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Council Votes To Extend Tourism District

The Pleasanton City Council voted to renew the Tri-Valley Tourism Improvement District and to increase the fee from \$1 to \$2 per occupied room night.

The fee, which applies to hotels and motels with 35 rooms or more, is administered by Pleasanton. The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau (TVCVB) manages the district. The funds are used to market the Tri-Valley as a destination.

The councils of Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon have already adopted resolutions granting consent to the City of Pleasanton to renew the district.

Pamela Ott, Pleasanton director of economic development, told the council that all hotels were noticed. Of those, 78.5 percent returned petitions in support of the increase. The city's cost is a \$2500 membership fee.

Amy Blaschka, president and CEO of TVCVB, said the fee provides an uninterrupted funding source so the bureau is not dependent on cities. "Hotels need our help. Because of the economic decline, they have had to cut down on marketing."

An electronic survey was conducted to determine how the fees should be spent. A draft plan suggests 71 percent should go into sales and marketing, Blaschka stated.

The \$1 fee has raised about \$1 million annually. The increase in the fee is anticipated to realize a 17 percent increase in generated leads and a 22 percent increase in trackable potential room nights.

There will be a focus on group sales, multi-hotel events and a pursuit of wedding businesses. Plans are to conduct a visitor impact research study for the first time. That will provide information about changing demographics and help our hotel partners.

Dublin Competing For All-American Honors This Week

By Ron McNicoll

A delegation of city officials and residents is in Kansas City this week to make the case for Dublin as an All-American City.

The group is attending a convention of the National Civic League (NCL), which fosters citizen participation in government. The league was founded in 1884 by such luminaries as President Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, and businessman Marshall Field to promote municipal reform and community democracy.

Dublin is among 27 cities competing for honors that will go to only 10 cities. Most are small cities, with Des Moines, IA., the largest.

The cities will present their cases about why they should be given the honor. Dublin public information officer Linda Maurer described the convention as "part pep rally, part Olympics, and part political convention — the idea of vote for me."

The delegation is comprised of 14 people. All are traveling on money from sponsors and donors, said Maurer. Not one taxpayer dollar is being spent on the trip, she said.

The delegation's leader, vice mayor Kasie Hildenbrand, is

Livermore Will Keep Crossing Guards

The possibility that Livermore would stop funding crossing guards at schools raised concerns regarding the safety of students going to and from school.

The city faces a budget shortfall and has been looking at ways to reduce spending. One proposal was to stop paying for the crossing guards. Parents sent e-mails to councilmembers and several spoke at last Monday's council meeting asking that the funding continue. There was also concern that the school district may have to finance the crossing guards. The district is also facing budget

shortfalls. They were assured that the crossing guards would remain while options to provide the service were being explored.

Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney told the council that the city had no intention of dropping the problem on the school district. "We are looking for alternative ways to provide the service."

Sweeney said there is not enough time to start a new program in time for the opening of school this fall. "We hope to develop a new volunteer model

for crossing guards. We won't compromise the safety of children. The crossing guards will be funded until the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2011). So we do have time to look at options."

He said that if the volunteer idea were a viable option, a pilot program would be established at one or two schools. The program would be monitored to see how it works.

City Manager Linda Barton said, "We believe that with the cooperation of the school district and the police department, the city will find solutions. There

is support for a pilot program to determine if the volunteer idea would work effectively."

Parents who spoke did not like the idea of a volunteer pilot program. Faith Alpher, stated, "Hopefully, the money will come from somewhere. When it comes to the safety of children, a pilot program to see how something works is not a good idea. Leave things as they are."

Mary Schultz told the council, "There are certain things that need to be and cannot be cut. We need to value our children and their safety. Parent volunteers

are already stretched trying to make up for what our kids are missing. The crossing guards need to stay."

NEW HOME DESIGNS

Another controversy arose over Signature Properties' plans to build a different brand of housing within subarea 2 of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan.

Subarea is south of East Avenue.

Residents of the adjacent Private Reserve were upset at what they viewed as an inferior product being built in the area. (See LIVERMORE, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The new Lizzie Fountain in downtown Livermore is proving to be a favorite place for youngsters on warm summer days. The fountain is located at the corner of South Livermore Avenue and First Street.

Livermore's Hertz Foundation Is Model of Science Education Success

When analysts look at U.S. economic competitiveness in the 21st Century, just about all of them agree it's essential to strengthen science and technology education for America's brightest youngsters.

If there's one organization they might look to as a model of

success in this area, it's Livermore's Fannie and John Hertz Foundation, which has chosen and supported some 1,100 Fellows in science and technology since its founding in 1947.

It isn't hard to find larger fellowship programs than Hertz, but it is hard to find any of the same

caliber. In some ways, National Science Foundation fellowships are the standard. They have turned out about 30,000 Fellows, nearly 30 times as many as Hertz. No one is making a big issue of competition, but it is interesting to compare the quality of the (See MODEL, page 4)

Dog Park Turns Treacherous

by Patricia Koning

When Kate Runyon, a member of the Livermore School Board, went out with her dog on Sunday, June 6, she never expected to leave in an ambulance. She was standing in the middle of the gated dog playing

area at Bruno Canziani Park on Charlotte Way, when two large dogs—a St. Bernard and Labrador Retriever—knocked her off her feet.

The dogs caused Runyon's knees to knock against each other as she fell, shattering the bones of

her right leg just below the knee. She was taken by ambulance to ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton and has since been transferred to ValleyCare's Livermore rehabilitation center. She has already undergone one (See RUNYON, page 5)

Rail Group Backs 2B As Preferred BART Extension

The Tri-Valley Regional Rail Policy Working Group voted unanimously last week to support the 2B route as the preferred route to extend BART to Livermore.

The option would locate a station in downtown Livermore near the current transit center and another on Vasco Road adjacent to the current ACE station.

The working group, comprised of representatives from transit agencies and cities in Alameda and San Joaquin counties, made its decision following a presentation on the program environmental impact report (PEIR).

The study found that 2B had the highest or tied for the highest rankings among the program objectives and the system expansion criteria, except for the cost effectiveness, which tied it for seventh. The document also found that the combination of the proposed downtown and Vasco stations had the strongest poten-

tial for economic development and would produce the highest ridership.

Requirements by various agencies for BART extensions include transit oriented development, an economic boost to the area, and intermodal connections.

The 2B alternative would travel down I-580 from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to Portola Avenue where it would enter a subway under Portola Avenue and Junction Avenue to downtown Livermore. In the downtown, it would turn east, come back to the surface in the vicinity of the First Street overpass and follow a route along the rail-lines to Vasco Road.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty pointed out that 2B meets all of the program objectives. It would increase ridership, reduce greenhouse gases and regional energy costs. "While it is the most expensive, (See BART, page 5)

Pleasanton Voters Turn Down Oak Grove Landowners Say They Are Committed To Developing the Property

Pleasanton voters have rejected a proposed Oak Grove development in the southeast hills of Pleasanton.

Votes tallied as of this Tuesday, show that Measure D lost by 53.57 percent or 8,735 voting "no," while 46.43 percent of voters or 7,572 were in favor of the measure.

Pleasanton voters have turned down two development proposals for the property. Both were the subject of referendums. In the 1990s, a plan called for 86 homes and a golf course. The latest plan included 51 lots and a 496-acre park.

Representatives of the No on Measure D side spoke at Tuesday's city council meeting. Karla Brown thanked volunteers on both sides of the issue for their efforts. She asked the council to help bring people together and to help to rebuild relationships that were damaged during the campaign.

Supporters of Measure D spent over half a million on the campaign to have the 51-home development in the southeast hills of Pleasanton approved. Frederic Lin Family for Oak Grove, the Yes on D committee, (See OAK GROVE, page 4)

Machaeovich Joins Zone 7 Board; Other Contests Set for November

The primary election June 2 brought Livermore resident A.J. Machaeovich to the Zone 7 Water Agency board, and gave David Harmer the Republican nomination for the 11th Congressional District seat.

None of three candidates for a county judgeship received more than 50 percent of the vote, so the top two candidates, Victoria Kowalkowski and John Creighton, will be on the ballot in November. Kowalkowski received 45 percent of the vote, Creighton 32 percent, while Louis Goodman received almost 22 percent.

Many local government and special district seats will be up for election on Nov. 2. They include the Pleasanton and Dublin city councils, the Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin school boards, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), and the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD).

The filing period opens July 12, and closes at 5 p.m. on Aug. 6. If any incumbent has not filed by then, the deadline for that office is extended five calendar days to Aug. 11.

Also on the ballot will be the partisan races involving the primary election nominees. Locally, they are in the 15th, 18th and 20th Assembly districts, 10th Senate District, and the 10th and 11th Congressional districts.

In the Zone 7 election, Machaeovich won along with three incumbents. Sarah Palmer led the field with 18,601 votes, followed by John Greci with 16,886, Bill Stevens with 16,690, and Machaeovich with 14,795 votes. All four directors live in Livermore. Dublin resident Vic Macias had 13,103 votes.

In the 11th CD this fall, Harmer will face Democratic incumbent Jerry Mc Nerney, a Pleasanton resident who won (See ELECTION, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Last Friday was graduation day for area high school seniors. In the photo, two Foothill High School graduates donned glasses letting people know they are members of the class of 2010.

