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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Olson brings experience to downtown leadership post

I first got to know Laura Olson through my son Chris when they were seniors at Amador Valley High School — Class of 1995. She was the head cheerleader and also captain of the girls' softball team. Another way to remember her is that she led the Dons team to its EBAL championship, which no team captain has done since. Now Laura is heading for a new leadership position, taking over May 10 as the new executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association. In sales and marketing since graduating from the University of Oregon at Eugene in 1999, Laura Olson, whose mother Gail Gilpin was the city's long-time Economic Development Manager, brings to the key downtown planning and activity role the kind of expertise merchants and restaurant owners have lobbied for to boost sales and entertainment in the downtown district.



Laura Olson

For five years, Olson was responsible for membership growth, sales and marketing activities at the Pleasanton-based Tri-Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau. Then she moved to UNCLE Credit Union 5-1/2 years ago where she has been its Marketing & Business Development Manager, leaving that job yesterday to take the PDA post. After a short vacation this weekend with her husband Erik, who is in property management, and their 18-month-old son Luke, Olson plans to start answering scores of congratulatory emails and phone calls wishing her success, including one from Jim Ott, CEO of UNCLE, whose wife Pamela Ott held the same top PDA position before joining the city as its Economic Development Manager. Remember? That was Olson's mother's job before she retired. What goes around comes around, someone said.

Olson plans to start her job a bit early by walking Main Street and side streets during the season's start of the First Wednesday street parties next Wednesday. She'll be talking to vendors, and then visiting with merchants and the restaurants to gain their views on what the PDA can do to boost their businesses —

and profits. She'll also be meeting with the PDA board that hired her for more information on what its members expect as she takes the helm, and also with the PDA's staff, Sue Post, office manager, and Alisha Perdue, events coordinator. They've been assuming the leader's responsibilities as well as their own since Christine Salidivar resigned last February to move to Florida.

Olson plans to work closely with EMC, a Danville strategic marketing agency that the city has hired to survey the downtown and shoppers to determine how the local government and the PDA could help improve the district. In a report its president Colleen Edwards made two weeks ago at a meeting of the city's Economic Vitality Committee, those responding to an early survey said they'd like to see a wider variety of shops and restaurants, including a few chains, such as Peet's Coffee. Although there's no ban on chain operations in the downtown — in fact, Quizno's, Tully's and Round Table Pizza are part of out-of-town chain operations — Olson said she would insist that any similar type of business fully understands the value Pleasanton places on its historic downtown and make sure that "its operation be done very thoughtfully." A new independent butcher soon to open at Main and Spring streets is an example of the different types of businesses Olson plans to promote here.

She also believes both shoppers and merchants prefer keeping the first floors of downtown buildings reserved for retail and restaurants, with more retailers of women's and children's clothing high on her list of prospects. Finding businesses that will attract more shoppers to south Main Street also is a priority now that the economy is improving and the PDA is responding to an increased number of phone calls from proprietors who would like to open shops downtown. She's also taking an active role in marketing efforts related to the new Firehouse Arts Center that will open on Railroad Avenue in September, seeing that as a major draw for shoppers to downtown Pleasanton.

Earlier this year, the PDA hired a Santa Cruz consulting firm to advise it on how to attract more entertainment to the downtown. As enthused as Olson is over expanding nighttime entertainment, she wants to be sure the PDA is sensitive to those whose homes have been impacted by the summertime Concerts in the Park and Farmers Market. As much as entertainment brings the public downtown and keeps it there longer, Olson said she'll make sure that homeowners and businesses will be involved in those decisions. ■

## About the Cover

Pleasanton Downtown Association's popular First Wednesday street fairs begin Wednesday with a Cinco de Mayo celebration. The events draw 10,000-20,000 people, who come to enjoy and rediscover Main Street. File photo.

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# Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

## Do you think it is OK for law enforcement to go undercover on social networking sites?



### Chris Payne

Engineer

Yeah, I do think it's good. If there is a law against predatory behavior on there, it's good for law enforcement to go on there and find it. They do it for prostitution and other vices, so why not the virtual community as well? It's the same thing.

### Kevin Schroder

Engineer

They should have some legal basis for it. If they are using a name that is not theirs, it probably violates the terms of use on the site. They should have to get a judge's order or something similar, because it's like spying on U.S. citizens. There should at least be an agreed-on policy by the law enforcement community on what the limits are.



### Sherry Zhang

Financial Analyst

I guess I'm OK with it, as long as there is not too much invasion of privacy. In a general sense, if they are on there to find "bad people," I think that would be a good thing.

### John Trefethen

Photographer

Yes, I think it's great. Newsweek set up a fake site and was able to put thousands of predators behind bars because of it. If Newsweek did it, I'm for it.



### Heather Johnson

Mom

I can't see the harm in doing it, if they are undercover for a reason. The first thing I think of are teenagers and kids on the sites and what would be revealed if someone was watching. It's hard because people should be innocent until proven guilty, but if you're up to no good and you're putting it on the Internet, that's public information.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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The winners will be published May 7 in the print and online editions.

### Robots assisting in gynecologic surgery

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is presenting a free seminar on "Minimally Invasive, Robotic-Assisted Gynecologic Surgery," from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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Reservations are requested. Call 284-2878 or visit [www.OurSanRamonHospital.com](http://www.OurSanRamonHospital.com). The seminar will be held in the hospital's South Conference Room in the South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon.

### Nominate now for Museum on Main Heritage Awards

The board of directors of the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton is now accepting nominations for the first Museum on Main Heritage Awards, to recognize excellence in the preservation of our community's history.

Each year a panel of qualified judges, including historical preservation architects, members of the history profession, representatives from the community and the museum's board will give the awards in five categories. This year's honorees will be publicly acknowledged at an award ceremony to be held Sept. 24 at the museum, 603 Main St.

The categories are Historic Preservation; Historic Business, Educator; Phoebe Hearst and Historic Organization. To learn more or to pick up a nomination form and the complete set of criteria for each award, visit the museum or its website, [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). Nominations must be received by June 30. For more information, contact Jim DeMersman at 462-2766.

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## City Council votes to settle, not fight housing cap ruling

Meeting with cap opponents to cut legal expenses, resume commercial permit process

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council Tuesday night unanimously agreed to negotiate a settlement with opponents of the city's 29,000-unit housing cap who won a court decision last month that found the cap in violation of state law.

In his ruling, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch told Pleasanton officials to remove any reference to the housing cap from its General Plan and other documents. He gave the city 120 days to comply or file an appeal of his ruling.

By negotiating a settlement, the council hopes to avoid costly fu-

ture litigation or to simply accept the ruling that could open the city up to more involvement on land use issues by the state.

The negotiations, which have already been under way on an informal basis, will start with Urban Habitat, an Oakland-based affordable housing advocacy organization that first filed the suit in 2006. Council members would like to keep some limits on housing development while still agreeing to Urban Habitat's insistence that it allow for sufficient residentially-zoned land to meet state housing requirements.

If satisfactory, the negotiations

with Urban Habitat and then with State Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown, whose office joined in the Urban Habitat suit, could also settle at least two other related lawsuits.

Tuesday night's council decision authorizes City Attorney Jonathan P. Lowell, City Manager Nelson Fialho and a City Council subcommittee consisting of Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilwoman Cindy McGovern "to pursue settlement negotiations with the Urban Habitat plaintiffs and the Attorney General, reserving the right to pursue other options in the event settlement negotiations are not successful."

Lowell said Wednesday that the city has until early July to respond to Roesch on how it intends to proceed or to accept his decision.

"We think we'll find much earlier than that if we can reach a negotiated settlement," Lowell said.

The housing cap was approved in 1996 by 80 percent of those who voted on the special measure. At the time, the cap was considered necessary to stop runaway residential growth that could exceed the capabilities of the city's sewer, water and street systems to handle.

The need to act quickly on See **CAP RULING** on Page 9

## Statue attracts poems, money

Sculptor wants people to respond, interact with his work

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The statue of a Gulf War era soldier downtown seems to be having an emotional effect on some local residents.

People have been placing copies of a poem, and in one case, cash, beneath the statue at the corner of Main and Abbie streets, directly across from the Veterans Memorial Building.

Renee Lavigne is a Korean War vet who was at the Gay 90s pizzeria recently when someone pointed out that a letter had been placed under the statue, held down by a rock. Inside was a \$5 bill. Lavigne said he's put the \$5 toward the local American Legion veteran's fund.

The statue is very touching," Lavigne said. "It means a lot of different things to different people."

The poem left below that statue is a piece written by Langston Hughes. It reads, in part:

"We would mold you in metal and carve you in stone  
Not daring to make statue of your dead flesh and bone  
Not daring to mention the bitter breath  
Nor the ice cold passion of your love-night with Death"

Pleasanton Visual Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan said the response to the statue is exactly that hoped for by sculptor Seward Johnson.



JAY FLACHSBARTH

Pleasanton resident Kathy Struble reads the soldier's poem left at the base of the sculpture across the street from the Veterans Memorial Building.

"He wants people to interact and respond," Finegan said. "He called it 'Coming Home.' It's modeled after a real soldier and his daughter. People were pretty amazed by the detail. When I was looking at it, I could see the emotion on the soldier's face."

Lavigne said local veterans' organizations are doing their part to recognize returning soldiers.

"We've been welcoming home veterans for months now," Lavigne said. He noted that Warriors' Watch Riders, a national

motorcycle club with a local branch, is involved in ceremonies when soldiers return from Iraq or Afghanistan.

"We present them with a medallion," he said. More information about Warriors' Watch is available at [www.warriors-watch.org](http://www.warriors-watch.org).

Lavigne also pointed out that the Pleasanton American Legion has a program that sends letters and cards directly to soldiers. Packages can be sent directly to American Legion Post 237, P.O. Box 823, Pleasanton 94566. ■

## Club/union talks fail at Castlewood

Country club toughens December offer, which workers already rejected

The lockout of hourly unionized workers at Castlewood Country Club is continuing after a two-hour meeting Tuesday between union leaders and club management failed to break a stalemate over terms of a new contract.

Union representatives who were at the meeting said the club's negotiating team actually backtracked to a proposal it offered in December, adding new conditions, said UniteHere! Local 2850 President Wei-Ling Huber.

