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Brand	Model	Description	Orig.	Now
Mitsubishi	WD57734	57" Hi-Def 1080P DLP w/HD Tuner	\$2,199	<b>\$1,177</b>
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Mitsubishi	LT52144	52" 1080p LCD Flat 120Hz w/HD Tuner	\$2,699	<b>\$2,297</b>
Panasonic	TH42PX75U	42" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$797</b>
Panasonic	TH50PX75U	50" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,197</b>
Panasonic	SCPTX7	Home Theater DVD & 80GB hard-drive w/iPod Dock	\$799	<b>\$347</b>
Sharp	LC15SH7U	15" Aquos LCD Flat	\$349	<b>\$277</b>
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Sharp	LC42D62U	42" Aquos Hi-Def 1080p LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,297</b>
Sony	KDL32XBR4	32" XBR 120Hz LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$797</b>
Sony	KDL40S3000	40" LCD Hi-Def Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,499	<b>\$877</b>
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Mitsubishi	WD65831	65" Hi-Def 1080P Diamond DLP w/HD Tuner	\$3,599	<b>\$1,577</b>
Mitsubishi	WD73732	73" Hi-Def 1080P DLP w/HD Tuner	\$3,999	<b>\$1,697</b>
Mitsubishi	LT52144	52" 1080p LCD Flat 120Hz w/HD Tuner	\$2,699	<b>\$2,297</b>
Panasonic	TC26LX70	26" Hi-Def LCD Flat w/HD tuner	\$749	<b>\$397</b>
Panasonic	LC32LX700	32" Hi-Def LCD Flat w/HD tuner	\$1,599	<b>\$597</b>
Panasonic	TH42PX75U	42" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$797</b>
Panasonic	TH50PX75U	50" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,197</b>
Panasonic	SCPTX7	Home Theater DVD & 80GB hard-drive w/iPod Dock	\$799	<b>\$347</b>
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Sony	KDL32XBR4	32" XBR 120Hz LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$797</b>
Sony	KDL40S3000	40" LCD Hi-Def Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,499	<b>\$877</b>
Sony	BDPS1	Hi-Def 1080P Blu-Ray DVD Player	\$1,199	<b>\$297</b>
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Denon	AVR4806	7.1 "Flagship" Digital receiver w/980 watts of power	\$3,499	<b>\$1,367</b>
Yamaha	YSP800	Single speaker surround sound solution	\$999	<b>\$297</b>

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Mitsubishi	WD57734	57" Hi-Def 1080P DLP w/HD Tuner	\$2,199	<b>\$1,177</b>
Mitsubishi	WD65831	65" Hi-Def 1080P Diamond DLP w/HD Tuner	\$3,599	<b>\$1,577</b>
Mitsubishi	WD73732	73" Hi-Def 1080P DLP w/HD Tuner	\$3,999	<b>\$1,797</b>
Mitsubishi	LT52144	52" 1080p LCD Flat 120Hz w/HD Tuner	\$2,699	<b>\$2,297</b>
Panasonic	TH42PX75U	42" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$777</b>
Panasonic	TH50PX75U	50" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,197</b>
Panasonic	SCPTX7	Home Theater DVD & 80GB hard-drive w/iPod Dock	\$799	<b>\$347</b>
Sharp	LC15SH7U	15" Aquos LCD Flat	\$349	<b>\$197</b>
Sharp	LC42D62U	42" Aquos Hi-Def 1080p LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,297</b>
Hitachi	P42H401	42" Hi-Def Plasma w/HD Tuner	\$999	<b>\$797</b>
Sony	KDL32XBR4	32" XBR 120Hz LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$797</b>
Sony	KDL40XBR2	40" XBR 1080p LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$2,999	<b>\$1,377</b>
Sony	DAVX1	Pro 2.1 Surround Dream system w/DVD and amplifier	\$999	<b>\$297</b>
Denon	DVD1930CI	Progressive DVD w/Faroudja DCDi chip	\$369	<b>\$77</b>
Denon	AVR1707	7.1 Digital receiver w/525 watts	\$449	<b>\$177</b>
Yamaha	YSP800	Single speaker surround sound solution	\$999	<b>\$297</b>
Salamander	Talia	Motorized loveseat recliner in leather	\$3,999	<b>\$1,997</b>

**Available at Anderson's Santa Clara Store**

Brand	Model	Description	Orig.	Now
Mitsubishi	WD57734	57" Hi-Def 1080P DLP w/HD Tuner	\$2,199	<b>\$1,177</b>
Mitsubishi	WD57831	57" Hi-Def 1080P Diamond DLP w/HD Tuner	\$2,999	<b>\$1,297</b>
Mitsubishi	WD73732	73" Hi-Def 1080P DLP w/HD Tuner	\$3,999	<b>\$1,797</b>
Mitsubishi	LT52144	52" 1080p LCD Flat 120Hz w/HD Tuner	\$2,699	<b>\$2,297</b>
Panasonic	TH42PX75U	42" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,399	<b>\$797</b>
Panasonic	TH50PX75U	50" Hi-Def Plasma w/tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,197</b>
Panasonic	SCPTX7	Home Theater DVD & 80GB hard-drive w/iPod Dock	\$799	<b>\$347</b>
Sharp	LC15SH7U	15" Aquos LCD Flat	\$349	<b>\$197</b>
Sharp	LC42D43U	42" Aquos Hi-Def LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,499	<b>\$997</b>
Sharp	LC46D62U	46" Aquos Hi-Def 1080p LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$2,199	<b>\$1,477</b>
Hitachi	P42H401	42" Hi-Def Plasma w/HD Tuner	\$999	<b>\$797</b>
Hitachi	L42V651	42" 1080p LCD Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,699	<b>\$1,177</b>
Sony	KDL32S2000	32" LCD Hi-Def Flat w/HD Tuner	\$1,199	<b>\$797</b>
Sony	DAVX1	Pro 2.1 Surround Dream system w/DVD and amplifier	\$999	<b>\$397</b>
Sony	BDPS1	Hi-Def 1080P Blu-Ray DVD Player	\$1,199	<b>\$297</b>
Yamaha	YSP800	Single speaker surround sound solution	\$999	<b>\$297</b>
Yamaha	YSP1100	Single speaker surround sound solution	\$1,499	<b>\$697</b>
Denon	S101	2.1 DVD/Stereo w/powered Sub and I-Pod cable	\$999	<b>\$477</b>
Salamander	Mateo Chairs	Motorized theater chairs in micro-suede w/cupholders	\$1,399 ea	<b>\$747 ea</b>



# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## B-24 airshow brings back wartime memories for Bill Kalan

When former World War II pilot Bill Kalan climbs into the cockpit of a restored B-24 Liberator at Moffett Field Sunday to head across the Bay to the weekend show of old bombers at Livermore Airport, it'll be just like old times.

