

Brighter budget

School district deals with smaller deficit > page 5

Robert Half exodus

Business of 1,000
workers move
to San Ramon

> page 5

Vol. IX, Number 18 • May 30, 2008

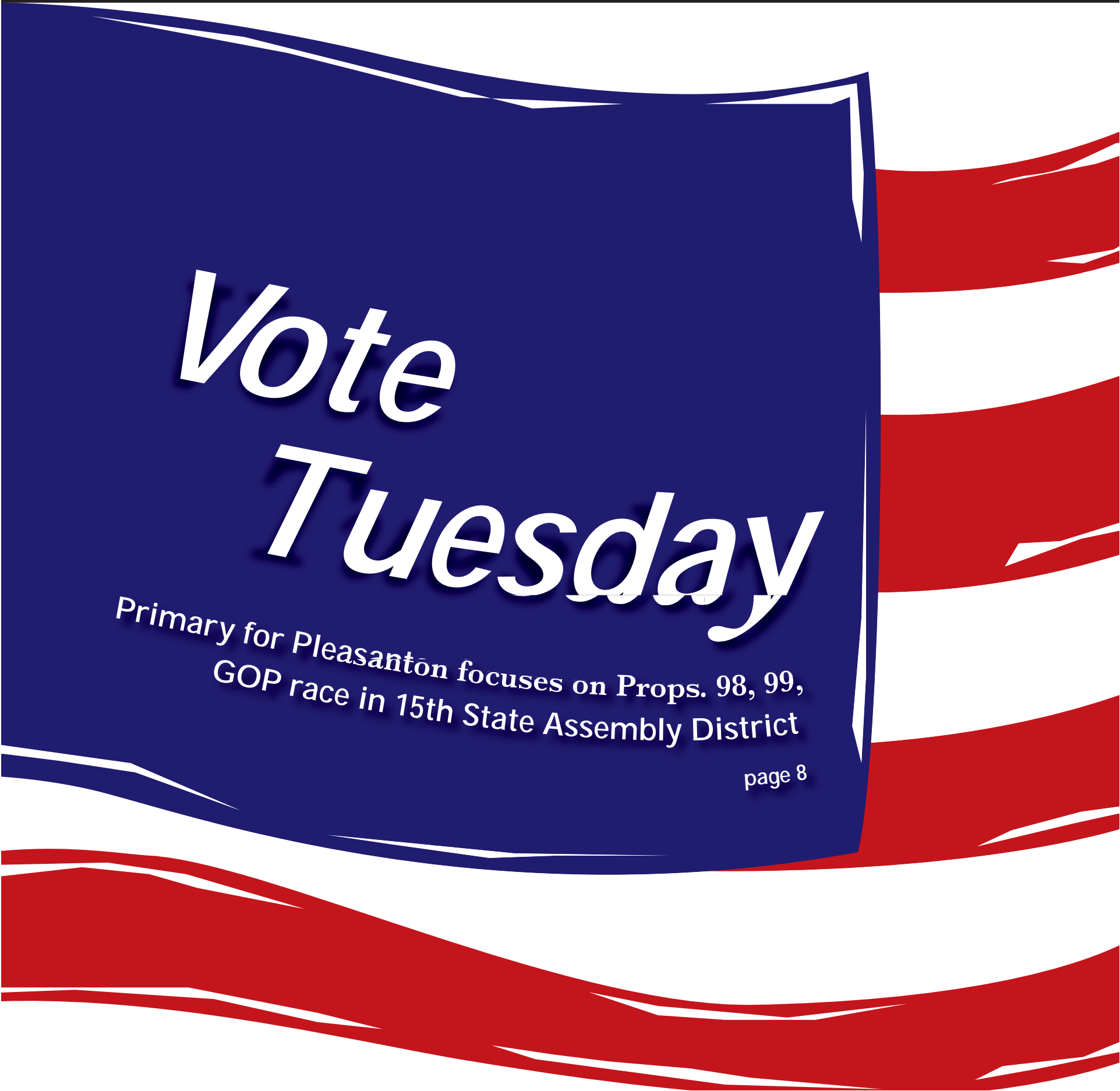
www.PleasantonWeekly.com

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Planning ahead

Young students
prepare for
future careers

> Section 2



Vote Tuesday

Primary for Pleasanton focuses on Props. 98, 99,
GOP race in 15th State Assembly District

page 8

Summer Fun 2008

Camp Kadima
Jewish Community Day Camp

K-8th grade
Arts & Crafts
Fieldtrips
Swimming
Drama
Sports
RUACH

Serving the
Tri-Valley,
Tri-Cities
of the
East Bay

925-931-1055 x11
www.campkadima.org

Give a cheer Camp Kadima is HERE!

Camp Kadima is supported by a grant from the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay and is co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek, Temple Beth Torah, Congregation Shir Ami, Temple Beth Shalom. Administered by Beth Emek.

**IT'S ALL
ABOUT
THE KIDS!**

Summer Reading Camps
at **Exceptional Teaching Learning Center**
in Pleasanton, CA

Summer Reading Camp
Beginning Reading Camp
Braille Camp

(925) 598-0082
www.exceptionalteaching.com

Call us **TODAY** to **ENROLL** your child!

**EXTREME
SKATEBOARD
CAMP!**

Ages 9-14
Perfect your craft at a variety of
East Bay Skate Parks!

Weekly sessions:
July 7, July 14 and July 21

Transportation from Danville,
Pleasanton & Walnut Creek

Contra Costa JCC in partnership
with California Adventure Camps
www.CCJCC.org

JCC

**California
Adventure
Camps**

Bay Area Explorers Adventure Camp
Summer Fun Day Camp
Tackle Football Day Camp
Beginner Baseball Camp
Teen Leadership Camp

Ages
4 1/2 - 16

www.CalAdventureCamps.Org

**GIRL
ZONE**

Basketball Camp

A new, all girls basketball camp in
Pleasanton for incoming 3rd to 8th grade
run by Terri McMorrow and Gina Lyng
(Foothill Basketball Coaches).

Visit our website: www.girlzonebb.com
to sign up today or look for us in the
Pleasanton Summer Activities Guide.
Now taking registration for summer weeks!
Or email us at girlzonebb@mac.com.



Helping People Fulfill
the American Dream

Not all Loan Agents can offer you this option! FHA

"In this Turbulent Housing Market FHA will fill in the gap for borrowers who normally would not be able to purchase. RPM Mortgage has held extensive FHA training, making each of our experienced loan agents an FHA specialist. We are ready to handle all your homes financing questions and transactions. We look forward to hearing from you." (BONNIE HALLERAN, Branch Owner)



Anjali Lathi
600-2024



Eileen Borton
600-2034



Marques Buck
600-2006



Denise Colvin
600-2035



Rick Goss
600-2005



Yvonne Herbeck
600-2015



Sandy Hermann
600-2028



Brad Loudon
600-2021



Margie Lupo
600-2017



Mari Mahoney
600-2032



Dana Mesarchik
600-2004



Ron Flores
600-2022



Julie Thall
600-2033



Tom Vinson
600-2012



Diane Wood
600-2011



Branch Manager
Bonnie Halleran
600-2020

6601 Koll Center Parkway
Suite 100, Pleasanton
www.rpm-mtg.com/pleasantonkoll
925.600.2000

- **FHA allows 100% gift use for down payment and closing costs**
- **No reserves required in most cases**
- **FHA loans now available up to \$729,750 in higher cost areas**



Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

'I'm at the pump, but \$75,000 short!'

If you think you're borrowing more each week from your vacation and retirement funds to fill up the Ford, consider what Dave Culver and Craig Higgins are facing. Culver is Pleasanton's finance director and Higgins is the Support Services superintendent. Higgins manages city operations that include everything from painting lines on crosswalks to vehicle maintenance, relying on Culver's group to pay the bills—and his payroll. So with gasoline prices, even for bulk-rate buyers such as the city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton school district, approaching the \$4 mark, nearly a third higher than a year ago, the half-million-dollars budgeted for fuel is a rapidly shrinking appropriation. Just to get through the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, Culver has dug into a contingency fund for another \$50,000-\$75,000 to make ends meet. Next year, he could be at least \$100,000 short despite a slight budget increase.

Fortunately for Pleasanton taxpayers, there's money on hand to pay for these emergencies where in many other cities—bankrupt Vallejo comes to mind—higher municipal fuel costs mean fewer services and even layoffs. Ours is also a cash-only city, which means the money needed for a new fire engine or street-sweeper is allocated over each budget year, timed to be fully-funded when needed. With 285 cars and trucks in the fleet, not counting those owned by the school district of fire trucks, Higgins is squeezing more life out of each vehicle and much more. As it is, a city vehicle is scheduled to be replaced every 10 years or when it reaches the 100,000-mile mark. To cut costs, he's trying to extend the lifecycle another two years, acknowledging that some of his Ford-150 and 250 pickup trucks might look a little beat-up, but asking the public to be somewhat forgiving. He's also planning to downsize the gas-guzzling pickups to the more efficient Ford

Escape hybrids, like the one on display at the city's recent open house. This fully enclosed small SUV-like vehicle has another advantage: work crews can keep their tools locked up when they stop for lunch.

With Culver's blessing, the city also is buying only hybrids when possible. Higgins said they cost from \$3,000 to \$6,000 more, but at 34 mpg the higher price is paid back before the 10-year, 100,000-mile replacement schedule is reached. Plus, Higgins points out, it's another way Pleasanton can reduce its carbon footprint. The city has also looked at alternative fuels, including the much-touted Ethanol 82 fuel formula for all vehicles. Pleasanton has a small Ford F-100 pickup that can run on Ethanol 82 but hasn't found a nearby supplier yet. With Pleasanton Garbage planning to convert much of its fleet to cleaner-burning natural gas, Higgins looked into that possibility for the city fleet. Fremont already has a natural gas fueling center, but the cost of building one here is almost prohibitive. Fire safety requirements alone call for a tall, heavily fortified structure with higher-than-usual sprinklers and heat sensors. By moving to conventional hybrids and downsizing the fleet, the city can keep within budget for the foreseeable future. Of course, if gasoline goes to \$7 or \$8 a gallon, or to \$11 and \$12 as Europeans are now paying, Higgins may take another look at Ethanol 82 and natural gas. The ax already has fallen on driving alone. Higgins has re-worked schedules so that teams travel together in the same vehicle to get their jobs done. As a result, of the six worn out vehicles scheduled to be replaced in fiscal 2008-09, two won't be. Higgins says he's not asking the rest of us to start offering rides to his work crews, but then a gallon of gasoline still only costs \$4. He may take a look at that suggestion next year. ■

About the Cover

Although many think the California Presidential Primary last February was it for the year or are still engrossed in the Democratic Party's duel over who gets its top spot on the November ballot, there's still the important, though less exciting statewide primary this Tuesday to choose other party candidates. At least the 15th Assembly District battle among four Republicans is stirring local interest. Cover design by Lili Cao.