"We had hoped that they would have a response to the last proposal that was made, which was a proposal we made on Feb. 25," Huber said. "They are moving back to the proposal they made on Dec. 23, which is a proposal that's worse than their February proposal."

Huber said the company added four additional conditions.

"The most important one was one that would allow the company to subcontract union jobs more easily through outside companies," she said.

Asked what it would take to end the picketing, Huber said: "Return the workers to work and agree to a 60-day cooling off period. The union thought that would give us time to resolve the bargaining issues. We would cease the demonstrations, the workers would go back to work, and we would begin the contract bargaining during the cooling off period."

She said the company would not accept that offer.

"If there was a straight up or down vote, the workers — 100 percent of them — would go back to work, but the company is conditioning that on them (the locked-out workers) accepting the last and final offer made in December, which includes \$739 in

See **CASTLEWOOD** on Page 9

## Hindu Cultural Center seeks OK for expansion

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Neighbors of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center and its traditional Shiva-Vishnu Temple in Livermore are appealing a Planning Commission approval given in February for additions and renovations. The hearing is on the City Council agenda for May 10.

Original expansion plans called for an additional 63,000 square feet on the 4-acre site on Arrowhead Avenue, said center leaders at a press conference held April 16. In response to neighbors' concerns, plans have been scaled down to 30,000 square feet, which would develop 13 percent of the land, they said.

The existing buildings are a total of 18,300 square feet, with the temple, a multipurpose building with a small kitchen, and a temporary office in a portable trailer.

"We have no storage and no proper bathrooms," said Nagaraja Rao, chairman of the master plan committee. "We are trying to address these problems."

Complaints from the neighbors include traffic, noise and odors, and dust caused by cars parking in an unpaved section of the land. More than 150 neighbors showed up to the February Planning Commission meeting to protest the development, according to news reports.

The temple itself is not expanding. The master plan calls for a new multipurpose building plus

enlarging the kitchen area and moving it to the south side of the assembly hall, away from neighbors on Goldenrod Drive.

The kitchen is necessary to prepare food that is blessed by the priests and eaten by the worshippers, an integral part of their religion, explained temple president Dr. Pyda Srinivas.

"People are standing outside and eating," he remarked. "If we put them inside we won't have noise to the neighborhood."

The current facility was built in 1986, about 10 years before the neighboring houses, and leaders pointed out that the buildings are small due to inadequate funds at the time.

Plans also include a permanent office. "This would take it us out of the trailer office, which is an eyesore to the neighborhood," explained Rao.

The Shiva-Vishnu Temple serves devotees from as far as the peninsula on the west to Tracy on the east. Rao noted that enhancing the facility will not bring any more worshippers to the site, and added that the local Hindu population has been reduced since 2005. He also said very few people visit the temple on a daily basis although three or four feast days per year draw thousands of people.

"Jan. 1 is the maximum number of visitors," he said. "Everyone wants to say hello to God."



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Plans for expansion and renovations at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center call for Shiva-Vishnu Temple itself to remain the same.

Plans include a wall on the north side of the grounds to buffer the noise for neighbors. "We want to accommodate the neighbors," said Srinivas. "We want to work with them."

The new master plan also calls for paving a parking lot and adding landscaping adjacent to neighbors on the south on Treeflower Drive.

Another 4-acre parcel owned by the center across the street is used for overflow parking.

The Hindu center paid for two traffic studies, said center chairman Dr. Peraiah Sudhanagunta, which showed that houses on its

acreage theoretically would generate 150 vehicles each day. "On less than 10 occasions per year do we exceed that count," he said.

The speakers noted that addressing neighbors' concerns has cost them more than \$2 million. Moving the kitchen will cost \$1 million, while the new paved, landscaped parking lot will be an additional \$1.8 million. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$5 million.

"We need basic structures for dignity and honor," said Srinivas.

The City Council is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Monday, May 10, at 3575 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. ■

## Mohr Elementary is 'distinguished'

484 across state chosen for honor

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Pleasanton Unified's Mohr Elementary School has improved its test scores and narrowed the achievement gap — and has won some recognition as a result.

The school is one of 484 out of 6,000 elementary schools statewide to be named a 2010 California Distinguished School.

"Mohr is an outstanding school. They've done great work with their subgroups there as far as student achievements go," said Pleasanton Unified School District spokeswoman Myla Grasso, who noted the school has gone through growth and changing demographics and continues to excel.

The California School Recognition program is in its 24th year, honoring public schools based on their performance. Distinguished schools are recognized for their total educational program, including academic achievement and narrowing achievement gaps.

Additional information about the program may be viewed at [www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr10/yr10rel37.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr10/yr10rel37.asp). ■

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## Kids hit a homerun with reading

A's pitcher Brad Ziegler talks baseball with sixth-graders

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The 150 sixth-graders cheered as lanky Brad Ziegler, 30, relief pitcher for the Oakland A's strolled up the aisle in the multipurpose room at Pleasanton Middle School on Friday and hoisted himself onto the stage. They earned the visit through the A's Homerun Reading program.

"It's a huge honor. Six schools are chosen," said sixth-grade teacher Kelly Sheridan. "The kids were really excited."

Ziegler told the kids that he admired them for reaching their reading goals, and said he has a goal to read five or six books this season.

"My favorite book when I was your age was 'Catcher with a Glass Arm,'" Ziegler told the students. It's a sports classic by Matt Christopher.

Then he launched into a sports trivia contest, made exciting by the prizes — A's baseball caps and a handshake or high-five with Ziegler.

Questions ranged from "Who is the Oakland A's mascot?" (Stomper) to "How many games are played in a season?" (162) Hands waved frantically as students vied to be called on. Those chosen almost always had the correct answer and rushed to the stage to receive a hat from director of Community Relations Detra Paige, who accompanied Ziegler, and a personal congrats from the pitcher.

Then Ziegler opened up the session to questions. One boy asked about Ziegler's sidearm underhand throw.

"I'm the only one pitching that way," Ziegler said. "The A's asked me to pitch that way, and I'm still working on it, every day."

He said he started playing Little League when he was 7 years old but was a senior in high school before a coach started him pitching.

He emphasized the importance of finishing college even if one hopes to have a career in the major leagues. He earned a degree in math at Southwest Missouri State.

"There are 750 players and 17 have a college degree," he told the



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Call on me!  
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Students vie to be called on to answer A's trivia questions asked by visiting pitcher Brad Ziegler and win a baseball cap. Left, Charli Faris admires the cap she won.

students. "You always have it to fall back on. And the hardest thing is to go back later."

Ziegler also shared the recent thrill of witnessing a triple play made by the Yankees.

"It was against us but it was the first I'd seen," he recalled.

"How will the A's do this year?" someone else asked.

"We're off to a great start. We're in first place this year," Ziegler responded. "As long as we stay healthy there's a good chance we can win our division and be in the playoffs."

"The kids will also be rewarded with an A's game at the end of the year," said Sheridan. "It's 120 schools. The Coliseum will be filled with kids. It's pretty cool." ■

## NCS says continue with metal bats

Votes against proposed ban during upcoming championship games

By JEB BING

High School baseball players from Pleasanton and Bay Area communities up to the Oregon border will still be able to use metal bats during championship play in late May and early June.

The board of managers of the North Coast Section, which includes Pleasanton and the East Bay as well as certain high schools in the North Bay, voted 32-12 on Monday not to ban the use of non-wood bats in the Les Schwab Tires Championships, the NCS Commissioner of Athletics Gil Lemmon said Monday afternoon.

The Marin County Athletic League asked NCS to consider banning non-wood bats during the

championship games after Marin Catholic High School pitcher Gunnar Sandberg was struck in the head by a baseball hit with a metal bat March 11.

Sandberg was put in a medically induced coma and a portion of his skull was removed to make room for the swelling in his brain.

He was released from Marin General Hospital and is recovering at a San Francisco medical facility. He is expected to be released May 3.

The Marin County Athletic League's teams agreed not to use metal bats for the rest of the season and the playoffs because of Sandberg's injury.

Lemmon said the NCS adopts the playing rules of the National Federation of State High School

Associations based in Indianapolis.

The rules allow the use of non-wood bats but those bats must still meet Ball Exit Speed Ratio Standards. Non-wood bats can't have cracks and severe dents and are inspected by umpires, Lemmon said.

Lemmon said pitchers on NCS high school teams are allowed to wear protective helmets.

There are 168 schools in the NCS and about 70 of them will play in the championship games between May 25 and June 5, Lemmon said.

Lemmon said if the board of managers had voted Monday to ban non-wood bats, teams would have received a memo telling them to start preparing for the use of wood bats only. ■

## DUI charge after several hit and runs

Lost control after short chase on Valley Avenue

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Pleasanton woman faces several charges after a series of collisions April 22 along Valley Avenue.

Megan Martin, 52, is charged with driving under the influence, two felony counts of hit and run, a misdemeanor count of hit and run, and one count of evading a police officer in the incident that began with a 911 call around 9 a.m.

"We had a report of a reckless driver in the vicinity," said Pleasanton police Sgt. Barry Mickleburgh. "The driver was involved in a collision near the intersection of Valley Avenue and Danbury Park, and then the driver fled and continued to travel eastbound on Valley Avenue, where she struck a fire hydrant near the intersection of

Quarry Lane."

Mickleburgh said the woman continued to drive — and to crash.

"She continued on Valley Avenue to the intersection of Boulder, where she was involved in another accident, and she fled," Mickleburgh said. "She was observed by one of our officers at the intersection of Valley and Stanley Boulevard. At that point she accelerated and tried to flee from the officer. She got up to 50 miles an hour."

By that time, Mickleburgh said, she'd blown out two tires and was driving on the rims.

"She lost control of her car at the intersection of Bernal and Vineyard," he said.

Martin and the drivers of two other cars involved sustained minor injuries. ■

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## E-cycle event this weekend

Prescription drugs, mercury thermometers will be accepted Saturday

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Earth Day may be over, but there's still time to recycle unwanted electronic equipment and get rid of expired prescriptions at this weekend's free E-Waste Collection Event being hosted by Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Public Information Officer Joanne Hall said the event is usually held earlier in the month.

"It's a little later this year (because) there was quite a bit going on at the Fairgrounds," Hall said, noting that both the Boy Scout Jamboree and Tea Party had events last week.