Public Can Create A State Budget

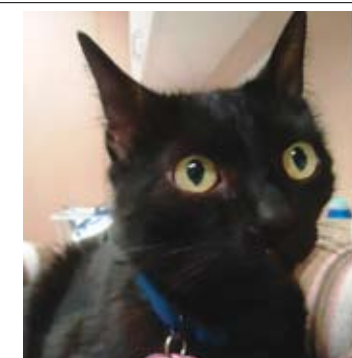
Senator Loni Hancock (9th District), Senator Mark DeSaulnier, (7th District), and Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (15th District) will host an interactive budget forum, providing participants with an opportunity to learn about California's budget process and attempt to solve the state budget crisis.

The interactive event will be held Thurs., June 17 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

Using the California Budget Challenge simulation, developed by Next 10, a non-partisan voter education group, participants will present different scenarios about the state budget and experience the tough choices and tradeoffs faced by legislators today. It will guide participants through a series of issues such as education, health services, transportation, (See FORUM, page 9)

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PET OF THE WEEK

So you think you can dance? Then say hello to ChaCha! He's an affectionate cat who loves to play. He'll find a hiding spot and then jump out to surprise you—very cute! He has a little cleft lip that somehow seems to make him a little cuter. To take a spin on the dance floor with ChaCha, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. We're building a new animal shelter in Pleasanton for ChaCha and his furry friends! Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 to learn how you can help. Unleash the Possibilities!

Army life: Granada High Grad Has Adventure, Sees the World

The Army life may not be for everyone. For Major Kristina Williams, a 1992 graduate of Granada High School in Livermore, it has been a chance to see the world, experience adventure and hardship, extend her education, meet the right man and create a family.

That's a pretty full set of experiences, and she loves it. Which might seem remarkable to anyone who hears that she is working 13-hour days, seven days a week, in Tikrit, northern Iraq.

But love it she does. There on a military base named Speicher, for a Navy pilot who was killed in the first Gulf War, she is in charge of a Third Infantry Division communications unit. The unit keeps networks operating so that the division commander can talk with subordinate commanders and any of the 20,000 other soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines in the country's northern sector.

"I don't doubt my decision (to join the Army) whatsoever," Williams said in an interview over Skype, the internet voice-and-video communications program.

Raised Kristina Robins in Livermore, where she and younger sister Kendra played softball and her late father, Rich, was a coach, Kristina has only fond memories of the area. She feels she had a "great childhood in Livermore. I miss Northern California."

After Williams graduated from Granada, she spent two years at Las Positas. Then, wanting to travel, she enlisted in the Army expecting to go to Germany. At the last minute she was assigned to NATO Headquarters in Belgium instead. It was "an awesome experience to see the way NATO operates. I was 20 and 21, and traveled all over Europe."

She found that she loved the structure of military life and the prospect of moving to a new assignment every couple of years. So she applied to Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was accepted. OCS was "definitely physically demanding, and mentally draining because we had to memorize so much so fast." She succeeded and went on to signals (communications) training at Ft. Gordon, Ga., which provided her



Major Kristina Williams from Livermore.

the basic skills that have helped define her military career.

She took airborne training, where she completed Jump Master School. The Army even sent her back to school, enabling her to earn a bachelor's degree from Campbell University in North Carolina and a masters from Webster University in St. Louis.

Williams doesn't visit Livermore often because her parents are no longer alive. Her sister lives in Roseville. Her military assignments have been in distant places like Georgia, Germany and now Iraq. However, she came to town a year ago and marveled at how it has grown.

Her communication unit in Tikrit has only a dozen soldiers - men and women, officers and enlisted - but it plays a key role in the northern region of Iraq. When combat operations are involved, or strategy is being

discussed, the major general who commands the Third Division can't wait around until someone finds an open line or reconnects a broken one. Williams and her group maintain multiple, high performance communication channels.

The rare problems that arise tend to be caused by equipment failure or very bad weather.

By contrast, during a Livermore-Tikrit interview, the garden variety Skype connection was plagued by audio and video distortion with a link that kept disconnecting, creating repeated delays while it was re-established.

This is Williams's second tour in Iraq. It's far more comfortable than the first. In 2002-3 she was part of the initial deployment that charged north from Kuwait to Baghdad. (The Third Infantry Division is proud of being the first to reach the capital.) Back then, Williams commanded the 17th Signal Battalion's Alpha Company and lived in tents for weeks in weather that was sometimes miserably hot, with rationed drinking water and no showers.

There was little communication with the outside world. The soldiers didn't even know whether or not they were going to invade. Worst, she says, was not being able to communicate with her family in the U.S.

Her assignment today is "night and day" by comparison, she says. Now she lives in a 20-foot, air conditioned Contained Housing Unit, or CHU, that is basically a shipping container made livable. Dozens of other CHUs are clustered nearby. The

food is good. The military base is well guarded. It's not necessary to wear protective gear everywhere. However, no one doubts that Iraq can still be a violent place. She and the other soldiers carry always weapons and ammunition, she says.

Her workday starts at 7 a.m. and doesn't end until 8:30 at night. Evenings, she likes to Skype with her husband, Matt, also an Army major, in Baghdad, or with her children, who are from a previous marriage. They are living with their father in the U.S. while she is overseas. Sometimes she has time to watch

television or a DVD, or correspond by email.

Williams is occasionally able to visit her husband in Baghdad, where he is part of a transition team that trains and advises an Iraqi Army division. Compared to seven years ago, when Baghdad was still a war zone, "I almost don't recognize" the city for the reconstruction that has taken place, she says. She is impressed by the progress that Iraqi forces have made in becoming more self-sufficient. "On the whole, we are definitely on track" in the effort to turn the protection of the country over to them, she says.

To date, she has spent 17 years in the service, her husband 19. They plan on five more years before leaving. The hardest part about her present assignment is separation from the family. Next year, they will all be together again. In November, she and her husband are scheduled to ship back to Ft. Gordon, Ga. Then in the summer, they will go together to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, for Command and General Staff College.

Their next assignment after that? Whatever comes along. They won't find out until halfway through Staff College.

DUBLIN

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the only elected city official on the trip.

The NCL wants to recognize cities that have identified challenges and come up with solutions for them, especially in the area of engaging more residents in government's activity.

Dublin identified two challenges: One was recognizing diversity of population. The other is to try to bind together the east and west regions of the city. Most of Dublin's new development is in the east.

Maurer said that Dublin has experienced an increase of diversity since the 2000 census. Asians rose from 10 percent to 20 percent of the population. Many Asians, as new people to the community, have settled in the new housing in east Dublin.

"The challenge was: How do you work to keep the new populations engaged? We are going through a period of growth, and with the bisecting (of the city) with Camp Parks and Dublin Boulevard, how do you unite that?" said Maurer.

The answer when it came to involvement was creation of a leadership academy, nicknamed Dublin 101. It is designed to encourage everyone, old-timer or newcomer, to become involved in city activity, especially citizens taking on a role in government. Dublin 101 shows how government works, and encourages people to contribute.

Councilman Don Biddle, a longtime resident, is a graduate of Dublin 101. Another is school board member Greg Tomlinson. "We're trying to create a pipeline of future community leaders, who are educated about how government works, and trying to

be more inclusive of the broader populations now in Dublin," said Maurer.

Several Dublin 101 graduates will be in Kansas City to help make Dublin's case for the award.

MIXED HOUSING IS A GEOGRAPHIC BRIDGE


A solution to Dublin's problem of a geographical split between east and west was a deal struck by the city to replace 150 units of low-income housing at Arroyo Vista with a new project of 405 units. It will have nearly 200 units of low and moderate income housing. The remainder

will be middle-class condominiums.

The idea is to have mixed housing in the neighborhood, in a way that won't stigmatize people in subsidized housing, and will also provide relatively cheaper opportunities in for-sale housing. That speaks to satisfying the need for economic diversity.

Mayor Tim Sbranti said that the location is a bridge between west and east Dublin. That's important for the unity of the community.

Winners at the convention are expected to be announced on June 18.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Lab Gift Program Taking Applications

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is kicking off its annual Community Gift Program to benefit local and area non-profit organizations for 2010.

The program provides up to \$100,000 in funding to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community-service and philanthropic needs in communities having a large population of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) employees. Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations, and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

All organizations interested in applying to the LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by Aug. 2, 2010. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Sept. 13, 2010.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available at www.llnslc.com. For an application, go to the Web at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/submit.html>.

Closures Planned on I-580

BART and Caltrans will need to close a portion of Interstate 580 (I-580) in the Dublin/Pleasanton area beginning 11p.m. on Saturday, June 19 through 9a.m. Sunday, June 20. Ramps from Interstate 680 (I-680) leading to the impacted segment of I-580 will also be closed. These closures are necessary to accommodate construction crews as they install bridges perpendicular to the highway, which will provide access to the new West Dublin/Pleasanton Station.

"To complete the bridge installation, we will need to repeat these closures in July as well," BART Board President James Fang said. "While the I-580 closure may be inconvenient for a few late-night drivers we hope Tri-Valley residents realize this is short-term pain for long-term gain. Once completed, the West Dublin/Pleasanton Station will have 1200 parking spaces, which means potentially 1200 less cars on I-580."

Members of the public who have questions or concerns about the closure may call 1-(866) 435-BART (1-866-435-2278).

Westbound I-580 Detour: Take the Dougherty Road off-ramp and turn right. Turn left on Dublin Blvd. Follow signs for Interstate 680 on-ramps, or for westbound I-580, continue on Dublin Blvd. to San Ramon Road. Turn left and take the on-ramp to westbound I-580. Travelers should expect a delay of about six minutes for this detour.