Vol. IX, Number 18

The Pleasanton Weekly is published weekly by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840. USPS 020407. The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from Pleasanton residents. Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$40 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566. © 2007 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

Check out
Town Square
An online forum to
Discuss Community Issues
Ask for advice
Rate a movie
Review a restaurant and more

PLEASANTON WEEKLY.COM

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

THE PROVERBIAL GIFT HORSE

Okay, let's say your kindly Uncle Horatio gave you a deed to his property on the condition that you not record it until he dies. Red flag!

What you have in your hands is potentially a worthless piece of paper. Suppose Horatio forgets his largesse to you and sells the property shortly before dying. What claim to the property do you have?

Probably none. A deed is very often unenforceable unless it has been recorded with the county recorder. If Horatio had really wanted to will the property to you, he should have literally willed it to you. (Notice that the laws regarding deeds may vary from state to state, and be sure to consult your real estate attorney should a situation like the above develop.)

Now, the point here is ultimately less about Uncle Horatio and more about title insurance.

What we need in real estate transactions is a written contract and deed that has been recorded with your title insured by an excellent title insurance company. That makes it far easier to sleep at night, knowing that the home and property will continue to belong to you the next day. For more information call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com.

Gerarda Stocking is the Owner/Broker of Stocking Realty.

WEEK OFF TO SUMMER SALE

VALUE

Republic ENSIGN **\$39⁹⁵** P175/65R14
As Low As

P185/65R14 \$49.00 P195/65R15 \$59.00
P195/70R14 \$53.00

PERFORMANCE

GOODYEAR **\$74⁹⁵** P195/60R14 VSB
EAGLE GT-HR As Low As

P195/60R15 \$78.00 P205/56R15 \$83.00
P215/65R15 \$82.00 P215/60R16 \$97.00

Get up to **\$50** Or, double your Mail-In Rebate up to **\$100**

by Mail-In Rebate when you purchase a set of four select Goodyear tires. when you make the purchase on the Goodyear Credit Card!¹ See Store for more details.

1. Subject to credit approval. Offer valid 05/30/08-07/05/08. One Mail-In Rebate Check per qualifying purchase. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for Rebate Check delivery.

Get Tickets To The San Francisco Zoo!

Buy Any Four Goodyear® or Dunlop® Tires And Receive Four FREE Tickets To The San Francisco Zoo!

Offer valid for tire purchases made 05/30/08-07/05/08 at participating Retailers. See Retailer for complete details. Subject to availability. While supplies last. Tickets valid through 12/31/08. Call 1-877-GOODYEAR for participating Retailers.

LUBE, OIL, FILTER CHANGE & 4-TIRE ROTATION

- Includes up to 5 quarts 5x30 premium oil
- New oil filter
- 32pt. Inspection
- Chassis lube (If Applicable)

\$14⁹⁵ Save Thru 6-8-08

FUEL INDUCTION SYSTEM CLEAN-UP

Using specialized equipment, our technicians will quickly and effectively clean fuel injections, intake manifold, ports, intake valves & combustion chamber. Fuel induction service recommended every 30K miles

\$25 OFF Save Thru 6-8-08

GOLD OIL CHANGE

Change engine oil adding up to 5qts of quality 5W30 oil. Change oil filter. Install MOC Engine Treatment. Check all belts & hoses. Inspect tires & adjust tire pressure. Complete visual inspection. Rotate 4 mounted tires. Add MOC Windshield Washer Treatment. Add MOC Fuel System Treatment. Disposal fees extra

\$15 OFF Save Thru 6-8-08

PLEASANTON	2 California Avenue	925-461-4290
PLEASANTON	3420 Stanley Blvd.	925-462-4900
PLEASANTON	4216 Rosewood Dr.	925-734-3444
LIVERMORE	1485 First St.	925-455-4330
DUBLIN	6028 Dougherty Rd.	925-833-9700

Mon thru Fri - 7am to 6pm, Sat - 8am to 5pm • Locations with a * are open Sun - 8am to 5pm

RyNck TIRE & AUTO CENTERS

CLOCK REPAIR *Timely Service*

Free Estimates

Free Pick-up & Delivery in Tri-Valley

Byfield's Clock Shop Call (925) 736-9165

GRAHAM-HITCH MORTUARY

Dignified Care
& Compassionate Service
Since 1891



**Advance Planning
Made Easy**

Call Deanna for a **FREE**
consultation. In-home
visits available.

4167 First Street, Pleasanton
925-846-5624
Crematory Privately Owned
& Operated

FD#429

Streetwise

Q: What do you think of Pleasanton's recycling program, are you satisfied with it, and how would you improve it?

Asked Downtown

Linda Gullick

Health Educator

I think we could do a better job in that we need to have more personal responsibility in recycling. In other communities they have individual bins that people actually use to separate recyclables themselves. Handling your own recyclables raises awareness, through that awareness hopefully our carbon footprint decreases.



Leslie Elson

Homemaker

I feel we could do a lot more for recycling. We should have separate bins for each household. Households would become more aware by separating bottles and cans. Even though we have a good system people need to understand how much they are actually consuming thereby reducing their waste.



Jen Schlitt

Nursing Student

I think it definitely keeps people in denial about how much they are actually consuming and you miss out on turning it in personally for that extra bit of cash. I don't know that handling their own recyclables would keep people from being wasteful but it would, raise their awareness a bit.



Craig Mitchell

Self-Employed

I think it's good. It is efficient to send a truck for the green waste and one for garbage. I think most people are conscious of their waste, certainly more so now than a few years ago.



Grover Spitznagel

Truck Driver

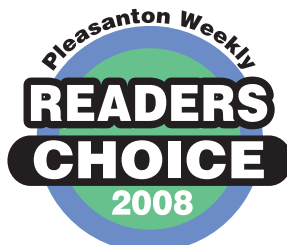
I separate my own recyclables and take them to the dump. I'm in the habit of separating mine out but for those that don't want to pay attention to recycling the fact that the garbage company does it for everyone is great.



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

Compiled by Cybele Ryan

BEST OF PLEASANTON is now...



It's time for our readers to choose the best of the best in Pleasanton.

Your business can help kick off the annual contest.

Category listings and voting information will appear in the Pleasanton Weekly June 6, 13, 20, 27. Promote your business to our readers by placing your ad on our ballot page.

—Plus be online at www.PleasantonWeekly.com

Ad size
3 3/8" x 3 1/8"

The **4 week** commitment includes **4 full color ads** in the paper and **4 weeks online** at www.PleasantonWeekly.com
All for only \$600

Copy and Space Reservations due **May 30, 2008** for all four issues

Space is limited, call today (925) 600-0840



Readers Choice 2008 results will be announced in the **July 25, 2008** issue of the Pleasanton Weekly

Vote DALE MYERS

"EXPERIENCED PROVEN LEADERSHIP"

SAFE • RELIABLE • HI-QUALITY WATER for our community

EXPERIENCE

Serving the ZONE 7 Water District for more than 15 years in Fiscal & Emergency Services, and the past 10 years as General Manager, retiring in early 2007.



MISSION

Protect the reliability of our water supply by providing experienced leadership in negotiations addressing State Water Crisis & ecosystem and water project issues in the San Francisco Bay-Delta. Improve local flood protection programs, enhance arroyo habitat & recreation areas.

OBJECTIVES

Improve water quality programs. Implement equitable District funding strategies. Promote the efficient use of resources in the delivery of utility services to our local community.

ZONE 7 WATER BOARD

Paul & Karen Bauman
Jim Concannon
Glen & Julie Cox
Larry Gosselin
John Greci
Scott Haggerty
Guy Houston
Steve Kalthoff

Partial list of Endorsements:

Dr. Scott Kamena
Jim Kohnen
Jim Levine
John Mahoney
John Marchand
Christopher Moore
Monte Munoz

Paula & Joe McClendon
Bill & Valerie Raymond
Dan Scannell
Bill Stevens
Grant & Tina Stickney
Phil Wente
Alameda County Democratic Party

http://smartvoter.org/vote/dale_myers
Paid for by Myers for Zone 7 Election Committee FPPC 1305016

COME VISIT US AT OUR NEW LOCATION



TECHNOLOGY • SERVICE • STYLE



Serving the Tri-Valley for 24 years

463-2150

6155 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton
(at the corner of Stoneridge & Franklin, between Hopyard & I-680)

Newsfront

News Digest

Salon hosts 'hair-a-thon'

The Image Salon and Day Spa will have a "hair-a-thon" to support Locks of Love, which makes hairpieces for children suffering hair loss from any diagnosis. The salon offers free haircuts to those donating six inches of hair or more (in good condition) from noon to 4 p.m. June 1. There will also be prizes, food and drinks. Call 484-3650 for details.

Summer street party series continues

Main Street will be packed with people and booths from 6 to 9 p.m. June 4 for the second First Wednesday street party of the summer. The featured entertainment at the is Patty and Abigail, who will be performing at the north end of Downtown, between Oasis Grille and Pleasanton Liquors. To learn more, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Support troops with donation drive

Operation SAM (Supporting All Military) will put on their annual military appreciation drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Livermore Walmart, 2700 Las Positas Road. Organizers will put together care packages with the donations and cards to be sent to troops serving overseas. For a list of requested items and more about the event, visit www.operationsam.org or call 443-7620.

Play golf, dine and support autism research

The sixth annual PAR 4 Kids' Sake golf tournament and banquet will be June 9 at the Castlewood Country Club. The day includes a round of golf followed by a dinner and auction to benefit autism research. Tickets are \$275 for golfers, which includes lunch and dinner, or \$75 for banquet guests. Sponsorships are also available. For more information, call 846-2871.

'Pillow Talk' finishes classic film series

A film series looking at classic film couples ends with "Pillow Talk" at 7 p.m. June 5 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The series is put on in conjunction with Las Positas College's Dr. Candy Klaschus, film historian and coordinator of the humanities program.

Revised education budget gives relief from earlier predictions

District to deal with \$2 million deficit instead of \$4.5 million

by Emily Atwood

After months of preparing for the worst, the Pleasanton Unified School District's 2008-09 budget is a little brighter as the state revised its projections earlier this month. While the district is still dealing with a \$2-million-dollar deficit, it is better than the January figures showing a \$4.5 million deficit.

