business parks.

We have to look no farther than Callippe Preserve to see how a 25 percent slope ban would affect our community. Lots there along Clubhouse Drive are selling for \$1 million and more. The homes being built or already occupied look out onto an award-winning golf course with architectural designs that have already been featured in leading design and home publications. The scene is far different from what it might have been had Pleasanton not seized the opportunity to acquire Callippe from Alameda County which, at one time, had proposed high density housing there.

As for the housing cap initiative which the Ayala camp proposes, we'll have to await Tuesday's public hearing to learn just what this is all about. Voters mandated a housing cap of 29,000 units in 1996. The city is now within 1,500 units of reaching that cap. If there's a concern over what constitutes a "housing unit," the time to ask might have been years ago, say when Ayala was on the City Council. As it is, affordable housing units are not counted toward the cap nor are so-called granny units. These are second units that the state has ruled must be allowed to help reduce the housing shortage for older Californians. With a rapidly maturing population, more of us in Pleasanton might welcome a chance to move next to the kids on the same lot. We'd just like to see more of them and a citizens' coalition that supports the concept.

# Talking Points

by Gina Channell-Allen



## Journalism 'gates' are open

Having community members actively participate in the gathering and reporting of news isn't a new concept. The Pleasanton Weekly's Community Calendar feature allows anyone to post upcoming events at any time, day or night. The Town Square forum allows residents to report news and comment on current events.

A recent example proves the effectiveness of this system. Anne from the Pleasanton Meadows neighborhood posted a Town Square comment at 11:20 a.m. Friday, May 2, stating she was "shopping at the Kohl's department store this morning around 10:30 a.m. and witnessed a Police ICE raid on El Balazo restaurant." Pleasanton Weekly features editor Emily Atwood followed up on the comment by contacting local law enforcement officials and, a few hours after the incident, posted a report which included input from the Pleasanton Police Department and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

If Anne hadn't posted this comment, it might have taken longer for

our news department to learn about the raid, either from someone like Anne leaving a telephone message as in pre-Internet days or through one of our reporters regular sifts through police reports that compile the "blotter."

A reader of our sister newspaper, the Danville Weekly, went one step further in his quest for quality journalism, and justice. After two packages were stolen two days in a row off the doorstep of his Danville home, Thomas Zhang said enough is enough. On the third day, he put a faux package out and hid a web camera in the front window, aimed at the front door. Sure enough, the crook came back. Zhang not only handed over the video to the police to aid them in the investigation, Zhang posted the video on DanvilleWeekly.com.

I'm not sure if the thief was caught or if Zhang got his stolen merchandise returned, but it did alert his neighbors to keep an eye on delivered packages. The big benefit, though, was that Zhang had thousands of online visitors getting a gander at the

goon who grabbed his goods. That's more effective than a wanted poster on the post office wall.

Both the Danville Weekly and the Pleasanton Weekly Web sites have had some enterprising youngsters (or their parents) posting sports league scores and photos on the forum. The young athletes get to see the results within hours of the last score, and grandma and grandpa in Tennessee can see photos or watch video just like they were at the game.

While journalists still act as the Web site news gatekeepers, expected to do their due diligence to make sure the online information posted by visitors is accurate, true and fair to all involved, the gates for reporting news are open wider than they have ever been.

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

## Letters

### State should require photo I.D.s to vote

Dear Editor,

The Supreme Court's decision regarding the legality of requiring voter photo I.D. is long overdue.

For many years I have manned voter registration booths. People are able to register under any name or address with no proof or verification of citizenship or name. You can even register your pet. The right to vote is our most precious right and the state of California makes no realistic effort to guard it.

Unfortunately the recent court decision will have no affect in California, as our legislature places such a low value on this right. Some have even suggested that a citizenship requirement should be eliminated. To the contrary we must strengthen and guard this requirement if we want our country to continue to exist as a free nation.

*Herbert H. Marshall  
Pleasanton*

### Being in Take Us Along a treat

Dear Editor,

Thanks for including all of us who went on this China trip last November through the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Being featured in the Weekly's Take Us Along section is a real honor. Most appreciated.

*David Stegman  
(director, Valley Humane Society)*

### DUI checkpoints are money well spent

Dear Editor,

I'm responding to the editorial, "Do sobriety checkpoints make any sense?" (Opinion, May 9, page 10). Let's see, Sarah Longwell, managing director for ABI, seems to think that because the checkpoint was so well publicized and because Pleasanton spent a lot of officers' time and taxpayer money to arrest "just four" drunk drivers out of 1,134 cars stopped, that the meager 0.3 percent success rate wasn't money well spent.