The recycling event runs Friday through Sunday, and Hall said it generally draws about 2,000 cars. Hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

Hall said almost any type of electronic equipment from televisions to toner cartridges to fluorescent bulbs and batteries will be taken, and there's no limit on the number of items that will be accepted.

For more information, call toll-free (866) 335-3373.

"On Saturday only, the Dublin San Ramon Service District (DSRSD) is going to be co-hosting with us an unused and prescription drug drop off, so people can clean out their medicine cabinets," Hall said. She emphasized that people should not flush drugs.

DSRSD Community Affairs Specialist Renee Olsen wants to be clear that unused and expired drugs will be accepted on Saturday only, because that's the day police will be on hand.

"We will have law enforcement there so we can accept controlled substances," Olsen said. "Last year we had some people who came on Friday and were disappointed and came on Sunday and were disappointed."

Saturday is also the only day mercury thermometers will be accepted.

Olsen said the thermometers should be intact, not leaking, and in a sealed container or plastic bag. ■

## Eat healthy, eat cheap

City offering 'Good Food Fest' tomorrow

Come learn tips for healthy eating tomorrow at the city's first Good Food Festival. It kicks off at 9:15 a.m. with keynote speaker Dr. Susan Rapp from Kaiser Permanente. In "Eat Healthy and Thrive," Rapp will cover goals for eating well, diet myths, how to read food labels, and examples of healthy foods, among other topics.

"The Good Food Festival is an opportunity for all ages to learn about the small things we can do to improve our diet," said event coordinator Diana Tucker, "and the major implications those changes can have on our short-term and long-term health."

The topic was inspired by concerns about the growing epidemic of obesity among adults and children that are sweeping the nation.

Following the keynote speech, visitors can participate in a number of workshops and seminars including:

■ **Eating Well at Any Age**  
Presented by Carol Garberson, R.D., Senior Support of the Tri-

Valley

■ **Shopping on a Shoestring**  
Presented by the 'Shoestring Sisters', Susan May and Joanne Hall

■ **Eating Organically for Health**  
Presented by Suzanne Aziz, Founder of The Heart and S.O.U.L. of Nutrition

■ **Container Gardening**  
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There will also be healthy food cooking demonstrations.

The Senior Center's Snappy Café will offer a healthy lunch for \$5 for non-seniors and \$2 for seniors.

For more information, call the center at 931-5365.

### Eating healthy

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## Candidate withdraws to support Harmer

Beadles joins others in backing San Ramon attorney in GOP 11th Congressional District race

By JEB BING

San Joaquin County businessman Robert Beadles has withdrawn as a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 11th Congressional District contest to support San Ramon attorney David Harmer, now considered the front-runner in the party's June 8 primary.

In making the announcement, Beadles said he will now serve as a co-chairman in the Harmer for Congress campaign.

Earlier, another 11th District candidate, Larry Pegram, withdrew from the race after Harmer announced his candidacy.

"David Harmer is a man of integrity and principle, and I believe he will win this seat for Republicans," Beadles said in a statement. "There's little doubt that our country faces an important crossroads; the 2010 elections will be among the most important in the past half century. Republicans everywhere should join me in supporting David Harmer so we can put our strongest candidate

forward in the contest against Jerry McNerney."

U.S. Rep. McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is running unopposed on the June 8 primary's Democratic Party ticket for re-election to a third term in Congress.

Beadles joins Mitt Romney, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, National Tax Limitation Committee, 2008 nominee Dean Andal and others in supporting Harmer.

Harmer is campaigning as a lifelong Reagan Republican. His father, John Harmer, served as California's Lieutenant Governor under Ronald Reagan. Early in his career, David Harmer represented the Pacific Legal Foundation, where he defended property rights and other issues in state and federal courts. He was also a Resident Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, and his book on education reform was published by the Cato Institute, a market-oriented public policy organization. ■

## CASTLEWOOD

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healthcare costs per family plus the four additional proposals that were made," Huber said.

She said that's unacceptable to the employees.

Castlewood General Manager Jerry Olson could not be reached for comment on Tuesday's meeting.

Huber said another meeting will be set up when the two sides can match their schedules, but she's doubtful any solution will come from more meetings with Olson and the company's attorney, David Murphy.

"I think that the resolution will have to be when the membership good for the club," she said.

Workers have been locked out of Castlewood since Feb. 25. The union's three-year contract expired in July 2008 but was extended an additional year by the club.

Meanwhile, the union is awaiting a decision from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on complaints made before the lockout began.

"We believe the company brought in a subcontracting company (and) they outsourced work that was previously done by union workers," Huber said. "They sent laundry out to another company,

and they brought in a cleaning company to clean the kitchen. As a result of that, a dishwasher and a maintenance worker were laid off."

She said the union filed a grievance on behalf of Francisca Carranza, a janitor at Castlewood, and filed an additional complaint with the NLRB.

"The NLRB has been taking witnesses for testimony for about a month now," Huber said.

She added that back pay for Carranza is one of the key issues before the labor board.

Tuesday's negotiating session followed a Monday "community meeting" hosted by the union at the Pleasanton Public Library. At that meeting, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty called on the country club to resume negotiations with the union.

"I believe this whole thing is unnecessary," he said, noting that he opposes all lockouts.

"I still believe that if we could get a couple of pizzas and some calm minds at the table, we could work this out," Haggerty told the 30 people who attended, mainly union workers.

He said the lockout is a drain on county health care and social services.

—Glenn Wohltmann

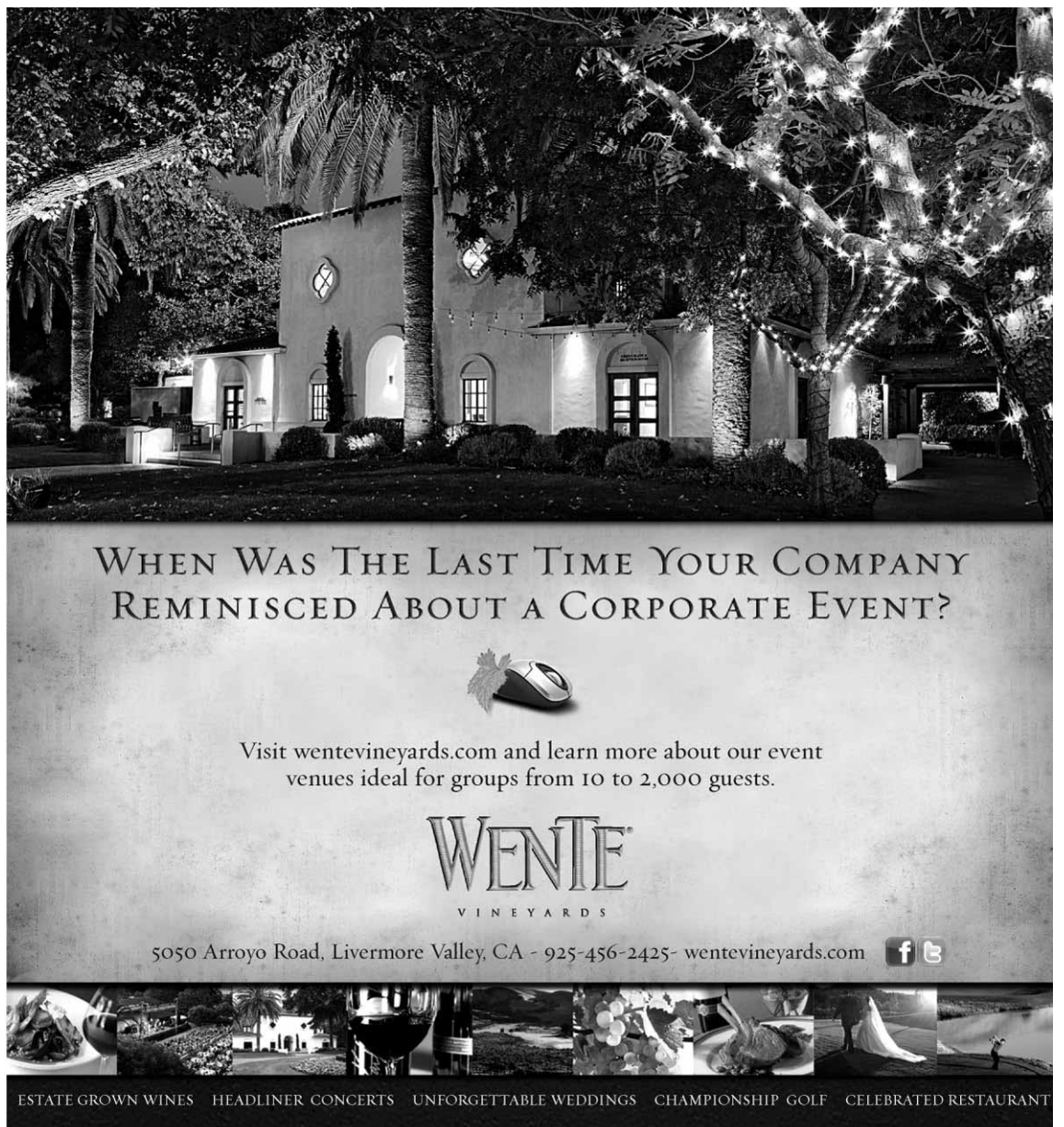
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Roesch's decision, even ahead of the 120-day deadline, is being forced by another ruling Roesch handed down that bars Pleasanton from issuing any commercial building improvement or new

commercial construction permits until the city gets rid of the housing cap.

Last week, Brad Hirst of Pleasanton-based Equity Enterprises told the council that the ruling has already sent a message to commercial developers that the Pleasanton is "closed for business" when it comes to new business development. ■



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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Buying or selling your home? New listings cover 21 counties

The Bay East Association of Realtors has completed an agreement that makes the coveted and previously private multiple listings of other similar organizations in the Bay Area now available to Realtors throughout the greater Bay Area. By signing on to MetroList Services, Bay Area Real Estate Services, San Francisco's Quattro Group and MLSListings, Bay East member agents, including those serving the Tri-Valley, now can access data at no additional charge through the Multiple Organization Reciprocal Exchange. This is good news for home buyers and sellers and the agents who represent them who can now provide immediate data on properties throughout 21 counties that have agreed with Bay East to allow full access to real estate multiple listings data. The move also comes at a time when the housing market is starting to see some advances in both sales and prices after two years of market disruptions and turmoil.