At a budget workshop Tuesday evening, the school board met to discuss the newest education bud-

get proposal from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, which was released May 15. Called the May Revise, the report allows the district to use firmer numbers to put together a budget for the following school year.

Prior to the May Revise, the board agreed to make up for the \$4.5 million deficit by using up to \$2 million in reserve funds for the next school year and approving a list of programs that could be cut to cover the rest of the deficit.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sandra Lepley said the revised budget was only "half bad," considering the budget predictions from January, and that

the May Revise figures usually come to fruition.

Despite the brighter outlook, Superintendent John Casey said the district still needs to be conservative because of the level of uncertainty.

The board has not decided whether to use the reserves to help the recent deficit. In case they did not want to borrow, the potential cut list was revised and about \$2.6 million in reductions were brought before the board to discuss. Removed from the list were the elimination of school site discretionary funds, which they took out because it was directly benefiting students in classrooms; reading

specialists; and an unfilled job, because the employee decided not to retire.

Still included on the possible cut list is the elimination of coaching stipends, which totals \$260,000. In response to being on the list, coaches as well as parents and a booster club president spoke in favor of the district continuing to fund the stipends.

John Mannion, a teacher and a coach at Foothill High School, said if students had to pay to play, the dynamic of public school sports would change. Parents, he said, might put pressure on coaches to give their kids play time because

(continued on page 6)



Katie McKewon apologizes at a sentencing hearing last Friday, where she was sentenced to four years in prison for killing Laurel Williams.

Judge gives McKewon sentence of 4 years

Family, friends of Laurel Williams express their pain, loss

by Janet Pelletier

Kathy Williams said it took her months to get the strength to leave her home and begin doing normal things again.

"None of you will ever know the feeling, except some people who are here supporting me, to lose a child," she said through tears.

Williams, the mother of Laurel Williams, 19, who was killed in an alcohol-related car accident last October, said she has to "fight every day to live" to overcome her heartbreak.

Hers and other friends and family members' comments were made at a sentencing hearing last Friday at the Hayward courthouse for Katie McKewon, 20, who was driving the Ford Mustang that Laurel Williams was in at the time of the accident.

Both girls were 2006 graduates of Foothill High School. The accident occurred on the morning of Oct. 20, when they were headed home after a house party the night before. McKewon, who was not wearing a seat-belt, was driving south on Foothill Road just north of Highland Oaks Drive when she veered into the other lane of traffic, striking a Mercedes SUV, seriously injuring that driver and killing Williams, who was belted. She was charged with gross vehicular manslaughter and four counts of felony DUI causing great bodily injury. Her blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit.

At an April 11 hearing at the Pleasanton courthouse, McKewon plead no contest to the counts, and as part of a plea deal, she was to receive four years in prison. As part of the plea deal, a prior charge in June

(continued on page 6)

Robert Half, 1,000 employees leaving town

Firm to consolidate operations in Bishop Ranch

by Jeb Bing

Robert Half International, a global company specializing in professional staffing and consulting services, announced Tuesday that it will move its Pleasanton headquarters and operations to Bishop Ranch in San Ramon in May 2010.

The company employs about 1,000 in accounting, technology and related fields. All are expected to move with the business to San Ramon.

"This is a consolidation of our operations, not a downsizing," explained Reesa Staten, vice president of Corporate Communications for RHI. "We're operating out of five buildings in Pleasanton and wanted to have everyone in one building. We couldn't find real estate in Pleasanton that would allow us to do that."

RHI leases office buildings totaling about 220,000 square feet on Stoneridge Drive, Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive from Britannia Business Center. It will also lease the 260,000-square-foot office building in Bishop Ranch. Leasing agents worked out the details of the 2010 lease Tuesday with all of the leasing papers now signed.

"We liked being in Pleasanton and had really hoped to stay here," Staten said. "But it was important to have everyone under one roof in a consolidated business operation. Many of our people live in Pleasanton and I'm sure they will continue to participate in school and community affairs."

James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association, said it won't be easy absorbing 220,000 square feet of office space given current market conditions. On the other hand, he pointed out that all five of the RHI buildings have open design concepts, meaning that they can easily be reconfigured to meet almost any prospective tenant's needs.

"We did everything we could to keep Robert Half International in Pleasanton," he said. "Now we have to look for new opportunities."

Pleasanton city leaders also worked with Robert Half to find suitable space in Pleasanton. One

(continued on page 6)

Rock out in the park

Dust off your blankets and pull out your lawn chairs, because it's time for the first installment of the Concerts in the Park. From June 1 through Sept. 5, bands will rock out the Lions Wayside Park stage, at the corner of Neal and First streets.

Concert-goers have been known to claim their spots on the grass hours in advance of the Friday night shows, which last from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Even though some

are forced to find space across the street at Delucchi Park, it doesn't stop the good times or good tunes.

Several old favorites are back, including La Ventana and the CoolTones, and there are a couple first timers which are sure to please. To learn more about the event and its sponsors, call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantontowntown.net.

—Emily Atwood

Concerts in the Park schedule

Tonight—JamFest Youth Concert
 June 6—The CoolTone
 June 13—Blues Bottle Band
 June 20—Night Fever Band
 June 27—The Crisis
 July 25—D-Lucca
 Aug. 1—Houserockers
 Aug. 8—Finding Stella
 Aug. 15—La Ventana
 Aug. 22—Magic Moments
 Sept. 5—Public Eye



This Robert Half International office building on Hopyard Road is one of five the company will abandon in 2010 when it moves to San Ramon.

Robert Half

(continued from page 5)

prospect might have been the large office expansion and new hotel planned for the CarrAmerica Center, but initial hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council have yet to be scheduled.

"While we don't want Robert Half to leave our community, we understand that this is a business decision and what's best for the company," said Nelson Fialho, city manager. "The fact that they require more space is a testament to the success that comes with doing business in Pleasanton. As the city continues to work with Robert Half during its transition over the next 18 months, we'll also begin coordinating with the Hacienda Business Park to identify suitable tenants."

Pamela Ott, Pleasanton's economic development director, agreed.

"We are certainly disappointed to hear that Robert Half International will be leaving Pleasanton and the Hacienda Business Park," she said. "They've been an outstanding corporate partner and are representative of the high caliber of businesses in our community."

"We understand that moving all the employees into one building with space for expansion was a key driver for the relocation decision," she added. "Looking forward, there's now opportunity for some of our existing businesses to expand and new companies to relocate to Pleasanton."

Founded in 1948, Robert Half International has 14,000 employees worldwide, with 350 locations in 19 countries. ■

McKewon

(continued from page 5)

of last year for drunk in public and assault against a police officer was dropped. As part of today's sentencing, Judge Kevin Murphy ruled that McKewon would serve a total of four years in prison, with 228 days credited to her as having already been served. McKewon has been in Santa Rita Jail since last November. Also as part of her sentence, she will be required to pay restitution of \$1,600 and a provocation fine of \$1,600. The judge also required that she stay in an alcohol treatment program while in custody.

Recalling the accident that killed her daughter, Kathy Williams said she "didn't get to hold her hand, she wasn't taken to the hospital." She added that she'll never get to see her daughter, whom she called her "sunshine," graduate from college or get married.

"I'm not standing here with hatred," she said before the judge, and with McKewon seated nearby. "I'm standing here with anger."

The anger, she said, is because McKewon's incident last June should have been a wake-up call to her and her parents that she needed

help for her drinking problem.

Laurel Williams' father Ken called the situation an unfortunate waste.

"I'm such a different person today than I was seven months ago," he told the judge.

"She killed her best friend," he added. "If the power of alcohol is more important than her friend, then she has a problem. She needs to be punished."

As part of his comments, Ken Williams added that he'd like for McKewon's vehicle be donated to a local organization for anti-DUI educational uses, such as the "Every 15 Minutes" program, which is held at Pleasanton's two high schools; or for the Pleasanton Police Department or Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

After the victim's statements were made, McKewon stood up and read a letter of apology, looking back once to those in attendance.

"I want to apologize," she said through tears. "I wish that there was something I could do to take away all the pain you feel."

She added that she felt like the only thing she could do now is to change herself in a positive way.

After the sentencing ended, in a show of support, McKewon's parents shook hands with and hugged Ken Williams before leaving the courtroom.

Williams said he felt McKewon had remorse for what happened and said he doesn't want to harbor feelings of hatred. He reiterated that he hopes the community will learn from this tragic incident.

A hearing in the case against Paul Stonebarger, 21, who was charged separately with providing alcohol for the party McKewon and Williams attended, is scheduled for June 12 at the Pleasanton courthouse. If convicted, he could face six months to a year in prison and a substantial fine. ■

Budget

(continued from page 5)

they are paying.

Doug Buenz, president of the Foothill High School Athletics Booster Club, said fundraising efforts could also be impacted if parents had to pay. He also said that the Boosters pay for uniforms and official fees, which a school would pay for in an ideal situation.

After hearing the comments, Trustee Kris Weaver said they may want to consider removing the stipends, in whole or in part, from the

potential cut list. She said a \$25 fee may be reasonable for athletes to pay.

There were also many speakers out to support the reading specialists, specifically in the dual immersion program, where kids can become fluent and literate in Spanish, at an elementary level, by third grade.

No action was taken at Tuesday's meeting. Instead they will gather the information from the state budget and community comments to take action at a meeting at 7 p.m. June 3. The final action on the district budget will be decided June 24. ■

WE MOVE HOUSES!



RITA TONY AMY
LEAVENS
REAL ESTATE TEAM



(925) 487-1427 • WWW.TONYLEAVENS.COM

Delivering Excellence To Your Door



PREMIER SERVICE™

HOMETOWN GMAC
 Real Estate

Hometown GMAC Real Estate is an Independently Owned and Operated Firm

REAL ESTATE DISCOUNT FOR SENIORS

FREE information on selling your home.
NO PRESSURE, STRESS FREE CONSULTATION

Madeline Walker

REALTOR®, Seniors Real Estate Specialist

"The sale of our house in San Ramon wouldn't have happened if we hadn't found Madeline Walker and her team.

Moving at our advanced age is difficult. Here comes Madeline and her team to our rescue. The house was sold in 30 days in a difficult market."

Ruth and Werner

800-319-8991

www.madelinewalker.com



INTERO
 REAL ESTATE SERVICES



Janet Pelletier

This seven-story parking structure on the Dublin side of the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station offers 1,500 spaces.

Now open: new BART parking structure

Structure features 1,500 spaces for rail riders

A new parking structure offering some relief to BART riders scanning lots for open spaces on workdays is now open.