Well, not exactly. The last time Kalan was at the controls of a B-24 was June 22, 1944. Piloting the four-engine bomber, Kalan was part of a 1,000-plane formation heading for German targets. Just 17 days earlier, the Allies had landed at Normandy and the beaches were still lined with German anti-aircraft guns that had yet to be silenced. Suddenly, a burst of shells hit his plane, hitting an engine. As Kalan's plane started losing altitude, he dropped out of the formation so that others close behind in 493rd Bomb Group would not be disrupted.

Kalan, who will talk about his experiences at the air show Sunday, said he navigated his plane toward Spain, but the Luftwaffe spotted him breaking. It wasn't long before they finished him off, shooting out two more engines and leaving the one remaining running wild. Kalan and his nine-man crew jumped, with Kalan parachuting into a field near the town of Huisseau-sur-Cosson, about 120 miles south of Normandy.

Briefly knocked out by a hard landing, Kalan remembers awakening to the words, "Cachez! Cachez!" His two years of high school French paid off when he recognized the words, urging him to hide. He unhooked his chute and ran into a nearby woods to which the French farmers were frantically pointing. Following the escape-and-evasion training back at his airbase, Kalan found a tall tree and climbed it, staying put for hours. Several times, he heard German search parties passing below in his pursuit.

Back on the ground, Kalan walked through the farms, eventually turning off a roadway into the backyard where Yvonne Roussay was tending to her tobacco plants. She recognized his clothing, took him into her house,

provided some food and a chance for some rest. It turned out that her husband Andre was also the leader of the very secret French resistance movement in that area—the French underground. Kalan's parachute jump had landed him in the right place.

During his time at the Roussay's, Kalan worked with the resistance movement. On one risky night mission, they went to a remote field where the British had sent word that they planned a drop of weapons and ammunition. When the Frenchmen heard an approaching plane, they were ready to ignite gasoline-soaked rags as instructed to mark the drop zone, but Kalan stopped them at the last minute. He knows how planes sound and the one approaching was German, not the British. From then on, he was a celebrated part of the French Resistance.

Eventually, with the help of the French, he made his way to the front lines of the Allies, starting an American unit that found him walking towards their line in French clothes. His perfect English gave him away and they helped Kalan get back to his base in England. Months had passed since he was last there. His flying group had switched from the B-24 Liberators to the more popular B-17 Flying Fortresses. Although given an orientation on the new aircraft, Kalan was told he could no longer fly combat missions. According to the Geneva Convention, once an airman was forced down in enemy-occupied territory and evaded capture, if forced down again he could be shot as a spy.

Besides flying again 64 years later in a B-24 this Sunday (someone else will actually do the piloting), Kalan will be joined by Christian Coupe, a stranger who contacted him 15 years ago. Coupe was 7 years old and with his uncle when he watched Kalan parachuting down and later learned who he was. Sunday, during just a short ride across the Bay, Kalan will have a chance to relive an exciting part of his life that he credits with keeping him alert and healthy as he approaches his 90th birthday in August. ■

### About the Cover

Memorial Day services will once again be held at Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery Flag Circle, with opening remarks at 11 a.m. Monday and a talk by Bill Lowe, who was a prisoner of war in Japan during much of World War II. Photo by Jim Lyon. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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Asked Downtown



**Allison McCutcheon**  
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I plan on buying a laptop computer to use in my classroom. I need a computer to hook up to our new overhead projection system.

**Jennifer Branchini**

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We'll use it to cover our daycare bill for a month. We will certainly use it to help pay for bills we currently have or put toward buying a house. We're not buying anything new.



**Katrina Edwards**

Homemaker

We've probably already spent it on tennis lessons, so we'll use it to recover that outlay. We'll use it to support the activities we enjoy doing during the summer that are now feeling a bit more expensive to us.

**Matt Fry**

Engineer

I think I'll take the family on an extra camping trip this summer.



**Matt Kratochvil**

Bartender

We'd like to buy a TV and maybe a new tattoo but more than likely we'll pay a few bills and put some toward our honeymoon.

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Medical Director of the Joint Replacement Institute at ValleyCare  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
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Compiled by Cybele Ryan

# Newsfront

## News Digest

### Honor veterans in San Francisco

The 58th annual Memorial Ceremony takes place at noon Sunday at the USS San Francisco Memorial Monument at Lands End, located in Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean where the U.S. Navy heavy cruiser fought during World War II. To learn more call 415-861-2229 or visit [www.ussanfrancisco.org](http://www.ussanfrancisco.org).

### 'Let Freedom Sing' this weekend

The Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus and Youth Choir present concerts Memorial Weekend, entitled "Let Freedom Sing." Under the direction of Jenny Matteucci and Martie Muldoon and produced by JoAnne Loitz, will perform a cross section of patriotic songs. The concert performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors over 60 and \$10 for youth under 18. Buy online at [www.pleasantonplayhouse.com](http://www.pleasantonplayhouse.com) or call 462-2121 or 484-4486.

### All aboard the Rotary Wine Train

It's the 10th annual Livermore Rotary Club's Niles Canyon Wine Train excursion. This year's event will depart the Sunol station, 6 Kilkare Road, at 6:30 p.m. and return around 8:30 p.m. May 31. Fare is \$20 for adults, with groups of 10 or more for \$18, and \$10 for those under 21. Wine and soda tickets are available at the station. The event also includes comedy from the Gunfighters of the Old West and strolling musicians. Tickets are available at the Travel Bug, 2269 Third St. in Livermore. Call Debbie, 447-4300.

### County Fair needs 'green' businesses

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## Signature vs. school district trial starts

*Developer disputes claim by PUSD that it owes district \$8.5 million for unbuilt school*

After more than five years of very-public dispute, another—and possibly decisive—phase of the litigation between the Pleasanton school district and the city's premier housing developer Signature Properties is under way at the Fremont Hall of Justice.

The court proceedings, which began May 15, are expected to last about three weeks, with the culmination being the selection of a jury panel to rule in the case.

The legal proceedings involve the construction of Neal Elementary School in the Vineyard Corridor, which would be the city's long-planned 10th and final K-5 grade school. The school district bought a 3-acre parcel that is located between Old Vineyard Avenue and the new Vineyard Avenue that was built, in part, to accommodate traffic and underground utilities to the school.

Judge George C. Hernandez began hearing arguments from Signature and the school district on a purported agreement which the district claims obligates Signature pay the full cost of building Neal no matter what the cost, an agreement that Signature said it never made nor signed.