I can tell you it was. The purpose of sobriety checkpoints are not to catch drunk drivers, but to keep them off the road in the first place, and to provide education to the other drivers stopped. Was the money well spent saving the lives of potential victims of these four drunk drivers, your children, your parents, your friends, your husband, your wife? Were the 1,134 cars stopped impacted in other ways other than a mere inconvenience? Ask them. If it was so well publicized, why were four drivers apprehended?

A drunk driver took the life of my father and brother in 1976, they were 39 years old and 11 years old, returning from a trip down the American River. Because laws and education since 1976, the related

drunk driving deaths are down. That means, saving your families' lives.

Thank you to the City of Pleasanton for spending my tax-paying dollars to making the roads safer thru education and awareness.

*Cathie Feiler  
Pleasanton*

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### Donna Lee Bender

Donna Lee Bender died May 3 at her home in Pleasanton where she resided for 32 years. She was 64.

Mrs. Bender was born July 23, 1943. She touched many, lived with her spirit, wittiness and willingness to always help someone in need. She enjoyed decorating her home, garden and especially enjoyed her crafts and windchimes. She always did things to perfection. But most important to her were her relationships she had with her family members and friends old and new.

She was a devoted mother to Scott and Tamra Bender; cherished grandmother of Emila Rose Bender; and beloved wife of Stewart Bender, who preceded her in death. She is also survived by her mother, Alice Liebschwager; sister



Diane Elliott; brother Dewayne Liebschwager; and many nieces and nephews. Her other beloved brother, Leslie Liebschwager, preceded her in death in 2007.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3151, in memory of Donna Bender.

### Elizabeth (Betty) Beck

Elizabeth (Betty) Beck died March 18 at the age of 71. Her devoted husband Cleve was by her side.

Mrs. Beck was born Aug. 21, 1936 in Alexandria, La. and moved to Fresno, Calif. when she was a senior in high school. She had lived in Pleasanton for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Beck's southern heritage was near and dear to her heart. She became a master of Southern recipes and taught everyone to appreciate the art of fine cooking and hospitality. She never lost her Southern roots.

A real estate broker in Pleasanton for many years, she ran a Century 21 franchise with her husband before

retiring. Her reputation for serving delicious snacks at her open houses quickly spread and really drew the crowd. Leisure time was spent on their houseboat on Lake Shasta with family and friends. It was not unusual for six to eight houseboats to be tied up in a cove together. They also enjoyed their condo in Palm Desert. She was devoted to her grandchildren and saw them frequently.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 48 years, Cleve Beck; sons, Scott Madsen and his wife Karen of Danville, and Matthew Beck and his wife Darlene of Pleasanton; grandchildren, Donald, Maxwell, Jonathan, Bridget, Jamie and Kasey; sister, Carole Atwater; cousin, Sally Will Pelton; and nieces, Cathy Pritchard, Karen Thomas, Mary Worthington and Carrie Magahey. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth Hudson Ward, George McQuilken Ward; and her sister, Georgeanne Ward Taggard.

A celebration of her life was held on May 7. Memorial donations may be made to the University of Washington's Merkel Cell Carcinoma Research Center. Donation information can be found at [www.merkelcell.org/help/index.php](http://www.merkelcell.org/help/index.php).

## Weddings



### Alison Weaver & Thomas Brown

Alison Marie Weaver was married to Thomas David Brown on Jan. 1.

Ali is the daughter of Kris and Greg Weaver and a 2003 graduate of Amador Valley High School. Tommy's family resides in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

The wedding took place in Spokane, Wash. Ali's sister Jen was the maid of honor. Other local participants included Alison Spiller, bridesmaid, J.R. Weaver, groomsman, and Tyler Curtis on guitar. The couple honeymooned in Sedona, Ariz.

The couple met and continues to reside in Spokane. Ali received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Whitworth College and will be attending graduate school at Gonzaga University in the fall. Tommy holds a Bachelor of Science in missionary aviation technology from Moody Bible Institute, where he is currently teaching.