The structure, built on the Dublin side of the Dublin/Pleasanton station, features 1,500 parking spaces. The seven-story building was constructed for \$42 million. A ceremony dedicating it was held this morning, featuring Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, Sen. Ellen Corbett, Assemblyman Guy Houston and BART officials.

The structure was to open a couple months earlier, but Haggerty, in response to complaints from residents, requested that it be painted to give it a more attractive appearance. The structure is now painted in gold and teal accents.

A surface parking lot adjacent to the new structure and AvalonBay Communities townhomes will still be available to riders temporarily until the homebuilder embarks on its plans for housing and retail on the land, Haggerty said.

The parking structure is the cornerstone of the Dublin Transit Center, a transit-oriented development that will be a pedestrian-friendly village with 1,800 high-density housing units, 2 million square feet of commercial office and retail space and a park. The structure was the result of a partnership between BART, the city of Dublin, the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority and AvalonBay.

The design of the garage is such that it will be able to expand to accommodate an additional 500 spaces in the future.

—Janet Pelletier

Take Us Along



Home of Hearst

Nathan and Allison Casey, 9 and 5, brought the Weekly to Hearst Castle in San Simeon, Calif. Phoebe Apperson Hearst of the Hearst family, owned a palatial estate in Castlewood. Here they are in front of the entrance to the main house Casa Grance.

Chris Moore for Zone 7

"I will be a strong advocate for the Tri-Valley at Zone 7."



- Preserving a safe and reliable water supply
- Keeping flood control as a top priority
- Creating a vision for the "Chain of Lakes"
- Ensuring strong fiscal oversight

Twenty year Pleasanton resident
Chris Moore is endorsed by:

- County Supervisor Scott Haggerty
- Mayor Jennifer Hosterman
- Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio
- Councilmember Matt Sullivan
- Pleasanton Police Officers Association
- Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974



VOTE TUESDAY, JUNE 3
www.votechrismoore.org

Paid for by Chris Moore for Zone 7 Water Board, FPPC ID #1304698



925.314.0974
2416 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
San Ramon

Opening at the
Rose Garden
in Danville
Summer of 2008

N.E.A.T Award

Neighborhood Environment Attractiveness Team



This quarter's award goes to **Acc'sentials** at 520 Main Street. Benny McKay, owner of this fine shop for contemporary men's and women's apparel and accessories, moved to this location a little over a year ago.

Acc'sentials
the accents on you...
accsentials.com
(925) 931-9130

He could see the beauty that lay beneath the surface of this building. So Benny went to work uncovering the beautiful stained glass window above and cleaning the de-cluttering the front windows. But the work didn't stop there. He also did major revamping in the hidden back courtyard of this charming building, unveiling a mural on the back wall of bricks and adding seating and entertainment areas. Stop by and see Benny and all that he has done to improve this property inside and out.

The "NEAT" Neighborhood Environment Attractiveness Team award is designed to highlight a particular downtown building or property that has been improved or that is considered unique in design, architecture or style.

Vote Tuesday

Primary for Pleasanton focuses on Props. 98, 99; GOP race in 15th State Assembly District

by Jeb Bing

Although Super Tuesday back in February and the non-stop media coverage of the Democratic presidential nomination process has taken much of the steam out of California's primary this Tuesday, there still are candidates to be nominated at the state and regional levels and two major propositions to be decided.

In Pleasanton, which hosts three state assembly districts—the 15th, 18th and 20th—only the Republican nomination battle in the 15th to succeed Assemblyman Guy Houston, who is termed out, has down-home political excitement.

The candidates are Judy Lloyd of Pleasanton, Mayor H. Abram Wilson of San Ramon and Scott Kamena and Robert Rao, both of Livermore. On the Democratic ticket, Joan Buchanan of Alamo is being challenged by Ted Ford of Walnut Creek.

In the 18th, incumbent Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi (D-Castro Valley) faces challenger Jason Teramoto, a consultant also from Castro Valley. Hayashi is seeking re-election to her second term in the State Assembly. Lou Filipovich, a frequent runner, is unopposed for the Republican nomination in this contest.

In the 20th, Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) also is running unopposed as he seeks a third and final term in the Assembly. Jeffrey Wald is the only Republican candidate in that race.

For most voters, the run-up to the June primary has been about as quiet as elections come. Except for a few yard signs and doormat fliers left at homes in the 15th district, it's as if there's not much of a political contest anywhere in town. In fact, there isn't.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty's name will be on the primary ballot—unopposed. That assures him re-election and he's already declared himself a winner.

No one is running against incumbent Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) for the Democratic nomination that once eluded him. He's now the party's favorite and, like Haggerty, assured of the nomination. But unlike Haggerty, McNerney will have opposition in November from Dean Andal of Stockton, who is running unopposed for the Republican nomination. A former state assemblyman from the heavily populated 26th District, Andal ran unsuccessfully for state controller in the 2002 Republican primary and is now on the board of the Lincoln Unified School District.

Although McNerney is well-known on this side of the Altamont, Andal has political strength in the San Joaquin Valley. As the campaign heads toward November, the 11th District congressional race promises to be tough and costly for both candidates.

With no presidential or U.S. Senate contest on Tuesday—and no municipal or school district issues on the ballot—voters might turn their attention to the judicial race for the one seat available on the Alameda County Superior Court bench.

They are prosecutor Phil Daly of San Leandro; state Public Utilities Commission administrative law judge and transgender activist Victoria Kolakowski of Oakland; public-interest lawyer Dennis Hayashi of Castro Valley; and criminal defense attorney Dennis Reid of San Leandro—all vying for the seat vacated by Judge Kenneth Kingsbury, who retired.

Hayashi, 55, narrowly lost a seat on the bench in 2006 to Deputy County Counsel Sandra Bean, who now hears criminal cases in Oakland. Hayashi's wife, Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi, is seeking her Democratic Party's endorsement to continue representing the 18th District.

Dennis Hayashi is a former AC Transit board member who has served as director of the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under President Bill Clinton and as head of the state Department of Fair

Employment and Housing.

Daly, 52, has 23 years of courtroom experience, having prosecuted hundreds of felony cases in adult and juvenile court, including sexual assault, domestic violence, identity theft and homicide. He has the backing of 20 current Superior Court judges and Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern.

Kolakowski, 46, said she would be the first known transgender trial court judge in the nation if elected. Although she is an activist in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, she told reporters that her experience as a judge—and not her transgender identity—puts her ahead of the others. She said she was blocked from taking the bar exam in Louisiana on the grounds that she was not of sound mind for being transgender. She won her appeal and took the exam before moving to California.

Reid, 47, who has 17 years of trial experience, has not solicited contributions in the race nor has he sent out voter information materials.

Although only Pleasanton voters who live in the 15th Assembly District can take part in the state's most hotly-contested race, everyone will get a shot at voting for two propositions—98 and 99—which have commanded much attention in recent weeks.

Proposition 98, entitled "Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property," requires majority approval to amend the state Constitution to bar state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for private uses. It would also prohibit rent control and similar measure and would require an award of attorneys' fees and costs if a property owner obtains a judgment for more than the amount offered by the government.

Proposition 99, entitled "Eminent Domain, Acquisition of Owner-Occupied Residence," is an opposing initiative that would also bar state and local governments from using eminent domain to acquire an owner-occupied residence for the purpose of transferring it to another individual or business interest. It would create exceptions for public works or improvements, public health and safety protection and crime prevention.

The battle pits local governments and environmentalists, who oppose Proposition 98 and support Proposition 99, against anti-taxers, apartment owners and some farmers, who take the reverse stand. Ultimately, it may be up to the courts to decide the implications of the language.

As stated in the ballot language, Prop. 98 would bar state and local government from taking private property to transfer to a private party, such as is sometimes done by redevelopment agencies to revitalize "blighted" neighborhoods. It would also ban rent control in apartments and mobile home parks. But existing rent-controlled units would still be subject to the caps until the current tenants moved out.

Although the measure stipulates that private property could not be taken for a purpose similar to how it was already being used, it nevertheless gives more power to judges to decide eminent domain cases without deferring to what the local government said.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office says the initiative also likely would weaken local laws that require developers to

build affordable housing as part of their projects.

Opponents—and some legal experts—see a host of consequences for environmental and land use regulation, water projects and property law. The initiative's language says that property may not be taken "in order to transfer an economic benefit to one or more private persons at the expense of the property owner." But much government regulation does just that: forcing a property owner to comply with an environmental law, for instance, costs the owner and benefits everyone else.

The debate over Proposition 99 focuses not on its potential consequences, but on whether it would do anything significant at all. It would restrict governments' ability to take an owner-occupied single-family home to transfer to a private party, as long as the owner has lived in the home for a year. Exceptions would be permitted for public health and safety.

The Legislative Analyst's Office says Proposition 99 would have much of an effect on how governments do business because they usually don't seize owner-occupied homes.

If Proposition 99 gets more "yes" votes, none of Proposition 98's provisions would go into effect.

Arguably, there isn't a more relevant election where the issues will be at the forefront as with the local Zone 7 Board of Water Agency race. With a looming crisis in the Delta, which is where Zone 7 receives 80 percent of its supply, and dryer than average rainfall, board members will be tasked with deciding on how to conserve as well as planning for the future.

Eight candidates are running for three water board seats Tuesday, including an incumbent, a former Zone 7 general manager and a deputy police chief. Many have similar backgrounds of protecting and ensuring a reliable water supply, improving flood control and maintaining fiscal oversight. The incumbent is the wholesaler of water to the Tri-Valley, representing more than 200,000 residents in Pleasanton, Livermore, Danville and the Dougherty Valley in San Ramon, and serving 80 percent of those who live in Pleasanton with water.

Dale Myers, who was Zone 7's general manager from 2007, said his extensive knowledge of local water resources and needs, and experience with state and federal officials on the issue of water conservation and supply would benefit the board.

Chris Moore, deputy police chief for the city of San Jose and a Pleasanton resident, said he's running for the same reason. Myers and others are as well as a goal to create a vision for a "chain of lakes." Moore served on the Zone 7 board for several months in 2006 to fill a vacancy. He has a background in environmental law, which he said sets him apart from the rest of the candidates. Aside from the most prevalent issues of water supply and flood control, Moore said he's interested in developing a plan for a "chain of lakes" in the Tri-Valley, a plan to re-use quarry sites.

Incumbent Dick Quigley also joins businessman Steve Mair, air traffic controller Russell T. West, groundwater geologist engineer Sandy Figuers, university administrator Kent McKinnon and student Brook McKinney as candidates.