Both groups acknowledge that Signature, along with Standard-Pacific Homes, agreed to build the school in 2001 at a projected cost of \$8.5 million, with that cost to be a cash-advance in the form of a low-interest loan that the district would pay back over time as developer fees were collected by the district. Both developers also received a \$2 discount per square foot in developer fees for new construction as part of the agreement. Signature was the developer of Ruby Hill, and Standard-Pacific built homes in other parts of the city, including in

the Mohr Elementary School area.

When John Casey was hired as Pleasanton school superintendent in 2002, construction analysts told him that the cost of Neal had already risen to \$13.5 million. Casey, the school board and many on the City Council said Signature had not only agreed to advance the \$8.5 million, but also to pay any costs to build Neal that exceeded that amount. He said the \$5 million difference was more than the district could afford and that the developers should honor their agreement and commit to building Neal.

For its part, Signature CEO Jim Ghielmetti told the school district it wouldn't pay "a nickel" over \$8.5 million. To clarify what the agreement actually was, and because his and Signature's names were being publicly besmirched by city and school officials, Signature filed a

suit in Superior Court. Although Standard-Pacific is still a party in the suit, it has largely deferred its responses and actions to Signature. In 2004, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Ronald Sabraw ruled that Signature has no obligation to pay any of the costs of building Neal Elementary School, as the school district had claimed. It's that decision that the school district is now contesting before Judge Hernandez in the Fremont court.

The appeal is continuing with some changes in the once-bitter relations between the district and Signature as well as in those involved. The city of Pleasanton, once part of the school district's suit, agreed with the district to drop the two agencies' charges of fraud and deceit against both

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### Sewing seedlings

Tess Shotland, Evan and Claire McNerney, and Tess's mom Jill, work together to plant the oak tree seedling. A group of moms and children from the Pleasanton Mothers Club worked with Pleasanton naturalist Eric Nicholas to plant these trees in Laurel Creek Park. The club meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Drive. To learn more, visit [www.pleasantonmothersclub.org](http://www.pleasantonmothersclub.org).

## TV30 to end news program June 26

*Budget forces changes in Tri-Valley system*

TV30, the Tri-Valley's community television station, will stop airing its award-winning "Live at 4" news program June 26 because of financial adjustments ordered by the mayors of the four cities that now control the system.

Costs for the news show have risen to \$478,000 in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, dwarfing others expenses at TV30. By axing the live news program

and replacing it with less costly local features, the mayors hope to add more innovative and strictly local programs of interest to their cities.

TV30's projected budget for the current fiscal year is \$880,193, more than a \$250,000 over anticipated revenue. The system's new budget as advanced by the mayors and their city staffs is expected to total \$587,000.

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## Safeway plans new 'Lifestyle' market here

*Bernal-Valley complex will include 7 office buildings, retail stores*

by Jeb Bing

A new complex of office buildings, retail stores and state-of-the-art Lifestyle Safeway Supermarket is being proposed for a 39-acre site at Valley and Bernal Avenues next I-680.

The proposed 65,000-square-foot Safeway would be designed to compete with the Whole Foods Market chain of stores that are attracting an increasing number of shoppers looking for healthy foods. Whole Foods recently announced that it will build a new store across from Hacienda Crossings in Dublin.

The new store would include a gas station and be a showcase retail operation to Pleasanton Gateway, an office center planned for the high-traffic intersection since 2000. The site developer, South Bay Development Company, extended its already-approved zoning on the site for another six years.

Behind Safeway and situated roughly parallel to the freeway, South Bay plan to construct seven office buildings totaling 588,000 square feet of space south of the Bernal-Valley intersection and 59,506-square-feet of retail and commercial space on the Valley Avenue side of the site, across from the Shell station and Jack-in-the-Box fast food restaurant.

To be called Pleasanton Gateway, the seven four-story office buildings would include business, professional, medical and administrative offices. The buildings would be 66 feet in height, although only four stories.

Safeway's store would range from 26 feet in height at the freeway to 38

feet at the entrance. Its loading dock would face the 680-Bernal Avenue off ramp and would be screened by landscaping from the freeway.

Safeway officials said the development proposal reflects their new store model as a "lifestyle" store. The grocery store and the service station would operate 24 hours a day. The gas station would have 10 fuel dispensers and an 880-square-foot employees/equipment building but no convenience market or car wash.

Seven retail buildings are also proposed for the site. Although fast food restaurants are allowed in Pleasanton's Neighborhood Commercial zoning areas, South Bay has agreed to not allow any types of drive-through businesses on the site.

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has scheduled a special workshop session to discuss the proposals with both Scott Trobde of South Bay and representatives of Safeway. Initial detailed reviews of the plans by Marion Pavan, staff planner and Larry Cannon, the city's architectural peer review consultant with the Cannon Design Group, indicate most aspects of the South Bay and Safeway proposals are in accord with the city's General Plan.

The new Safeway store proposed for Pleasanton would follow the same consumer formula as Whole Foods, which is now considered by supermarket analysts as the world's leading natural and organic foods supermarket and America's first national certified organic retailer.

Whole Foods recently opened

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## Youth to join for African amnesty

*Amador club hosts conference with goal to form aid alliances*

by Emily Atwood

Bay Area youth will gather at Amador Valley High School May 31 for a conference aimed to tackle human rights issues facing Africa, such as genocide, human trafficking, poverty and AIDS.

Put on by the school's Amnesty International Club, there will be workshops and "strategy sessions" to further the goal of uniting and activating youth.

Wendy Garner, the club's advisor and Amador teacher, said they are hoping for 200 participants to attend the event, which is funded by a grant from Amnesty International.

"[The conference] focuses on human rights issues in Africa," she said. "It's really geared to promote empowering youth to affect change in the local community and bringing communities together to create a forum for alliances."

Shelby Margolin, a junior, said it's the first year for the club and the first year for a conference of this kind for the school. The club, which was started this year, meets during lunch and after school and has sent letters to area high schools and even set up a booth at the farmers market to get the word out.

"This conference is to connect people who always wanted to do something, but didn't know how," she said. "When I started getting into human rights issues, I was amazed at the support. We want to connect others who are passionate. Our main goal is to start the dialogue."