BART Small Business Workshop

In efforts to increase contracting opportunities for the Bay Area's small business construction firms, BART has developed a business preparedness workshop series for firms that want to do business with BART, but require supportive services assistance in preparing for contracting opportunities. On June 17, at Las Positas College, board members Thomas Blalock and John McPartland will discuss the Earthquake Safety Program (ESP) designed for small construction firms who are seeking opportunities to participate in construction projects with BART.

The June 17 informational event will be held at Las Positas College in Livermore, Room 2401 from 6:30-8:30pm and will discuss the upcoming no cost training sessions, program enrollment requirements and future contracting opportunities. The Earthquake Safety Program by BART will also include one-on-one networking sessions with prime contractors for qualified small business firms.

The ESP Supportive Services Workshops will help increase small business participation in Earthquake Safety construction projects that were funded by Measure AA in 2004.

For information about the June 17th session, visit <http://bartearthquakesafetyprogram.eventbrite.com/>, or to find out more information about the ESP Program visit www.BART.gov or call

510 464-7194.

2010 Peak Fire Season

Based on anticipated winds, drying fuels, and a declared Fire Weather Watch starting tonight and continuing through Sunday morning, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is instituting its annual Peak Fire Season procedures. They went into effect last Friday. From now through the end of the Peak Fire Season, firefighters will be taking extra steps to monitor weather conditions, and will be providing additional availability of special apparatus for wildland firefighting.

Local residents should, as always, practice fire safety, but with particular awareness during Peak Fire Season. Residents who live in areas where brush or vegetation are in close proximity to homes, such as the Pleasanton Ridge, should ensure that they have at least 100 feet of defensible space around their homes and that they take steps to prepare for evacuation should a need arise during the season. Caution should be used when using anything that may risk starting a fire such as tractors, weed trimmers and cigarettes. It is also important to remember that fireworks are dangerous and illegal in both Livermore and Pleasanton.

Wine Country Luncheons

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a series of wine country luncheons.

The series kicks-off with the annual Livermore state of the city address by Mayor Marshall Kamena on June 24. His talk is titled, "i-Valley, Livermore's New Technology Gold Rush." The luncheon will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center starting at 11:30 a.m.

On July 22, Marty Beard of Sybase will unveil Innovation Tri-Valley with his presentation, "Tri-Valley Innovating for the World, Second Annual Innovation Forum." The event will be held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill. There will be an innovation/expo starting at 10 a.m. followed by the program at noon.

August 26 will feature a speaker on national issues. The luncheon will be at Concannon Vineyard starting at 11:30 a.m.

The final presentation will be on health care. It is set for Sept. 23 at Wente Vineyards. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

For reservations or information to go www.livermorechamber.org or call 447-1606.

Waste Removed

The U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has successfully completed its campaign to clean up all defense related transuranic (TRU) waste at California's Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) near Sunol and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Site 300, east of Livermore.

Transuranic waste is material that is contaminated with U-233 (and its daughter products), certain isotopes of plutonium, and nuclides with atomic numbers greater than 92 (uranium).

The last shipment of defense related TRU waste from VNC was shipped to Idaho National Laboratory on June 7. Following the certification for disposal, this shipment of contact-handled waste will be sent to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M. for permanent disposal. On June 11, a shipment of defense-related TRU waste from LLNL Site 300 was shipped to the LLNL main site in Livermore, resulting in the complete removal of Site 300's TRU waste.

Waste at VNC and LLNL Site 300 was characterized and certified through American and Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. CBFO and WIPP have received \$172 million in ARRA funds to support cleanup activities across the DOE complex. The funds allowed for a quicker clean-up, according to a press release.

Last year, working with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, CBFO began the shipping campaign from VNC by removing and disposing of 32 shipments of remote-handled (RH)-TRU waste. VNC is a privately-owned commercial energy research facility located approximately 40 miles east of San Francisco and about seven miles southwest of Livermore, California. The TRU waste was generated at VNC from government sponsored research.

Charter School Gains Accreditation

The Livermore Valley Charter School received official notice of its Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation for a six year term, Principal Tara Aderman announced to the staff and over 75 parent volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration held at Ruby Hills. The WASC visiting committee cited a wide range of strengths the school demonstrated in the comprehensive self study and site visit, and the thoroughness in the preparation of the Focus on Learning document.

The WASC visiting committee identified many areas of strength, including: high qualification of staff; the school's strong link with parents and community; the pride the community takes in the school; strong site administration; the commitment to high expectations of all students; and the high student involvement in service projects and extra-curricular activities. They listed the following:

- Students enjoy attending school, are learning a great deal, and really like their teachers.
- Strong fiscal management with a significant cash reserve and a 5 year fiscal plan.
- Project-based learning and differentiation of instruction is well established.
- Students have access to a large network of resources for both academic support and enrichment.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is one of six regional associations that accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universi-

Pre-Kindergarten Program Is Free

The City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District have partnered with the First 5 Alameda County Every Child Counts program to offer a free Summer Pre-Kindergarten program at Valley View Elementary School, located at 480 Adams Way in Pleasanton.

The program, which runs each Monday through Friday between June 21 and July 5 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., is specifically designed for children entering kindergarten in the fall who have not had prior pre-school or child care experience.

The program features a safe and nurturing environment that will better enable these students to transition to kindergarten. The program also provides families and staff the opportunity to identify students who need additional support and create a bridge to the student's home school site to ensure that the appropriate support is provided.

For more information, and to determine if a child is eligible for the program, please contact Becky Hopkins with the City of Pleasanton at (925) 931-3432, or bbhopkins@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

ties in the United States. The Western region covers institutions in California and Hawaii, the territories of Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Pacific Basin, and East Asia, and areas of the Pacific and East Asia where American/International schools or colleges may apply to it for service.

The process developed by

the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), involves a dual purpose that continues the expectation that schools must be worthy of the trust placed in them to provide high quality learning opportunities, and with the added requirement that they clearly demonstrate that they are about the critical business of continual self-improvement.

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EDITORIAL

Pleasanton Voters Consistent

It's a shame that Pleasanton residents have to keep repeating themselves at the polls.

Every initiative or referendum aimed at preserving the hills and ridgelines that surround the city has received the support of voters. The protections began in 1993 when voters approved Measure F, or the Pleasanton Ridgelines Ordinance, which restricts development on the western ridgelines.

In the most recent vote last Tuesday, voters rejected the bid to build the Oak Grove development in the southeast hills. It was the second time a referendum has turned down development on the site.

The Lin family, which owns the property, indicated they would be back with another development.

A statement released by the Lins declares that they are dedicated to fulfilling their property rights on Oak Grove, as it is within the voter approved Urban Growth Boundary, included within the General Plan for residential development, and enjoys an approved, legally-binding Development Agreement that ensures the Lins' rights to apply for approval of a substantially similar project for several more years.

Hopefully, it will be one that adheres to the policies that protect hillsides and ridges that Pleasanton voters continue to say they desire.

MODEL

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results just to see how well the local program has done on a proportional basis.

With about one-thirtieth of the Fellows, Hertz has produced disproportionate numbers of Nobel laureates (two, versus eight for the NSF), Lawrence Award winners (three, against eight for NSF) and National Academy of Engineering members (17, compared to 101 for the NSF.)

Hertz is also favorably represented in the National Academy of Sciences, with 10 members against NSF's 200.

Some 95 percent of the Hertz Fellows have earned a PhD or equivalent degree.

Beyond academics, Jay Davis, president of the Hertz Foundation, is particularly proud of the contributions the Fellows have made and are making to the nation's economic strength. Speaking last week to the Valley Study Group meeting in Pleasanton, he said that nearly half work in industry and 60 have founded companies.

Davis is no stranger to scientific accomplishment himself, having risen through the physics ranks at Lawrence Livermore Lab to become an associate director. He says he has found some of the Fellows so highly qualified as to be almost intimidating.

In recruiting, the Foundation looks for, and finds, undergraduate candidates with exceptional research experience, including publications and patents. The candidates need to know the faculty where they are going and be able to "articulate a vision" of what they will do and the national need they will address, Davis says.

Davis has held senior positions at Lawrence Livermore and in the Defense Department and has also carried out national consulting and advisory roles, but he thinks his present position "might be the most important I have ever held" because of the leverage that well educated scientists and engineers have in creating benefit for society.

He likes to cite the view of Norm Augustine, retired chief of Lockheed-Martin and a highly respected contributor to national studies on competitiveness. Augustine claims that scientists and engineers represent only 4 percent of the workforce but produce 50 to 85 percent of the growth in the national economy.

A few of the many superstars among past Hertz Fellows are people like Nathan Myrsvold, former chief technical officer of Microsoft, founder of Microsoft Research, and founder of Intellectual Ventures Corp.; Michael Farmwald, founder of six high tech companies including Rambus Inc.; David Thompson, founder of Orbital Sciences Corp.; and Christopher Loose, co-founder of Sempus BioSciences.

The Fellowship's support for its students may be the most generous available today. It commits to five years at \$50,000 per year for a total of \$250,000. The Fellowships are portable, meaning the students are free to change universities or take a year off, and can follow their research interests without being limited to a professor's existing grants and funding.

Not surprisingly, the program

doesn't entrust everyone with this kind of responsibility and freedom. The goal is to support only the top one percent of postgraduate students. Selection lasts the better part of a year. Some 500 to 600 typically apply, with 150 chosen for first-round interviews. Hertz Board members and former Fellows are among the interviewers. The 150 are winnowed to 50 by mid-March, and Foundation directors then choose as many new Fellows as they can afford that year.

In 2010, Fellows number 15. Some years the number is twice as high.

