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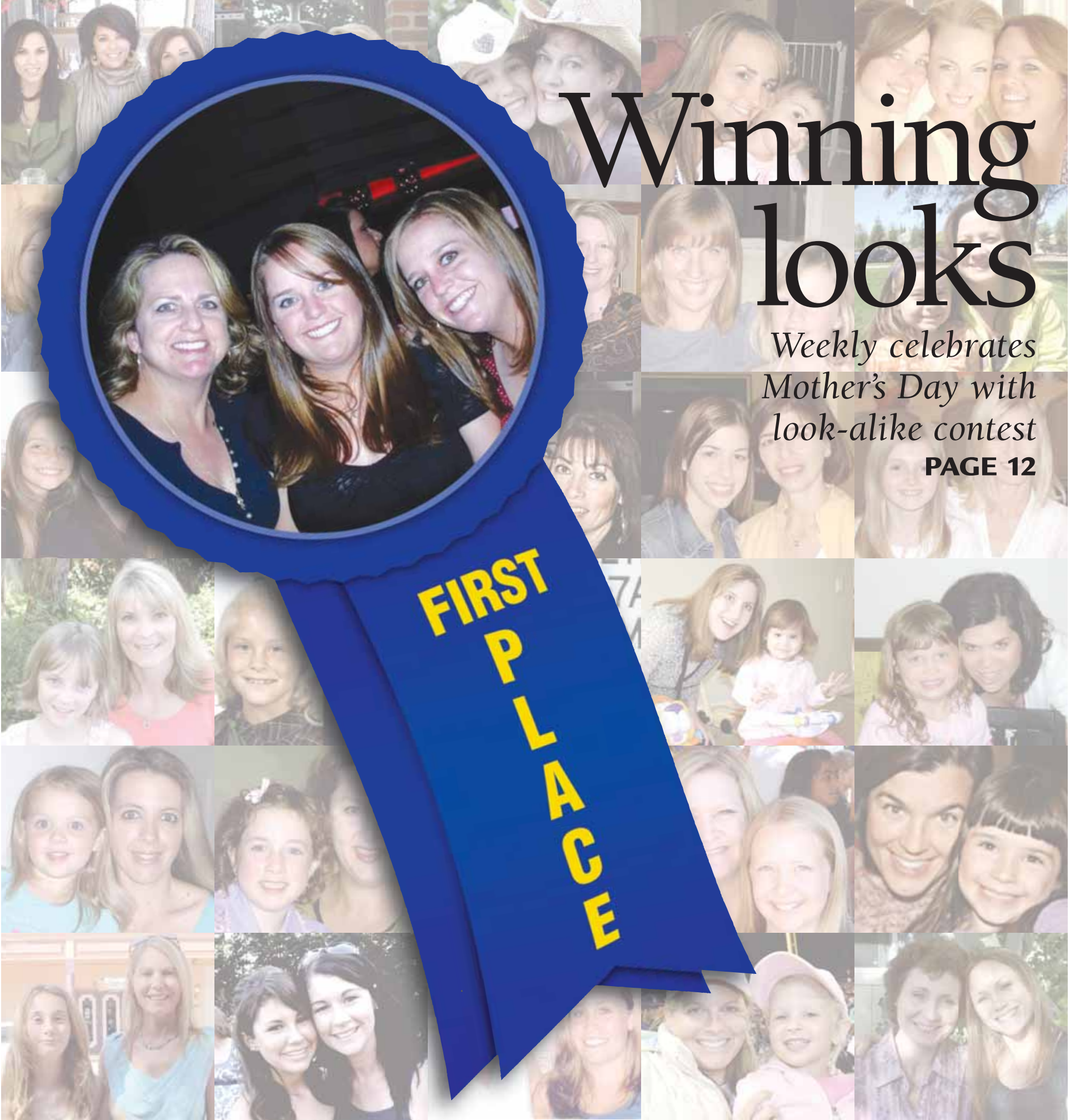
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Back to Vietnam for an ex-flight attendant

Those of us who know Nancy Pennell, and there are no doubt hundreds in Pleasanton who do, also know that she's hard to track down. A world traveler who celebrated her 65th birthday two years ago with others her age in Paris and then cruising the south of France, is as comfortable on trans-European trains and the streets of Beijing as she is on medical missions or at Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce mixers or downtown Rotary Club trips to El Salvador to distribute free wheelchairs to the handicapped.

She first got the travel bug as a 21-year-old flight attendant for Seaboard World Airways where, for five years, she helped ferry troops back and forth between Oakland and Saigon during the Vietnam War. The planes she flew were shot at many times as they made steep descents and takeoffs at U.S. military airfields. One time, the plane was forced down by Russian MIGs over the Kurile Islands and held for three days as the Soviets negotiated with President Johnson for an apology for flying over Russian territory. But even though the war years weren't her favorite, Pennell was always impressed by the beauty of Vietnam from the air and vowed to go back one day when no one was shooting at her. It took a while, and scores of other trips in between, but Pennell had her chance last February when the group she often travels with found a special travel package to Vietnam, with Cambodia as a side trip.

It's not a trip for the physically or emotionally weak, Pennell found. It took 28 hours to reach Hanoi, a bit longer coming back with the side trip to the scenic part and also the killing fields of Cambodia. Vietnam's countryside indeed is beautiful, Pennell found, but she was saddened by the poverty. There are few cars, most people work two jobs to feed their families and there's a noticeable absence of middle-aged men because so many lost their lives in what they call the American war. Still, no one seems to hold a grudge and, as one Buddhist told Pennell: "It's over and we don't dwell on it." Her trip included the guided tour of the Hanoi Hilton, where Sen. John McCain and others were held as prisoners of war. Saigon, since renamed Ho Chi Min City, is more vibrant with an estimated population of



Nancy Pennell shows off the Weekly in Vietnam.

8 million compared to Hanoi's less prosperous 3 million. It's also more friendly, although Pennell's traveling party "gritted our teeth" as tour guides talked about the city's post-war namesake as the greatest man ever created and who is still worshipped everywhere in the country. More prosperous is a misnomer, Pennell adds, with the average Vietnamese worker earning about \$200 a month and families squeezing into small living quarters. Living standards are still much worse than before the war, at least in the former Saigon.

After working for Seaboard, Nancy went back to college for a nursing degree, taking a position with ValleyCare Memorial Hospital in Livermore. She married Robert Pennell, a plumbing contractor on the Peninsula, and they both moved to Pleasanton to be closer to family and the ski slopes in Tahoe. When they retired, Bob introduced Nancy to fly-fishing and golf and she introduced him to Europe, she jokes. He joined her on many trips until he died in 1998. Shortly after, she joined the chamber and began a whole new chapter in her life as a community volunteer, working with the Pleasanton Downtown Association, joining Rotary and serving for eight years on the board of CTV30, the community television system. She's also kept busy traveling, going in very recent years to Egypt, Germany, Copenhagen and last year to Estonia and Russia. Her favorite trips by far have been into the bush country in Africa, where she's planning to return soon. But first it's time for another trip to Hawaii or to Seascape Resort in Aptos, where she's a board member.

About the Cover

The votes are in and readers chose Marilyn Morrell-Kristal and twin daughters Bryce and Drew Kristal as the winners of the Pleasanton Weekly's mother-daughter look-alike contest. Cover design by Rick Nobles.

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Streetwise

What do you think about the swine flu?