—Janet Pelletier contributed to this

The hottest race in town: 15th State Assembly District

Judy Lloyd, Republican

Judy Lloyd, co-owner of Altamont Solutions, a Pleasanton-based custom software company, calls herself a Reagan Republican. She has served three cabinet members for two GOP presidents, in 2006 served as chairwoman of the Faith-Based Committee of the Federal Regional Council and later that year was named a state co-chair of the Schwarzenegger for Governor Campaign.



Lloyd has been an advocate for working women, minority-owned businesses and families through her work on

the boards of the California Women's Leadership Association and the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research. She is currently a member of the Elizabeth Dole Scholarship Committee, a subcommittee of Women Impacting Public Policy.

Her partial list of endorsements includes Councilman Jerry Thorne of Pleasanton, the Assembly Republican Women's Caucus, the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons and the California Medical Association Political Action Committee. Her Web site is www.joinjudy2008.com.

Scott Kamena, Republican

Scott Kamena is an optometrist who practices at Murietta Optometry with his father, Mayor Marshall Kamena of Livermore. In managing this business, Scott Kamena says that he has personally experienced the struggle small businesses face in California every day, including workers' compensation costs, medical insurance hikes and land use issues.



As a twice-elected director of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Kamena believes he is demonstrating lifelong commitment to Livermore, the largest community in the 15th Assembly District. It is the community where he was born and raised and where he and his wife Jennifer are raising their family.

If elected to State Assembly, he vows to reduce healthcare costs, stop state government from over-regulating businesses, advocate for meaningful tort reform and advocate for a strong education system that will foster self-sufficiency and responsibility.

• He is endorsed by Sheriff Charlie Plummer, County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, the California Small Business Association and numerous mayors and city council members in the Tri-Valley.

His Web site is www.scottkamena.com.

Robert Rao, Republican

A Livermore resident, Robert Rao has founded and owned three Bay Area auto dealerships for 30 years. By the time his company was sold in 2005, he said they grossed nearly \$200 million in annual sales.

The Republican, running for Assembly District 15 after Guy Houston's term limit expires, describes himself as a fiscally conservative candidate who supports small businesses and not raising taxes. He is pioneering for easing traffic, education, fiscal

responsibility and building business to produce more jobs.

Rao is endorsed by former California Republican Party Chairman Shawn Steel and National Tax Limitation Committee PAC.

His website is www.robert-rao.com.



H. Abram Wilson, Republican

Mayor H. Abram Wilson was first elected to the San Ramon City Council in 1999, appointed mayor in 2002 and then, in 2003, became the city's first elected mayor. He has run unopposed in the last two contests. If elected to the State Assembly, Wilson vows to stay in his position as mayor, commuting daily to Sacramento. He believes a city mayor's voice is needed in the state legislature where local issues are often forgotten. The mayor does not have a Web site but can be



reached through the San Ramon City Council site, www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us.

Joan Buchanan, Democrat

Joan Buchanan has served on the San Ramon Valley school district board for 18 years and before that was director of commercial operations for Delta Dental.



With excellent schools and adequate funding as her top priorities, she campaigned vigorously to ensure that school funding provided by Proposition 98

would be honored in the state's 2008-09 fiscal budget. She has received the California Teachers Association State Gold Award and was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Alamo Rotary Club.

• She is endorsed by the California Democratic Party, California Teachers Association and the California Nurses Association.

Her Web site is www.joanbuchanan.com.

Ted Ford, Democrat

Ted Ford is a former Peace Corps volunteer who worked in the State Department in Washington, D.C. for eight years starting in 1972 and then for the Bank of Boston until 1988. Since



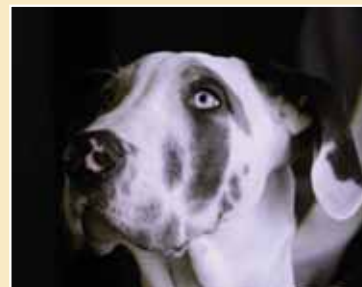
moving to Walnut Creek, he has worked as an economic consultant for businesses. Among his top priorities if elected are to reform the state's tax structure, to provide ample funding of public schools and universities and to oppose funding for the proposed peripheral in favor of increases in the surface storage of water.

He also supports urban growth boundaries, believes nuclear energy could be a viable alternative fuel and supports eminent domain in specific circumstances.

His Web site is www.electedtedford.com.

In Dog We Trust!

Pamper your pooch & make your cat purrrrr!



We have an unparalleled selection of beds, collars, leashes, treats, toys and much, much more!



410 MAIN STREET . PLEASANTON . (925) 600-8925
www.murphypaw.com

Elegant and Relaxing
Personalized Professional
Nail Care



Livermore location

Bollinger
Nail Salon

BOLLINGER NAIL SALON LOCATIONS

Livermore

2375 Railroad Ave. (925) 455-6800

San Ramon - Bollinger Canyon Road

18080 San Ramon Valley Blvd . . . (925) 830-9700

Pleasanton - Across the street from Tully's Coffee

310 Main Street Suite D Opening June 2008

Host a Party—For birthdays, bridal showers or friends who want to have a unique and fun get together, arrange a private party at Bollinger Nail Salon.

www.Bollingernailsalon.com



*Dogs are more than just pets,
they are family!*

We believe that friendship, loyalty and unconditional love deserves only the best...

We offer over 30 different hand-cut treats made from all-natural human-grade ingredients.

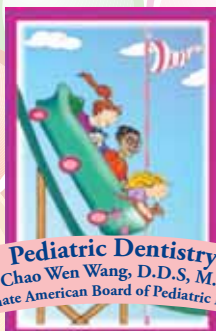


Our treats and confections make perfect gift baskets for your special canine family.

JUST DOGS!
GOURMET
World's Tastiest Gourmet Dog Treats®

Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton
(Located on the upper level next to California Pizza Kitchen)
925.734.3410
www.justdogsgourmet.com

A Special Place For Children of All Ages



Pediatric Dentistry
Chao Wen Wang, D.D.S., M.S.
Diplomate American Board of Pediatric Dentistry



Pediatric Dentist
Most Insurance Accepted

426-8011
55 W Angela Suite 200 Pleasanton
www.kiddodontist.com

Accepting New Patients!

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Phone: (925) 600-0840
Fax: (925) 600-9559

President

Gina Channell-Allen, Ext. 19

Publisher

Jeb Bing, Ext. 18

EDITORIAL Editor

Jeb Bing, Ext. 18

Managing Editor

Janet Pelletier, Ext. 11

Features Editor

Emily Atwood, Ext. 21

Contributors

Jerri Pantages Long
Joe Ramirez
Cybele Ryan

ART & PRODUCTION Designers

Trina Cannon, Ext. 14
Lili Cao, Ext. 25
Kristin Herman, Ext. 14
Manuel Valenzuela, Ext. 20

ADVERTISING Advertising Sales Manager

Esmeralda Escovedo-Flores, Ext. 23

Account Executive

Paul Crawford, Ext. 13
Karen Klein, Ext. 22

Real Estate Sales

Nancy Taresh, Ext. 10

Inside Sales

Susan Thomas, Ext. 12

Classified Advertising

www.Fogster.com

Ad Services

Sandy Lee, Ext. 16

Real Estate Ad Services

Tracey Fordahl, Ext. 30

BUSINESS Business Associate

Lisa Oefelein, Ext. 26

Circulation Director

Bob Lampkin, Ext. 41

Front Office Coordinator

Kathleen Martin, Ext. 0

How to reach the Weekly

5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Phone: (925) 600-0840
Fax: (925) 600-9559

Editorial e-mail:
editor@PleasantonWeekly.com
calendar@PleasantonWeekly.com

Display Sales e-mail:
sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales e-mail:
ads@PleasantonWeekly.com

Circulation e-mail:
circulation@PleasantonWeekly.com

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100 Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840.

Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407. The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from Pleasanton residents.

Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$50 per year.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

© 2008 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.



Opinion

Editorial

Vote NO on Proposition 98, YES on Proposition 99

There are only two initiatives on the statewide June primary ballot. Both are constitutional amendments that restrict the power of eminent domain—the ability of governments to take private property for a public purpose in return for fair compensation. Proposition 98, sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, prohibits state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for private uses and prohibits rent control as well. The latter provision would override local rent control ordinances, including controls on rents in mobile home parks in dozens of California cities, including Pleasanton. It might also eliminate the type of inclusionary affordable housing provisions that have been used in Pleasanton to require developers to build some affordable units along with high-priced homes. The land use/eminent domain restrictions attempt to accomplish what a similar initiative, Proposition 90, proposed, which the voters rejected in 2006.

We opposed Prop. 90 in 2006 because we believed it had the potential to effectively prevent the state and local governments from enacting laws to protect the environment and open space and would have undermined the authority of locally elected leaders to do what they think is best in their communities. Prop. 98 appears to have even broader application than Prop. 90 did. Prop. 98 is opposed by the Pleasanton City Council, the city's two major mobile home parks—Hacienda and Vineyard Villa—by the state's major environmental groups and a diverse coalition including the Consumer Federation of California, the League of Women Voters, the California Chamber of Commerce, California Teachers Association, the Western Center on Law and Poverty, tenants' groups, labor organizations and others. Proponents, in addition to the Jarvis group, include major mobile home and apartment owners' organizations.

Opponents argue that the measure's language could void many existing environmental protections, prohibit new ones and restrict actions needed for water projects, schools and infrastructure, and lead to lawsuits and project delays. Most opponents of this initiative are supporting a competing measure, Proposition 99. Prop. 99 says it addresses the core issue that Prop. 98 proponents say they are addressing, without all the collateral damage. It prohibits state and local governments from using eminent domain to acquire an owner-occupied residence for conveyance to a private person or business entity with exceptions for public works or improvement, public health and safety protection and crime prevention. This provision deals with the core fear triggered by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2005 Kelo decision. It is drafted to nullify Prop. 98 if it receives more votes.

It's clear to us that Prop. 98 is a dangerous initiative that deserves to be rejected. The sleazy ads being run by its proponents, with the voices of children talking about their fears, complete the picture. You can vote against 98 a second time by voting for 99. We recommend no on Proposition 98 and yes on Proposition 99.

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. 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.

Submitting a letter to the editor or guest opinion constitutes a granting of permission to the Pleasanton Weekly and Embarcadero Publishing Company to also publish it online, including in our online archives and as a post on Town Square.

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

SUMMER 2008 5-DAY PREPARATION COURSES



Preparing for greater success in the fall

SESSION DATES

July 28 - August 1

August 4 - August 8

August 11- August 15

- Math • Essay Writing
- World Language • Study Skills • SAT Prep

Our exclusive staff of PUSD teachers guarantees our program to be most efficient in providing in-depth preparation for grade level standards.