The concept of the Hertz Foundation comes originally from John Hertz, an Austrian immigrant whose careers ranged from news reporting to boxing to car sales. Davis refers to him as a "serial entrepreneur." Hertz invented the car rental business, founded Yellow Cab and created a company that became Checker Motors.

In 1957, grateful to a country that had provided opportunity to a poor young European, he and his wife created the Foundation to help support the promising undergraduate engineers that they felt the U.S. needed. A few years later, at the urging of Edward Teller and others, the Foundation's focus shifted to the support of postgraduate students aiming for a PhD.

Hertz even built an Applied Sciences classroom on the east side of Lawrence Livermore Lab for graduate studies through the University of California at Davis.

In its early days, the Foundation was looking to stimulate progress in the physical sciences. Hertz was a patriot who believed in supporting the national defense, especially during the time of the Cold War. Physics and engineering seemed like direct paths to that end. As time passed, the Cold War ended and perceptions of technical needs changed. The life sciences became more appealing to the Foundation as molecular and genetic studies became more quantitative and took on some aspects of physics and engineering.

Today, half the Hertz Fellows are being supported in the biological sciences. Davis speaks eloquently of their talents and their potential to help society.

None of this is to suggest that the Hertz Foundation doesn't have a challenging road ahead. Its goal is to identify and support about 30 new students per year with five-year commitments, for a total of 150 students at any given time.

That's an expensive proposition. Davis is pushing to raise \$50 million in the next five years to boost the present endowment to \$70 million or more. "Every contribution helps," he says. However, the Foundation clearly needs some multi-million-dollar donations as well as the everyday ones of ten and twenty dollars.

To this end, Davis isn't shy about approaching big names in philanthropy with the story of the Hertz Foundation and the promise of its Fellows. The coming years will show how receptive they are as the Hertz Foundation seeks to continue the success of past years.

DSRSD Considers 12% Boost in Water, Sewer Fees

By Ron McNicol

Dublin's water and sewer bills will be rising by 12 percent, if the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) board acts on a current staff proposal.

The board will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase at 6 p.m. June 29 in its board room at 7051 Dublin Boulevard. DSRSD sent out notices to rate-payers about the proposal earlier this month.

The board won't take any action until its July meeting, said DSRSD general manager Bert Michalczuk.

The sewer fee would increase by \$39.78 per year, or \$3.31 per month, for the average single family dwelling. The current annual charge is \$299.46, which would rise to \$339.24, said Michalczuk.

If the board approves the

sewer fee hike, two-thirds of the increase will go into effect Jan. 1. The remaining one-third would be added at the start of the fiscal year July 1, 2011.

The waste-water treatment fee is going up because of general cost increases, including labor and chemicals, said Michalczuk.

The fee went down two or three years ago by \$3 per month, because the board had money in a reserve fund. "The board thought at that time that it could afford to give residents a break, and spend down the reserves," said Michalczuk.

However, that fund is nearly gone. Costs have risen. As a result, the board decided to raise the fee to just slightly higher than it had been before the dip in the rate, said Michalczuk.

BI-MONTHLY WATER FEE

COULD RISE BY \$12

The water fee increase proposal would take the bi-monthly bill for a typical Dublin single family home from the current \$97.40 to \$109.40, a \$12 increase. The increase is in the infrastructure charge.

Some \$42.20 of DSRSD's fee is a straight pass-through of Zone 7 Water Agency's charge. Michalczuk said there is no way to know now what Zone 7 will charge next year. Traditionally, Zone 7 makes its decisions in October, with any rate increase going into effect in January.

DSRSD needs to raise the water rate because it has not been receiving any new connection fees from development as a result of the slow economy, said Michalczuk.

DSRSD must still stand be-

hind the four loans it has for such improvements as recycled water project pipelines and two reservoirs. The district owes \$2.7 million annually on the improvement loans.

DSRSD created an infrastructure fund two years ago to make sure there are enough funds to pay off the bond. The current infrastructure charge to the average homeowner is \$18 bi-monthly. The proposal before the board now is to raise that by \$12 to \$30, said Michalczuk.

The board intends to give the entire \$30 fee boost back to rate-payers in the future when building resumes to the point where it carries the \$2.7 million bond obligation, said Michalczuk. That would occur through rate reductions that make up for the current and possible future infrastructure fund fees.

ELECTION

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the seat in 2006 from Republican Richard Pombo of Tracy.

Pombo tried to stage a congressional comeback this year in the 19th CD, a Central Valley district that does not include his residence. Federal law requires only that a candidate live in the same state as the district. Pombo finished third among the Republicans, with 21 percent of the vote.

HARMER HAD 36% IN FOUR-WAY RACE

Harmer lives in San Ramon in the 10th CD, which is represented by John Garamendi. However, Harmer's home is close to the 11th district boundary. The unofficial returns show that Harmer received 19,235 votes, which was 36 percent of the Republican total.

Brad Goehring, who won the vote in his San Joaquin County home portion of the district, finished second with 14,263 for 27 percent. Trailing him were Tony Amador with 10,143 and Elizabeth Emken 8643 votes.

David Christensen ran unopposed on the American Independent ballot and received 978 votes.

McNerney was unopposed, and received 38,013 votes for the Democratic nomination. The district is nearly tied on major party registration, with 146,302 Republicans and 146,124 Democrats signed up. Each accounts for 39 percent of the registration in the district. More than 17 percent are listed as "declines to state." The remainder are minor party members.

Most of the 11th district's voter population is spread among San Joaquin, Contra Costa and Alameda counties, with a small stub in Santa Clara County.

McNerney, who was elected in 2006, said in a prepared statement after the primary election that he will "keep listening to everyone in our area so that I can remain an independent voice for

all of us. I'll continue to work hard for the communities I am honored to represent."

McNerney, a member of a House veterans service committee, cited his continued work on veterans issues, including efforts to keep a VA facility open at the campus south of Livermore.

McNerney, who voted against a Congressional pay raise, said that he has "fought hard to stop pay raises for members of Congress. That's the right thing to do in these tough economic times."

Harmer did not respond to a request for a statement before the Independent's deadline.

The 15th Assembly District will pit San Ramon residents against each other. Mayor Abram Wilson will represent the Republicans. Democrat and former San Ramon School Board member Joan Buchanan is the Democrat on the ticket. She is the incumbent. The two faced each other in the last election. Livermore is part of the 15th AD.

The 18th Assembly District, which includes part of Pleasanton, will have incumbent Democrat Mary Hayashi facing Republican Michael Havig. In the 20th Assembly, which also includes a part of Pleasanton, candidates are Democrat Bob Wiewkowski and republican Adnan Shahab.

The 10th State Senate District, the incumbent Democrat Ellen Corbett faces Republican Bob Maffitt and American Independent Ivan Chou. Pleasanton is in the 10th district.

COOK-KALLIO, THORNE WILL RUN AGAIN

In Pleasanton, the terms of Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, and councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio expire. Thorne has already announced that he will run. He told The Independent that he has "thoroughly enjoyed" serving on the council.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that she will run again. "I hope I have

shown effective leadership. I do my homework. We have challenges ahead of us that we have to solve in this economic environment," she said.

Hosterman will also be seeking re-election.

For all three Pleasanton incumbents, it would be their final terms, if re-elected. So far, no opposition candidates have come forward.

On the Pleasanton school board, president Chris Grant has said he will run again. Jim Ott announced months ago that he will leave the board at the end of his term. Pat Kernan, with 13 years' experience on the board, reiterated last week that he has not made up his mind, but is leaning toward letting someone else run for the seat.

On the Livermore school board, the terms of Bill Dunlop, Kate Runyon and Anne White expire. White, who was first elected in 1990, said that she is "seriously thinking about running again, but I haven't written my 200 words (for the county's sample ballot pamphlet)."

Runyon stated, "It's not the easiest job in the world. However, it's important. I will put my name down and let voters choose who they choose."

Dunlop was unavailable for comment.

On the LARPD board, terms expire for Scott Kamena, David Furst and Maryalice Faltings. The three were on the ballot four years ago, and were automatically chosen, because no one filed against them.

Kamena said that he may not run again. He cited family obligations, now that he has two children and a third on the way. After the filing period opens, Kamena will be looking to see if anyone with the same priorities will be running, so they could bring up the same issues, if he departs.

Furst said that he will run.

OAK GROVE

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reported it spent \$514,143.61, \$135,000 in the final days of the campaign. The reports were filed last Friday.

In contrast Save Pleasanton's Hills, opponents of Measure D, spent \$6,915.28. They collected just over \$5700.

Charter Properties and James Tong, through Frederic Lin, donated \$120,000 in cash to the campaign. There has been \$67,465.86 in non-monetary contributions. The campaign lists \$327,379.94 in debts.

No on Measure D supporters, Save Pleasanton's Hills, are bracing for another attempt to develop the property in the southeast hills of Pleasanton.

The Lin family issued a statement following last Tuesday's vote. The statement reads, "After more than two decades of working with the community to find the best plan for Oak Grove - a plan that provided a fair return, respects the neighborhood and provides the City of Pleasanton with benefits - the Lin family announced that while disappointed at the defeat of Measure D, they remain committed to develop the property as allowed for in the City of Pleasanton General Plan and a legally-binding Development Agreement."

The statement continued, "The Lins are dedicated to fulfilling their property rights on Oak Grove, as it is within the voter approved Urban Growth Boundary, included within the General Plan for residential development, and enjoys an approved, legally-binding Development Agreement that ensures the Lins' rights to apply for approval of a substantially similar project for several more years."