Bradley Ford

I think it's overhyped. We're doing a terrible job of making more of something that already is. For example, I flew the other day and everybody had masks on. What good is that going to do anybody if the last person sitting in their seat had swine flu? I think in general we should always take precautions to stay healthy, regardless of whether or not there's a pandemic.

Carolyn Pund

I do believe there's a serious issue in Mexico and closing the borders would help. I also think the media is blowing it out of proportion. It's definitely not something to ignore, but people should practice healthy habits all the time to make sure everybody stays healthy.



Christine Lai

I think it's been blown out of proportion. Statistics show more people die on a daily basis from other types of flu strains than the swine flu. I also think we need to stop blaming Mexico for this outbreak because it's really hurting their economy. Sure, there may be a couple of hot spots but it's up to everyone in the world to practice good health habits so it doesn't spread.

Amanda Smith

I think people are overreacting to this because it's just another type of flu, but it's caused this panic where people have stopped traveling which isn't good for our economy. People need to continue to live their lives as they would everyday and not worry so much about something that's been blown out of proportion.



Jason Lundberg

I think people are overreacting. More people die from other types of influenza throughout the year. I was somewhat concerned about it earlier in the week but now I realize it was made to look like a bigger deal than it actually was.

—Compiled by Hillary Bessiere

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DIGEST

Bike to work perks

The cities of Pleasanton and Dublin will host a Bike to Work Day Energizer Station from 7 to 9 a.m., Thursday, May 14 at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Bicyclists can pick up giveaway bags and refreshments. For details on giveaways and sponsors, visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/biketowork09.pdf.

Fighting hunger

The Pleasanton post office on Black Avenue is joining the fight against hunger with a the 17th annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Drive Saturday morning. Non-perishable items being collected include peanut butter, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce and canned vegetables. Residents should leave items at home for letter carriers to pick up.

Congressional art

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) will host the 11th District Congressional Art Competition from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts in Tracy. Works from students throughout the 11th District will be on display and winners will be announced.

Music for moms

The public is invited to a Mother's Day concert Saturday at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Flowers will be given to all mothers and grandmothers in attendance. The concert is an Inspire Academy student recital at 11 a.m. with vocal performances, followed by solo piano pieces. At 1 p.m. there will be group and individual pieces from piano students, including the youngest pianists in the "Little Mozarts" classes. The concert is free and refreshments will be served. To learn more, call the academy at 461-3266 or visit www.inspiremusicacademy.com.

Protecting investments

The Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center will host a free workshop on from 6 to 8 p.m. May 13 at the Pleasanton Tennis and Recreation Center at 5801 Valley Ave. Participants will learn how the center and its real estate and banking partners can assist with mortgage delinquency and foreclosure. Participants will also be able to schedule a housing consultation with a certified housing counselor. Space is limited. Register at www.tvhoc.org or call 373.3930.

Correction

One of the websites listed in "Ending the cycle of poverty" (May 1, Living section, page 25) was incorrect. To learn more about how Kenyans in the Kilisa Village are building their own economy, visit www.kvdcblog.com.

City won't change water rates this year

New rate structure will be reviewed with possible changes in January

By JEB BING

The City Council adopted a resolution Tuesday that basically asks residents to continue their water conservation efforts by saving another 10 percent this year in addition to the 10 percent they've already accomplished.

Whatever actions residents take will be strictly voluntary with Daniel Smith, the city's operations services director, promising that there would be no mandatory water rationing in 2009.

"There will also be no rate increases this year, although the council will look at a new rate structure in January," added City Manager Nelson Fialho.

The council's emphasis on encouraging water

conservation followed a declaration of a water emergency by Gov. Schwarzenegger in February because of drought conditions in part of the state. He asked urban water users to immediately increase water conservation efforts to reach a goal of reducing water use by 20 percent. Water agencies, including Zone 7 and the Committee of Valley Water Retailers, adopted those guidelines a month later.

"We've already asked everyone to save 10 percent so we're asking that they add another 10 percent to their efforts," Smith said. "For now, we don't anticipate mandatory restrictions in 2009 because of available ground water that Pleasanton has if we need it."

He also told the council that residents who

have been saving on water usage already won't be penalized if new rates being considered for 2010 charge more for those who don't save.

"We applaud those who save water," Smith said. "We don't want them to start using more water just so they can get credit for cutting back when penalties are imposed. We have a track record and we'll credit those who are already saving. When that time comes, we will factor in historical usage to make sure no one is penalized unfairly," he said.

Councilman Matt Sullivan said that when water rates are reviewed, some kind of tiered rate structure might be helpful.

"But for now, I don't want to raise rates in these tough economic times," Sullivan added. ■



EMILY WEST

A dog died in a house fire Wednesday. The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department said the cause is being investigated.

House fire causes \$250,000 in damage

Family dog killed in first-alarm structure blaze Wednesday

By EMILY WEST

Firefighters were able to put out a first-alarm fire that started in a home on Mason Street.

Crews were able to contain a late-morning blaze Wednesday to a home on Mason Street that claimed the life of a family dog.

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Chief Bill Cody said nobody was home at the time of the fire and that the house is now uninhabitable.

Neighbors reported seeing smoke and flames coming from the home at 11:45 a.m. Fire crews were on the scene at 11:49 a.m. and were able to extinguish it by 12:08 p.m. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

LFPD spokeswoman Sabina Imrie said the fire originated and



Firefighters clean up the aftermath of a one-alarm fire near Val Vista Park.

was contained in the front room. With extensive smoke damage in the other rooms, she estimated the loss to be worth \$250,000.

Imrie also said that the homeowner was a coin and stamp collector and that the firefighters were able to save the collection. ■

2 Pleasanton men accused of insider trading

SEC says men were friends of former Citigroup banker

By JANET PELLETIER

The Securities and Exchange Commission said two Pleasanton men were profiteers of a multi-million-dollar insider trading scheme.

In a civil complaint filed April 30 in federal district court in San Francisco, Emile Jilwan, 54, and Joseph Azar, 49, both of Pleasanton, made \$2.4 million combined.

The \$6-million scheme was initiated by Maher Kara, a former director in Citigroup Global Market's investment banking division in New York, the SEC alleges. According to the complaint, Kara "repeatedly told his brother Michael Kara of Walnut Creek, Calif., about upcoming deals involving Citigroup's health care industry clients." The SEC further alleges that Michael Kara, who now lives in San Carlos, in addition to buying stock and options in target companies that were the subject of Citigroup deals, leaked the information to a network of friends and family who also traded in advance of the deals. That's where Jilwan and Azar come in to the allegations.

Jilwan, a civil engineer for an unspecified regional transit agency, is alleged to have made \$2.3 million on trades of shares from Biosite, a San Diego-based medical testing company, less than three days before a March 25, 2007 announcement that the company would be acquired. Jilwan invoked his fifth amendment right in sworn testimony during the SEC investigation against self-incrimination and refused to answer questions regarding the allegations.