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# Community Pulse



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: PUD 99-01-05M, Steven and Laura Spencer – Consider an application for a major modification to an approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan to reduce the rear and side yard setbacks for a swimming pool at the property located at 8031 Oak Creek Drive. Zoning for the property is PUD R/LDR (Planned Unit Development – Rural/Low Density Residential) District
- Review, discuss and provide direction to staff regarding Hillside Protection Regulations
- Receive certification for the initiative petition to “Save Pleasanton’s Hills and Housing Cap” and consider various options concerning the petition

### Planning Commission (Special Meeting)

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- PCUP 217, Miguel Hughes, Baci Café  
Application for a conditional use permit to allow alcohol to be served after 10:00 p.m. at Baci Café located at 500 Main Street.
- PUD 99-01-07M, Jun Kim  
Application for a major modification to an approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan to reduce the rear and side yard setbacks for a water feature at the property located at 8024 Oak Creek Drive.
- PREV 695, Dave DiDonato, Donato Builders, Inc.  
Work session to review and provide comment for a proposal for a PUD rezoning and development plan to construct 14 two story single family detached homes on an approximately 1.2 acre site located at 4189 Stanley Boulevard.

### Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan Public

#### Workshop

Thursday, May 22, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Please visit our website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us) to view the agenda for this meeting

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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](http://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](mailto:rgiffin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us)

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## Police Bulletin

### Woman assaulted near downtown

Police are looking for a man said to have assaulted and attempted to stab a 29-year-old woman around 2:40 a.m. Tuesday morning. The incident occurred near First and Abbie streets as the woman was walking to her early morning job, according to police.

A man, described as a Hispanic male adult who is 5 feet, 6 inches tall and of average build, reportedly grabbed her from behind and tried force her away with him. Police said she tried to pull away from him, but he grabbed her and began poking her with a knife. She is said to have grabbed the man’s hand with both of her hands to keep him from stabbing her and was able to cross the street. Det. Mark Reimer said about three residents came to her aid after hearing her screams and then the suspect ran away eastbound on Abbie Street.

“[This incident] is unusual for us,” he said. “We don’t have a lot of street crime like this.

Police are still looking for the suspect. He had brown hair and was clean shaven wearing a dark green jacket and dark pants. He only spoke Spanish to the victim and was not known by the victim. Anyone with information regarding this case should contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

### Click It or Ticket under way

Pleasanton police officers are joining departments all over the state to enforce California’s seat belt laws. The Click It or Ticket campaign began May 12 and continues through June 1.

California is said to have the fourth highest seat-belt use rate, at 94.6 percent and Pleasanton police seek to have the highest rate in the nation. The rate for teens, however, is at 88.9 percent.

Currently, the law states that every passenger must buckle up. Officers are allowed to issue citations without warning, which run from \$80 to \$91 for adults and \$330 to \$401 for children under the age of 16, depending on the county. Children age 12 and under are required to ride properly restrained in the backseat.

## Police Report

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

### May 2

- Burglary:
  - 2:51 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 5:14 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Mission Drive; public drunkenness
  - 5:44 p.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness
  - 8:41 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and South Valley Trails Drive; DUI
- Assault:
  - 12:49 p.m. in the 8100 block of Arroyo Drive
- Robbery:
  - 9:59 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

### May 3

- Theft:
  - 2:02 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 8:25 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- Vandalism:
  - 10:57 p.m. in the 3000 block of Yuma Way
- Burglary:
  - 7:58 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 8:25 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 12:08 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Valley avenues; public drunkenness
  - 1:19 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; public drunkenness
  - 1:39 a.m. in the 6800 block of Corte de Flores; marijuana possession
- Assault:
  - 2:02 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### May 4

- Petty theft:

- 12:43 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:43 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### • Burglary:

- 3:41 p.m. in the 80 block of Silver Oaks Court

### May 5

- Theft:
  - 7:17 a.m. in the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road
  - 2:29 p.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; stolen vehicle
  - 5:14 p.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 7:57 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; worth less than \$400
  - 1:32 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue
- Burglary:
  - 7:17 a.m. in the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road
- DUI:
  - 5:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
  - 9:05 p.m. in the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue
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### May 6

- Theft:
  - 12:39 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; stolen vehicle
  - 6:30 p.m. in the 7300 block of Huntswood Court; identity theft
  - 9:26 p.m. in the 2400 block of Pomino Way; petty theft
- Vandalism:
  - 8:42 a.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$400
  - 12:44 p.m. in the 2400 block of Heatherlark Circle; worth less than \$400
- Drug/alcohol violations:
  - 12:24 a.m. in the 400 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
  - 1:36 a.m. at the intersection of Kottinger Drive and Adams Way
  - 6:05 p.m. at the intersection of Morganfield Drive and Santa Rita Road; paraphernalia possession
  - 11:24 p.m. in the 5700 block of