The Lin family attorney Martin Inderbitzen declared in a press release, "The Lin family felt the plan, as created with the neighborhood and city, approved by the city, and placed upon the ballot as Measure D was more

than fair. It donated 90 percent of the property as a park protecting the oak woodlands and ridgeline vistas of the southeast hills, and reduced the number of homes from the 98 called for in the General Plan to just 51."

Kay Ayala, one of the leaders of No on Measure D, believes the plan to proceed with another development proposal is an attempt "to wear us down."

She didn't believe that there was a legally-binding development agreement in place. She pointed out that Measure D nullified the development plan. The plan contained a poison pill provision. The provision stated that if either the development plan or development agreement were rejected by referendum, both would be void.

City Attorney Jonathan Lowell agreed with Ayala. "I would say that the poison pill language applies," he stated. Lowell said that he would have to see what the Lins wish to do, waiting until they submit something. "There

may be some legal argument they are using that I am not aware of," he explained.

Lowell added that there was litigation regarding the signing of the development agreement. At that time, a representative of the Lin family agreed that the poison pill should apply.

In 2008, James Tong of Charter Properties acted for the Jennifer and Frederic Lin, owners of the Oak Grove property. By signing, Tong acknowledged that if the city manager signed the development agreement, and if the development plan were set aside through the referendum process, the development agreement would cease to be in force and effect and "we will claim no vested rights."

The acknowledgment was in response to a letter sent by then City Attorney Michael Roush expressing concern that if the development agreement were signed and then the PUD development plan set aside by the referendum, the Lins might contend that they still have vested entitlements

to build something on the Oak Grove property. Roush added that in his opinion the approval of the development agreement was inextricably linked to the council's approval of the PUD development plan, now set aside by the election.

If the poison pill were not applicable, the Lins could submit the same development plan. However, if the development agreement were not in play, any development proposal would have to conform to Measure PP, the hillside protection initiative approved by Pleasanton voters last November. Lowell said in theory that could mean they could come in with the property split into ten lots. (Measure PP does not apply to developments of 10 units or less.)

Ayala said of the election results, she had hoped for a higher percentage of victory. She felt that last minute phone calls claiming negative impact on schools if the measure were defeated lowered the margin of victory.

MAILBOX

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On behalf of "Save Pleasanton Hills" and the "NO on D" Campaigns, we would like to express our appreciation to all

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• Thank you to the many volunteers who spent their Saturdays at Farmer's Market talking to citizens.

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it is the one that the community deserves. People have to get out of this mode of instant gratification when it comes to travel. We need to look 50 years in the future at what travel will look like. The BART board will decide the final option. In my opinion, the BART staff and the Livermore City Council got it right in selecting 2B.”

He added, “We have a Congressional delegation who want to get this done.”

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said that 2B is the least expensive of the fundable projects.

It has been pointed out that several options would be unlikely to receive funding, because they could not accommodate transit oriented development and/or lacked intermodal connections.

The BART board will take up the matter at its July 1 meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Kaiser Center, 344 20th Street in Oakland, third floor.

At this meeting, the Board is expected to certify the Final Program-Level Environmental Impact Report for the BART to Livermore studies, and identify a preferred alignment for the

proposed BART extension to Livermore. The public is invited to attend.

Jean King, who lives near the train tracks east of downtown, said that BART would be in her backyard. However, she felt that the advantages of a downtown station outweighed her personal issues.

Carol Hilton objected to the decision to support 2B, saying it was based on a small percentage of people living in the city. She referred to the 100 or so who took part each time in workshops aimed at selecting a preferred route and station locations in

Livermore.

Nine citizens who spoke at the working group meeting supported 2B; three opposed it. One said that she came to the meeting expecting to oppose 2B, but learned more about the alignment from the staff presentation.

One of the requirements for a BART extension is intermodal connections. At the proposed Vasco Livermore Station, the ACE train would provide a major connection.

The California High Speed Rail Authority is currently launching a project environmental impact review for its Altamont Corridor Project in conjunction with ACE. As envisioned, the project would incrementally upgrade the ACE service on a separate, dedicated passenger track, and may ultimately be fully grade-separated, electrified, and compatible with the high speed train equipment. The goal is to provide near high speed service that connects the area and San Joaquin Valley with the high speed rail mainline in Stockton and/or Modesto using passenger rail equipment that is compatible with the high speed rail system.

Livermore City Engineer Cheri Sheets said there is funding for the ACE study. In addition, there has been an application for more funding through a federal planning grant.

Sheets said that the high speed rail study would likely be completed prior to BART's completion of a project EIR. The high speed rail study would look at

how ACE and BART would connect. “The various agencies want to make sure ACE is at the same level so that passengers just walk across a platform to change trains. They want the systems to be fully integrated.”

The high speed rail process is

a two year study. Sheets said the BART extension to Livermore project specific EIR would take longer.

As part of moving forward, BART would secure the right-of-way. Livermore would prepare a ridership development proposal.

RUNYON

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surgery and expects to be in a wheelchair through the summer.

“I want people to know that I am okay,” says Runyon. “I really appreciate the wonderful firefighters from Station 6. They were so kind and careful.”

She adds that she doesn't blame the dogs or their owners for the accident. “The dogs were just having fun. Because of their size, they couldn't quite turn fast enough to avoid me,” she says. “If I ever go to a dog park again, I'll definitely stand against the fence. People should be aware that when you have large dogs running and hard at play, accidents can happen.”

Runyon has served on the Livermore Board of Education since 2006 and plans to run for reelection this fall.

Rules for most dog parks, including Livermore's, pertain to dog behavior. Dogs must be licensed, on leash until they enter the park, and attended by their owners. Owners are also asked to police the behavior of their dogs and to clean up after their dogs.

Unattended children are not allowed inside dog parks because of the danger posed by running or aggressive dogs. All people entering a dog park should pay close attention to the dogs around them.

Livermore has five off-leash dog parks: May Nissen on Rincon Avenue; Vista Meadow on Westminster Way; Max Baer on Murdell Lane; Bruno Canziani on South Charlotte Way; and Marlin A. Pound on Bluebell Drive.

LIVERMORE

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The Livermore Planning Commission agreed and had denied the application.

Staff told the city council that Signature Properties had made changes to address the planning commission concerns. Garages were made less prominent, porches were extended, and additional cosmetic touches were added such as window boxes.

After viewing the changes, the council approved the application 3 to 2. John Marchand and Jeff Williams wanted to send the application back to the planning commission so that they could review the changes.

Joe Zawidski of Signature Properties said that there were three options. They are to shut down the project and leave the lots fallow, build what was originally planned and sell it at a

discount, or create a new product that would be non-competitive with the homes of existing neighbors and fit into the community.

Zawidski said it would be in the best interest of current homeowners to have the new product built. The homes would sell for less. If Signature built the same homes, they would sell for \$200,000 less and completely destroy the equity in the existing homes in the neighborhood.

Resident Susan Putnam told the council, “I believe the proposal is inferior in design and materials to what is already built across the street. I believe the plans will bring down home values. I would like to see Signature remain as the builder. However, this is not the best proposal. The council should reject the plans

and ask that they be improved.”

Larry Putnam said the key sticking points are, “Harmony, integration and property values.”

Others made similar comments. Speakers also asked that there be detached garages. They wanted the architecture to blend in better with current homes. Several commented that they were told when they purchased their homes that the product would remain the same throughout the development.

One neighbor, Pamela Glen, liked the changes. “I don't believe Signature will build poor homes.”

Councilmember Doug Horner said with the proposed changes, he believes the homes will fit in with the houses already in the area.

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- 531 Brookfield Drive
- 2043 Buckskin Road
- 1125 Butte Ct
- 2135 Calibria Court
- 588 Caliente Avenue
- 846 Caliente Avenue
- 3891 California Way
- 4923 Candy Court
- 1045 Canton Avenue
- 656 Carla Street
- 2752 Carmen Avenue #1
- 5494 Carnegie Loop
- 5342 Carnegie Loop
- 1145 Caroline Court
- 3717 Carrigan Cmn
- 833 Catalina Drive
- 5321 Celeste Avenue
- 1190 Central Avenue
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- 4944 Charlotte Way
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- 877 Chippewa Way
- 374 Church Street
- 2433 College Avenue
- 1319 Columbus Avenue
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- 820 Cortland Way
- 2638 Covey Way
- 2466 Cowan Way
- 5875 Crestmont Avenue
- 677 Daisyfield Drive
- 3960 Dartmouth Way
- 3820 Dartmouth Way
- 3886 Dartmouth Way
- 1655 De Leon Way
- 835 Del Norte Drive
- 844 Delaware Way
- 1531 DeLeon Way
- 5224 Diane Lane
- 603 Dover Way
- 3934 Duke Way
- 2466 Eighth Street
- 260 El Caminito
- 427 El Caminito
- 6457 El Capitan Way
- 1330 Eldorado Drive
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- 277 Elvira Street
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- 4023 Emerson Drive
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- 1626 Hansen Road
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- 880 Highland Street
- 1254 Hillview Drive
- 1072 Hollyhock Street
- 536 Huntington Way
- 1245 Hyacinth Court
- 5637 Idlewild Avenue
- 1170 Innsbruck Street
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- 5266 Iris Way
- 5204 Iris Way
- 227 Ivory Place
- 525 James Street
- 378 Jeannie Way
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- 1374 Kathy Court
- 878 Katrina Street
- 3055 Kennedy Street
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- 6540 Scenic Avenue
- 1856 Sixth Street
- 676 Sonoma Avenue
- 623 Sonoma Avenue
- 536 Sonoma Avenue
- 3981 Stanford Way
- 525 Starling Avenue
- 536 Stetson Way
- 836 Sunset Drive
- 2538 Superior Drive
- 2883 Superior Drive
- 636 Sycamore Court
- 5274 Theresa Way
- 5317 Theresa Way
- 5488 Theresa Way
- 3625 Thornhill Dr
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- 6648 Tiffany Common
- 202 Tourmaline Ave.
- 619 Travis Circle
- 1118 Tulane Court
- 845 Via Seville
- 407 Virginia Drive
- 482 Virginia Drive
- 843 Wagoner Drive
- 2411 Wellingham Drive
- 1248 Westbrook Place
- 1276 Westbrook Place
- 272 White Fang Way
- 881 William Drive
- 1338 Wilton Road
- 1344 Wilton Road
- 1341 Wilton Road
- 1399 Winding Stream Dr.
- 1334 Winding Stream Dr.
- 1181 Winged Foot Court
- 5645 Woodrose Way
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- 3871 Yale Way
- 2157 Zinfandel Court
- 662 Zirkon Way