Carl Wilkens is the featured keynote speaker and will tell of his experiences as the last American civilian to remain in Rwanda as a humanitarian aid during the 1994 genocide. Other speakers include Dave Ryan, executive director of

FACE AIDS; Annie Fukushima, a human trafficking and women's rights activist; members of Group 19, the San Francisco mid-peninsula chapter of Amnesty International; Tim Hunt, chairman of the faith-based humanitarian organization Heart for Africa; Melanie Partow, who has served in Geneva, Switzerland on a commission of the UN Conference on trade and development; and Lloyd Sacks, who has served with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The conference is for high school students and young adults and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 31 at the high school, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The conference is \$5 and includes lunch. While walk-ins will be accepted, organizers ask participants to register. To register and find out more, visit [www.amador-dons.com/Amador/projects.html](http://www.amador-dons.com/Amador/projects.html). ■

## Amador team chosen to represent at G8 Summit event

*Winning group students in teacher Chris Murphy's World History class*

Students from Amador Valley High School have been selected to represent the United States in the 2008 Junior 8 competition, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF announced.

Junior 8 ("J8") is the youth event linked to the G8 Summit and is sponsored by UNICEF. The J8 program provides free, multi-lingual resources on topical global issues to teachers and students worldwide, and enables youths ages 13 to 17 to become involved in the topics that concern the G8 countries and the broader global community. Drawing from their knowledge, understanding and perspec-

tives of global issues, student teams compete via an essay contest and optional media presentation for the opportunity to represent their country at the J8 Summit.

According to the J8 Web site, "The Junior 8 program gives you the chance to develop your own ideas about the most pressing global issues today, discuss them with your friends, classmates and young people from around the world, and present them to the leaders of eight of the most powerful countries in the world."

Amador's winning delegation, the Volens et potens, comprises members of the school's World History

classes taught by Chris Murphy. The Volens et potens' winning entry presented the delegation's specific recommendations in relation to key global issues: global warming and climate change; poverty and development; and child survival, infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS.

The winning essays were chosen based on originality of ideas, ambition of recommendations, pragmatism, coherence and grasp of the issues.

The team will be traveling to Japan in July. Updated information on the 2008 J8 Summit can be found at [www.j8summit.com](http://www.j8summit.com).

—Janet Pelletier

## TV30

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"We're sorry to see the news show taken off the air, but we'll work with the mayors to develop different kinds of local programming that will keep our viewers well informed about local issues," said Kevin Wing, the station's news director.

The mayors—TV30 board Chairwoman Janet Lockhart, Dublin; Jennifer Hosterman; H. Abram Wilson, San Ramon; and Marshall Kamena, Livermore—wrested control of the board last year from appointed board members because of soaring expenses that were continuing to exceed revenue. The station receives the bulk of its financing from a 50-cent fee Comcast charges subscribers in the four cities, which totals \$440,000.

That fee, which has never been adjusted for inflation, is tied to Comcast licensing agreements with each of the four cities which expire in 2011.

Besides a change in its board of directors, TV30 has seen two executive directors hired and fired in as many years. Wing now serves as interim executive director as well as handling station operations, directing and often writing the news shows and selling the station's broadcast advantages to prospective sponsors.

"He's been doing a fantastic job and we're glad to have him," Lockhart said.

Besides closing down the live news coverage, TV30 also will no longer have a daily sports report although its popular "Let's Talk Sports" on Fridays and weekends will continue.

Two new programs will be added: "Media Roundtable," which aired successfully for years, brings reporters and editors to talk about current events; and "City Magazine," to be produced by each city.

As part of the new budget, sponsors of programs now on TV30 will be charged the full costs of producing and broadcasting them, which could raise their fees considerably.

In assuming control of TV30, the mayors hired consulting firms to audit station costs and its past budgets and also to study the programs TV30 airs and compare them to other similar nonprofit community systems. Many of these systems, including Contra Costa television that airs on Channel 27, and Palo Alto's community TV station, are government-owned and operated. The mayors, while providing guidance and enforcing cost restraints, have said they want TV30 to remain reasonably independent.

A survey they ordered of TV30 viewership showed that many in Comcast's Tri-Valley subscriber base seldom if ever watch TV30 or its auxiliary stations. Still, the survey showed that of those who do tune in, the news program, sports shows and mayors' reports were among the most popular.

Asked about ending the news program, Wing said he and his news team will start planning special shows to reflect on the 20 years the program has aired.

—Jeb Bing

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## Signature

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Ghielmetti and Signature Vice President and General Counsel Jim McKeehan. It was an awkward suit since at the time, McKeehan's wife Deborah Acosta McKeehan, was also Pleasanton's city manager.

Also, since 2000 when plans for Neal were moving forward, some now see the need for a 10th elementary school diminishing, with enrollment projections, particularly at the elementary level, starting to drop.

Jim McKeehan, the first witness called to testify, said that because Signature never entered into a construction agreement with the Pleasanton school district, developers had never reached the point of actually estimating the exact cost of building Neal School or moving forward on plans. Therefore, there never could have been an agreement in paying for Neal since its cost was not been determined. He said he disagreed with terms that were set forward by the district for a lease, including conditions that held Signature responsible for the cost of school buildings should an earthquake destroy them and insuring workers on the construction site.

"I didn't want to piecemeal it," he said, adding that the construction agreement and cost estimates should have all been negotiated together. He also denied the district's claim that he guaranteed the price to build the school was \$8.5 million.

"You did not know for sure the cost to build the school until you went out to bid," he said. "We were not in a position to guarantee. That's why the agreement says (we'll pay) up to \$8.5 million."

The developer and the district also disagreed on what standards to build the school to, McKeehan said. While Casey sent a letter to Signature saying the school would need to match the same level of standards as Hearst Elementary School, McKeehan said that was the first he had heard of it. Instead, Signature thought it was to build the school by the Division of the State Architect standards, and that they had planned to build a modular school, where the buildings would be constructed off-site and brought in. Hearst Elementary, by comparison, was built on-site, from the ground up.

Mary Frances Callan, who was the superintendent of the school district at the time, also took the stand, reviewing her four-year tenure with the district during the time that Neal Elementary negotiations were under way.

While Callan agreed that if the school district made design changes—called "change orders"—to the school plans, the district would be responsible for any additional costs. But she added that Signature would be responsible for any other costs incurred for other reasons.

In discussions she had with McKeehan and Ghielmetti, Callan said the two executives told her that schools similar to Neal were being constructed in San Ramon in the \$8.5 million price range, and since developers were building the school, not the district, that it would be a 10 to 20 percent savings.

—Janet Pelletier

## Safeway

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a new store in Cupertino that at 68,000-square-feet—or about the same size as the new store proposed by Safeway—is two-to-three times bigger than conventional supermarkets with 68,000-square-feet of specialty foods, including a dine-in Market Bistro, Culinary Center and over 200 seats for indoor/outdoor eating.