Gain skills and confidence for a stronger start

NEW LOCATION!
It's bigger and better.

The Leader in Providing Educational Support to Students in the Pleasanton Community.

925-600-9300
www.stepsprep.com

2340 Santa Rita Road, Suite 9, Pleasanton, CA 94588

Letters

Where the League stands

Dear Editor,

The League of Women Voters California has taken the following positions on the two state propositions on the Primary Election Ballot.

No on Proposition 98: deceptive measure would abolish rent control and harm environmental protection.

Californians deserve protection from eminent domain abuse, but Prop. 98 is a radical proposal that goes too far. Its extreme provisions would eliminate rent control and other renter protection laws. That is why wealthy apartment and mobile home park owners have contributed most of the money to qualify Prop. 98 for the ballot. In addition, Prop. 98 contains language that would make it difficult to protect the environment and regulate land use, growth and development. This hidden agenda would threaten water quality, hurt the environment and thwart regulations that protect our neighborhoods.

Yes on Proposition 99: Homeowners Protection Act.

This measure is a real eminent domain reform measure that will protect homeowners, without the hidden agendas and adverse consequences of Prop. 98. Prop. 99 will prohibit the government from using eminent domain to take a home to transfer to another private party. It is supported by a broad coalition of homeowners, business, labor, cities, counties and environmentalists.

Vote with the League on June 3.

Barbara Hempill

*Director, League of Women Voters
Livermore-Amador Valley*

Zone 7 board member gives endorsements

Dear Editor,

Having dedicated my professional career to water quality and having served 15 years on the Zone 7 water board, many people have asked me whom I am supporting for Zone 7. I support Chris Moore and Dale Myers.

During my tenure on the board, the region endured one of the worst droughts in recorded history. Myers was instrumental in ensuring Zone 7's financial stability during that time. As a retired Zone 7 general manager, he knows more about the operations of Zone 7 than almost anyone.

When I was elected to the City Council, Moore was unanimously selected to succeed me on the board. As a lawyer and former board member, he is well versed in water issues. As a deputy police chief, he knows emergency preparedness and public safety.

California faces a drought that is unprecedented in its history; a drought that is not only climatologic, but regulatory. California water issues require a steep learning curve. We cannot afford inexperience. For that reason, I also support Dick Quigley.

Ensure our safe, reliable drinking water supply. Vote for Chris Moore, Dale Myers and Dick Quigley for the Zone 7 water board.

*John Marchand
Former Zone 7
water board member*

Vote no on Prop. 98

Dear Editor,

Prop. 98 has two issues: limiting eminent domain and rent control. Regarding the latter, the City of

Pleasanton has been the champion of the seniors in Pleasanton Mobile Home Parks. Why change a good thing? Vote no on Prop. 98.

*Pat Griffin
Pleasanton*

Pleasanton Chamber endorses Moore, Myers for Zone 7

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce announced its support for Christopher Moore and Dale Myers, two candidates running for seats on the Zone 7 water board, the agency responsible for providing a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water and an effective flood control system to the Livermore-Amador Valley.

According to Chamber spokesperson Eric "Otis" Nostrand, both Myers and Moore earned the Chamber's endorsement for the June race because they bring the experience and expertise needed to ensure the Valley continues to have safe, reliable sources of water to meet the needs of Valley residents and businesses.

"Moore brings past experience on the Zone 7 Board and a legal background that will be of great value as the board negotiates future contracts," said Nostrand.

"Dale Myers is a recently retired administrator for Zone 7 and very familiar with the needs of the area as well as the intricacies of the agency. He is extremely knowledgeable about water quality and safety standards," said Nostrand.

Zone 7 supplies treated drinking water to retailers serving nearly 200,000 people in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and, through special agreement with the Dublin

San Ramon Services District, to the Dougherty Valley area. They also supply agricultural water to 3,500 acres, primarily South Livermore Valley vineyards, and provide flood protection to all of eastern Alameda County.

*Scott Raty
President/CEO, Pleasanton
Chamber of Commerce*

Thorne supports Prop. 99

Dear Editor,

The proponents of Proposition 98 want you to believe that the measure is only about "eminent domain." However, Prop. 98 is a dangerous and deceptive measure that is full of hidden provisions that are unrelated to eminent domain. These hidden provisions would harm local business and local economies, hurt senior citizens who are dependent on rent controls, diminish local control of land use decisions, gut important environmental protections and a variety of other hidden impacts.

Proposition 99 is the straight forward solution to protect us from eminent domain abuse. Prop. 99 prohibits government from using eminent domain to take a home to transfer to a private developer. Unlike Prop. 98, Prop. 99 is eminent domain reform with no hidden agendas.

Please vote no on Prop. 98 and yes on Prop. 99.

*Jerry Thorne
Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton*

Hillside initiative was necessary

Dear Editor,

From the sound of your editorial, "Just say no to more initiatives"

(May 16, page 12), one wonders if your real message wasn't "Just say no to Kay Ayala." It is not the first time that Oak Grove supporters have tried to dismiss the opponents of hillside development on the basis of her involvement. But having spoken to hundreds of people while I was collecting signatures on the hillside petitions, I can assure you that Kay Ayala's name rarely came up. Perhaps because people tend to follow issues more than personalities, what resonates most strongly is the City Council's willingness to put gigantic houses on the remaining open spaces around Pleasanton. With respect to Oak Grove, the parkland offered in compensation may not be enough to justify such excessive building. Just ask the next 10 or 20 strangers you meet on any street corner.

I disagree with you that these issues lack urgency. Times change, and since the neighborhoods you mentioned were built, houses became larger while the resources to build and maintain them responsibly became scarcer. Meanwhile, in the past seven months, our City Council approved Oak Grove (with houses allowed of 6,000 to 12,500 square feet), and also found unexpected "flexibility" in the Vineyard Corridor specific plan in order to approve a house of more than 12,000 square feet. The time for building houses like this has passed, and the few remaining houses that can be built under the housing cap simply do not have to be placed on the hillsides. Or so think the 5,000-plus of our fellow residents who signed both petitions. The City Council's stubborn resistance to hearing their message made the hillside initiative necessary.

*Anne Childs
Pleasanton*

Your Community Credit Union



Auto Loans

as low as

5.74% APR*

7180 Koll Center Pkwy. Pleasanton

(across from the Pleasanton Golf Center with 24-hr ATM onsite)

www.sterlencu.org 1-866-783-7536 ext. 0

Mention This Ad & Receive A
FREE Membership!



Many Paths. One Road.

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. The APR listed includes the maximum discount available on a new automobile loan with Sterlent's Incentive Loan Rate Program. Receive up to 0.75% in total combined loan rate discounts when utilizing the following services: 0.50% discount with direct deposit of net paycheck, and / or 0.25% with payroll deduction / automatic payment, Sterlent Auto Buying Service and / or by electronic application. An additional 0.25% rate discount is available for Premier Gold Checking account-holders. 100% financing including tax, title, registration and extended warranty is available. Terms available up to 84 months. The monthly payment on a \$20,000 auto loan with a 60 month term and an APR of 5.74% would be \$384.25. Your loan's rate and payment may be different depending upon your credit history and report. APR, conditions and terms are subject to change without notice. New Members must open and maintain \$25 in a regular share savings account. Visit www.sterlencu.org for current rates. Free membership offer is valid through 6/30/08.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider approving sewer rate adjustments and charges within the Ruby Hill area
- Consider approving Dublin San Ramon Services District Regional sewer user charges and connection fee adjustments for fiscal years 2008/09 and thereafter
- Consider approved of the conceptual site plan for the redevelopment of Kottinger Place and authorization to proceed with financing plan and additional facility design
- PUD 73, Steve Maestas and Mike Carey – Consider an application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning of an approximately .22 acre parcel from the RM 4,000 (Multiple Family Residential) District to the PUD HDR (Planned Unit Development – High Density Residential) District located at 204 Kottinger Drive

Civic Arts Commission

- The June 2, 2008 meeting of the Civic Arts Commission has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be held on July 7, 2008.

Human Services Commission

- The regularly scheduled meetings of the Human Services Commission on June 4, 2008 and July 2, 2008 have been canceled
- A joint meeting with Livermore Human Services Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, Community Rooms A & B, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore
- The next regularly scheduled Human Services Commission meeting will be held on August 6, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



NOW HIRING
POLICE RECRUIT
\$30.81 PER HOUR



The City is currently recruiting qualified individuals interested in an exciting career in law enforcement with the Pleasanton Police Department. This is an entry level position.

For more information, contact the
Human Resources Department
123 Main Street, Pleasanton
call (925) 931-5056
or visit
www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Application Deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2008 - EOE

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME**

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
For complete information, please visit
www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Woman hit by SUV near downtown

A 55-year-old woman was in critical condition after being hit by a Mercedes SUV last Thursday on First Street.

Koni Supriada, a Pleasanton resident, was rushed to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley after police found her lying in the street around 10:20 a.m. May 22 with serious injuries. Police said the

car was making a left turn from eastbound Neal Street onto northbound First Street as the woman was crossing First Street in the crosswalk.

The driver is a 54-year-old female who lives in San Francisco and works in Pleasanton. Police said neither drugs nor alcohol was a factor in the incident, they are still investigating the cause.

Witnesses should contact lead investigator Off. Glen Cornell at 931-5100, referring to case 08-24422.