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SPORTS NOTES



The GirlZone 8th Grade girls basketball team show off their tournament championship trophy from the North Peninsula Force tournament in Redwood City. GirlZone defeated three teams from the Peninsula and surrounding area on their way to the title. Over Memorial Day Weekend, the team traveled to Reno as part of the Jam On It tournament at the Reno Convention Center. After losing the opener, GirlZone won the next three games to finish in third place among the 16 teams in their division. GirlZone comprises 8th grade players from Pleasanton and Dublin: (back row, left to right) Jessica Ramsey, Olivia Brown, Katie Flom, Maddie Lingenfelder; (middle) Emily Christensen, Hannah Biehl, Marianne Fernandez, Haley Broadnick; (front) Nikki Costello, and Sabrina Ehler.

Ballistic United Premier

Pleasanton Ballistic United Men's Premier U20/U23 team scored 3 quick second half goals to secure a NorCal Premier Goal League win against Oakland Malatecos Sunday afternoon. In the first half Ballistic attacked early and often but came up empty handed. Winger Stephan Rabrenovich and Striker David Norton had several good scoring chances shut down by Oakland's keeper. In the 30th minute an Oakland forward caused a turnover and finished for a 1-0 half time lead. In the second half Ballistic scored 3 goals in a five minute span to take control of the game. In the 52nd minute Kyle Crain scored on a penalty kick to tie the score. A few minutes later Crain initiated a wonderful sequence from a quick restart of a free kick. Crain sent a diagonal pass down the flank to Winger George Mayer. Mayer's driven cross found Stephan Rabrenovich who finished a beautiful shot to the far post. In the 57th minute David Norton put Ballistic up 3-1 taking an Aaron Gouthard pass and slotting the ball home past the Malateco keeper. Oakland was able to pull one goal back in the 70th minute. Michael Biegarten (assisted my Moreno) quickly answered with a goal to make the score 4-2. Norton finished the scoring in the 82nd minute on an assist from Evan Sherwood. The final score was Ballistic United Premier 5, Oakland Malatecos 2. With the win Ballistic goes to 2 wins, 1 loss on the season. Top Offensive Players: David Norton, Stefan Rabrenovich, Kyle Crain, George Mayer

All Valley Divers

Over the weekend, 9 divers competed in the USA Diving 2010 Summer Junior Region 10 Championships in Santa Clara. This was a qualifying meet for Zones and all 9 divers qualified. The team came in 5th overall.
 Anatoly Nazarov - 11 under (6 dives) - 1 meter-1st place (187.65) 3 meter - 1st place (174.25)
 Anthony Epshteyn - 12-13 (7 dives) - 1 meter - 10th place (148.35) - 3 meter - 2nd place (215.10)
 Natasha Sondenov - 12-13 (7 dives) 1 meter - 15th place (169.60) - 3 meter - 16th place (140.90)
 Lottie Goddard - 11 under (6 dives) - 1 meter-1st place (160.00) 3 meter - 1st place (173.45)
 Haley Brott - 14-15 (8 dives) - 1 meter - 9th place (221.90) - 3 meter - 11th place (239.25)
 Fiona Caulfield - 14-15 (8 dives) - 3 meter - 10th place (240.80)
 Melissa Parker - 16-18 (9 dives) - 1 meter - 13th place (290.85)
 Cody Huntington - 16-18 (10 dives) - 1 meter - 13th place (307.85) - 3 meter - 11th place (303.80)
 Travis Garris - 14-15 - (9 dives) - 1 meter - 8th place (153.05)

Livermore Rodeo Results

Cade Swor was atop the all around standings at the end of the annual Livermore Rodeo. Jack Vanderlans was second and Jesse Sheffield finished third.
 Danny Webb of Cottonwood captured the bareback riding competition. Clint Cannon, Walter, TX., was second, tied for third were Joe Gunderson, Jessy Davis and Cody DeMers. The champion received \$2023.50 in prize money.
 Barrel racing champion was Haley Jochins from Riverside. She won \$2038.89. Second place was Christy Colgate of Santa Rosa; tied for third were Linda Vick of Hesperia and Bailey Tuck from San Luis Obispo.
 Douglas Duncan from Alvin, TX finished first in bull riding aboard Cool Cash. He won \$2422.50. Paul Coppini finished second, Jordan Hooton, third, and tied for fourth were Kevin Ventura and Shane Proctor.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights:
Majors - Diamondbacks 8, Mariners 7. Top Hitters Diamondbacks - Brett Rasmussen - HR, 1B, RBI, run scored; Nick Stanley - 1B, 2B, RBI, run scored; Ryan Reeves - 1B, 2B, 2 RBI's. Mariners - Jackson Kennedy - HR, 1B, 2 RBI's, run scored; Tyler Griffin - 2 singles, RBI, run scored; Anthony Miller - 2 singles. Pitchers Diamondbacks - Michael Stein; Mariners - Anthony Miller, Greg Moreland. In the championship game the Mariners jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the top of the 1st, but after a solo HR in the bottom of the 1st the Diamondbacks kept fighting their way back into the game. The Diamondbacks took a 7-5 lead into the top of the 6th before the Mariners tied the game at seven. In a dramatic finish the Diamondbacks rallied to win 8-7 in their final at bat.

Minor A - Giants (Offense) Ryan Grace, Ethan James, Henry Kath (Defense) Wyatt Moseley, Chris Schonoltz, Tyler Stewart; Phillies (Offense) Alec Faith, Logan Finch, Logan Hartrum (Defense) Pascale Badders, Matthew Kronmal, Ty Bothwell-Mititsky. Red Sox (Offense) Shlok Bansal, Joey Katen, Max Silveira (Defense) Westley Gladen, Gabriel Parrish, Chris Perez; Dodgers (Offense) Daniel Bobosky, Franco Moufarrj, Gregory Short (Defense) Duncan Maloney, Derek Martinez, Ben Morrisroe.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League highlights:
AA Division: Rockies vs. Giants: in the second game of the league tournament the Giants beat the Rockies. Robert Hoff, Elizabeth Kennedy and Sean Pascual all played well for the Rockies. The Giants top players were Max Johnson, Jacob Denhart and Matt Kovacs.
A Division: Diamondbacks vs. Padres: The Diamondbacks and the Padres had an awesome final game of the season. For the Padres, Matt Fiedor and Josh Fiedor repeatedly made outstanding defensive plays and Isaiah Ontai and Kyle Sands had great hits. The Diamondbacks had great offense! Dylan Mizuhara and Giovanni Fuentes did a good job getting on base. Jimmy Rodriguez hit all the way to the fence and John Stangi hit out to the grass three times

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League highlights:
Junior 80's Gold: Pleasanton 12, San Ramon 11: The Pleasanton Foothill Junior 80's Gold defeated the San Ramon Junior 80's Gold 12 to 11 in a wild and exciting game at the Bernal Fields. Ryan Probst and Jordan Ott had three hits each, and Kyle Freitas, Scott Rasnick, Kyle Lawrence and Matt Finney had two hits each to lead the Pleasanton attack. Ryan Probst had four RBI, three from his bases clearing double, Kyle



In its season-debut tournament, the Mavericks fast-pitch softball team, based in Livermore, launched a new summer season by capturing its first 16U championship title at the Baden Sports Classic tournament in Manteca, CA, on June 12-13, 2010. The Mavericks scored 34 runs and allowed only 10 runs during the entire tournament. The highlights included three shutout games by pitchers Marina VanVliet and Ashley Weiler as well as six homeruns - three by Selena Shang, two from Greta Kohlmoos, and one by Nicole Sandoval-supported by powerful offense and airtight defense by all players. The Mavericks are (first row from left) Halle Niklewicz, Marissa Cordisco, Marina VanVliet, Amanda Bray, Renee Dobson, Selena Shang, (back row from left) coach Glen Cordisco, coach Charlie VanVliet, Greta Kohlmoos, Ashley Weiler, Indelisa Pereida, Nicole Sandoval, Icacia Pereida, manager Greg Dobson, and coach Abraham Pereida.