Azar allegedly made a total of \$118,000 from two different illegal stock deals. In the SEC complaint, Michael Kara is alleged to have tipped Azar off in

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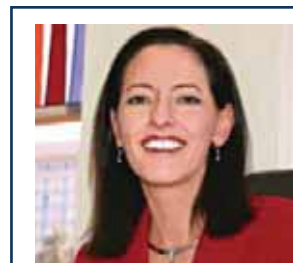
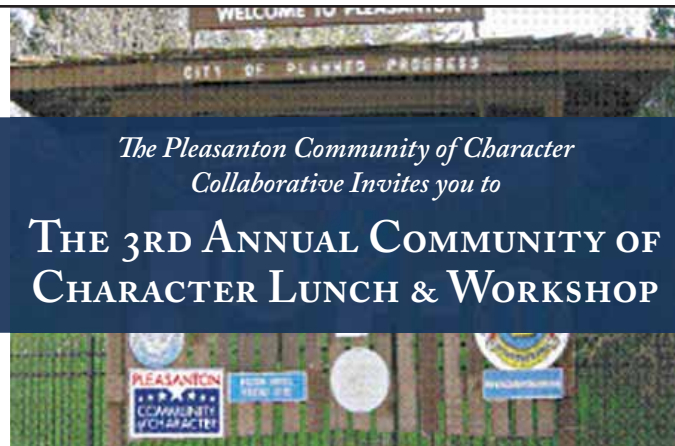
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San Ramon parcel tax passes with 72 percent

District officials excited, but wary of next hurdle

By GEOFF GILLETTE

Months of campaigning came to an end Tuesday night as supporters of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Measure C parcel tax ballot pulled in more than 72.5 percent of the ballots giving a go-ahead to the funding measure. Polls closed at 8 p.m., and by 8:30 p.m. Contra Costa County Election officials had called the race with 28,494 "yes votes and 10,777 "no" votes.

"It was a big celebration," a smiling SRVUSD Superintendent Steve Enoch said at a pro-Measure C party on election night. "There were cheers and there were tears. It was a wonderful moment."

The ballot measure approved will charge each residence within the San Ramon Valley Unified School District \$144 per year. It replaces the current \$90 per year parcel tax that expires June 30. Officials said the new tax will bring in an estimated \$7 million per year to the district. It is set to expire in seven years. The funds are expected to help offset an estimated \$16 million in cuts in state funding for education.

School board member Rachel Hurd attributed the win to the campaign run by proponents and community-wide effort to see the issue pass.

"From start to finish we ran a good campaign. We set a goal that our advisors indicated would work, we staffed a team, and this time people really stepped up," she said.

Last year, the district placed a similar initiative, Measure D, on the ballot, which failed by only 2 percent. In the May 5 election, the "yes" votes went up by over 8 percent. Hurd said what she thinks helped to make the difference was the level of volunteer involvement.

Opponents of the ballot initiative were out during the day Tuesday, keeping a watchful eye on the two ballot drop-off locations. The most vocal opponent was Mike Arata. Arata said that while he did see some things at the drop-offs that he

felt were questionable, the number of ballots affected would not have affected the outcome.

"The difference is far too large for any challenge," he explained.

He said that the final result did not come as a shock.

"I wish more people paid attention to school district finances," he said. "To them, this is a small enough amount that they wouldn't want to spend more time on it."

While the victory Tuesday is a vital component to the district's plans to maintain funding of teachers and programs, proponents are also keeping a wary eye on the next piece of the funding puzzle. A school board meeting Wednesday will include the discussion of possible scenarios as they move ahead in the wake of the parcel tax passage, but they will not be able to fully plan for another two weeks.

"If the ballot measures go down on May 19, it will offset our victory here (Tuesday)," Enoch said. "More than offset it."

In the meantime, 228 school district teachers remain in limbo. Those teachers received pink slips in March, provisional layoff notices that must either be rescinded or finalized by May 15. Hurd said that at this point they are not planning to rescind those notices until they have the result of the statewide election. She said that there is legislation currently being considered that may allow school districts in similar situations to postpone making that decision until June 15.

Enoch said he expects those layoff notices to be finalized within the next several days.

"I've assured people that these may not be final, it's just by law they have to be given out by May 15," she said. "Unfortunately that's the reality you're going to find in almost every school district right now. We're prepared to give those notices out and then rescind them as soon as we can." ■



Steve Enoch

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Seriousness of H1N1 virus easing, schools reopen

Pleasanton district reports decline in absences for flu-like symptoms

The serious nature of the H1N1 virus has been on the decline this week as Bay Area schools that initially closed after reports of students with the swine flu were confirmed have reopened.

State and federal health officials are no longer advising canceling class if a student has the virus. Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health, announced new school-related recommendations Tuesday, saying classes should go on,

but any students with flu-like symptoms should stay home, or be sent home, for at least seven days.

Alameda County reported its first and so far, only case of the flu earlier this week—a woman in her 50s who has since recovered. Myla Grasso, spokeswoman for the Pleasanton Unified School District, said 13 students and one staff member were tested for H1N1 last week, but as of press time, there haven't been any reports of the swine flu. In keeping

with the state and federal recommendations reverse course on flu guidelines, Grasso said the district is urging children to remain conscious of possibly spreading germs.

"Absences related to flu-like symptoms are declining and our main push right now is to continue to emphasize the importance of hand washing and covering your nose and your mouth when you cough or sneeze," she said.

—*Bay City News; Janet Pelletier*

TAKE US ALONG



Weekly museum:

Jay Jamali was all business in Taiwan on a recent business trip (presenting at a conference), but he did find some pleasure in reading the Weekly. Here he is with the paper at the Taiwan National Palace Museum in Taipei, Taiwan.

OF NOTE

Chowdhury excels in essay contests

Abhiraj Chowdhury, a junior at Foothill High School, recently won the first prize in the district and a regional award (covering California and Nevada) with Fleet Reserve Associations (FRA) Americanism Essay Contest.



Abhiraj Chowdhury

He also won second prize in the VFW Voice of Democracy and third prize in Optimist essay contests. He also excelled as third prize winner at Lawrence Livermore Lab's Tri Valley Science Fair with third prize for his research work on Obesity in Adolescents. He has also participated in YES Epidemiology National Competition and Davidson Fellows Scholarship Contests for his research work on Adolescent Obesity.

Chowdhury has been a member of the Foothill JV football and tennis teams for the past two years. He also founded and presided over the public speaking and cricket clubs.

Young poet receives recognition

Earlier this year, Sarah Im, an

eighth grader at Pleasanton Middle School, submitted a poem to a contest held for young poets. Sarah's poem "Goodbye and Hello" was selected from thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in her grade division. The contest was held for students in grades kindergarten to 12th grade, and the top ten in each division are receiving a special recognition in the poetry anthology "A Celebration of Poets." The first place winner will also receive a \$50 savings bond.

Life Scout collects e-waste from seniors

Life Scout Scott Wheaton, 17, of Troop 908 collected e-waste from home-bound senior citizens liv-

ing in the Hacienda and Vineyard Villas mobile home parks and the Ironwood senior apartments for his Eagle Scout service project.

More than 170 items were collected, including TVs and computers. Many of the senior citizens are unable to participate in the citywide program due to lack of transportation, illness and other physical limitations.

The trailer was filled to capacity with e-waste and was taken to the Pleasanton citywide e-waste collection. City Operations officials helped Scott coordinate the effort.

Scott is a junior at Foothill High School and has been a starting attackman on the varsity lacrosse team for two years and is also the team captain.

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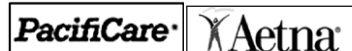
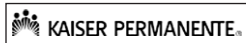
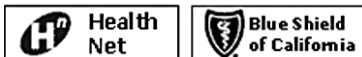
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TRADING

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March 2006 about a plan to acquire drugmaker Andrx Corporation. Azar, also a civil engineer, according to the SEC, spent \$120,000 on stock shares and following a March 13, 2006 announcement that Andrx would be acquired, he made more than \$18,000 in profit. A second alleged deal was made a year later, in March 2007, when Kara tipped Azar again about the acquisition of Biosite. Two days before the acquisition, Azar allegedly spent \$200,000 in stock shares and profited more than \$108,000 when the acquisition announcement was made.