Owens Drive; public drunkenness

### May 7

- Theft:
    - 9:22 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; stolen vehicle
    - 4:53 p.m. in the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
    - 6:57 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
  - Vandalism:
    - 12:09 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; worth less than \$400
    - 3:05 p.m. in the 600 block of Peters Way; worth over \$400
    - 4:01 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Drive
  - Shoplifting:
    - 2:42 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
    - 9:59 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - Drug/alcohol violations:
    - 12:32 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard; DUI
    - 11:44 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; marijuana possession, public drunkenness
  - Recovered vehicle:
    - 11:05 a.m. in the 50 block of California Avenue
  - Truant:
    - 12:55 p.m. at the intersection of Muirwood Drive and Fallwood Court
- ### May 8
- Theft:
    - 11:35 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; petty theft
    - 3:50 p.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; grand theft
  - Burglary:
    - 11:02 a.m. in the 1400 block of Trimmingham Drive
    - 5:46 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; vehicular
    - 6:35 p.m. in the 4900 block of Owens Drive
  - DUI:
    - 12:24 a.m. at the intersection of North Valley Trails Drive and National Park Road

# Calendar

## 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](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

**Youth Orchestra Auditions** YOSAC (Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County) will be auditioning for the September 2008 to May 2009 season on May 27 and May 31 at Cal State University East Bay in Hayward. String, brass, wind (except sax) and percussion are all welcome to audition. Audition appointment required. Youth of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 510-483-1163 or visit [www.yosac.org](http://www.yosac.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.

## Book Clubs

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

**Non-Fiction About Our Fantastic Brains** This book club meets the at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. "How Doctors Think" by Dr. J Groopman will be discussed in April and May, and "Einstein Never Used Flash Cards" by Drs. Hirsh-Pasek,

Golinkoff and Eye. This is not a lecture series; book must be read before discussion. Call 846-8826. The cost is \$2.

## 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

**Screen Acting Class** LMA Productions is offering a 10-week screen acting class in our TV studio's state-of-the-art facility. Each student will graduate with their professional

and customized Acting Demo Reel on DVD and posted on our website. We have classes for children (5-12), teens (13-17) and adults (18+). The cost is \$50 per class. Call 417-1420 ext. 27 or visit [www.lmadigital.com](http://www.lmadigital.com).

**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

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

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

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

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

**Local Writers Meet for Support and Learning** The California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch meets the at 11:30 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St., to support experienced and aspiring writers in learning about their craft and sharing their work. Anyone who is curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Call Kathy Urban, 296-0447 or visit [www.trivalleywriters.com](http://www.trivalleywriters.com).

**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

### Calendar Preview



#### Feng shui with art

Karen Cooper stands in front of a Marc Velten watercolor. She will lead a class on how to enhance your living space utilizing artwork and feng shui principles. The class is from 7 to 9 p.m. May 28 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St. The cost is \$20, which benefits the Firehouse Arts Center. Space is limited. RSVP to 485-1183.

or 846-7167.

**Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region** This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast at Marie Calendar's 1101 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek and at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Strizzi's 3456 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Visit [www.pca.org/dia](http://www.pca.org/dia).

**Prop 13 and Peace Discussion** Tri-Valley Democratic Club will discuss and vote on endorsing two proposals: A proposed ballot initiative to remove non-residential commercial property from Proposition 13's tax shelter; and the Responsible Plan for Ending the

War in Iraq consists of multiple congressional proposals before congress. The meeting is at 7 p.m. May 19 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Call 831-8355 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com](http://www.trivalleydems.com).

**Retired Public Employees Association** The Tri-Valley chapter of the Retired Public Employees Association meets at 10:45 a.m. June 5 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Tom Branan, policy director of the bipartisan Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission, will speak. RSVP by May 30 to Bob, 846-6563 or June, 461-0315.

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

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

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

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**Women's Investment Club** Women's stock investment club meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly in Livermore. Club follows Better Investing's principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term while having fun. Call Barbara at 484-1319 or Eleanor at 846-6911 for details.