Lawrence had two RBI and Jordan Ott and Dylan Frades had one RBI. Kyle Lawrence, Zach Shields, Stephen Chipman and Ryan Probst pitched well for Pleasanton. Ryan Probst pitched 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief to seal the victory. This was Pleasanton's fourth win in a row, and 15th out of the last 17th games. Top Offensive Players: Ryan Probst, Jordan Ott and Scott Rasnick. Top Defensive Players: Kyle Freitas, Stephen Chipman and Dylan Frades

Pleasanton Spirit Run

More than 1,200 runners are expected Father's Day when the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's stages its 17th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton. Main Street will be closed from 5 a.m. until about 11 a.m. between Del Valle Parkway and Neal Street on June 20. The Father's Day tradition has continued to grow as runners, families and kids participate in either a 10K or 5K run or the kids' challenge.

Race-day registration will be accepted starting at 7 a.m. in the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Main Street. The 10K run will start at 8 a.m. on Main Street followed by the 5K run at 8:20.

The courses wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods, the Alameda County Fairgrounds and on trails along the scenic Arroyo del Valle. Traffic will be slowed by partial lane closures along the race courses. This will affect Valley Avenue, Paseo Santa Cruz, Del Valle Parkway, Division Street and St. Marys street between about 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds go to support the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's scholarship program. In the last 12 years, more than \$320,000 has been raised for scholarships to deserving Pleasanton graduates who need financial help to attend college.

In 2009 the Pleasanton Rotary awarded 21 scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$2,350. The total was \$24,400. Recipients will be announced at the schools' awards ceremonies this month.

The run is sponsored by Sensiba San Filippo LLP, a Bay Area-wide accounting firm with an office in Pleasanton. To register for the runs, please go online to www.spiritrun.com. Online preregistration closes at midnight June 16. Runners can help Pleasanton schools by designating a school and/or a school organization when registering. The Rotary Club is continuing its practice of donating \$5 per registration to Pleasanton schools when runners designate a group or school.

For information about the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, please see www.pleasantonrotary.org.

Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Dublin Community Golf Tournament will be held June 22 at the Dublin Ranch Golf Course. The event begins with a 1:00pm shotgun start, followed by a buffet dinner and silent auction.

This is a scramble, best-ball type tournament. Handicaps are not used. This inter-generational community tournament raises funds for the Dublin Youth Fee Assistance Program, which provides quality recreational experiences for children who otherwise might not get this opportunity.

Teams or individuals can register at www.dublinrecguide.com. The cost of \$90 Adults, \$50 Seniors (50+) and \$50 for Teens includes greens fees, cart and dinner.

The tournament includes holes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Hole-in-One and a Putting Contest plus a special "Grip It and Rip It" appearance by Dublin mascot Glen the Guide.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

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Pictured are the Granada Little League Diamondbacks 2010 Minor AA champions. They are (front, left to right) Noah Wiesner, Scott McPherson, Derek Eijasantos, Alec Lewis; (middle) Colby Smith, Zach Parodi, Brandon Harvey, Nate Hanscom, Jordan Muller, Quinn Ayers; (back) Manager Steve Harvey, Coach Jason Muller, and Coach Lane Lewis. Not pictured: Parker Hall and Travis Silva.



The 51st Annual Junior Rodeo will take place on Sun., June 15. Jenna Baattea, last year's "Mutton Bustin'" (sheep riding) winner, is shown with her prize buckle. She is pictured with her dad, Henry. Jenna is following in her father's footsteps. He is a multiple bull riding buckle winner on the pro rodeo circuit. Jenna is 5 years old and will compete again this year. Jenna, along with her sister Riley and her cousins, Skylar and Fallon McCall participated in the recent Family Night event by demonstrating sheep riding and wild goat milking. This is the Jr. Rodeo's version of Bull Riding and Wild Cow Milking. Many of today's professional rodeo cowboys started at the junior rodeo. Contestants range in age from 4 to 18. The action takes place at Robertson Park Stadium in Livermore starting early in the morning. There is no admission charge. Events include riding, chute doggin', roping, and pole bending.

and president of The Xtra Mile has been an integral force in women's triathlons, and at the forefront of creating opportunities for women in the sport of triathlon since the first Danskin event in 1990. The Philadelphia Inquirer recognized Sullivan as "The Grande Dame of Women's Triathlons."

Triathlon Hall of Famer and Ironman Master's world record holder, Sally Edwards will again serve as Chief Inspiration Officer for this second year of the Trek Women Triathlon Series. "My role will be to help women find what it takes to participate in this type of activity," explains Edwards. "I'm thrilled to be part of Maggie's team in helping women exceed their own expectations."

The Pleasanton race distances consist of a half mile swim, 12.5 mile bicycle ride, and 3.1 mile run/walk. Participants are encouraged to go to www.trekwomenstriathlonseries.com for registration. For further information, call toll free at 1-877-221-9665 or send us your questions at info@trekwomenstriathlon.com.

The Trek Women Triathlon Series is dedicated to providing women with every opportunity to support themselves and their individual causes. 100% of the money from the Series' Participant Pledge Program is

donated to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and The National Association of Team Survivor. The Xtra Mile has also launched "I Want to Tri for My Cause." Through this promotion, the Series contributes a portion of registrant fees to the charity of choice for any group of women - from six to fifty-nine participants.

In addition, the Trek Women Triathlon Series is reaching out and supporting women who have recently lost their jobs.

Golf Tournament

Golf tournament on Mon., June 21 at Ruby Hill Country Club in Pleasanton will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tracy.

Former 49er Keena Turner will host the event. Foursomes are \$1400, including dinner tickets for guests; single golfers \$350 including dinner; \$80 tournament dinner. Fee includes shirt, hat, give-aways, photo opportunity with Keena, 18 holes of golf, specialty holes, dinner, and silent and live auctions.

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SPORTS NOTES

Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will host the 2nd Annual Every 15 Minutes Charity Golf Tournament on Mon., Aug. 2 at the Ruby Hill Golf Club. Shotgun start is 8 a.m.

Entry fee up to July 12 is \$175; \$195 after that date. Funds go to finance the presentation of the Every 15 Minutes program for high school juniors and seniors in Livermore.

To participate or for sponsorship opportunities, contact either Captain Scott Trudeau 371-4717 or Dave Bedford 980-8143.

Advanced Football Training

Livermore Youth Football and Cheer (LYFC) is seeking 12-14 year old football players that want to train and play youth championship football. Athletes will train with doctors, personal speed and fitness trainers, former NFL players and coaches. This is a program that will prepare athletes to be leaders in the high school program they select. Athletes will compete against high comp teams in neighboring cities and regions to gain experience in the diverse skill sets that their programs contain.

This is an intense 5 month program that focuses on nutrition, fitness and condition and skills development. The athletes will receive specific instruction on eating and conditioning from experienced professionals.

This is designed for athletes that are prepared to give 110% to reach their peak performance levels in preparation for high



Events Lead Up to Concours d'Elegance

Eric Pestana, a Livermore Valley entrepreneur, has booked a Father's Day event into his series of car-related celebrations leading up to what is billed as a ground-breaking Concours d'Elegance on the grounds of Wente Vineyards in the middle of next year.

Before the grand finale, which will cost what Vegas types like to call "a bill," all of the events are free. They begin on June 20, with the Father's Day fete at the Four Seasons Silicon Valley Hotel in East Palo Alto.

Cars are the main thing, said Pestana, 34, who, as a young lad in Los Angeles and the East Bay, liked to lie on his stomach and draw the ones he saw around him, beginning with the vintage American roadsters and hot rods that his parents adored.

Pestana said about 20 exceptional vehicles will be on display at the Four Seasons, along with attractions like a virtual golf diorama where people can swing a Nike club at any one of more than a thousand courses from around the world.

The Father's Day event, set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., will kick off a yearlong series of parades, promenades, tastings and put-abouts promoting Pestana's big bash on July 23, 2011: the Mogulaire Concours d'Elegance at Wente Vineyards in Livermore.

Mogulaire is the name of Pestana's 2-year-old firm, designed to promote a variety of products, using audacious autos as a hook.

Pestana said the winery event will distinguish itself from other concours-type car shows in California by concentrating only on vehicles manufactured (in most cases) from 1949 until now. By sticking to products of the past 60 years or so, he said, "You can truly see the evolution of these automobiles from when aerodynamics started taking over and they began considering that in Milan and elsewhere in Europe."

To Pestana, any \$250,000 car is worth taking a gander at, whether it was made in postwar Italy or contemporary Silicon Valley, home of the fabled Tesla, an all-electric super-roadster favored by the likes of George Clooney and David Letterman.

Pestana called Teslas the vintage classics of tomorrow: "They're the Model T, the Model A of this generation."

Entrance to the concours will be restricted to 2,500 participants. VIP tickets will be \$250, general tickets will cost \$100.

Free activities around the area leading up to the concours include:

- A downtown Los Gatos display. North Santa Cruz Avenue will be closed to allow parking of as many as 50 elegant cars on Sept. 25.

- A similar show, this time at Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek, set for April 2, 2011.

- Free admission to the Blackhawk Museum, housing a collection of classic cars, on May 28, 2011.

- A Driver's Tour featuring elegant motorcars wending their way from Walnut Creek to Livermore on July 9, 2011.

More information is available at www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.

school, and college football programs. Financial assistance is available.

There are discounts on fees for families with multiple athletes. Payment plans and scholarships are available on a limited basis. Visit the program website at Livermorekids.com or call The Athletic Director Eric with questions at (925) 200-1556 or e-mail Livermorekids@gmail.com. Or meet with representatives in person at the Livermore Farmers Market on June 17 at the corner of J Street and Third. This program is supported by the Oakland Raiders, Valley Christian, Granada and Livermore High Schools.