Many homeowners will remember the days not long ago when buying and selling a home involved an agent leafing through multiple printed pages in a large binder trying to find recent sales in that neighborhood or searching for data on available homes on the market. Those MLS books which served a specific area were up-to-date only at the time they were printed. By the time they were in a Realtor's hands, much of the information was already out of date with some of the homes being shown to prospects already sold or with pending sales. Today, armed with continually upgraded tool boxes at their disposal, agents can search for information on a laptop, iPhone or Blackberry with a client in the car. Now, with multiple listings information available from anywhere on the Peninsula, in San Francisco, and cities as far as Sacramento, Tri-Valley agents and their clients can get a quick snapshot of where the good buys are while sellers can have their homes available in all of these markets, too, adding to the range of prospects searching for properties in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

Tricia Thomas, who has been executive director of Bay East for the last 21 years, gets credit for making these expanded multiple listings available to Realtors in the region her organization covers, which includes an area from Fremont north along the I-680 corridor, and from Hayward to Livermore. Up to now, these agents had to join other similar associations at a steep fee to participate in their multiple listings service, including the Tracy area where Tri-Valley agents often find their best prospects for Pleasanton homes that are for sale. That's true, also, for commuters who are tired of the long travel times between their homes and their workplaces on the Peninsula or here and want to relocate. With both the housing and credit markets improving, Realtors on both side of the Bay have new and exciting opportunities to serve these clients.

Bay East also has expanded the public services it offers, including up-to-the-minute listings on its "Property Search" menu that can plug prospective buyers into most areas and cities as well as another document that lists all member Realtors. Anyone with a real estate license can handle transactions anywhere in California, but only Realtors with a capital "R" who have passed rigorous exams by an official organization, such as the California Association of Realtors, can join Bay East. That entitles them to the organization's continuing education programs and regular updates of real estate law, which in this state is complicated and frequently changes. Adding multiple listings in 21 counties now gives local Realtors an edge in a rapidly improving market. ■

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# LETTERS

## Preserve the city we love

Dear Editor,

I want to encourage my Pleasanton neighbors to vote Yes on Measure D on June 8. The plan for Oak Grove will protect the highest ridges in southeast Pleasanton. I've stood on the property, on the spot of one of the proposed lots, and looked out at the vast open space and beautiful hills that we as Pleasanton residents so deeply cherish. I've seen how the lots have been placed so the existing trees and contours of the land shield the homes from view.

We've worked hard to get to a plan that gives Pleasanton the most benefits with the least impacts. For years, neighbors, city staff and elected officials asked the developer to go back to the drawing table and submit another, better plan. Well, this is the other plan. This is a win for Pleasanton. They're asking for half of what they're legally allowed and creating huge benefits for the city. We must vote Yes on D. A Yes vote will ensure that with the recent court ruling nullifying Pleasanton's housing cap, Oak Grove will remain as 51 homes and not the 98 homes it's designated for.

With 12,000 trees, 496 acres of parks, and regional trail links, this plan will help preserve the Pleasanton we all know and love. Vote Yes on Measure D.

**Jan Batcheller**

## Campaign of deception

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton's mayor and two City Council members had the opportunity to rescind their vote approving Oak Grove. They failed to listen to their people who voted in Measures PP and QQ restricting houses on ridges and hilltops. The three unanimously voted to spend \$95,000 to put Measure D, Oak Grove, on the June ballot instead of \$10,000 for the November election.

Could it be the developer wanted lower voter turnout?

Do the mayor and the two council members fear they would not be re-elected for another term in November if the Pleasanton electorate saw their support for the destruction of our southeast ridgelines despite the overwhelming approval of PP and QQ on the same ballot as their re-election? Are they afraid it might affect their re-election potential?

The Oak Grove developer is spending thousands and thousands of dollars on a campaign of deception to try to coerce voters to support this measure. Please do not be influenced by their multiple mailings that greatly exaggerate the benefits of this development. The negative consequences to the southeast ridgelines and the beauty of Pleasanton greatly exceed any small advantages.

Become an educated voter and get all the facts at [www.savepleasantonhills.com](http://www.savepleasantonhills.com). Vote No on Measure D.

**Julie Schon**

## Congrats on awards

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the awards (April 23, page 7, "Weekly wins top awards in competition") and thank you! I've been meaning to write to tell you how glad we are to have a "local" newspaper again. We have called Pleasanton our home for 41 years, and we love it. Please keep up the good work.

**Jean A Felton**

## Yes on Measure D

Dear Editor,

We have a chance to bring unprecedented benefits to the city of Pleasanton by voting Yes on Measure D in June. The Oak Grove plan approved by the City Council in 2007 was the result of four years of public review and negotiations. During this time the property owners made many concessions to improve the benefits of the project to the city.

The property is 562 acres in the southeast hills, and under the General Plan could have as many as 98 homes. The plan on the June ballot includes 51 homes on 62 acres, with 497 acres donated to the city, forming its largest park. In addition, Pleasanton will receive millions in fees to help our schools, traffic improvements, and vital city services.

This plan is a tremendous opportunity for Pleasanton. I urge you to find out the facts for yourself, and join me, a 47-year resident, in voting Yes on Measure D in June.

**Bob Butler**

## Citizens should speak out

Dear Editor,

Your column of April 23 ("It's Tuesday, it must be another Oak Grove debate") raises interesting questions about free speech, democracy, the role of money in politics. Pleasanton has a long history of citizen participation in the decision-making process, as well as with developer-friendly City Councils. This combination has often resulted in voter referenda and initiatives put forth by a citizenry that feels their interests have not been represented by those in political power. Since grassroots campaigns cannot match the well-funded efforts of deep-pocketed developers, our citizens traditionally have used various means to reach the voters: the farmers market, walking neighborhoods, and yes, even speaking at City Council meetings. I find it surprising that a newspaper, normally considered a defender of free speech and democracy, would criticize the public for actively exercising these rights.

The developer advantage of money goes beyond the election itself. Business and development interests in Pleasanton have spent tens of thousands of dollars in City Council campaign contributions in recent years, and it is appropriate for citizens to question how this money might influence public policy — even if it makes council members "squirm in their seats." Instead of speculating who has received Oak Grove developer "blood money,"

you can easily find out by going to the city campaign reports website at [www.netfile.com/agency/cop/](http://www.netfile.com/agency/cop/).

Special interest money corrupts representative democracy — whether in Washington, D.C., or in Pleasanton. If you take your responsibility as a guardian of democracy seriously this should be the subject of your next column.

**Matt Sullivan**

*Matt Sullivan is a member of the Pleasanton City Council*

## No mega-mansion housing

Dear Editor,

I moved to Pleasanton in 1973 and delighted in our city's unique and incredibly beautiful hillsides.

During the past 37 years, I have seen many mayors and City Council members come and go. None has infuriated me like the following three members of the current City Council: Jennifer Hosterman, Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio. They have appalled, disappointed and frustrated me time and time again with their consistent inability to "hear" what many of the residents of this town have said loudly and clearly — Do not desecrate our hillsides!

While flaunting their "majority vote," they have confused the issues (competing Measures PP and QQ); abandoned its citizens (non-participation regarding the referendum lawsuit); and ignored logic and the public's input (by putting Oak Grove on the June ballot instead of November and needlessly costing taxpayers nearly \$100,000 to do so).

We will have our chance to do truly what's right for this city by voting No on Measure D on June 8 where our voices will finally be heard: "Save Pleasanton's Hills!"

Do not approve mega-mansion housing for 51 families that will end up destroying the abundant natural beauty of the hillsides and the views that are now enjoyed by thousands of families.

Please join me by voting No on Measure D. Future generations will thank you.

**June Thompson**

## Yes on D; Yes on Open Space

Dear Editor,

Measure D opponents are depending on Pleasanton voters making their decision regarding Measure D based on the incorrect and misleading statements they make at City Council meetings, farmers markets and in letters to the editors. What is their actual agenda? Keep these two points in mind:

1. Many of Measure D's most vocal opponents and financial supporters live adjacent to the project and have their own self interests at heart in disallowing a project that opens up an entire area (496 acres) for public use and enjoyment, an area they now consider their private preserve. They live in Grey Eagle, a gated community, and Kottinger Ranch, surrounded by private open space and signed to make sure it is kept private.
2. Opposition to this project did not start until park, open space and trail advocates came forward to insist the 496 acres of open space was

made available to the public.

The Oak Grove Project enjoyed seven public hearings, was approved by four council members, is supported by park, trail and open space advocates and key local environmentalists. This is a good project that respects the vision of preservation of the southeast hills.

Vote Yes on D.

**Dolores Bengtson**

## Don't mar our ridgelines

Dear Editor,

Join me in voting No on Measure D. Don't be fooled by glossy fliers of pristine hills and prom-

ises of money coming soon to our School District to rescue us from the current funding crisis. If and when homes are built in the Oak Grove development, the fees paid by homeowners (not developers) cannot be used for programs, smaller class size or salaries; they would not save our schools! The proposed houses would be built on ridgelines visible from all over our city. Pleasanton residents voted to save our hills from projects like this. Voting No on D will stop multi-millionaire landowners or anyone else from building any dwellings that would mar our beautiful ridgelines.

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# Kicking off summertime



First Wednesday street fairs begin with Cinco de Mayo



Don your sombrero for a Cinco de Mayo celebration as Pleasanton kicks off its summertime fun this week with the first of five First Wednesdays on Main Street.

"Cinco de Mayo is always the theme in May, but this year it really is on May 5," said Alisha Perdue, events coordinator for the Pleasanton Downtown Association, which puts on the street fair.

First Wednesday is the largest and most successful event for the PDA, Perdue said. It's a big fundraiser as organizations rent 192 booths that spread from one end of Main Street to the other. The prices range from \$40-\$150 for nonprofit groups to association members to non-members.

"We also earn money from the Beer and Wine Garden," she noted.

This is located in the parking lot at Round Table Pizza, and is also the site for each month's featured band.

A scheduled Latin band had to cancel, said Perdue, but she was pleased that the music of the Houserockers will be featured.