**Women's Networking Opportunity** The local ABWA E2S chapter meets at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, which focus on personal and professional development for women in business. Meetings include a guest speaker and networking opportunities. Nonmembers are welcome to attend at a cost of \$5 per meeting. Call 225-1135 or visit [www.expresstosuccess.org](http://www.expresstosuccess.org).

## Concerts

**Big Breakfast in Concert** This is the second in a series of concerts to benefit both the Rotary Music Scholarship Fund and the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. At 7 p.m. May 17, hear groove rock from the talented local group, Big Breakfast. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for students and can be purchased at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Call 373-6800.

**Eldar in Concert** Young piano sensation Eldar, originally from Kyrgyzstan, will play at 8 p.m. May 16 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. A sophisticated and astonishing performer of well-chosen jazz standards, Eldar is also beginning to reveal his own emerging musical vision as a creative artist. Tickets are \$28-\$36 or \$11 for students with ID. Call 373-6800.

**Premiere Saxophone Quartet** Del Valle Fine Arts presents Premiere Saxophone Quartet at 8 p.m. May 24 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Four Bay Area musicians with wide-ranging experience as soloists, orchestral players and teachers formed The Premiere Saxophone Quartet in 2005. Now artists in residence at the School of Music and Dance at San Jose State University, they perform a diverse repertoire of music reflecting their varied experiences in classical music and jazz. Tickets are \$19-\$29, \$10 for college students or free for students. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**Valley Concert Choral 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](http://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 hosting an au pair are invited to attend. RSVP to [heidibrewer@sbc-global.net](mailto:heidibrewer@sbc-global.net).

**Chanticleer** Called the world's "reigning male chorus" by The New Yorker, Chanticleer celebrates its 30th season of vocal interpretations that range from Renaissance to jazz, gospel to new music. The show is at 8 p.m. May 23 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$28-\$41 or \$11 for students with ID. Call 373-6800.

**Community of Character Luncheon** Pleasanton's Community of Character Collaborative will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. May 29 at the Pleasanton Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive, to announce the winner of the

new Juanita Haugen Award. Tickets are \$40. The Collaborative also introduces an Organization of Character program. Call Ellen, 699-7921, or visit [communityofcharacter.org](http://communityofcharacter.org).

**Downtown Pleasanton Antique Faire** The semi-annual Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique Street Faire is back from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25 on Main Street. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and produced by Frate and Associates. Call 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**Feng Shui and Art Talk** Learn to enhance your home and/or office utilizing artwork from 7 to 9 p.m. May 28 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St. Karen Cooper to show how art can bring prosperity through principles of Feng Shui. Class is \$20, which benefits the Firehouse Arts Center. Space is limited. RSVP to 485-1183.

**Human Rights Conference for Bay Area Youth** The Amnesty Club at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, hosts a Human Rights Conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 31 that focuses on human rights issues in Africa such as genocide, human trafficking, poverty and AIDS. Attendees must register by May 20 at [www.amadordons.com/amador/projects.html](http://www.amadordons.com/amador/projects.html). The cost is \$5. Lunch will be provided.

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

**Memorial Day Services** The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 327 will conduct a Memorial Day service at 11 a.m. May 26 at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery, 5700 block of Sunol Blvd. The them will be POWs/MIAs. Keynote speaker will be William R. Lowe, a World War II prisoner of war. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform, with several patriotic speeches, color guards and a 21-gun salute presented by the Air Force ROTC, Berkeley. Call 580-6661.

**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.

**Saturday Salon at 4th Street Studio** Writers are invited to 4th Street Studio's Saturday Salon at 7:30 p.m. May 17 at 2235 Fourth St., Livermore. Readers have up to 10 minutes to read and the public is welcome. This month's salon is "A Leave No Words Unread Kind of Night."

**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](http://www.museumonmain.org) for details. Call 925-462-2766.

**Spencer's Theatre of Illusion** One of the most elaborate and popular illusion shows touring today, this high-tech stage extravaganza combines drama, comedy, romance and suspense with dazzling special effects and magnificent set design. The show takes place at 2 p.m. May

18 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$24-\$31 or \$11 for students. Call 373-6800.

**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.

## 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.

**Gold Fever! Untold Stories of California's Gold Rush** The exhibition at Museum on Main Street, 603 Main St., spotlights the remarkable stories of individual Californios, women, Native Americans, adventurers and gold seekers who emigrated from all parts of the world during the tumultuous and colorful Gold Rush era. The exhibit runs April 9 to June 1. A \$2 donation admits one.