Azar has agreed to repay the illegal profits without admitting guilt and pay a penalty.

Four other men are named as profiteers, including two men from Stockton, who made a combined \$373,000. The SEC is seeking the return of the ill-gotten gains as well as civil penalties.

In conjunction with the civil action, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

announced Thursday that they have indicted Maher Kara, Michael Kara and Jilwan on criminal charges. The 38-count indictment, unsealed Thursday, charges the men with securities fraud and conspiracy.

Mounir Fayeze Kara--also known as Michael F. Kara--and Jilwan are charged with using that information to make illegal trades, between 2004 and 2007, in the securities of about 15 publicly traded companies, most in the biotechnology sector, according to the Justice Department.

Mounir Fayeze Kara and Jilwan are also charged with conspiracy and obstruction for alleged "false and misleading statements" they made to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission during its parallel investigation of the alleged scheme.

All three men surrendered to the FBI April 30 and made their first appearance in federal court in San Francisco the same day. They were released from custody on \$100,000 bond each, and are scheduled to return to court May 18.

Bay City News contributed to this report.

Gala for arts

Event benefits

Firehouse Arts Center

Tickets are on sale for an elegant evening that serves as a fundraiser for the Firehouse Arts Center, which is currently under construction.

Put on by the nonprofit Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, "That Entertainment" will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. May 16 at the Castlewood Country Club and will include dinner and live entertainment. Crooked Vine Winery of Livermore has donated wine for the evening, and other sponsors include PG&E, Pleasanton Rentals and the Pleasanton Weekly.

Also included that evening will be a visual arts exhibit and sale, featuring works from local artists, as well as a live auction of unique items and getaway packages.

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	Programs Cut	Programs saved by Measure G
Student Academic Intervention Programs		
ELL Academy Aide Support at AVHS – (.2 FTE)	\$9,000	
AVID Tutors – Move funding to Site Discretionary	\$25,000	
Reading Specialist Valley View – Eliminate .5 FTE	\$40,000	\$40,000
Barton Reading - Eliminate District Support by 50%	\$45,000	\$45,000
Language! – Eliminate Program	\$176,000	
Augmentation Period Reduction by 2 FTE	\$180,000	
Community Day School - Eliminate Program	\$320,000	
Reading Specialists – Reduce by 50% to .5 FTE per site	\$360,000	\$360,000
Algebra Section - Middle School	\$90,000	\$90,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,245,000	\$535,000
Athletics/Student Activities/Enrichment Programs		
Athletic Director Sections – Eliminate .8 FTE	\$64,000	
Lunch Activity Section at High Schools – Eliminate .4 FTE	\$32,000	
Elementary Strings and Band Program Elimination (1.5 FTE)	\$120,000	\$120,000
Coaching/Athletic Director/Cheer Stipends	\$275,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$491,000	\$120,000
Administrative and Teacher Training		
LEAD Coaching Program– Eliminate Expense from General Fund	\$15,000	
TV-TIP Program – Reduce General Fund Contribution	\$50,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$65,000	\$0
Counseling Programs		
Counselor 9th Grade At Risk- Eliminate .4 FTE	\$32,000	
Counseling Secondary – From and to ...		
Elementary 4.5 to 2 FTE	\$200,000	\$200,000
Middle School 9 to 6 FTE	\$240,000	\$240,000
High School 12.5 to 8	\$336,000	\$336,000
Alternative Education 1 to .6 FTE	\$32,000	\$32,000
Counseling Assistants – Middle School 1.5 FTE	\$68,000	\$68,000
Counseling Assistants – High School 2 FTE	\$90,000	\$90,000
SUBTOTAL	\$998,000	\$966,000
Class Size Reduction Program		
Class Size Reduction – Eliminate Grade 9 (approx 11 teachers)	\$400,000	\$400,000
Class Size Reduction – Eliminate K-3 (approx. 75 teachers)	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
SUBTOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Administration		
Middle School Assistant Principals – Eliminate 3 FTE	\$380,000	
Elementary Assistant Principals - Eliminate 3.5 FTE	\$420,000	
District Administration		
Assistant Director Student Nutrition Services	\$90,000	
Director of Architectural Planning	\$96,000	
Coordinator of Data Processing	\$120,000	
Coordinator of Categorical Programs	\$120,000	
Coordinator of Vocational Education	\$120,000	
Director of Education Services	\$120,000	
Public Information Office Position	\$100,000	
Director of Human Resources	\$120,000	
Director of Assessment and Program Evaluation	\$120,000	
Assistant Director of Special Education	\$100,000	
Coordinator Maintenance & Operations (2 FTE)	\$240,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$2,146,000	\$0
Classified Positions		
Campus Monitors – High School 19hrs to 16 hrs (1 FTE)	\$45,000	
Noon Supervisors – each Middle School 21 hrs to 16 hrs (2 FTE)	\$90,000	
Library Media Assistants – High School (2 FTE)	\$90,000	\$90,000
Elementary – 50% reduction (3.4 FTE)	\$150,000	\$150,000
Middle School – 50% reduction (1.1 FTE)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Technology Specialist Elementary Reduction from 4 to 2 hours/day (2.25 FTE)	\$100,000	\$100,000
Technology Specialist Middle School Reduction from 4 to 2 hrs (.75 FTE)	\$33,000	\$33,000
Technology Department Trainers (2 FTE)	\$90,000	\$90,000
Office Assistants – High School (3 FTE)	\$135,000	
District Clerical		
Receptionist Sub Costs	\$2,000	
Graphics 1.75 FTE	\$78,000	
PIO Clerical	\$45,000	
Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Clerical 1 FTE	\$45,000	
HR Clerical 2 FTE	\$90,000	
Business Clerical 2 FTE	\$90,000	
Education Services Clerical 1 FTE	\$45,000	
Warehouse .5 FTE or Textbook Technician 1 FTE	\$23,000	
School site custodial – Eliminate 10 FTE ; Measure G restores 8	\$625,000	\$450,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,826,000	\$963,000
Operational Functions		
Cell Phone Bill Backs and Reductions by Program Change	\$75,000	
Substitute Pay Rate Reduction – 10%	\$80,000	
Reduce Site Discretionary Allocation – 20%	\$151,000	
Categorical Flexibility Transfer to Special Education	\$180,000	
Deferred Maintenance Match	\$600,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$1,086,000	\$0
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$9,857,000	\$4,584,000
(FTE means Full Time Equivalent positions)		



These budget cuts come on top of \$2 million in cuts already made for this school year. The school district has also reduced expenses by cutting training and staff development, travel and conferences, reducing mileage stipends, reducing outside contractors, scaling back summer school, and changing assessment processes. In addition, management, certificated, and classified employees have agreed to furlough days if Measure G passes.

The revenue allocated to PUSD in the State Budget Act of February 2009 assumes passage of Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E on the May 19th statewide ballot. If those budget initiatives fail, the state budget deficit will increase by an additional \$6 billion and the June budget revision to our school district will include more cuts.