South Bay acquired the 39-acre parcel as part of the purchase of the Bernal property by Greenbriar Homes and associates in 2000 from the city of San Francisco. The Greenbriar consortium paid \$126 million for the 510-acre parcel, with South Bay taking 39 of the acres. At the time, Greenbriar and KB Home received approvals to build 581 homes and apartments on their portion of the property, with an agreement that 318 acres would be given free of charge to the city of Pleasanton. ■

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# Memorial Day

## WWII POW Heads Up Public Tribute T

by Jeb Bing

**W**ith Monday's special Memorial Day service at Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery commemorating prisoners of war who died in captivity and soldiers still missing in action (MIA), who better to lead the ceremony this year than Bill Lowe, an Army corporal serving in the Philippines in 1941 who spent the next four years as a POW (prisoner of war) in Japanese prison camps.

Lowe will be the featured speaker in the annual event held by Pleasanton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and the American Legion Post 237. The service starts at 11 a.m. with a welcome by Herb Constant, the VFW's senior vice commander, followed by the posting of colors by the two veterans' organizations and Pleasanton Scout Troops 941 and 998.

This year's service will be as colorful as ever with even more pageantry thanks to the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, which will play a medley of patriotic music during the ceremony. Besides Lowe and Constant, other speakers will include Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Leo Walker and Joe Rose of the VFW, Susan Stout-Pierce, regent of the Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and VFW's Jim Lyon as the emcee for the hour-long ceremony.

Still, it will be Lowe's remarks that are expected to command much of the audience's attention. Now 87, Lowe joined the Army Sept. 23, 1939 as an 18-year-old. Born in Tecumseh, Okla., he moved with his family to Riverside in Southern California, where he graduated from Poly High School. To supplement his meager post-school income, he joined the California National Guard, earning \$1 for each of the weekly meetings and for 14 days of camp each summer in San Luis Obispo.

Attracted by even more money and steady work, Lowe joined the Army Air Corps at March Field, and was assigned to a crew on a B-17B as part of the 32nd Squadron of the 19th Bomb Group. On Oct. 6, 1941, the group left for the Philippines as part of the Far East Command.

Lowe was at Clark Field in the Philippines when the Japanese attacked Dec. 8 (Dec. 7 in the U.S.), which coincided with Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor that morning. Lowe's group lost 12 planes but quickly scrambled to cannibalize parts from the wrecked planes to put 20 in flying condition. Within hours, Japanese troops had landed, Luzon and Clark's Field were about to fall, and Lowe and his group, armed and ready to fight, watched as Corregidor was bombed across the inlet from Camp Carbon Airfield on Bataan, where they were bivouacked.

As American forces moved back, Lowe was assigned to a general's guard detail at Bukidnon Plateau, where Del Monte had its pineapple plantation. His outfit was in charge of flying officers and technicians south to either Australia or New

Guinea and later, after the Battle of the Java Sea, to fly into remote fields to pick up those left behind.

Looking for more action, though, Lowe swapped the general's guard detail with another soldier and wound with a 100-man detail on the beach at Bugo, Mindanao. After fierce combat fighting, only Lowe and 17 others were left when the Japanese came ashore on May 1, 1942 and captured the group.

Lowe and his group were not involved in the Bataan Death March nor did they hear about it until later in prison camp. Like others in the U.S. military in the Philippines, he learned of General Wainwright's surrender order as the Japanese began assembling prisoners on a tarmac in Malaybalay, a prison camp being built at Mindanao.

"We thought there was a chance that military would come back to rescue us, but eventually came to realize that they had to use all their efforts elsewhere, especially in Europe," he said. "It was hard. I guess one of the toughest feelings is to be on a losing side."

Lowe said that at Malaybalay, there were ample stocks of supplies which the Japanese didn't have on Bataan. Prisoners were able to cook two meals a day and had beef, rice and sweet potatoes. Still, of the 1,200 American POWs there, many were in a state of hopelessness.

After spending several months in Mindanao, the Japanese sent prisoners in ships to Japan to work as slave laborers to supplement the work force so more Japanese could be drafted into the military. The prisoners left on June 6, 1944 (which was D-Day

on the beaches of Normandy). They were tied, blindfolded and placed on the back ends of trucks to be taken to the post.

"It was a terrible feeling, you know, to be loaded in like animals," Lowe said.

Lowe's brother John, who had enlisted ahead of him and also served in the Philippines, ended up being in the same prisoner shipment to Japan. They were in a holding area deep down in the ship in tight quarters.

"We used to have to lay on each other in order to stretch out at all," Lowe said. "A head on one man's chest and his head on someone else's chest and then around the circle like that."

The prisoners could go up on deck a few at a time to use the latrines or to smoke, and also to fill their canteens with water.



Bill Lowe

Lowe and his brother were assigned to the Yokaitchi Prison in Japan, working in a cobalt smelter facility. They were drilled in basic Japanese since the Japanese they worked with knew no English. Their duties were to shovel ore into little carts and then run them to where they processed the ore. Along the way, prisoners made sure not all the good ore and cobalt made it through the processing center, "putting one in for Tojo and flipping it out through a window."

In addition to a typhoon while on a ship from the Philippines to Japan, Lowe endured a major earthquake on Dec. 8, 1944 that toppled the 100-meter-high brick chimney at the cobalt plant. With the Allies coming closer and nightly raids over the prison camp by B-29s, prison life became increasingly worse.

"We had a lot of tuberculosis; pneumonia was also prevalent and we had a lot of deaths in the prison camp that winter," Lowe said. "If you fell down, the guards would kick and beat you. I was down to 102 pounds. But it was only a minority of the guards that were really brutal and everything. The others just let it go by; they didn't get involved."

Lowe and his fellow prisoners knew something had happened in mid-August 1945 when they saw all of their guards gathered outside the commander's quarters, standing at attention, facing towards Tokyo and listening to a radio. It was the famous surrender speech that Emperor Hirohito gave to the nation."

After that, an American colonel who was chosen by the Japanese to be in charge of the U.S. prisoners learned that the war was over. The Japanese prison camp commander offered him his sword, provided food and cigarettes to the prisoners and agreed to put his guards on the outside of the prison camp fence to protect the Americans if there was an uprising nearby. There wasn't.

Lowe and others painted giant POW letters on the roof of the prison camp buildings since the camp was not on any designated list. Soon, U.S. troops came and rescued the group and Lowe and his brother were flown back to the States. Within a month, Lowe's weight, had soared back up to his normal 170.

He returned to his home in Riverside, met up again with Marguerite, his girlfriend, and the married after a renewed courtship on Sept. 9, 1946. They have seven children, all college graduates.