Police Report

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

May 18

- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 1:03 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
 - 2:19 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; DUI
 - 2:28 a.m. in the 4100 block of Grant Court; public drunkenness
 - 4:16 a.m. at the intersection of Jensen Street and Santa Rita Road; controlled substance possession
 - 10:09 p.m. in the 900 block of Rose Avenue; public drunkenness
- Lost property:
 - 10:34 a.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 19

- Theft:
 - 10:04 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 7:10 p.m. in the 6500 block of Via San Blas
 - 7:17 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson drive; embezzlement
- Vandalism:
 - 12:38 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Mabrey Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 7:36 a.m. in the 4000 block of Francisco Street; worth over \$400
 - 11:58 a.m. in the 1000 block of Kolln Street; worth less than \$400

•Burglary:

-8:43 a.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

•Public drunkenness:

-12:38 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Mabrey Drive
-2:26 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Mall Road and Embarcadero Court

•Found property:

-12:10 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

May 20

- Theft:
 - 10:04 a.m. in the 4300 block of Diavila Avenue; forgery
 - 3:40 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; grand theft
 - 7:07 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 4:03 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 4:12 p.m. at the intersection of I-680 and Bernal Avenue; worth less than \$400
 - 4:14 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Raccoon Hollow Court; worth less than \$400

May 21

- Theft:
 - 9:26 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
 - 11:50 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
 - 12:12 p.m. in the 3500 block of Old Santa Rita Road
 - 1:04 p.m. in the 1000 block of Germano Way; identity theft
 - 5:23 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

•Vandalism:

-1:03 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road; worth less than \$400

•Burglary:

-6:21 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

•Drug/alcohol violations:

-11:38 a.m. in the 5200 block of Owens Drive; paraphernalia possession
-11:38 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; marijuana possession
-10:39 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valle Avenue; DUI

May 22

- Theft:
 - 2:04 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
 - 2:51 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; embezzlement
 - 2:56 p.m. in the 2100 block of Camino Brazos; grand theft
 - 7:30 p.m. in the 1 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 7:50 p.m. in the 3200 block of Runnymede Court; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 11:45 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; worth less than \$400
 - 1:26 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 8:13 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 4:28 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- Found property:
 - 9:02 a.m. in the 5700 block of Sunol Boulevard

Obituaries

Joe D. Hankins

Joe D. Hankins, father, husband, mathematician, scientist, musician, hiker, and duplicate bridge player, died May 20 in Napa.

Mr. Hankins was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Webster Groves, Miss., the son of Howard and Greta Hankins. The family later moved to Sedalia, Miss. where he attended high school. He graduated from the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla with a degree in Chemical Engineering. After two years in the

U.S. Army, Mr. Hankins attended the University of Missouri at Columbia where he obtained a doctorate in mathematics.

Mr. Hankins was employed for 36 years at Sandia Laboratories, first at Albuquerque, N.M., and then at Livermore. He retired from Sandia in 1991. He loved music and was an accomplished clarinet player. He enjoyed the outdoors spending many hours hiking in regional and national parks. He was a member of the American Contract Bridge League.

In 1997, he married his wife, Gloria Terry. They lived in Pleasanton until 2006 when they moved to Napa to be closer to family. In addition to his wife, Joe is

survived by three children from his prior marriage to Tomasa Hankins: David Hankins of Redmond, Wash.; Daniel Hankins of Aptos, Calif.; and Dolores Hazard of Lake Ron Konomaka, N.Y.; two grandchildren, and many other step-children and loving friends.

A private family memorial will be held. Mr. Hankins will be remembered as a loving husband, father and loyal friend, and as the custodian of a brilliant mind.

The family wishes to thank the Napa Hospice team, the staff at Napa Nursing Center and his principal care givers, Jackie Keller and Edna Joseph, for their unflinching kindness to Mr. Hankins while he was in their care.

Sports

Amador swimming finishes fifth in league

The Amador Valley varsity swim team finished fifth in the EBAL league meet, but the future is bright as three freshman recorded top 10 finishes and two of them made All-League with a top three finish.

Leading the way for the freshmen, and the team, was Andrew Seitz who took first in the 200 free and missed first in the 500 by less than a second settling for silver. Kyle Surber finished fifth in the 50 free and sixth in the 100 free and earned All-League honors swimming anchor on the 200 free relay team. Seitz, along with juniors Jake Bahls and Scott Arellano were also on the third place 200 free relay team.

The third freshman was Tim McLaughlin who took eighth in the 500 free and 9th in the 200 IM.

Not to be overlooked was Tyler Pullen who finished second in the diving competition. Pullen missed finishing first by the incredibly small margin of 0.65 points.

Arellano had a pair of narrow misses for individual All-League honors, finishing fourth in the 50 free by 0.09 and fourth in the 100 free by 37 seconds.

Hometown girl brings home the gold

Soffia Metzler, of Pleasanton, and her partner, Hannah Douglass, of Tracy, brought home a gold medal from Poland. The USA Junior Olympic Sports Acrobatics team competed in the 2008 XII International Chmielewski Tournament, which had eight countries represented. Soffia and



Hannah took the gold medal in the women's age group 11-16 category. Of the eight U.S. groups that competed, Soffia and Hannah and a women's trio from Maryland took gold medals.

Soffia is a sophomore at Foothill High School and has competed in sports acrobatics for five years. She and Hanna will try out again for the U.S. Junior Olympic team in July and, if they make it, would compete for the United States in the World Sports Acrobatic Championships in Glasgow, Scotland in September.

Soffia and her partner also recently won the California State championship in their category, which will take them to the Western Regional finals next month and then possibly to the U.S. Nationals, held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Parent photographers

Send a jpeg to Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.



All-American girls

Amador Valley High School swimmers Kayleigh Foley, Marie Schmidt, Marina Allen and Catherine Breed make up the girls 400 free relay team, which placed third at NCS with an All-American Automatic Time of 3:32.88. Breed also finished first in the 200 and 500 freestyle races.



Top Ranked National Swim Team
Beginner
Recreational
Advanced Groups
Ages 5 – 18
Flexible Participation

Come and join our team!
Try it out for two weeks, FREE!

Contact us via email at
tryouts@pleasantonseahawks.org
or visit

www.pleasantonseahawks.org

Non-profit group # 94-2556839



**Fun,
Friends
&
Fitness
Year Round**



Mention 'The Weekly'
and receive a
FREE PLS Swim Cap!



The Rotary Club of Pleasanton proudly presents "A Family Tradition"

15th Annual
SPIRIT RUN
PLEASANTON



FOR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

JUNE 15 2008

5K 10K Kid's Challenge Races

www.spiritrun.com

Thank you to our sponsors

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON 
www.pleasantonrotary.org SERVICE Above Self

 **FREMONT BANK**

TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
Local Dollars. Local Needs.

PLEASANTON
WEEKLY

Round Table Pizza • Sallmann, Yang & Alameda • Fleet Feet Sports • Shames Construction
Alameda County Fairgrounds • Allegra • Ireland San Filippo, LLP • ProAction Foundation
popchips • Tri Valley Internet • Club Sport • Japonisque • Stoneridge Shopping Center
Comcast • Heritage Bank of Commerce • Pleasanton Garbage Service • Stoneridge Creek

BEER...STILL ONLY \$3.00!



- Select Beers
- Tuesday through Friday

LIVE MUSIC...Every Friday & Saturday

462-8218 • 830 Main St. • www.mainstbrewery.com

GAY NINETIES PIZZA CO.

Italian Style Spaghetti & Ravioli



- Lunches Dinners • Beers on Tap
- Orders to go • Patio Dining Available

288 Main Street • 846-2520 • www.gayninetiespizza.com



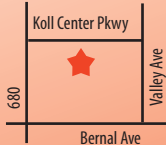
SUISHA HOUSE
Japanese Bistro



Grand Opening Special
Mention this ad & receive
20% OFF all entrees & sushi.



HAPPY HOUR: Mon-Sat 5-7 pm
wine, beer & sake: \$3 (large), \$2 (small)



Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30-2:30
Dinner: Mon-Thurs 5-9:30 pm, Fri & Sat 5-10 pm
Gift certificates • Catering for events • To go orders

6654 Koll Center Pkwy, #115 • Pleasanton
925.846.1155 • www.suishahouse.com

FONTINA Ristorante



- 3 New Specials Every Week
- Seasonal Menu



Kids eat free*
Monday & Tuesday

*One free child meal (under 12 yrs)
with one paying adult

925.462.9299

349 Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton • www.fontinas.com



DESIGNS SCHOOL OF
cosmetology



All Color Services
and Hair Extensions

35% OFF
exp 6-30-08

Haircut & Shampoo

\$3.50
exp 6-30-08
weekdays only

All services performed by students while supervised by instructors.

www.designsschool.edu
5572 Springdale Ave.
Pleasanton • 1-800-939-9051

Dining Out

American

Vic's All Star Kitchen

201 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 484-0789. Vic's delivers a starry mix of American food, fast service and a cheery atmosphere. Owner Vic Malatesta teamed his love of sports with his passion for good food to create a solid dining experience. Vic's is open daily 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening banquets and daytime catering are available.

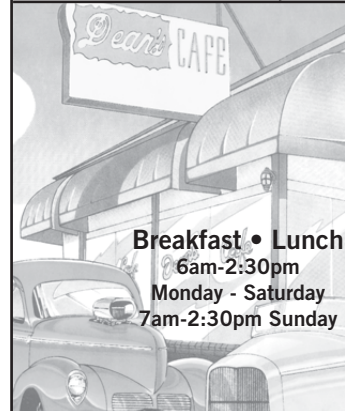
Bridges

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

Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant

855 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-8106. Executive Chef Neil Marquis offers exciting contemporary American cooking at lunch and dinner, featuring a wide selection of fresh fish entrees.

House of Omelettes
Deans Cafe



Breakfast • Lunch
6am-2:30pm
Monday - Saturday
7am-2:30pm Sunday

620 MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA
846-4222



"Most Romantic
Restaurant"



Joseph & Maricela Barone
Your Hosts Since 1995

Barone's Restaurant

Come Taste Our New
Lunch & Dinner Entrees

- Innovative Cuisine
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Entertainment on Weekends
- Banquets
- Full Bar



475 Saint John
Pleasanton
426-0987

Also offering our famous Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch full bar and patio service. Visit us at www.pleasantonhotel.com for menus and private party and catering details.

Zorn's Restaurant

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

Asian-Pacific

Mahalo Grille

425 Main St., Pleasanton, 462-2800. Treat yourself to a taste sensation at Mahalo Grille featuring a variety of Pacific seafood, Hawaiian fresh fish and shell fish, and "Mahalo" signature selections. Also try our various vegetarian-friendly offerings, California wines and island cocktails. Visit www.mahalogrille.com.

Barbecue

Red Smoke Grill

4501 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 734-0307. Home of the Tri Tip and Blue, Red Smoke Grill was voted best take out food by Pleasanton Weekly readers in 2006. Dine in or take out rotisserie chicken, ribs, prawns, salads and tri tip, or pulled pork sandwiches. Relax with a beer or a bottle of wine. Visit www.redsmokegrill.com.

Brewpub/ Alehouse

Main Street Brewery

830 Main St., Pleasanton, 462-8218. Pleasanton's only BrewPub, some ales (Attaboy IPA) are brewed with locally grown hops. We also have a rotating selection of guest brews and seasonal ales. To-go orders welcome and we're available for parties up to 100. Live music every Friday and Saturday, visit www.mainstreetbrewery.com for activities and specials.

The Hop Yard American Alehouse and Grill

3015H Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 426-9600. Voted Best Watering Hole in Pleasanton, The Hop Yard offers 30 craft beers on tap as well as great food. The full-service menu includes appetizers, salads and grilled fare that will bring you back time and again. Banquet facilities available. On the web at www.hopyard.com.