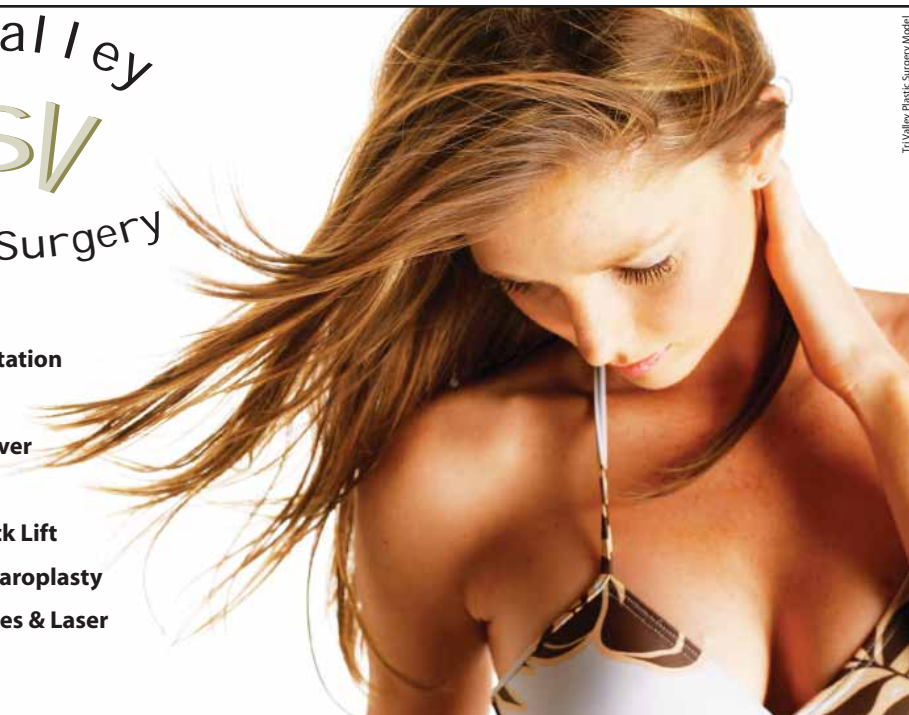
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OBITUARIES

William M. Straub

William M. Straub died April 19 after a long and spirited fight with cancer. He was 67.

Mr. Straub was born Sept. 22, 1941 in Madison, Wis. to William H. Straub and Rose Straub. During his youth he loved the outdoors and athletics. Many of his days were filled with sailing outings, bowling, tennis and skiing. He was a competitive golfer and played out of the Nakoma Golf Club. He graduated from Edgewood High School in 1959 and attended the University of Wisconsin where he studied business. Mr. Straub was employed by the Madison Bus Company as their treasurer for nine years.

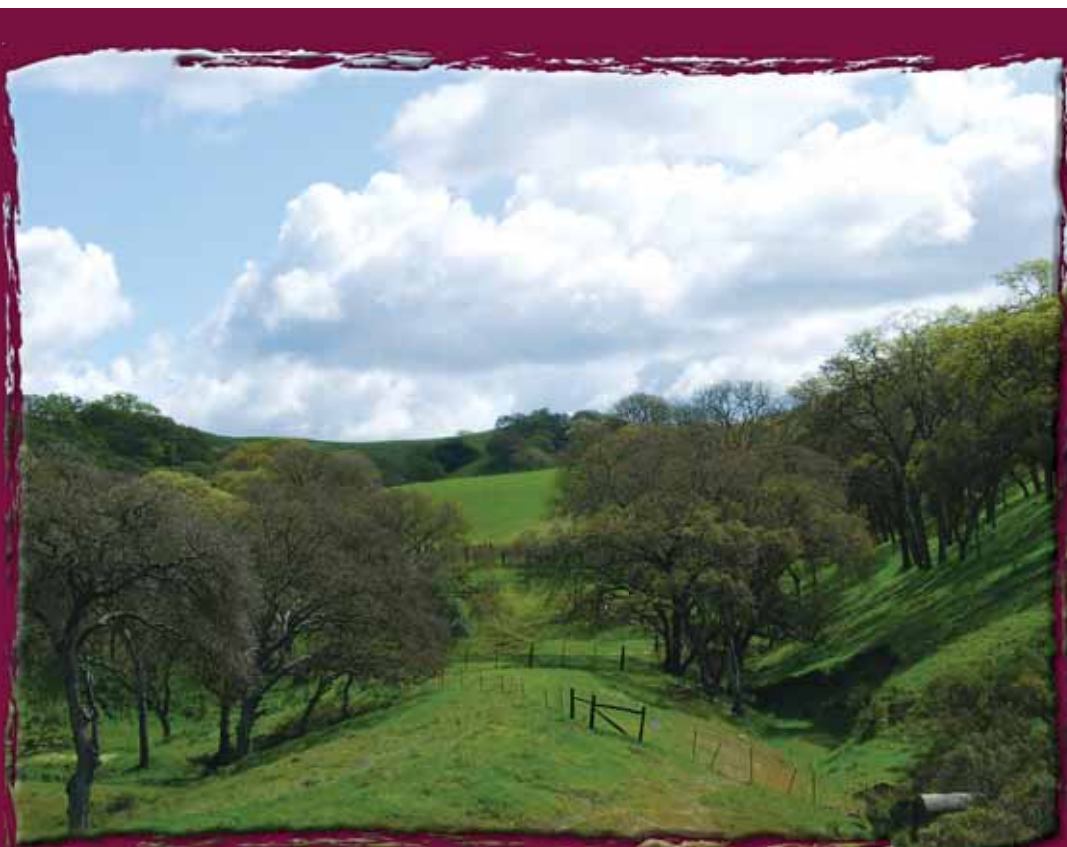


He moved to Northern California in 1970, where he resided in Pleasanton for the last 20 years. He began his career in California as the owner and president of Ditto Freight Lines. Later in his life he established Quick-Store Container Storage and held the position of president for many years. His life has been full of career and athletic successes, marked by an exemplary work ethic and dedication.

Mr. Straub took his cancer diagnosis in stride and over the past 12 years has instilled many characteristics in those who loved and encouraged him throughout his journey; such qualities as strength, courage, determination, and love. He was able to beat his cancer for so long because of his endless and unconditional love for his children. He lived and breathed for his children and supported them in every way possible; whether that be through his affectionate embrace, warm smile, or words of wisdom. He was a mentor for his children, leading by example, and always demonstrating his acceptance and open-mindedness in all situations. He was a passionate spectator for all events that his children participated in and was always their No. 1 fan.

He is survived by his beloved family: sisters, Patricia (Straub) Lange and Kathy (Straub) VanSistine; brother-in-laws, Don Lange and Jim VanSistine; five children, Patrick Straub, Katie (Straub) Hageman, Erika Straub, Jacob Straub and Alexandra Straub; two grandchildren, Brigid and Maggie; four nieces and nephews, Mike, Sande, Steve and Nickie; and many other family and friends.

Contributions may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, www.lymphoma.org, or the Lance Armstrong Live Strong Foundation.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Five men arrested after robbery, beating on Vineyard Avenue

Pleasanton police arrested five men Monday night for allegedly robbing and beating a man and threatening to beat up another man.

A 27-year-old man reported walking on Vineyard Avenue around 9:30 p.m. when a green Cadillac pulled up, and three men got out of the vehicle, ran toward him and threatened to beat him up, according to police.

The suspects then told the victim he was not who they were looking for, and they returned to the vehicle and drove away, police said.

The victim called police, and officers responding to the area located the green Cadillac nearby at Kottinger Village Park and detained five suspects. The victim identified three of the suspects, according to police.