"We have 14 Concerts in the Park each year, and bands have to do the Concerts before they do First Wednesday," Perdue said. "That way we build a relationship first."

The Houserockers is known for its high energy, fun performances that get everyone up dancing, combining rock, swing, blues, '60s soul and R&B.

Each group decides how to decorate and what to offer in its own booth, said Perdue, so it's up to them to carry out the Cinco de Mayo theme.

"We give them the real estate on the street,"



she explained. "What they do is up to them. Some take full advantage of it."

Booths are rented by downtown and Tri-Valley businesses to sell or display their wares, plus many charities, nonprofit groups, school groups and other organizations partake to meet with community members and pass out information.

Food is also a popular item, coming as these events do at dinnertime. Stands sell barbecued dinners, snacks and beverages, and restaurants are filled with patrons, lines often leading out the door.

Perdue noted that the May and September street fairs don't always fill up so booths can be rented until the day before the event.

"The first one, people forget," she said. "After that, word travels quickly."

First Wednesday draws more families when school is out for vacation, she said, and when the days are longer. The most popular one is in August for the Pooch Parade, hosted by the Tri-Valley Guide Dogs Puppy Raisers. This will be the 13th year for that popular event.

Dozens and dozens of people line up at Lions Wayside Park around 5 p.m. with their pet dogs, often dressed in matching or complementary costumes. On cue around 6 p.m., dog and their humans strut around to Main Street for everyone to see. Entry fee has been \$10.

It's also a contest. Previously there have been eight categories: Most Creative Costumed Pooch, Cute Enough As Is (naked pooches under 30 pounds), Best Team Outfit (human and pooch), Best Team Outfits (pooch and pooch), Cute Enough As Is (naked pooches over 30 pounds), Puppy Fun (2 years old and



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First Wednesday street parties are a time to eat, drink and be merry. Plus say hello to all your friends and neighbors, as well as rediscover downtown Pleasanton and all it has to offer. Above, Alisha Perdue, events coordinator for the Pleasanton Downtown Association, shows off the green T-shirt and the new bright yellow vest that will be worn by volunteers. Perdue says that at First Wednesday she feels like the Tasmanian devil; she's in 700 places at once and her cell phone doesn't stop ringing. To learn more about the Pleasanton Downtown Association, stop by its volunteer booth at the Beer and Wine Garden in the parking lot at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St.

younger), Senior Pooches (10 years and older) and Best "Trick" Pooch.

In the more crowded months, Purdue said they place extra booths on the side streets.

Purdue was excited to announce that this year, starting in June, the street fair will extend to the bridge, and she plans to place more entertainment at that spot. This month the fair ends at St. John Street. On the south end of town, Main Street is closed at Bernal although the booths don't begin for a block.

"We don't have booths there for safety reasons," she said.

Infinion Raceway will have a pace car on display on Angela Street, something new for First Wednesday, said Purdue.

Something else new this year is the bright yellow vests that will be worn by some volunteers to make sure they can be spotted. Others will wear the traditional green T-shirts with the PDA logo.

Volunteers are an important part of First

Wednesday and all PDA events, said Purdue. There will always be some stationed at the volunteer booth, checking IDs for the Beer and Wine Garden.

"We have about 35-40 volunteers for this event," she said.

"They're Pleasanton residents — some who have been here a long time and they want to give back, and some are new," she said.

"Lots of them are PDA members but some are not," added Sue Post, administrative assistant. "They are at every event, like the wine stroll."

The new PDA Executive Director Laura Olson will also be there although she does not formally begin the position until May 10. She is replacing Christine Salidivar who left in February to move to Florida.

Olson was last year's chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and is an executive with UNCLE Credit Union. She was executive director of the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors

Bureau for five years before joining UNCLE.

Purdue will be all over the place, she said, like the Tasmanian devil.

"I'll be in 700 places at once," she said. "My cell phone doesn't stop ringing."

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. Main Street will be blocked off starting at 4:30 p.m.

Many residents feel that the best part of First Wednesday is running into neighbors and friends, and catching up with people you may not have seen in a while.

Anywhere from 10,000 to 20,000 people show up for First Wednesdays, Purdue remarked.

"It's a Pleasanton feel-good event," she said. And, true to the goal of the PDA, it leads people to discover — and rediscover — downtown Pleasanton.

"It's such a cool event, that people look forward to," she remarked.

"This one will be a kick off to the summer," added Post. ■

### First Wednesdays 2010

- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo with the Houserockers
- June 2 - featured band, the Cocktail Monkeys
- July 7 - continuing the spirit of Independence Day with Night Fever
- Aug. 4 - the ever-popular pooch parade; featured band Public Eye
- Sept. 1 - good-bye to summer and the street parties with Finding Stella

### Stop by and say hello

The Pleasanton Weekly, as always, welcomes everyone to stop by its booth at First Wednesday. This year it will be located near Dean's Cafe, 620 Main St. We look forward to meeting everyone.



**Vote NO on D**

## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: PUD-84-21-04M, Civic Square, LLC and Andy Byde, Braddock and Logan Services, Inc. – Consider an for a PUD modification to add 36 new apartment units in five new buildings, a new clubhouse/rental office in one new building, and miscellaneous site modifications at the Civic Square Apartments located at 4800 Bernal Avenue
- Energy and Environment Programs Status Report

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Appointment of Selection Committee for City of Pleasanton Award for Artistic Excellence

### ENERGY TIPS OF THE WEEK

In this April series of weekly tips presented to you by the City of Pleasanton's Committee on Energy and the Environment, we offer some ideas to help you make smart spring choices that contribute to a cleaner environment and sustainable energy future.

#### Open your windows

Most people close their windows at night and open them up in the morning when they see it's a nice day. You should do the opposite if it is safe -- your home heats up during the day so you should open your windows at night when the temperature drops, then close the windows in the morning to keep the cool air in and the hot air out.

#### Clean your refrigerator coils

Pets shed during the spring - when dust and pet hair build up on your refrigerator condenser coils, the motor works harder and uses more electricity. As part of your spring-cleaning routine, make sure the coils are cleaned so that air can circulate freely.

#### Change the airflow on your ceiling fan

Make sure you change the direction of airflow on your ceiling fan. In the winter, let the fan push warm air toward the floor and in summer, switch the direction and draw air upward, cooling the room and ensuring constant airflow.

#### Refrigerator seals

Don't forget to check the seals on your refrigerator door to make sure they are clean and tight. Your refrigerator accounts for up to 11 percent of your household's total energy use, which can have a major impact on your energy bill.

#### Don't just turn off, unplug

Unplug electronics, cell phone chargers, and anything else you aren't using. Lots of appliances suck up energy, even when they are turned off. TV's, computers and DVD players are among the biggest culprits. In the average home, 25% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. These "sleeping" electronic devices also continue to emit heat, which adds to the cooling requirements of your home in spring and summer. Solve these problems by pulling the plug.

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# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Teen helps in crash near high school

A 17-year-old senior at Amador Valley High School leaped into action when a small truck crashed into a fence outside the school April 22.

Steve Stenberg was in math class when he and others heard the crash at around 2:30 p.m.

"We heard this huge screeching, and a really huge smash and everyone in my math class ran outside," Stenberg said. "There was an old truck that had gone through the chain link fence and hit a fire hydrant."

He said the truck then hit an older iron fence.

"It was smoking inside. I wasn't really sure at the time but I was concerned for their safety and I just wanted to get them out. I was worried there might be a fire or an explosion and I just wanted to get them out," Stenberg said. "I ran and jumped the fence and got the man out."

He said he passed the man to Nick Riddell, another student from the math class. When he tried to help the female passenger, Stenberg ran into a problem — a scared and angry dog.

"I was reaching to unbuckle the lady's seatbelt and it was biting my hand," he explained. "The lady told me to get the dog first."

Stenberg did as he was told, chasing the snapping dog through shin-high water. He finally caught it and locked it in the back of a nearby truck.

He said he was bitten several times, but added, "I couldn't really feel it at the time, because there was so much adrenaline."

By then, police and fire personnel were on the scene.

"Officers found the driver sitting down outside the car," said Pleasanton police Sgt. Bob Leong. He said firefighters extricated the woman.

Stenberg said neither of the two appeared to be seriously injured.

"The man, for sure he had a concussion. He was out of it. The lady, she could talk but she was bleeding from her eye; she had cuts all over the place," he said.

—Glenn Wohltmann

### Pleasanton man charged with attempted rape at UC Davis

Pierce Hunter, a 19-year-old sophomore from Pleasanton, has been arrested on suspicion of attempted rape, according to reports in the Davis Enterprise and KCRA in Sacramento.

"He was taken into custody on attempted rape and forced oral copulation last Thursday (April 22)," Capt. Joyce Souza of the UC Davis Police Department confirmed Tuesday. "This was a delayed reporting. However, the alleged victim involved in that had been exposed to some escalated aggressive behavior ... There were some threats made, so out of fear, the alleged victim came forward."

Souza said the initial incident occurred more than two months ago in a residence hall on campus, and that Hunter and the alleged victim, a fellow student, knew each other.

Hunter, a member of the UC Davis swim team, graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 2008, and was a member of that swim team as well.

Souza said the case remains under investigation and has asked for any others who might be victims to come forward. So far, she said, there's no indication that there are others.

However, Souza said any local victims should contact police in their area, adding, "If they have information, we can still help them."

Hunter was ordered held in Yolo County Jail on a \$150,000 bond.