**Las Positas College Art Festival** Las Positas College will hold its 30th Annual Art Festival May 1-30 in three Tri-Valley locations: Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St.; the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore; and Tri-Valley SPCA Art Gallery, 4651 Gleason Street, Dublin. The exhibit will include paintings, drawings, and design work by art students at the college. Reception is May 7 at the Bankhead Theater, 7-9 p.m. Call 424-1265.

**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.

**Sculptor Mackenzie Thorpe** Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main St., a two-month exhibition of Mackenzie Thorpe's bronze sculptures, pastel paintings and limited editions. The exhibit will run through July 1.

**Wings of Freedom Tour** World War II B-17, B-24, B-25 bombers and P-51 Mustang will be on display from noon to 4 p.m. May 25 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 26 and 27 at the Livermore Airport, 636 Terminal Circle. See history up close and walk through the B-17 and 24 and see the B-25/P-51 up close. Flight experiences also available. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 12 and under, infants free. Call 216-4371 or visit [www.cfdn.org](http://www.cfdn.org).

## 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

**Boys and Girls Car Campaign** Now that the price of scrap metal has sharply risen, the Boys and Girls Car Campaign will accept most any car with no restrictions. Cars will be picked up anywhere in California,

usually within a week, and are sold at auction. To donate, call 800-246-0493. Funds obtained by the sales go directly to help the California clubs.

**Hats Off America Fifth Annual Hot Rod, Muscle and Antique Car Show** Enjoy a large display of muscle cars, classics and hot rods, along with art exhibits, children's activities, bands, vendors, beer and wine garden and more on May 17 and 18 at Bollinger Canyon Road and Camino Ramon in San Ramon. Proceeds benefit Gold Star Families of military personnel killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Call 855-1950 or visit [www.hatsoff-america.us](http://www.hatsoff-america.us).

**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](http://www.relayforlife.org).

**Tri-Valley Haven Spaghetti Feed** Tri-Valley Haven hosts a benefit spaghetti feed from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 17 at the Veterans Memorial Hall located at 522 South L St., Livermore. The menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce or vegetarian, salad, bread and dessert. There will be crafts and games for kids and a silent auction and drawings for the adults in the family. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 449-5845. All proceeds benefit the Haven's domestic violence, sexual assault and homeless programs.

**ValleyCare Foundation Golf Tournament** ValleyCare Foundation's 24th Annual Golf Tournament is at 10 a.m. June 2 at the Course at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Proceeds will benefit the Emergency Room Expansion in Pleasanton. Event includes pre-golf lunch, 18 holes of golf and dinner afterwards, along with prizes and auctions. Tickets are \$550 for singles or \$2,500 for a corporate foursome. Call 373-4560 or email [ppowers@valley-care.com](mailto:ppowers@valley-care.com).

**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.

## Health

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

**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.

## Kids & Teens

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

**Girlzone Basketball Camp** Girlzone Basketball Camp will be held for four days from June 16 to August 14 in

Pleasanton. The cost is \$185. Visit [www.girlzonebb.com](http://www.girlzonebb.com).

**Livermore Shakespeare Festival Youth Class** This five-day course from July 28 to Aug. 1 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore is designed to promote creativity in an ensemble setting. The cost is \$185. Visit [www.ShakespearesAssociates.org](http://www.ShakespearesAssociates.org).

**Pleasanton Job's Daughters Club Meetings** This organization is for young ladies (minimum age 10 for full membership, ask about program for younger girls) who enjoy dances, sleepovers, parties, social events, snow trips, ice skating, camping, traveling and other fun activities. Regular Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road. Call 640-4599 or visit [www.bethel14.com](http://www.bethel14.com).

**Renowned Balinese Gamelan Ensemble** Members of Gamelan Sekar Jaya, one of the finest gamelan ensembles in the world, perform at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 2 p.m. May 17. Rhythmic multi-layered music on indigenous instruments with ancient and modern Balinese dance make for a unique experience.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Hope with Sudan** Hope with Sudan will be talking about the experiences of the Lost Boys of Sudan at the Amador Valley High School Library, 1155 Santa Rita Road, at 7 p.m. June 4. Donations are requested. Call 426-4481. Hope with Sudan brings education and medical relief to Sudanese children, youths and young adults living in exile in Kenya and Uganda, and develops projects in Sudan.

**Youth Employment Program** Are you age 14-21 and looking for a job? Need help writing a resume? Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., will host a career counselor from the Tri Valley One Stop Career Center the first Monday of each month until June. Call 931-3411.