470 Market Place, San Ramon, 277-9600. Featuring a giant 8-foot projection screen for major sporting events, they also feature 30 beers on tap and a great grill. Go in for the beer, go back for the food. More at www.hopyard.com.

California Cuisine

Stacey's Cafe

310 Main St., Pleasanton, 461-3113. Located on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, Stacey's is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, serving fresh California cuisine. Come as you are and enjoy our dining room, banquet room, outdoor patios and full bar. Visit www.staceyscafe.com.

Catering

Fontina's Catering

349 Main St., Downtown Pleasanton, 462-9299. Fontina Ristorante's award-winning menu can now be delivered to your home or office. Our lunch and dinner specialties feature homemade soups and pastas, premium seafood and meats, and a vegetarian menu.

For parties of 10 or more, we'll include free dessert or 10 percent off your total bill (excluding tax).

Girasole Grill/Pampered Palate Catering

831-4888. Offering affordable and elegant catering, Girasole Grill/Pampered Palate provides quality food and generous portions at a fair price. Services include: decorated buffets with hors d'oeuvres and carving stations; sit down meal service; †strictly hors d'oeuvres, both buffet and server passed; and a variety of beverage packages with no corkage fees. Visit www.ppceastbay.com.

Pleasanton Hotel Catering

351-9445. The Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant has proudly provided our fine-dining restaurant, banquet and catering services in the Tri-Valley for over 25 years. We have multiple catering packages to choose from to fit any event & budget; we also tailor menus to fit client's needs. Executive Chef Chris Smith also offers an array of creative events from In-Home Personal Chef to Cooking Classes. Our commitment to provide the highest quality of food plus prompt and attentive service has given us a reputation we are very proud of. Contact Dawn Miller for more information 351-9445.

Chinese

Chinese Szechuan

3059 Hopyard Road #G, Pleasanton, 846-5251. Chinese Szechuan is Pleasanton's best-loved Chinese restaurant. Family owned and run since 1987, it has friendly service, delicious food and great prices, including lunch specials and carry-out. A banquet room is available.

Panda Mandarin Cuisine

30 W. Angela St., Pleasanton, 484-4880. Panda offers several delicious specials using fresh ingredients and spices that make traditional northern Chinese cuisine such a delight. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. A private banquet room is available. Visit www.pandapleasanton.com.

Continental

Barone's

475 St. John St., Pleasanton, 426-0987. Pleasanton's most romantic continental cuisine restaurant features innovative pasta, seafood and meat entrees, outdoor dining, and a full bar. Barone's is open for dinner seven nights and lunch Monday through Friday, with live music on Friday and Saturday evenings. Ask about our banquet facilities and special events.

Fusion

Oasis Grille

780 Main St., Pleasanton, 417-8438. Visit downtown Pleasanton's exotic dining destination. Oasis features kabobs, rice and vegetarian dishes, to name a few. Check out our updated wine and exotic cocktail menus. We also cater! Visit www.OasisGrille.com.

Italian

Fontina Ristorante

349 Main St., Pleasanton, 462-9299. This popular downtown restaurant gets rave reviews from both locals and visitors. Fontina offers a changing, seasonal menu and daily specials--including homemade soups, pastas, seafood, chicken and veal--served in a comfortably elegant atmosphere. We have indoor and outdoor seating. Join us for Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch.

Dining Out

La Vite Ristorante

3037-G Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 485-4500. La Vite Ristorante was rated "A" by the Contra Costa Times restaurant critic and voted the best Italian restaurant by the readers of the Tri-Valley Herald. We're located off the beaten path of downtown Pleasanton in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center.

Girasole Grill

3180 Santa Rita Road at West Las Positas Boulevard, Pleasanton, 484-1001. Girasole, a locally owned family business, is an award winning California style Italian restaurant. It was voted Best Italian Restaurant by Pleasanton Weekly readers for 2007. We feature signature cuisine such as Scoozzi, Absolut! prawns, chicken gorgi, spinach for Veronica, Tuscan pork and signature fresh seafood...just to name a few. We are upscale, but California casual with friendly prices.

Silver Palate Restaurant & Market

680 Main St Downtown Pleasanton, 417-5900 The ambiance of this restaurant evokes the light-filled expanse of a European marketplace, while the outdoor patio captures the best in al fresco dining. Choose from a wide selection of flavorful entrees and side accompaniments ... Just \$14.95 or less everyday! We also feature a special dinner menu. Kids eat FREE with each paying adult. Now open for breakfast! Country Brunch Buffet every Sunday. Open seven days a week.

Japanese

Sato Japanese Cuisine

3105-K Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 462-3131. Makoto Sato, Owner Operator has been serving traditional Japanese cuisine for over 25 years in Pleasanton. Enjoy the variety of our sushi bar and Japanese tempura and teriyaki sushi. We are open for lunch and dinner. We also do catering. Open Tuesday through Sunday and closed Monday.

Mexican

Blue Agave Club

625 Main St., Pleasanton, 417-1224. Come downtown for fine dining and casual lunches in our outdoor patio. Our menu includes a variety of selections from classic tortilla soup and mole poblano to grilled salmon (a house specialty) and filet mignon with a spicy Chipotle Chile sauce. We also specialize in premium "sipping" tequilas and carry over 200 different varieties. Visit www.blueagaveclub.com.

Pizza

Gay Nineties Pizza Co.

288 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-2520. Gay Nineties is family-oriented with an extensive menu, including our renowned pizza, Italian dishes, salads

and sandwiches. We also have wine, beer, patio dining and games for kids. Come for groups, take out and call-ahead lunch orders. We're open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Steakhouse

Bighorn Grill

2410 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, 838-5678. Relax in our luxurious "mountain lodge" with a quintessential martini. Experience the aroma and flavors of our wood-fired grill. Enjoy a savory steak, traditional prime rib, smoked ribs, fresh seafood, and a variety of signature dishes. Fabulous wine list and two private banquet rooms. Visit www.bighorngrill.com.

Savory Delights of Northern China

LUNCH SPECIALS: Monday-Friday 11:30-2:00

DINNER: Monday-Thursday 5:00-9:30

Friday & Saturday 5:00-10:00 Closed Sunday

PRIVATE BANQUET ROOM TAKE-OUT



2004/2005 & 2006 WINNER

30 West Angela St., Downtown Pleasanton
925 484 4880 • www.pandapleasanton.com



Specializing in
Europe and the
South Pacific



Established in 1985

Destinations Unlimited

1989-C Santa Rita Road • (925) 462-0402
www.travel-desk.com • CST#101368810

Alexandria's Flowers

Flower Happy Hour at Alexandria's

Enjoy a fresh Bouquet for \$15.00 (reg \$25.00) Saturdays from 10AM-3PM

BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME WITH FRESH FLOWERS

484-1149 • 3037 Hopyard Road, Suite F

www.ptownflowers.com • M-F 9-5, Sat 10-3



Fun at the Pleasanton!

"Our
13th Season
of Great
Blues"

PATIO BLUES

Every Thursday from 5:30 - 9:30 pm

June 5 Daniel Castro

June 12 Nite Cry

June 19 Terry Hanck

June 26 Georgi and Rough Week

Pleasanton Hotel

855 Main St. • Pleasanton
925.846.8106 • www.pleasantonhotel.com

DIABLO FLOORING, INC

WHERE SERVICE AND QUALITY MATTER

FREE ESTIMATES

Exact pricing, no rough estimates

Residential/Commercial

Financing Available

Experience A New
Flooring Today!



CARPET HARDWOOD LAMINATE TILE VINYL

(925) 426-RUGS (925) 426-7847

www.DiabloFlooring.com

5600-D Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94566

CA License #898787

You deserve more wiggle room



Toning, Firming
Strengthening

One 25 minute
treatment in a
private room
could be equal to
3 hours in the
gym! Call today!
Your first treat-
ment is FREE!

Slim Down, Tone Up, and
Slip into those Skinny jeans
with Changes Automated

Exercise Treatments
and Custom Wraps

You'll like the
way you look,
but you'll LOVE
the way you feel!

CHANGES of Pleasanton

555 Peters Avenue, Suite 105

Pleasanton, CA 94566

925-484-3223

www.pleasanton.getchanges.com

WHAT IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR YOUR TAX REBATE?



Custom LASIK at Valley EyeCare Center

USE YOUR REBATE FOR
A LIFE-LONG CHANGE!

Call to Schedule a
FREE LASIK CONSULTATION
925.460.5000

VALLEY EYECARE CENTER
Medical Associates

Jonathan Savell, M.D.
Michael Gagnon, M.D.

5575 W. Las Positas Blvd. #240 • Pleasanton, CA
www.ValleyEyeCareCenter.com



- Catering Service
- Take Out Menu

La Vite

RISTORANTE

Open for Lunch and Dinner

With combination of an elegant Banquet room and charming wine bar ideal for rehearsal dinners, bridal showers, company parties or any special occasion you are celebrating.

3037-G Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (At Valley Ave in Hopyard Village)

925-485-4500

www.LaViteRestaurant.com



Robin Saler Briscoe
R.N.
Case Management



Alison Leung
PharmD
Pharmacy



Pam Robson
B.S., RHIT
Health Information

Marjorie Toreja
R.N., BSN
Definitive Care Unit
Employee of the Year



Mila Quilapio
R.N.
Medical/Surgical Unit



Bob Leek
PTA
Physical Therapy

celebrating

EXTRAORDINARY CARE



Bill Edwards
Patient Access
Support Services Hero



Ruth Burk
R.N.
Emergency



Alison Ozment
RT(R)
Diagnostic Imaging



Sharon Glover
R.N.
Endoscopy



Brooke Wales
R.N., BSN
Family Birthing Center



Ajay K. Jain
RDCS
Cardiology
Caregiver of the Year

Not shown: Hawanda McCorley, CNA, Medical/Surgical Unit

Everyone knows that it's not bricks and mortar, but great people who make you feel better. It's why we pause each year to celebrate the extraordinary people that make our hospital a remarkable place. From the emergency room, to the operating room, to your room, we're here for you.

AWARDS

- 2007 American Heart Association Performance Achievements Awards for Coronary Artery Disease and Heart Failure
- 2007 UnitedHealth Premium® Specialty Care Center designations for Cardiac Surgery, Interventional Cardiology, and Spine Surgery
- 2008 Best Nursing Team runner up for 'Advanced for Nurses'



SAN RAMON
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon
800.284.2878 www.sanramonmedctr.com