—Glenn Wohltmann

## POLICE REPORT

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

### April 19

#### Theft

- 2:18 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 5:18 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 7:02 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Vandalism

- 7:18 a.m. in the 6700 block of Hansen Drive

#### Forgery

- 4:21 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Drug/alcohol offenses

- 12:20 a.m. at the intersection of Willow Road and W. Las Positas Road; possession of a hypodermic needle
- 1:15 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of a controlled substance, possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle, possession of a prescription belonging to another person
- 10:58 a.m. at the intersection of Johnson Drive and Owens Drive; driving with marijuana

### April 20

#### Theft

- 6:03 a.m. in the 1800 block of Harns Road; grand theft
- 6:35 a.m. in the 4100 block of Moller Road; petty theft
- 2:39 p.m. in the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard; grand theft
- 5:19 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson drive; grand theft

#### Vehicular Burglary

- 9:27 a.m. in the 3700 block of Bairn Road
- 9:50 a.m. in the 3100 block of Montpelier Court
- 1:12 p.m. in the 3600 block of Cambridge Court
- 2:39 p.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 9:44 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Drive and Peurto Vallarta; DUI, under the influence of a controlled substance

### April 21

#### Theft

- 9:45 a.m. in the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard; grand theft
- 11:27 a.m. in the 3500 block of Carlsbad Court; identity theft
- 12:58 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle
- 2:57 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 3:33 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft, trespassing

#### Burglary

- 8:33 a.m. in the 4800 block of Funston Gate Court; vehicular burglary
- 9:28 a.m. in the 4900 block of Mohr Avenue; vehicular burglary
- 6:21 p.m. in the 5000 block of Carducci Drive

#### Vandalism

- 7:38 a.m. in the 2500 block of Willowren Way

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 9:47 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; possession of drug paraphernalia

### April 22

#### Theft

- 1:30 p.m. in the 3500 block of Old Santa Rita Road; petty theft

- 7:56 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft

#### Vandalism

- 8:00 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Battery

- 9:52 a.m. in the 8100 block of Moller Ranch Road

### April 23

#### Theft

- 4:46 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft, vandalism
- 5 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle
- 5:25 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle
- 9:15 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Vandalism

- 9:04 a.m. in the 5600 block of Las Positas Road
- 12:22 p.m. in the 200 block of Rose Avenue

#### Under the influence of a controlled substance

- 2:24 p.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

### April 24

#### Theft

- 8:13 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

#### Public drunkenness

- 8:55 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### April 25

#### Burglary

- 11:16 a.m. in the 7200 block of Valley View Court

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 6:56 p.m. in the 400 block of E. Angela Street; under the influence of a controlled substance



## OBITUARIES

### Theoharis 'Harry' Spiliotopoulos

Theoharis Anastasios Spiliotopoulos, known as "Harry," died peacefully March 23 at his Pleasanton home surrounded by friends and family at the age of 68.

Mr. Spiliotopoulos was born July 15, 1941, in Athens, Greece. He moved from Greece to Pleasanton in 1961 where his aunt and uncle resided and owned the Cheese Factory. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1969 with a degree in engineering technology and mechanical engineering. He worked for Huffman Refrigeration, SAI Engineering and for Bechtel Corp. for 38 years.

Mr. Spiliotopoulos was a man of many talents who could fix just about anything. He was a generous man who was known for helping his friends and family until the wee hours of the night fixing cars, computers, toasters, air conditioners or refrigerators. He was also an excellent cook specializing in his Greek cuisine and creme brulee. His hobbies included computers and restoring old cars.

He is survived by his loving wife Susan Spiliotopoulos of Pleasanton; two daughters and their spouses, Staci and David Valdivia of Pleasanton and Trisha and Scott Carter of Pleasanton; and five grandchildren, Joshua, Corinne, Clayton, Whitney and Benjamin.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Marcia Bolton Carr

Marcia Bolton Carr died suddenly at her home March 25 at the age of 56.

She was born to Edward Perry and Jennifer Dole Wallerstein in Norwalk, Conn., on Dec. 27, 1953, and grew up in Massachusetts. She was married to Dr. Robert Scott Carr, and lived in Corpus Christi, Texas. She had bachelor's and master's degrees in literature and a master's in Family Counseling, all from Texas A&M. She taught English and later worked for a charitable organization in Corpus Christi. After her divorce, she had lived with her parents in Pleasanton since 1997.

She is survived by her children, Madelyn Carr and Evan Carr of Austin, Texas, and by her brother Dr. Nicholas Wallerstein (Jean) and his family in Spearfish, S.D., and her sister, Lisa Wallerstein (John Schuster) and her family in Livermore. A memorial service was held at St. Clare's Episcopal Church on March 29. Her family requests donations in her name be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development for Haitian relief, % St. Clare's, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton 94588.

### William E. 'Bill' Hecht

William E. "Bill" Hecht, a Pleasanton resident, died March 27 at the age of 45.

Born Feb. 11, 1965, in San Francisco to Denis and Patricia Hecht, he was raised in Jamestown and Davis, where he graduated from high school.

Mr. Hecht worked as an electrician for 25 years in San Mateo and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 617. He enjoyed coaching and supporting Pleasanton American Little League. He was always generous with his abilities, assisting neighbors in need. He also enjoyed sailing and archery.

Mr. Hecht is survived by his wife Nancy Hecht; sons Dylan and Joshua; his mother, Patricia Fullendorf Hecht of Davis; and sisters, Patricia M. Hecht of Elk Grove and Peggy Traverso of Davis.

A visitation was held March 31 and a funeral took place April 1 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary. Donations may be made to Raskob Day School, 3520 Mountain Blvd., Oakland 94619.

### Bob Himsl

Bob Himsl, longtime Pleasanton resident, played his last winning hand and decided to cash in his chips when he died March 31, surrounded by his loving family.

To all who knew him Mr. Himsl was an ace of a guy. He was born July 7, 1936, in St. Cloud, Minn. He grew up in Concord, where he acquired life-long friends. He graduated from Mt. Diablo High School in 1954. His life was a deck full of memories and friends.

Mr. Himsl was the owner of Bob Himsl Volkswagen in San Jose for 30 years. As a part owner of the San Jose Earthquakes professional soccer team from 1976-80, he was one of the pioneers of professional soccer in the Bay Area. He spent the last 20 years running California Waste Containment, never missing a day of work.

Mr. Himsl is survived by his Queen of Hearts, Charlotte Himsl, his wife of 52 years. They first met in Concord at the age of 10. Bob was a crossing guard who graciously helped the frequently tardy Charlotte.

He is also survived by his daughter Linnae Peterson, son-in-law Paul Peterson, grandsons Edward and William of Wilmington, Del.; daughter Lesley Boag, son-in-law Finlay Boag, grandson Alex and granddaughter Charlotte of Pleasanton; son Robert Himsl and daughter-in-law Kelli Himsl, granddaughters Emma and Grace of Pleasanton; his sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Tony Cavarano of Florence, Ore.; and his best friend Marvin McKean of Concord.

A memorial service was held

April 10 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary. Donations may be made to the Bob Himsl Youth Sports Fund at Bank of the West, 5452 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton 94566.

### Grace T. Weakly

Grace Weakley, 89, a resident of Pleasanton for 19 years, peacefully died at home March 28, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Weakly was born June 15, 1920, in Petaluma to Leland and Marion Connell Gale. When she was a child they moved to San Leandro. She graduated from San Leandro High School, class of 1938, where she met the love of her life, Fred Weakley. Her joys and talents were raising their five children. She often traveled to the East Coast, and her trips to Boston and New York were memorable.

Mrs. Weakly is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years Fred Weakley of Pleasanton; children Michael (Emily) Weakley of San Francisco, Patricia Willis of San Leandro, Barbara (Bill) Saltzman of Castro Valley, Dan (Irene) Weakley of San Ramon, and Joan (Rob) Ingraham of New York City; grandchildren, Andrea (Jason) Cook of Kansas City, Heather Saltzman of San Francisco, Laura Mary Saltzman of Hollywood and Allison Weakley of San Ramon; great-grandchild, Riley Grace Cook of Kansas City; siblings Jim Gale of Hanford, Gerry (Dick) Geiser of Healdsburg, and Carol (Bob) Zimmerman of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her brother Pete, who died in 1928.

Private family services will be held. Donations may be made to American Heart Association, East Bay Division, 426 17th St., Suite 300, Oakland 94612.

### William Trent Scofield

William Trent Scofield, age 40, experienced his final "Big Air Production" as he died April 2 of non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Mr. Scofield was born June 21, 1969, in Ogden, Utah, to Bill and Cherie Scofield. He attended elementary school in Rhode Island and California while his dad was serving in the U.S. Navy. He attended Cupertino Junior High and graduated with the class of 1987 from Homestead High School in Sunnyvale. He was active in scouting and earned his Eagle Scout Award. He attended DeAnza and Utah Valley community colleges, where he was active in club volleyball. He worked for Bungie Adventures in the early years, jumping many bridges in Northern California. His personal motto of "Big Air" or "Bigger Air" characterized this period of his life.

He served with an LDS mission in Pittsburg, Pa., from 1991-93.

Mr. Scofield married Sarah Haws

of San Jose in the Oakland LDS Temple on Jan. 14, 1995. They are the parents of four children and were recently divorced. He forged out a career in e-commerce as the Internet became a meaningful option for online consumers. He was a key contributor with @Home, Shopping.com, PayPal, eBay, Buy.com and Criteo. Most recently, he spent a week of fun and hiking with his children at Yosemite National Park.

Mr. Scofield is survived by his children, Kessler (13), Parker (11), Benson (9), and Grace (8) of Peoria, Ariz.; parents, William T. and Cherie Scofield of Fresno; siblings Tyler (Kathy) of Peoria, Ariz., Talmage (Jackie) of Pleasanton, Toshi (Lisa) of Pleasanton, Troy (Melanie) of Seattle, Stacey (Greg) Catton, of Fresno; as well as many nieces and nephews, Sandra Porto and many cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Shelly Anne Scofield, who also died of lymphoma.

A funeral was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Pleasanton Stake Center. Graveside services were held April 12 at the Bountiful City Cemetery, Utah, where he was buried next to his sister.

A memorial fund has been established at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation to honor Mr. Scofield and his sister Shelly and support a Community Cancer Care Center soon to be built in Sunnyvale. Donations to the Foundation are welcome; visit [www.pamf.org/giving/donate](http://www.pamf.org/giving/donate).

### Helen Sedlak

Helen Sedlak, 90, died April 4 at home in Pleasanton after a valiant battle with lung cancer.

One of 10 children, she was born Oct. 22, 1919, to Peter and Mary (Plaskon) Shedlock of Llanfair, Pa.

She worked as an inspector of tiny light bulbs for medical equipment and retired from General Electric in Cleveland, Ohio. She resided in East Cleveland and Euclid, Ohio, before relocating to California in 1984.