Bill and Marguerite Lowe will be guests of honor of the VFW Monday and will stay overnight free of charge at the Rose Hotel, compliments of the hotel and its owner Mike Madden. ■



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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Let's hope huge fee increase gets rid of pesky mosquitoes

School districts and even some cities that are considering parcel taxes and other special assessments to raise more revenue from their constituents might want to call in consultants from the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. This group, which seems to be on nobody's mind until those pesky mosquitoes start biting, just won a whopping increase in the tax—er, assessment fee—it collects from property owners that will go from the current \$1.74 a year to a maximum of \$5 a year beginning this fall. And this group didn't even have to drag us into a polling booth to get our OK. We do recall a postcard arriving in our mailbox sometime back, much like a shareholder's card asking if you'll be at the annual meeting in Omaha next Thursday. Only 27.8 percent of us—or 97,894—of the 351,677 property owners in the county returned the card, which the district conveniently calls "ballots." The district said it eliminated 1,534 ballots because of discrepancies. A total of 71,949 property owners backed the added charge, while 24,411 voted no, giving the district a favorable 70.19 percent to 29.81 percent. Even if the two-thirds majority vote applied to the district, which some call by its acronym MAD, the new assessment was overwhelmingly approved.

This special tax appears on our annual property tax bills and also applies in varying amounts to other types of residential properties, commercial and industrial parcels and agricultural land. It's a barely noticeable line item on the tax bill that looks much like other charges that would all be added into the total due amount listed at the bottom. But that's not the case. The Mosquito District collects—and spends—its own tax dollars that it receives from us. Assessments now bring in nearly \$800,000 a year, according to one report, but that will go to \$2.1 million when the full \$5 per property fee is assessed.

We don't like mosquitoes, or, to be fair, to be bitten by them. They hurt, carry diseases and are frustrating to swat. Still, they're equal opportunity bugs in that they bite property owners, renters and even mobile home park tenants alike, although only property owners had a chance to vote on the higher assessment.

MAD is an odd entity in that like the East Bay Regional Park District or AC Transit, it's an independent agency which doesn't answer to the county board of supervisors or the state. It has one purpose: to address all mosquito-related problems in the district. Members of its board of trustees are appointed by city councils of each city in Alameda County, including Pleasanton. Its work is almost never mentioned, which means that it must be doing its job well. Nothing raises the ire of those at an outdoor summer barbecue than swarms of mosquitoes—or the medicinal fragrance from a spray can of Off. With few complaints to MAD, its 13 employees are spending their time seeking and eliminating mosquitoes from breeding sites. They test and monitor for diseases carried by mosquitoes, including West Nile virus. With more money, MAD should be even more receptive to those who have mosquito problems. For more information, call 510-783-7744 or check out their Web site at [www.mosquitoes.org](http://www.mosquitoes.org).

## Your Turn

The Pleasanton Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or issues of local interest.

Submit letters to the editor of up to 250 words and guest opinion pieces up to 500 words with a short bio to [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com). Include your name, address and daytime phone number so we can reach you. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted.

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For more information contact Editor Jeb Bing at (925) 600-0840.

## Letters

### Praise for CYO sports programs

Dear Editor,

This year, I am an eighth grade "graduate" of CYO in Pleasanton, and I would like to share my thoughts and experience. The Pleasanton CYO program has had a very positive impact on my life. I have been doing CYO every year since I was in third grade. I have participated in CYO track and field and basketball. All of the coaches and parents have made me feel I belong and encourage me so much.

I have learned so much from CYO, things like sportsmanship, the rules of the game, how to be a friend on and off the court, and to believe in myself. This program has given me so much confidence and really gave me an interest in sports. I now play basketball competitively with AAU and am still doing track. I also play volleyball, softball, and soccer.

Although next year I will be too old for CYO, I plan to come back and help coach with my mom, who does track, and my dad, who does basketball. CYO has given me so much and now I want to do my best to give kids in the CYO program what I had when I was their age.

I'd like to say thank you to all of the coaches, volunteers and organizers of CYO Pleasanton for a great program.

*Fiona Lamont  
8th Grade, Pleasanton Middle  
School*

### DUI checkpoints save lives

Dear Editor,

"Do sobriety checkpoints make any sense?" Yes. Research has shown that highly publicized, highly visible and frequent sobriety checkpoints reduce alcohol-related crashes and fatalities by an average of 20 percent.

As a nurse at a trauma center who has seen and continues to see the results of drinking and driving, and as a mother who was in the car when our son, Matt, was killed by a drunk driver, I am saddened to read the editor's remarks about being "stopped in their tracks." I'm guessing this is not said while going through airport security or stopping at a red light. All of these are the in best interest of the public.

I was at the checkpoint in question. Cars were not stopped for much more than two minutes.

My husband and I have been to multiple checkpoints since the death of our son, because the stats say high visibility checkpoints save lives. If I can help one parent from enduring the pain we have had since Matt was killed, that is enough reason. That was accomplished May 5 as one of those four drivers had his 3-year-old child in the car. That child was quite possibly able to celebrate Mother's Day because law enforcement chose to use highway grant monies in such a way.

The Klotzbach family was literally, "stopped in our tracks" when a DUI offender thought he had a right to drive after enjoying a few beers. That stop will last a lifetime.

*Mary Klotzbach  
Livermore*

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# Community Pulse



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• **PCUP 216, C. Kent Young**

Application for conditional use permit to establish a fitness and training facility at 3950 Valley Avenue in the Valley Business Park.

• **PSPA 02/PUD 02 07M/PCUP 210, Scott Trobbe, Pleasanton Gateway, LLC**

Work session to review and provide comment for a proposal to modify the Bernal Property Phase I Specific Plan and the approved PUD development plan and for a conditional use permit for a commercial/office development on an approximately 39.22 acre property located on the southwest corner of Bernal Avenue and Valley Avenue, between Valley Avenue and I 680.

• **PCUP-221, Lasse Jansson**

Application for a conditional use permit to operate an adult trade school for metal shaping classes at 1051 Serpentine Lane, Suite 500, in the Valley Business Park.

### Trails Ad-Hoc Committee

Monday, May 26, 2008

- Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the Trails Ad-Hoc Committee meeting has been cancelled.

### 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

### Police host grad night town hall

The Pleasanton Police Department will host a town hall meeting for parents at 7 p.m. June 2 at the Amador Valley High School multipurpose room, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

Topics of discussion will be teen drinking and driving, with a "Grad Night" film being shown. Parents

and guardians of students at Foothill, Amador Valley and Village high school are encouraged to attend.

Police said the objective of the town hall meeting is to educate parents on the dangers facing teens and graduation parties.