While officers had the suspects detained, a second victim approached the officers and said he had been robbed and beaten shortly before by the same suspects. The second victim positively identified all five suspects, who had allegedly robbed him of his money and bicycle. He sustained moderate head injuries in the beating, and was taken to a local hospital, police said.

Stephen Castillo, 22; Tyler Koopman, 20; Daniel Meola, 22; Naeem McGhee, 18; and Andrew Barlow, 23, were arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail on robbery charges.

Barlow lives in Livermore, while the other four suspects are from Pleasanton, according to police. Barlow is on probation for battery and grand theft, and an additional charge of probation violation will be sought, police said.

—Bay City News

POLICE REPORT

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

April 28

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:23 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; public drunkenness
- 3:16 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; paraphernalia possession, controlled substance possession
- 9:00 p.m. in the 4100 block of School Street; marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession
- 11:02 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; DUI

Battery

- 2:15 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and First Street

Robbery

- 4:33 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

April 29

Theft

- 11:14 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:15 a.m. in the 500 block of Owens Drive
- 2:43 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

- 3:52 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue; petty theft

Burglary

- 2:48 p.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue
- 4:50 p.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:51 a.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; controlled substance possession, public drunkenness
- 1:51 p.m. at the intersection of First and West Angela streets; marijuana possession

April 30

Theft

- 5:46 a.m. in the 100 block of Monaco Court; grand theft
- 10:12 a.m. in the 3700 block of North Hawaii Court; identity theft
- 10:59 a.m. in the 6800 block of Vale Court; identity theft
- 11:15 a.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive; petty theft
- 12:48 p.m. in the 5700 block of Sonoma Drive

Vehicular burglary:

- 7:00 a.m. in the 4300 block of Addison Way

Driving with marijuana:

- 9:09 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson drive

Battery:

- 1:41 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Assault with a weapon:

- 9:57 p.m. in the 700 block of Main Street

May 1

Theft

- 10:01 a.m. in the 600 block of Windmill Lane; identity theft
- 10:45 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; forgery
- 3:50 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft

Vehicular burglary

- 9:21 a.m. in the 4277 block of First Street

Vandalism

- 11:49 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Iron Horse Trail
- 1:36 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Ruby Hill Boulevard

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:51 a.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; DUI
- 3:47 a.m. in the 1400 block of Iron Gate Court; DUI

- 4:18 p.m. at the intersection of Rose and Peters avenues; non-narcotic controlled substance possession

Battery

- 2:52 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- PGPA-15, General Plan Update and Corresponding Environmental Impact Report and recommendation for approval

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and Consider modifying the designation of approximately 300 feet of the Old Vineyard Avenue Trail from pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trail to public street for open access to the Avignon and Bordeaux Ranch developments.
- Consider approval of the Staples Ranch Neighborhood Park Master Plan Process and Direction Regarding Conceptual Design Elements.

Please visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view agenda's and meeting locations for Library Commission, Youth Commission and the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC) scheduled during the week of May 11th.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Pleasanton invites you to apply to vacancies on the following commissions and committees:

- Civic Arts Commission — 1 member, 1 alternate
- Housing Commission — No current vacancies
- Human Services Commission — 1 member, 1 alternate
- Library Commission — 1 alternate
- Parks & Recreation Commission — 1 member, 1 alternate
- Planning Commission — No current vacancies
- Youth Commission — 3 youth members, 2 youth alternates
- Committee on Energy & the Environment — 1 youth member
- Economic Vitality Committee — 1 representative from each of the following categories:
 - Business At-large
 - Commercial Services Firm
 - Environmental Industry
 - Infrastructure
 - Medical Services
 - Medical Technology
 - Residential Real Estate Broker
- Alameda County Paratransit Advisory Committee — 1 member

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Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2009. Postmarks are not accepted.

If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027 or by completing an interest card on our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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

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WINNING LOOKS

Weekly celebrates Mother's Day with look-alike contest

Mothers and daughters
the pool was narrowed
Hundreds of votes were
ately making the final
e Kristal ladies, moth-
al and twin daughters
who are the winners of



Maggie Koshner and Shelley Casey

the Pleasanton Weekly's mother-daughter look-alike contest.

Runners-up were Rosemary and 5-year-old Valley View Elementary School student Giuliana Miller.

Thank you to everyone who participated and voted. Happy Mother's Day from the Pleasanton Weekly.

—Emily West



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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

The Weekly's recommendations for the May 19 special election

Has there ever been an election, special or otherwise, with such a uniformly unpalatable set of choices? All six special propositions on the May 19 ballot are the result of a deeply flawed Sacramento budget and policy-making process. We've touched on what we believe are the underlying causes before: term-limits, the two-thirds super-majority requirement, our distorted initiative process, insulated legislative districts and an ineffective governor.

These forces and Republicans who refused to accept any tax increases—despite the fact that no reasonable solution was possible without them—combined to produce a weeks-long stalemate to begin 2009. The deadlock continued as the state's budget deficit crept beyond \$40 billion. The impasse was barely bridged by a few Republicans in each house who broke ranks to support the compromise that included budget cuts and these measures. Here's a short summary of each proposition:

1A Sends a portion of state revenues to a "rainy day" fund for use in lean years. The percentage set aside for economic downturns increases from 5 to 12.5 percent of the state's General Fund. Spending is capped at a 10-year average of state revenue, adjusted for population growth and inflation. Revenue above that average goes into reserves, requiring the state in most years to put a projected 3 percent of its general fund revenues in the reserve fund, which could only be used for budget shortfalls, bond repayments and emergencies such as natural disasters or if the governor declares a fiscal emergency. Extends 1 percent state sales tax increase for one year, and extends vehicle license fee increase and top income bracket increase for two years, generating some \$16 billion in revenue. This measure also authorizes the governor to make mid-year spending reductions if the budget falls out of balance.

1B Beginning in 2011-2012, requires additional payments to local school districts and community colleges to offset recent budget cuts. Payments come from the rainy day fund established in 1A and continue until total amount is repaid.

1C Makes changes to improve performance of state lottery and increase payouts and proceeds. Allows state to borrow \$5 billion to address current budget deficit against projected additional lottery proceeds.

1D Temporarily redirects \$600 million in funds from California Children and Families Act (1998's Proposition 10) to General Fund for support of health and human services children's programs. Additional diversion of \$268 million in years 2010-11 to 2013-14. Early childhood development programs funded by the act would be cut.

1E Redirects \$230 million from Mental Health Services Act funds (2004's Proposition 63) for two years to existing health programs. Community mental health programs would be cut.

1F Prohibits legislators and state constitutional officers from receiving pay raises when the state is running a deficit.

There are plenty of reasons for anyone from any part of the political spectrum to oppose these measures. 1A is the only proposition of the six that contains long-term structural reform of the budget process in an attempt to limit the wild revenue swings we have recently experienced. Its opponents on the left say it will deprive the state of essential revenue needed for important programs, yet some anti-tax groups oppose it because of its built-in taxes and perceived loopholes. This package moves revenues from voter initiative-established programs to the General Fund. Some say this thwarts the will of the voters and cuts these programs when such services are most needed. Others like that it moderates, if temporarily, our ad hoc initiative-based budgeting process.