She is survived by her sister Julia (Jaye) Shedlock of Pleasanton and brother Peter (Catherine) Shedlock of Wickliffe, Ohio; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and friends. A memorial service was conducted at St. Augustine Catholic Church and a luncheon was held April 10 at Ridgeview Commons Diving Room. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, Ridgeview Commons or Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

### Stephen Larry Thomas

Stephen Thomas died peacefully April 8 at Valleycare Hospital in Pleasanton at the age of 75, surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 12, 1934, in Atlanta, Ga., and lived for the past 15 years in Pleasanton. He served as a Medical Corpsman in the Navy during the Korean War.

He was a Doctor of Chiropractic and appeared to have the "magic touch." His patients adored him and called him "Doctor T"

He was a thinker, a reader and loved a good debate. He also loved music from classical to Ravi Shankar. He was outgoing with a big smile and a wonderful sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; four children, Marcus (Beverly), Lisa (Chuck), Leslie (Joel) and Kim; and grandchildren Andrew, Alison and Stephen.

Services were private.



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## Book Clubs

**BRAIN LEARNING BOOK CLUB** The club meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Town Center Books, 555 Main St. Non-fiction book club for folks interested in reading about neuroscience and learning. Call 872-8728 or email [kathryn@bellamenti.com](mailto:kathryn@bellamenti.com).

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

**PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB** The Pleasanton Library's Adult Book Club meets from 7 to 8 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month except December at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. If you enjoy reading and talking about books, join our group. For more information visit [www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com](http://www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com). Call 931-3400 ext. 7.

## Classes

**FREE FIFE (FLUTE) AND DRUM LESSONS** The Young American Patriots Fife and Drum band "YAPs" is a Pleasanton-based parade band dedicated to perpetuating the music and history of the American Revolution of 1776. It will host free drum or fife (flute) lessons from 6:30-8 p.m., every Friday, at a private residence in Pleasanton. Call Jason Giaimo at 4840265 or visit [www.youngamericanpatriots.com](http://www.youngamericanpatriots.com).

**PLEASANTON LIBRARY ENGLISH CONVERSATION** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers free English conversation classes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, and 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Call 931-3411.

**YOGA BASICS COMMUNITY CLASS** Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, teaches Yoga Basics, a yoga class that is open to the public and meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Supplies are available for class. Cost is \$12. Call 200-4060.

## Clubs

**BOOST YOUR CAREER AT TOASTMASTERS** Grow professionally at Chamber Chatters, a Toastmasters club that meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. Visit [www.chamberchatters.wordpress.com/](http://www.chamberchatters.wordpress.com/).

**CAREER NETWORKING EVENT FOR EXECUTIVES** Executives are invited to a Breakfast Career Networking meeting for mid- and senior-management from 7:30-9:30 a.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members if pre-registered; \$35 at the door. Call 218-1868.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAR**, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter meets the second Saturday of the month. It is a time for social gathering and history of our American roots. We are descended from Patriots who won the American Revolutionary War of Independence from England. For meeting time and location, call Susan, 699-4147.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON

**All about eating healthy:** The city of Pleasanton will present the Good Food Festival from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., a day of workshops, seminars and healthy cooking demonstrations. Keynote speaker Susan Rap at 9:15 a.m. will talk about goals for eating well, diet myths, how to read food labels, and examples of healthy foods, among other topics. The event is free and no reservations are needed.

**KIWANIS CLUB** The Kiwanis Club meets at 11:45 a.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. For information, call 1-800-Kiwanis.

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB (LAVGC)** The club will meet from 7-9 p.m. May 13 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Blvd. Topic "Garden Friends and Garden Pests." Guest speaker, Emma Connery, will discuss pest identification; are they friend or foe? Call 461-1725 or visit [www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc).

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**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB**

This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. For more information, visit [www.pleasantonnewcomers.com](http://www.pleasantonnewcomers.com) or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON**

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit [www.PleasantonRotary.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary.org).

**TOASTMASTERS AT CLUBSPORT**

**OPEN TO ALL** The club meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday April 13-June 29 at ClubSport Pleasanton, 7090 Johnson Dr. Professionals, become the speaker and leader you want to be with Toastmasters International. Drop by the next meeting to find out more. ClubSport members and non-members welcome. Call 225-2433 or visit [www.clubsports.com/pleasanton](http://www.clubsports.com/pleasanton).

**Concerts**

**'STRINGS, TUBA AND MAHLER'** The Livermore-Amador Symphony will present "Strings, Tuba and Mahler" at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 15, at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The performance will feature Mahler's "Symphony No.1," "Concerto for Tuba" by Arutiunian featuring the Symphony Silicon Valley's principal tubist Tony Clements and Holst's "St. Paul's Suite" for strings. Tickets are \$20-\$28; \$8 for students; and seniors get a \$2 discount. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.livamsymph.org](http://www.livamsymph.org).

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**AFTERNOON OF POETRY ABOUT MOM AT RAVENSWOOD**

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman, in collaboration with Livermore Poet Laureate, San Francisco poet Cher Wollard, Joan Gelfand and Rebecca Foust will read poems about moms in honor of Mother's Day from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$5; free for students. Light refreshments and an open mic will follow the readings. Call 931-5350 or visit <http://civcartsliterary.org>.

**ART AS SOULFUL INSPIRATION**

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**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

Annual Mother's Day Champagne Brunch is from noon-2 p.m. May 9 at Elliston Vineyards, 463 Kilkare Rd., Sunol. Treat mom, grandmother, aunt, daughter or any special lady in your life to a delicious brunch prepared by our amazing in-house chef Jeff Schulz. Advance reservation is required. Cost \$40 for adult and \$15 for children. Call 862-2377 or visit [www.elliston.com](http://www.elliston.com).

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Pleasantonians 4 Peace has an ongoing peaceful war protest from 5 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at First and Neal streets. Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at [mjs7882@gmail.com](mailto:mjs7882@gmail.com); or [kdowd-ing@pacbell.net](mailto:kdowd-ing@pacbell.net). Visit [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org).

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**PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE** Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The group reflects on the human and monetary costs of the war, honors veterans who have sacrificed, and visualizes ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. They plan to continue this monthly event as long as necessary. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

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**SECOND CHANCE FOR LOVE** Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is taking part in PetSmart Charities "Second Chance For Love" National Adoption Weekend from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, at PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd., Dublin. Hill's Science Diet and PetSmart will offer free samples to everyone who adopts an animal. Call 683-1956 or visit www.tvr.org.

**SHOP FOR THE CAUSE VENDOR FAIRE** May is Mental Health Month, and NAMI Tri-Valley (local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness) will host a vendor fair from 1-6 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. This fair will raise funds for programs benefiting those whose lives are affected by mental illness. The fair will feature commercial vendors, arts, crafts and drawings. Call 443-1797 or visit www.nami-trivalley.org.

**SUNDAY STROLL** Pleasanton Kiwanis Club proudly presents our 2010 "Sunday Stroll," a restaurant and wine tasting walking tour at 2 p.m. May 16 at Gay 90s Pizza, 288 Main St. Tour includes Oasis Grille, Pastas, Amarones, Vic's All Star Cafe, Gay 90's Pizza, Little Valley Winery and Gourmet Works. Enjoy a leisure Sunday afternoon of wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres at seven great restaurants and ending with a dinner at Vic's All Star Cafe. Cost \$35 if pre-paid by May 10 or \$40. Space is limited to 125 tourists. Call 846-5858 or 484-0789.

**THE 2ND ANNUAL CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION'S MEMORIAL RUN & BARBECUE** The event starts at 9 a.m. May 8 at

Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. There will also be a special course for children. Cost \$30 per adult preregistered or \$35 day of event and \$10 for children. Entry fee will include t-shirt, beverages, drawing ticket, and barbecue lunch. For barbecue only cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 209-795-7832 or visit www.onyourmarkevents.com.

**THE COMEDY GRAB BAG** The event is from 7-9 p.m. May 2 at Bunjo's Comedy Club, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. It is a fun night of comedy where you will see professionals, up and comers, amateurs and first timers. Usually there are 15 to 20 comedians doing five to ten minute sets. As the name implies there is a wide variety of talent to see. Call 264-4413 or visit www.bunjoscomedy.com.

## Fundraisers

**'DIAPERS TO DIAPERS'** The circle of life will be revealed by beautiful underwear models of all ages at "Diapers to Diapers" from 6:30-9 p.m., Saturday, May 22, at Vogue Hair Studio, 5410-4 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$3 at the door. There will be live music, gourmet appetizers, and art. Proceeds benefit Tri Valley Haven.

**ART, WINE & CHOCOLATE** The event is from 7:30-10 p.m. May 1 at Little Valley Winery, 739 Main St. An evening of wine-tasting, gourmet desserts, live music performed by Night Harvest and fine art to benefit Camp Kadima. Experience the fine art of nine diverse bay area artists and Little Valley's selection of wines. Tickets are \$20. Call 931-1055 ext 11 or visit www.campkadima.org.

**AVON RAFFLE** The Red Head Avon Walking Team will host a fundraiser during the First Wednesday Street Party from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, in downtown Pleasanton; and at Farmers' Market on Saturday, May 8. The booth will be in front of Pans of Fire and at the Farmers' Market. There will be

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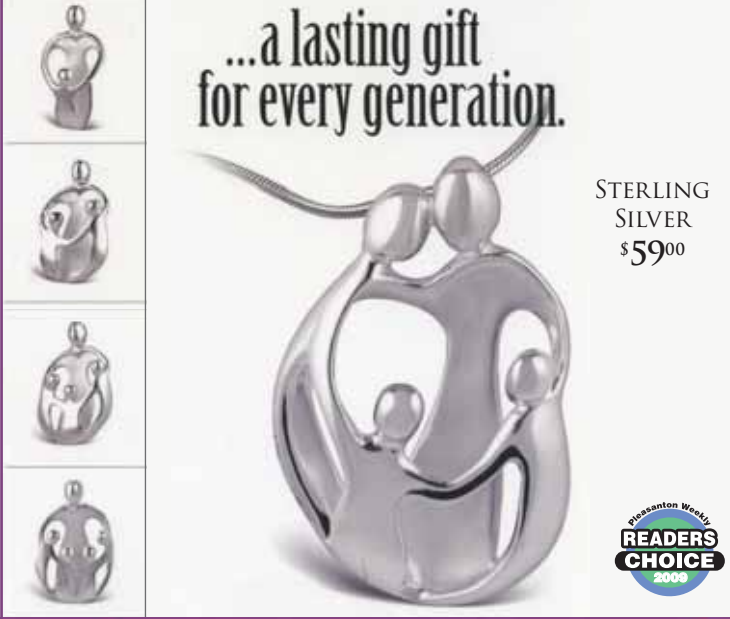
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**FOOTHILL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

**MEAT SALE** The fundraiser is from 10-5 p.m. May 1 and May 2 at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Foothill Athletic Boosters will be selling a variety of USDA inspected choice meats (NY steaks, rib eye, filet mignon) and seafood (shrimp and scallop) purchased directly from wholesale suppliers. Proceeds support all Foothill Athletic teams. Now more than ever support Foothill Athletic teams. Call 989-2036 or visit [www.foothillsports.com](http://www.foothillsports.com).