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## Miscellaneous

**An Adoption Faire! Sponsored by Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts an adoption faire from noon to 4 p.m. May 17 at 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. Free with adoption of dogs: three private training classes with a professional dog trainer (valued at \$180+), bed, collar, leash and dog food. For cats: toys, blanket, bed. Enjoy free soda and hot dogs at 1 p.m. Call 408-202-6708 or visit [www.tv-ar.org](http://www.tv-ar.org).

**Annual Flea Market** From 9 to 2 p.m. May 7, a flea market will be held at the RidgeView Commons Senior Complex on Case Avenue across from Pleasanton Middle School. There will also be food.

**TVHOC Housing Forum on TV** Comcast will air the TVHOC Housing Forum three times on Channel 26. It will be seen for residents of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Castro Valley and Sunol. Viewing times are from 5:30 to 7 p.m. May 19 to 21.

## Recreation

**Dublin Senior Center "Come to Life" Event** The "Come to Life" event will be held at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17. Play, explore, connect, and engage your senses through recreation. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day of hands-on activities. Call 556-4511.

## Seniors

**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.

**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 [pleasenor@yahoo.com](mailto:pleasenor@yahoo.com) for details.

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

**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.sanramon-medctr.com](http://www.sanramon-medctr.com).

## Spiritual

**Christian 12 Step** Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at R-Quest, 811 Santa Rita Road. Call 426-0501.

**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.

**The Beast in the Corner** The Sunday lesson is at 10 a.m. May 18 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, by Rev. Margaret Stortz, minister emeritus of Oakland Center for Spiritual Living. Tri-Valley Unity meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. All are welcome. Call 829-2733.

**Women's Christian 12 Step** Discover how much comfort there is in the journey of recovery walking with the Good Shepherd every STEP of the way! This group meets at noon every Friday and Saturday at Shepherd's Gate, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore. Call 443-4283.

## Sports

**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](http://www.pleasantonrage.org/kick-sareforkids).

**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](http://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. This clinic will involve classroom and on-the-road training covering drafting, pacelining, cadence, cornering, climbing and descending. Participants will take 2-hour ride to practice. The suggested

donation is \$50. Call 485-3218 or visit [www.cyclepath.com](http://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 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](mailto: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. Rides depart from Cyclepath, 337-B Main St. (in the Bank of America building).

## Support Groups

**Cancer Support Group** A free support group for people with cancer and their caregivers meets at 2 p.m. every Tuesday at the ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. Sponsored by The Wellness Community. Call 933-0107.

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

**Domestic Violence Support Group** On-going support for women dealing with conflictual issues is available at Tri-Valley Haven, Livermore, on Thursday evenings. Call Elizabeth, 667-2799.

**Fibromyalgia Plus Support Group** Fibromyalgia Plus Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the ValleyCare Library, 5725 W Las Positas Blvd Suite 270. All are welcome. Call 734-3315.

**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.

**Overeaters Anonymous Meeting** Is food controlling your life? Newcomers are welcome at the Overeaters Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way (Parish Hall), Livermore. Call 361-7224.

**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 Man to Man American Cancer Society program is designed to help men cope with prostate cancer by

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providing community based education and support to patients and their family members. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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, thebearflagrun-

ner@yahoo.com.

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. Registration is not required to attend the orientation. Call 803-7043 or visit [www.tv-ar.org](http://www.tv-ar.org).

Channel 30 every day at 6 and 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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9:00am-9:30am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30am-10:30am	Suzanne Woo- Why Play Golf? Business and Personal Benefits of Playing Golf
10:30am-10:45am	Break-Get ready for clinic!
10:45am-12:30pm	Three Station lessons- Putting, Chipping & Full Swing
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch & Suzanne Woo discusses etiquette and scramble format (30 minute presentation)
1:30pm-1:45pm	Break-Get ready for golf!
1:45pm-4:15pm	Nine hole Scramble (Holes shortened to 150 yards) With Suzanne rotating through each foursome to review Etiquette and keep up pace of play
4:15pm-5:00pm	Networking, Reception, Raffle, Close

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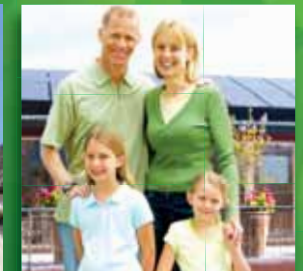
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