We could give you pages of reasons to vote "no" on this package. It doesn't represent good public policy. The problem with defeating these measures is what might happen if they don't pass. The whole mess would go back to legislators and the governor who are already likely facing a multi-billion-dollar additional shortfall they must deal with, even if these measures pass. Hard-line Republican anti-tax forces in the legislature would claim an even greater anti-tax mandate. Never mind that they don't have a serious non-tax solution to the problem and that Californians are leaving the Republican Party in droves (their registration has dropped to an historic low of 31 percent statewide and is now at 15.09 percent compared to 57.78 percent Democrat in Alameda County). If these measures are defeated we wouldn't bet on a better resolution in round two than we have here. As painful as it may be, we recommend a "yes" vote on all six propositions.

LETTERS

Parcel tax won't bring back my child's best teacher

Dear Editor,

The letter on May 1 from Bob Loew, Foothill math teacher ("Without Measure G, we'll lose best, brightest teachers," page 11) struck a chord with me. He is correct that because of the seniority system in our public schools, the newer teachers are the first to go when there are budget cuts. These often are, as he says, "the best and brightest," and I sincerely hope that does not happen to the many fine young teachers I know and respect.

But my child's finest teacher at Foothill—truly the best and brightest of all—was not lost because of budget cuts. I find it hard to support a tax proposed by an administration that is willing to sacrifice academic excellence to prove the supremacy of bureaucratic power. Why should I pay more so that the same administrators can be rewarded with raises?

Perhaps teacher layoffs will happen if the parcel tax fails (although I believe most can be avoided using a mix of other approaches, including across-the-board pay cuts). But a parcel tax will not bring back the best teacher my child ever had. Money doesn't fix everything.

Karen Wind

Vote yes on G for children's sake

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton Unified is an excellent school district. I know because I've taught elsewhere, and I've taught here. I have friends with children and grandchildren elsewhere, and friends with children and grandchildren here.

These are terrible financial times. The money to continue our excellence needs to come from new sources. I'm at the edge of retirement and have nothing to gain from the passage of Measure G. The children in this community, though, have much to gain. Please support the community's "yes" vote for their sakes. I live outside of Pleasanton, so I'm unable to vote in the Measure G election. The children in this community, too, are unable to vote. Please support the community's "yes" vote for their sakes. I gladly commit to give \$233 yearly for the sake of Pleasanton's children. Please publish all you can about the budget needs and about Measure G. Then please endorse a "yes" vote for the \$233 to be multiplied.

MaryEllen Rodda, 3rd grade teacher, Walnut Grove Elementary School

Support our future leaders, pass Measure G

Dear Editor,

Why support an additional hike in taxes? Trust me, as the sole family breadwinner, we're not made of money, but this is important.

For me, the biggest driver here is because I support my children. I moved to this family-friendly community for what the schools offer, and for the visible value that the school system provides to the community as a whole. I rented before purchasing here, and after a short while I knew that this was the place to settle. I knew my kids would have access to teachers who cared, that I was joining a community of fellow parents who shared the same engaged, participatory mindset, and that this town cared deeply about how it was raising our future leaders.

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That amazing quality education our kids deserve is in danger of being cut dramatically—and no, not on a whim by the PUSD Board of Trustees, which, incidentally, has repeatedly provided the public with the facts and solicited input from all sides, at an unprecedented number of public forums and meetings—and this time, the kids and our whole community will feel the pain of the budget irresponsibility in Sacramento. Support our community and vote “yes” on G.

Lawrence Smalheiser

Support high-quality education, vote for G

Dear Editor,

Once again our community faces a shortfall of money for education. This is not unusual and we should be very proud of the fact that our citizenry has constantly supported high quality education.

It's difficult for me to understand why people in our city would not support our children and their education. Not supporting our kids is like punishing them for something they had nothing to do with. Our economic situation was not caused by our

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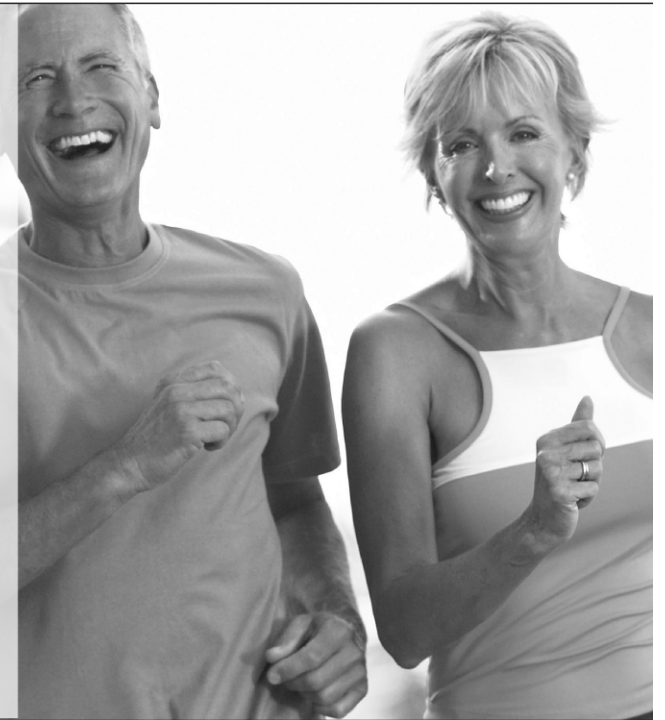
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children or grandchildren yet some people in the community want to punish them because of our situation.

The amount that is being requested is a nominal amount to continue our high level of education. Not approving the parcel tax will send a signal to all future home buyers that we don't really care about education in Pleasanton, and so why would I want to buy a house here. Our property values will diminish by more than the parcel tax.

I have lived here for 40 years, I have seen the school system do nothing but get better. Now we have a group of people who think they know better and want to bring about changes and fool with a system that has been recognized as one of the highest ranking systems in the state.

I for one will vote to continue my grand children's education and I ask you to do the same.

Ken Mercer, former mayor

We get what we pay for, yes on G

Dear Editor,

Living here for 26 years, graduating from local schools, purchasing a home in town and working for PUSD compels me to express my feelings concerning the crisis facing our schools and community. In two years, my children will attend our schools. I believe it is

pass Measure G or see our schools be reduced to way below average. We get what we pay for. No tax—no services.

All Realtors confirm Pleasanton's property values are linked to our schools. In hard economic times, our properties don't decline in value as much as surrounding cities.

What makes Pleasanton schools rank in the top 3 percent of the nation? It is the exceptional services provided like class size reduction, a comprehensive guidance counseling program K-12, reading specialists, administrators etc. Studies show the more concerned adults a child has contact with, the more resilient and successful they are. Without services you jeopardize our community's social, academic and emotional well-being and its basic school safety. Those of us who lived in other cities, attended or worked in other schools know this.

This is a well-run district. They didn't create this crisis. This is evident in the fact that they always kept more than required in reserve. Excellent comprehensive services were cut.

As a homeowner, parent and school employee, I ask that you pass Measure G and save our schools and community.

Jennifer Montague

\$233 is peanuts in grand scheme of things

Dear Editor,

Here are two things to think about and two things not to think about when it comes to Measure G on the upcoming June 2 ballot. First, the don't think abouts: Don't think about the poor quality of our legislature in Sacramento because it won't help us fix the current underfunding of our schools. Second, don't think about property values because it is wrongheaded.

Now, the things you should be thinking about: First, the future of this state and this country depend on well educated youth becoming intelligent voters and good citizens. Set an example for your children. Second, the parcel tax is \$233 and that is peanuts in the big scheme of things. Give up eating out just three to four times

during the whole next year and give that money to the schools. And by the way, each time you hold your kid home from school for whatever reason the school loses money...over \$3 million is lost each year. The next time your kid misses school consider writing a check to the school for \$45 for each day they've missed.