**HIDDEN GARDENS OF THE VALLEY**

**TOUR** The tour will take participants to 10 unique gardens at private Pleasanton homes from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 16. Enjoy the fragrant spring gardens, most of which are named after the homeowner's pet, like "Brad's Pit Stop" or "Willie's Wildlife Preserve." Tickets are \$35. Proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Call 426-8656 or visit [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).

**LIVERMORE ROTARY NILES CANYON**

**WINE TRAIN** The fundraiser is from 5-8 p.m. May 8 at the Sunol Depot - Niles Canyon Railroad, 6 Kilcare Rd., Sunol. Family fun on the railroad! Proceeds benefit Livermore schools and community organizations. Ticket includes appetizers, deserts and one free wine tasting for adults, sodas and water for kids. Wild west show preceding boarding and on the train. Strolling musicians. Cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. Call 606-7564 or visit [www.livermore-rotary.org](http://www.livermore-rotary.org).

**LIVERMORE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

**SPRING FUNDRAISER** Experience the world inside the rehearsal room with dinner, dessert and Livermore Valley Wine from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, May 8, at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Become an insider as you learn what we do and how

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**LVCS GOLF TOURNAMENT AND**

**DINNER** Support a good cause with this golf tournament and dinner from 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday, May 21, at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$175; \$55 for dinner only. Proceeds benefit Livermore Valley Charter School, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory and Tassajara Preparatory High School. Call 443-1690 or visit [www.around-dublinblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/LVCS-2010-Golf-Tournament.pdf](http://www.around-dublinblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/LVCS-2010-Golf-Tournament.pdf).

**SPRING STAMPEDE**

California State Horsemen's Association, Region 5, will host the 17th annual Spring Stampede fundraiser from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, at Robertson Park/Livermore Rodeo Grounds, 3200 Robertson Park Rd. Cost is a \$3 parking donation. Call 354-6514 or visit [www.springstampe.info](http://www.springstampe.info).

**Health**

**FOOD CHOICES TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF BREAST CANCER** ValleyCare

Health System in conjunction with Komen SF for the Cure is hosting a free learn at lunch event for breast cancer awareness from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, at ValleyCare Health System Women's Center, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Conference Room 240. RD Saima Chaudhry will be discussing foods to reduce your risk of breast cancer. This event is free, including lunch, but registration is required; call 734-3319.

**Kids & Teens**

**CATERPILLAR PUPPETS** The event is 4 p.m. May 5 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Caterpillar Puppets come to celebrate Dia de los ninos / dia de los Libros, Day of the Child / Day of the Book, an annual celebration of children, families and books. Call 803-7269 or visit [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

**FAMILY MUSICAL FUN AT THE**

**LIBRARY** Parents' Choice award-winning duo Toucan Jam present "A World of Music" featuring music, songs and instruments from around the globe at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This free, interactive, high-energy concert is great for all ages. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

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**JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL No.14**  
This group meets at 7 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday of every month, at Pleasanton Masonic Lodge, 3370 Hopyard Rd. The group is for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 years old who have a Masonic relationship. It teaches the girls team work, leadership and public speaking. Call 683-5401.

**M.O.M.'S READING TIME**  
Preschoolers and their parents are invited to meet at the Museum On Main for the free monthly reading program from 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, at the museum, 603 Main St. Introduce your preschooler to books and activities about the unique people, places and events in our community. The book and activity theme for May is "Cowboys and Cowgirls!" This event is free. Call 462-2766.

**PEE WEE ART TIME** Children ages 2-5 are invited to enjoy exploration time of various art mediums, enriching toys, books, and story time from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 6, 20 and 27, June 3 and 10, at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$20 per

class, including all supplies. Call Ava Chinn at 462-5915.

**Lectures/  
Workshops**

**'WHEN IN DOUBT, MAKE BELIEF' WITH JEFF BELL** Jeff Bell, KCBS anchor, writer, motivational speaker and spokesman for OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) will speak at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at the Pleasanton Public library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Bell will talk about his recovery from OCD. This event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

**SPECIAL MAY WEEKLY GARDEN TOURS** The Master Gardener Earth Friendly Demonstration Garden will host garden tours from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the gardens, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Master Gardeners will give tours and talks on drought tolerant and low maintenance gardening. This event is free. Call (510) 639-1275 or visit [http://groups.ucanr.org/ACMG/East\\_County\\_](http://groups.ucanr.org/ACMG/East_County_)

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**CHRIS BRADLEY'S JAZZ BAND** Enjoy live jazz music from the 20s, 30s and 40s from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Sunol Jazz Cafe, 11986 Main St. Cover is \$5.

**On Stage**

**TREASURE ISLAND** The performance is from 7:30-9 p.m. April 30 and May 1 and from 2-3:30 p.m. May 1 and May 2 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Sail the high seas and search for buried treasure with Long John Silver and the pirate crew of the Hispaniola! Evening & matinee performances. Cost \$12-\$20 for adults and \$8-\$16 for seniors and children. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civcartstickets.org](http://www.civcartstickets.org).

**Political Notes**

**CANDIDATE FORUM** Voters in the upcoming Republican primary are invited to a candidate forum at the

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## Scholarships

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** Tri-Valley Republican Women is offering two scholarships of \$1,000 and \$500 each to eligible high school seniors who submit winning essays about the changes in the Federal student loan program. Deadline is May 15. For complete rules, contact [jmpersico@comcast.net](mailto:jmpersico@comcast.net) or visit [www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org).

## Seniors

**CAMP 55 - WINE BOOT CAMP** The event is from 10-3 p.m. May 11 and May 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. 12,2010. A two-day program for ages 55+. Explore the rich history of winemaking in the Tri-Valley region. Lectures, tours of local wineries, winetastings. Includes gourmet lunch daily. Cost \$125 for residents and \$135 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or visit [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

**PLEASE VIP TRAVEL** American Stage Tours will host a trip for Pleasanton VIP Travel to the Culinary Institute of America and Rachel Dunn Chocolates on Wednesday, May 26. The bus will leave at 7:45 a.m. and return to/from the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$88 for VIP members; \$89 for non-members. For reservations, call 931-5365 or sign-up at the travel desk inside the Senior Center.

## Spiritual

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP EVENING WOMEN'S CLASS** BSF is a 33-week, in-depth, interdenominational Bible Study at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. This year's study is the Gospel of John. Starts at 6:55 p.m. Sept. 14 and includes a full program for children grades 1-12. New members are welcome throughout the study. Call 426-0481 or visit [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org).

**DAY OF DIALOGUE** Come for an afternoon of shared stories of faith and community for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered people from 1-5 p.m., Sunday, May 23, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Friends and family members are welcome. This event is free. Call 837-9141, ext. 315 or visit [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Anyone interested in learning how to become a Catholic can attend an Inquiry Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the St. Augustine Church Rectory, 3999 Bernal Ave. Call Father William at 846-4489.

**MEMORIZE OLD TESTAMENT HIGHLIGHTS** Over 4 million people have benefited from "Walk

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**PRAYER CIRCLE** Tri-Valley Unity Church will host prayer, meditation, study and sharing from 7:15-8:30 p.m., on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of every month, at the church's gathering place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. For information, e-mail Bob at [hardco1@comcast.net](mailto:hardco1@comcast.net).

**WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will host a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m., every Wednesday, at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments will be served at no cost. For information, call 305-9468.

## Sports

**PHASE 1 GROUP RIDE** This easy paced, no-drop road ride is ideal for new riders, riders coming back from time off or those wanting a more social/learning environment. Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays. Takes 20-35 miles, with a monthly ride of 40 miles. Re-group every 10 miles and 1 longer stop. Call 485-3218 or visit [cyclepath.com](http://cyclepath.com).

## Support Groups

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem-solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m., on the second Wednesday of every month, at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

**CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP** The group meets every Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr. Rm. 7. Overwhelmed? Is clutter stressing you out? Learn how to deal with it by attending the support group. Call 200-1943 or visit [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org).

**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP** This group meets

from 10 a.m.-noon, on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about the most common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us. Call 487-5706 or e-mail [galexplor@comcast.net](mailto:galexplor@comcast.net).

**GRIEF JOURNEYS PARENT LOSS SUPPORT** This 8-part Parent Loss Support Group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 11-June 29, at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. The program highlights include sharing stories, models of grieving process, exploring memories, coping with sadness and depression and more. Cost is \$40 for eight sessions; free to family members of former Hope Hospice patients; hardship scholarships available. Call 829-8770 or visit [www.hopehospice.com](http://www.hopehospice.com).

**GRIEF JOURNEYS SPOUSAL LOSS SUPPORT** This 8-part Spousal Loss Support Group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, May 5-June 23, at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Program highlights include sharing stories, models of grieving process, exploring memories, coping with sadness and depression and discovering hope and feeling better. Cost is \$40 for eight sessions; free for family members of former Hope Hospice patients; hardship scholarships available. Call 829-8770 or visit [www.hopehospice.com](http://www.hopehospice.com).

**TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS** This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. The group will host special speakers like doctors or specialists. For information, call JoAnne during the hours at 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at 875-0960.

**WOMEN WITH ADHD SUPPORT GROUP** The groups meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at DeLatti's Ice Cream, 5424 Sunol Blvd. Support group for all women, mothers and daughters living with ADHD or executive function challenges. Call 872-8728 or email [kathryn@bellamenti.com](mailto:kathryn@bellamenti.com).

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