The meeting is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Police Report

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

### May 11

- Petty theft:
  - 2:01 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- Vandalism:
  - 2:58 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
- Drug violations:
  - 11:17 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; driving with marijuana
  - 7:42 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; marijuana possession
- Assault:
  - 1:06 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
  - 1:36 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- Loitering:
  - 4:00 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

### May 12

- Theft:
  - 7:29 a.m. in the 2600 block of Starling Court; grand theft
  - 9:10 p.m. in the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; forgery
- Vandalism:
  - 10:10 a.m. in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive; worth less than \$400
  - 4:26 p.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue
- Burglary:
  - 7:47 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 10:40 a.m. in the 5500 block of

- Springhouse Drive
  - 8:23 p.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; vehicular
- DUI:
  - 11:06 p.m. at the intersection of Saratoga and Marlboro ways
- Assault with a deadly weapon:
  - 4:56 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

### May 13

- Theft:
  - 8:06 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; stolen vehicle
  - 10:31 a.m. in the 2800 block of Whitney Drive
  - 2:56 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- Vandalism:
  - 8:13 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and I-680; worth less than \$400
  - 8:39 a.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400
- 10:09 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Busch Road; worth less than \$400
- 12:58 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:20 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; worth less than \$400
- Assault with a deadly weapon:
  - 2:43 a.m. at the intersection of First and Abbie streets

### May 14

- Theft:
  - 8:30 a.m. in the 4000 block of Churchill Drive
  - 10:33 a.m. in the 7700 block of Oak Creek Court; petty theft
  - 2:47 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; forgery

- 2:57 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; embezzlement
- 5:01 p.m. in the 3000 block of Badger Drive; petty theft
- Vandalism:
  - 10:42 a.m. in the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road
- Burglary:
  - 8:11 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- Found property:
  - 1:38 p.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Dorman Road
- Lost property:
  - 2:39 p.m. in the 600 block of Junipero Street
- Assault:
  - 8:18 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

### May 15

- Theft:
  - 8:24 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; stolen vehicle
  - 10:15 a.m. in the 3000 block of Crestablanca Drive
  - 10:24 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; grand theft
- Vandalism:
  - 10:10 a.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400
- Burglary:
  - 8:30 a.m. in the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road
  - 8:34 a.m. in the 6800 block of Rayland Court
- Paraphernalia possession:
  - 8:24 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

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## Obituaries

### Joseph Wolfenberger

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Augustine Catholic Church for Joseph Wolfenberger, a well-known long-time resident of Pleasanton who died last Friday. He was 86.



Mr. Wolfenberger graduated from Amador Valley High School in June 1942 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy that October and served for the duration of World War II. He was in the invasion of Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands and then was based there, attached to the Navy Air Force.

After the war, he returned to Pleasanton, where he was employed as a crane operator

with Pacific Coast Aggregates, later Lone Star Industries, a job he held for 38 years before retiring in 1984.

Mr. Wolfenberger was born in Calexico, Calif. to Joseph and Ida Wolfenberger, with the family moving to Pleasanton in 1934. He married his wife Barbara in 1942 after they graduated from Amador and they stayed in Pleasanton after the war to raise their four children: Joe, Steven, Alan and Joanie.

Always proud of his service in the Navy, Mr. Wolfenberger had a front row seat last October at dedication ceremonies for the restored Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street.

In addition to his widow and four children, Mr. Wolfenberger is survived by nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. His twin sister Ida and brother Martin preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those wishing to make contributions direct them to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin.

## Births

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

### April 21

Jessica and Jeremy Cardera, a boy

### April 22

Katherine Resnick and Travis Gaulding, a boy

### April 23

Sheetal and Prashant Garud, a boy

### April 24

Lara and Argyl Dickson Jr., a girl

### April 25

Erin and Michael Perata, twin girls

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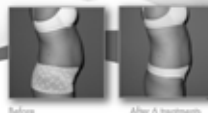
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## Auditions

**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

**Rip Squeak at Studio 7** The author and illustrator of Rip Squeak series of picture books will open special exhibit from 4 to 8 p.m. May 31 at Studio 7 Gallery, 400 Main St. Julia Harnett Harvey and Lee Cohen will sign copies of the new adventure of the curious mouse and the narrator of Rip Squeak CD will read. Limited edition prints are available. The entire family is welcome. Call 846-4322.

## Classes

**Yoga class** Join Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, at 6:30 p.m. every Monday night for yoga in Lynwood 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

**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.

## Concerts

**Concerts in the Park** The Pleasanton Downtown Association presents the 2008 Concert in the Park series. Each concert is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park at First and Neal streets. The lineup is The CoolTones, June 6; Blues Bottle Band, June 13; Night Fever Band, June 20; The Crisis, June 27; D-Lucca, July 25; Houserockers, Aug. 1; Finding Stella, Aug. 8; La Ventana, Aug. 15; Magic Moments, Aug. 22; Pladdohg, Aug. 29; Public Eye, Sept. 5.

## Events

**Celebration at the Ranch** A celebration honoring all cancer survivors and their families will be at 11 a.m. June 1 at Little Hills Ranch, 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Lunch will be provided and there will be live music and other activities. Sponsored by the East Bay Cancer Collaborative. Call 947-4447.

**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

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**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.

**Hacienda Toastmasters Open House** Hacienda Toastmasters hosts an Open House from noon to 1 p.m. June 5 at the city council chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. If you are interested in learning to speak in front of groups more easily and want to think quicker on your feet, Toastmasters can help. Call 961-0444.

**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.

**Rotary Wine Train** The Livermore Rotary Club's 10th annual Niles Canyon Wine Train excursion will be May 31. The train will leave the Sunol station at 6:30 p.m. Wine and soda tickets are available at the station and on the train. There will be comedy entertainment. Fare is \$20 for adults; groups of 10 or more are \$18 each; \$10 for those under 21. Call 447-4300.

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**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. Call 424-1265.

**Myths for Modern Times** Brushes Fine Art Gallery will exhibit egg tempera painter and Pleasanton artist Elaine Drew's work, which illustrates a modern mythology, May 24 through August 7. The artist's reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. May 31 at the gallery, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd, in the San Ramon Dental Center, Gateway Center Mall.

## Fundraisers

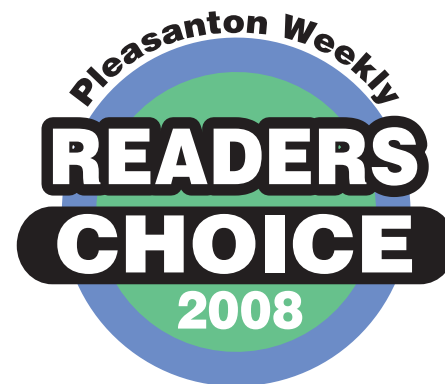
**Lock's of Love Hair-A-Thon** The Image Salon and Day Spa, 6280 W. Las Positas Blvd., hosts a Locks of Love hair donation drive from noon to 4 p.m. June 1. There will be activities, prizes and free haircuts for six inches or more. Call 484-3650 or visit [www.image-salon-spa.com](http://www.image-salon-spa.com).