Dennis Baker

Thanks to Rotary Club for clearing brush

Dear Editor,

We owe a major thank you to the Pleasanton Rotary Club. Two of their members, volunteers, cleared some brush from our street side yard on Saturday, April 25. Their work increased visibility sufficient to allow vehicles and their drivers to make a left turn safely from Virgin Islands Court on to South Valley Trails Drive. Thank you gentlemen.

I have been hobbled from a stroke since early October 2008 and unable to perform the maintenance needed. My ability to walk is gradually improving since my

discharge from a rehabilitation center. A key part of the problem is that a Virgin Island Court neighbor took their complaint of poor visibility to the City of Pleasanton and my wife and I were confronted with letters from a Pleasanton police officer demanding we fix the problem. Perhaps the problem could have been solved amicably before the city was involved. We did that the first time by hiring a gardening service at considerable expense. But within six months another official letter arrived. A key part of the problem is our house sits on a corner on a curve. Obviously the Morrison Company had city approval of this problem intersection before the Valley Trails tract was built beginning about 1968. My wife and I moved in in 1971 and raised two daughters. Both graduated from Foothill High School. My wife and I have a deep appreciation for living in Pleasanton. For a period of time in the '80s, I served as a volunteer on the city's environmental monitoring committee.

John F. Kelly Jr.

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69TH ANNUAL PLEASANTON ROSE SHOW The rose show will start at 7:30 a.m. with registration until 10 a.m.; judging from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m.; viewing open to the public and wine tasting from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at the Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Visit www.pleasantonroseshow.com.

DISCOVER HERITAGE HOMES Discover Heritage Homes will be held from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 9, on the front lawn of the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main St. Learn more about Pleasanton's architectural heritage. Call 462-2766, e-mail office@museumonmain.org or visit www.museumonmain.org.

FAMILY FUN DAY Enjoy Pleasanton Foothill Little League's Family Fun Day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at Pleasanton Sports Park. There will be a BBQ, games, a silent auction, raffle, cotton candy,

face painting, Dunk "Da" Coach, and more. This event is free, but BBQ tickets will be pre-sold. If you want to join in the fun, e-mail hud-saw27@gmail.com.

HAPPY ENDINGS REUNION Have you adopted pets through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue during the past 17 years? If so, you are invited to a Happy Endings Reunion from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at Memorial Dog Park, at Bollinger Canyon Road and San Ramon Valley Blvd. Enjoy food, drinks and a raffle. Prepaid tickets are \$5. First 25 dogs will receive a free gift bag. Visit www.tvrar.org.

HIDDEN GARDENS OF THE VALLEY TOUR The Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at 11 different gardens in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Buzz Bertolero, the "Dirt Gardener" from KRON4 will be available at one garden for questions. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

HISTORIC HOME STROLL A self-guided tour of eight historic homes will be held from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 9 at homes in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 on the day of. Ticket holders will receive maps to guide them to each home. Call 786-8866.

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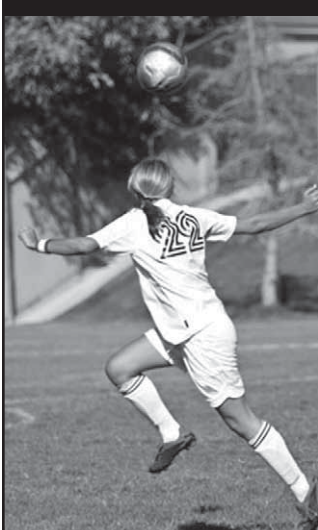
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ROTARY'S NILES CANYON WINE TRAIN
Livermore Rotary will host the 11th annual Niles Canyon Wine Train from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, meeting at Niles Canyon Railroad, 6 Kilcare Rd., Sunol. Tickets are \$20 and are available at The Travel Bug, 2269 Third St., Livermore or at the station shortly before departure. Call 606-7564.

SPRING FLING Dinners Galore will

be hosting a "Spring Fling" open house with Wood Family Vineyards, American Swim Academy, Tri Valley Adventure Boot Camp, Wow Green, and Shaklee from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, May 14, at Dinners Galore, 51 Wright Brothers Ave., Suite E, Livermore. This event is free. Call 456-3257.

TRI-VALLEY VEGETARIAN SOCIETY POTLUCK Tri-Valley residents are welcome to share and enjoy delicious plant-based foods from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at the San Ramon Library, Meeting Room, 100 Montgomery St. A guest speaker will talk about the relationship between food, health and the environment. Cost is \$2 with a side dish; \$10 without a side dish. Call 989-1811

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GARAGE SALE FOR THE ANIMALS Valley Humane Society will hold a fundraising garage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at a private residence, 3229 Curtis Circle. Proceeds will benefit VHS animal care and adoption services. The sale will feature a wide variety of donated items including collectibles, household items, home decor, books, toys, jewelry and gently-used clothing. Visit www.valleyhumane.org.

LAUREL ALICE WILLIAMS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER The launch of the Laurel Alice Williams

(LAW)Foundation and the winner of the LAW scholarship will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 5, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Tickets are \$100, including dinner. Auction items can be viewed online at www.laurelalicefoundation.com.

OPD FALLEN HEROES FUNDRAISER O.P.D. Fallen Heroes Fundraising Committee will host a BBQ, raffle and auction fundraiser from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at The Warehouse Bar and Grill, 402 Webster St., Oakland. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. Proceeds benefit the foundation. Call 200-2005 or visit www.opdfallenheroes.com.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE Hart Middle School Parent Faculty Association will host a Rummage Sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Rd. Great deals on previously owned clothes, sporting goods and other household items. Proceeds will benefit the school.

Kids & Teens

COMMUNITY CHINESE SCHOOL CARNIVAL The public is invited to attend Pleasanton Community Chinese School's Carnival from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Dr. Admission is free, but there is a fee for games and food. Call 828-9577 or visit www.pccs-usa.org.

FREE TEEN WORKSHOP Teens will talk about ways to keep busy, have fun and be safe over the summer from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Teens will have opportunity to share and participate in creative project and will receive a free Jamba Juice gift card. Call 600-9762, ext. 7.

Lectures/ Workshops

FREELANCER'S LIFE AND WRITING SHORT STORIES California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch will host a double program by author Margaret Lucke with a luncheon presentation from 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Saturday, May 16 followed by an optional workshop from 2-4 p.m. on writing great short stories, at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St., Pleasanton. Cost for the lunch presentation is \$21 for members; \$27 for non-members; workshop is \$25 for non-members. To register for either or both, call 462-7495.

Political Notes

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will host guest speaker Steve Giraud of the NorCal Minutemen Defense Corps at a dinner meeting from 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, May 14, at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$26 for members; \$30 for non-members; advance reservations required by May 9. Call 846-5944.

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SENIOR CENTER VIP CLUB This club is offering three trips during the spring including a trip to the Ironstone Vineyards and Murphy's from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 13 (cost is \$79 for members; \$81 for non-members). Reservations are required for all; call 931-5365 or visit the Travel Desk at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Spiritual

'WHAT IS WAITING TO BE BORN IN US' Tri-Valley Unity Church will host guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern who will speak on "What is Waiting to be Born in Us: Nurturing the Spiritual Life"

at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 10, at 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Ongoing classes and groups are available. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Support Groups

TRI-VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND This club will host its monthly meeting from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at Valley Memorial Hospital, Cafeteria Room 2, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is welcome to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

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