**PAR 4 Kids' Sake Golf Tournament & Banquet** PAR (Providing Autism Research) 4 Kids' Sake golf tour-

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## 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.

**Loving Your Stepfamily, Loving Your Single Parent Family** Dr. Donald R. Partridge, author of "Loving Your Stepfamily: The Art of Making Your Blending Family Work," will speak at 7 p.m. May 30 at the Residence Inn, 11920 Dublin Canyon Road. Dr. Partridge will speak on ways to build healthy, happy single parent families and step-families. Call 351-7000.

**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.

## Live Music

**Sacred Spring** Hear works by composers such as Vaughan Williams, Mozart, Bach, Bernstein and Bruckner performed by vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles at 7:30 p.m. May 31 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. A dessert reception to follow. Tickets are \$10, students and kids are free.

Benefits St. Clare's Music Ministries. Call 462-4802 or visit [www.stclare-spleasanton.org](http://www.stclare-spleasanton.org).

## On Stage

**Tribute to John Lennon—A Day in His Life** Tim Piper and his band take audiences on a journey to an era that influenced the music and culture of a generation and created a "Revolution." The performance is at 8 p.m. May 31 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civicartstickets.org](http://www.civicartstickets.org).

**Valley Dance Theatre Presents Reverence** Révérence, a collection of

classical and innovative ballet, includes works by Tchaikovsky as well as dances from Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and Slaughter on 10th Avenue, a well-known piece by composer Richard Rodgers. Shows are at 7 p.m. May 31 and 2 p.m. June 1 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$21, \$24 and \$29 for adults and \$6 for students 17 years and under. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.livermoreperformingarts.org/tickets](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org/tickets).

## 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.

## Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

### COMING CLEAN: BATHROOMS

Okay, we all put off certain cleaning tasks, not quite knowing how to tackle them, until the in-laws come to visit and we realize they may see...

Our plastic shower curtain liner is infested with mildew. It smells and it makes sensitive noses sneeze and turn red. What to do? Throw the plastic liner in the washing machine with a couple of towels (whose job is to rub against the plastic during the wash and help clean it). Wash it in regular laundry soap. Then hang the liner up to dry. Don't put it in the dryer!

You might actually want to replace your plastic-lined shower curtain with a watertight nylon curtain like the one you may have seen the last time you stayed in a hotel. It looks better and performs well.

Fine, but what about the soap scum in the shower tile grout and elsewhere? Danny Seo, host of the Simply Green radio show, says that a melamine sponge with clean water will pick up the soap scum, as well as any grime and dirt, that we would usually spend a lot of time scrubbing away. There's also a new product—the Scrubbing Bubbles Automatic Shower Cleaner—that shoots a cleanser throughout a shower, doing all the work (they say) of preventing soap scum, mildew growth and lime scale. To find out more about real estate and financing call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at [www.gerardastocking.com](http://www.gerardastocking.com).

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# Sports

## Parent photographers

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## Lady Dons win first NCS title

*Girls lacrosse team remains undefeated in league competition*

The Amador Valley High School girls varsity lacrosse "dream team" made school history last week, finishing with an undefeated EBAL record and the NCS crown. They finished their 12-0 season of perfection with a 15-6 win against Cal High May 6, followed by a 16-5 win against Foothill High School the following evening.

This gave Amador the No. 1 seed out of a field of 12 teams for the NCS Championship series. On the way to the title game, the Lady Dons defeated No. 9 seed Berkeley High in the quarterfinals and No. 4 seed Cal High in the semifinals. Last Saturday afternoon, May 17, Amador defeated No. 6 seed Monte Vista, 19-7, in the NCS Championship game at Dublin High School.

"It truly has been an amazing season," said Karen Church, who began her tenure as Amador's head coach four years ago.

She brought with her the skills she learned as a Division 1 player at the University of Maryland.

"I set out to coach lacrosse as I know it should be played," she said. "With the midfield transitions, the ball is moving 50 miles an hour in the attacking zone; attackers catch the ball on a full sprint and finish with powerful shots on goal."

Church's overall Amador record includes two EBAL championship titles in 2005 and 2008, NCS semifinalist in 2005, NCS second place finish in 2006 and 2007, and NCS first-place finish in 2008.



"It is exhilarating to watch this team play the game I love so much," she added. "Being undefeated in EBAL and winning NCS was just icing on the cake."

One of the highlights of the season was a spring break trip to San Diego, where the Lady Dons played the No. 1 team in the state, La Costa Canyon. They were the only team this season to tie La Costa Canyon at the end of regulation time. Amador lost in overtime, 12-9, but two nights later, they defeated the No. 10 team, Poway, 11-7.

This year, Amador outscored their opponents 360-139. With last Saturday's victory, the Lady Dons claimed the first NCS girls lacrosse title for Amador and is ranked No.

1 in Northern California, No. 2 in the Western U.S. (seven states) and No. 89 in the nation (over 2,000 teams are listed).

Leading scorers included Amanda Nespor, Kara Bjesse, Melissa Sheehan, Kerry McCulloch, Erin McGillivray, Kristyn Hayashi and Teresa Li. This formidable team also included the talents of Helen Cai, Britany Carrolan, Jessica Daut, Morgan Dorsey, Colee Evangelista, Caroline Federighi, Angelina Hlavaty, Amelia Major, Ana Martinez, Sarah Moellering, Brittany Schoen, Lauren Sutter, Ali Zachariades, and two JV players brought up for the NCS game—Niki Gotelli and Nicole Triplett.

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### Foothill grad inducted in Fresno Hall of Fame

Jennifer Jokinen, a 1996 Foothill High School graduate, was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jokinen earned a softball scholarship to Fresno State University in 1996, playing for the Fresno State Bulldogs. In her sophomore year, the 1998 softball team capped an outstanding season by earning a seed to the NCAA College Women's World Series in Oklahoma City. ESPN2 covered the series and was on hand when the team won the national championship by defeating the Washington State Huskies to become the NCAA Softball National Champions. It is the only national championship the university has won.

The city of Fresno showered the team with media coverage, proclaimed a day in their honor, held a parade and presented each team member with a key to the city. The team was invited to the White House to meet the president.

Jokinen was inducted along with her fellow teammates.



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