Cheerleading

Livermore Youth Football and Cheer is looking for cheerleaders from age 5 to 14. LYFC provides a complete training and development program for Junior Cheer athletes. Previous experience is not required. Coaches emphasize "positive reinforcement techniques." The teams compete at the local and National Level. Competitions include Jamz and USA Cheer at exciting venues such as GreatAmerica, Marine World, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Granada and Livermore High Schools, Napa etc. All registered players participate.

The athletes compete against nearby cities and teams made up of the athletes they will compete against at a high school level.

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Football Program

Football players from 7-11 years old are welcome to participate in the Livermore Youth Football and Cheer (LYFC) program. LYFC is a 37 year old "Pop Warner" style traditional football program. Previous experience is not required. Athletes are trained by experience coaches utilizing "positive" coaching. Development of character as well as fitness and nutritional guidance are provided. Athletes are provided 60 full hours of training prior to their first game of the season. Optional fitness programs and football camps are available to further prepare the athletes in advance of the season. All registered players participate.

The players compete against nearby cities and teams made up of the athletes they will compete against at a high school level. This is the only football program offering this diverse and complete skills training systems.

Special fund-raising programs are in place for athletes and their families.

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Golf Classic

The 5th Annual "Summer Classic" Golf Tournament, dinner and concert to raise money for the JDRE, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, is Friday August 13, 2010 at the Wente complex in Livermore. It is open to the general public.

The event is hosted by Active Charity, a group of local businessmen and their supporters who have already raised over \$1 million dollars for JDRE. The charity fund-raiser is co-hosted by Tri-Valley Bank.

This year's event will feature a special treat—a concert performance by, "Super Diamond," a popular Neil Diamond tribute band. Neil Diamond has written five-decades worth of hit songs, so "Super Diamond" will appeal to several generations of fans.

"We want to invite the entire East Bay out to this fun, worthwhile event," said Jason Skeoch, of San Ramon, a co-founder of Active Charity. "People can golf, or they can just come for the dinner and concert. There is no need to do both, although you are welcome to do so."

Over four million Americans now have diabetes, many of them children. Sadly, the numbers are growing. Every thirty seconds, another person in the United States is diagnosed with diabetes. "My teenage daughter has Type-1 diabetes," said Jim Horalek, of Alamo, East Bay President of JDRE. "She is

getting the medical help emotional support and hope for the future because of events like this."

Once again, the title sponsor this year is Chevron, and Wente Vineyards is a generous supporter, along with Service Champions Heating & Air Conditioning. "We appreciate the great support of our sponsors," said Skeoch.

For information on how to sign up to golf, or for dinner and concert tickets, see www.CureType1.org/summer. For press, publicity and media sponsorship opportunities, please call Mark Curtis at (510) 393-9903 or Mark@MarkCurtisMedia.com.

Memorial Golf Tourney

The Hendricks Family Memorial Golf Tournament will be held June 18 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

Funds raised will go to help the family of Jack Hendricks, who passed away suddenly in February of this year at the age of 40. He is survived by his wife, Chrissy, and their three children.

Moore Machine, one of the organizers of the tournament, is looking for additional sponsors. Sponsors fees are \$125 per hole, \$200 for an entire hole. Mulligans will be available for sale prior to the round.

The entry fee for players is \$125 per player. It includes green fees, a cart, bucket of range balls, gift certificate to the pro shop and a tri-tip or BBQ chicken dinner after the round. The fee for four players is \$400.

There will be a post-game raffle and silent auction. Donations are sought. Check-in begins at noon along with the putting contest. The shotgun start is at 1:30 p.m.

For information about play or sponsor-

ships, call 998-4505.

Run San Ramon

The annual Run San Ramon will be held on 4th of July morning. This classic offers an event for everyone: 3K Fun Walk; 5K Run/Walk; and 10K Run. Proceeds from Run San Ramon will benefit the City of San Ramon's community programs.

All three courses feature flat, fast, and paved surfaces, running throughout the monitored streets in the Bishop Ranch area of San Ramon (East of 680). Commemorative T-shirts go out to all participants. Start/Finish line features beverages, fruit, snacks, ice cream, booths, and the ever-popular wading fountain, as well as the awards ceremony, following the race.

The Mayor's Cup will be awarded to the winning preregistered San Ramon resident, male and female (5K and 10K). Trophies will go to the top male, female, and team finishers of each 5K and 10K race. Medals will be given three deep in designated age groups for both 5K and 10K male and female participants (5-8, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-24, to 85+).

Pre-Registration for all events per person is \$35. All events per person family rate: \$30.00 per person (3 or more people, must register at the same time). Race day registration is \$40 for all events per person.

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:30 a.m., at the San Ramon Community Center 12501 Alcosta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. The 10K Run will start at 8:15 a.m., with the 3K Fun Walk and 5K Run / Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m.

For more Run San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services, Brad Morris (925) 973-3367 or visit their website. Timing and results of the Run San Ramon will be provided by On Your Mark Events.

Roller Derby Returns

World Champion San Francisco Bay Bombers will face the ARSD All-Stars in this mid season classic "Under the Stars" at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Sat., July 24. The game starts at 8 p.m.

Jim Fitzpatrick's Defending World Champion SF Bay Bombers will battle the leagues top players, combined to form this years All-Stars. Professional, banked track Roller Derby action is packing in huge crowds so get your tickets early. New skaters, fresh out of the Roller Derby boot camp have been signed by both teams.

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- Never leave children unattended around a pool or water – not even for one minute. Accidents occur fast.
- Flotation devices are not drown-proof.
- Children should always wear a life vest while boating and near open water.
- Always close your pool gate. Double-check the gate after people have been in the pool area.
- Review your pool rules and safety with family, friends and babysitters.
- Learn CPR. You could save a life.

SUN SAFETY

- Always use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.
- Make sure youngsters drink enough water.
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke: dizziness, nausea, rapid heart beat.

PREVENT BURNS

- Watch toddlers closely near barbecues, campfires or outdoor fireplaces. Burns are common injuries.
- Install screens or some type of barrier where appropriate.
- Metal playground equipment can get hot enough to cause burns on hot days.

PREVENT FALLS

- Move beds and chairs away from windows. Children may jump and play, and could fall through open windows.
- Make sure low windows are closed to prevent young children from falling out.
- Install gates at the top of stairs or decks to prevent falls.

ROAD SAFETY

- Always wear helmets and protective gear while biking, skating or skateboarding.
- Discuss bicycle and road safety with your children.
- Review pedestrian safety with children as well as adolescents.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. Temperatures quickly reach over 100 degrees.
- Drive cautiously. Children move quickly and may be difficult to see, especially when backing up. You may not see toddlers and older children playing behind a car.
- Always put your children in car seats or seat belts.

Safety tips are brought to you by the Pediatrics Department at San Ramon Regional Medical Center:

Tracy Trujillo, M.D. Pediatric Department Chair
Nick Giardini, M.D. Director, Inpatient Pediatric Services
Vicki Starr, R.N., CPNP
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SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

Return of the Summer Birds is the topic of a Sunday, June 20 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 6 p.m. at Veterans Park.

Veterans Park has the birds of summer. From flycatchers to tanagers, the group will look for returning feathered friends in a variety of habitats in the early evening instead of early morning. Bring binoculars and field guides. There will be some binoculars to lend for the program.

A family picnic in the park will be offered Wed., June 23 at 6 p.m. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Bring the food and family out for a summer picnic dinner in the park. Lemonade will be provided. Following dinner, the group will take a leisurely hike to look for critters moving about as they day cools down. An LARP ranger may bring a special guest or two, as well.

There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help

support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Yard Sale and Bingo

Good News Bears, a Livermore based non-profit, will be holding a yard sale as their spring fundraiser on Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2043 Altair Ave, Livermore, between Concannon and Holmes.

Shop for books, furniture, household items and more. Donations of new or like new stuffed animals, from Beanie Baby size to 16" will be accepted, also.

Good News Bears provides "stuffed love" to children, seniors, and anyone suffering from trauma, illness, or loneliness. Over 65 agencies such as hospitals, emergency services and shelters throughout the Bay Area are regular recipients of teddy bears and other stuffed animals. Besides making sure local agencies have stock on hand, the club responds to disasters and sends small stuffed animals around the world. To date,

the club has donated over 80,000 stuffed animals.

On Monday, June 21, Good News Bears will hold a benefit at the Bingo Ranch at 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Games start at 6:30.

Money raised from the yard sale and bingo night will go directly towards purchasing new teddy bears. Help Good News Bears with their "Community Caring Through Teddy Bearing."

For more information on the yard sale, bingo night, or Good News Bears, please call (925)373-7982 or log on to www.goodnewsbears.org

Walk in the Wild

The Oakland Zoo's Annual Fundraiser, Walk in the Wild is set for June 26, 2010.

Now in its eighteenth year, Walk in the Wild-An Epicurean Escapade! is one of the Bay Area's premier fundraising events. This year, the engagement will feature more than 90 restaurants, caterers, bakeries, wineries, and breweries. With each

reservation, guests will receive a commemorative wine glass and plate to enjoy beverages and delectable cuisine. For a complete list of Bay Area vendors participating, please see our website at www.oaklandzoo.org.

This adult-only event supports the Oakland Zoo's conservation, education, and animal enrichment programs. Please visit our website at www.oaklandzoo.org and click on Walk in the Wild for more information or to make reservations. You may also contact the Zoo directly at 510-632-9525 ext 154. Due to the service of alcohol, all guests must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information please visit www.oaklandzoo.org.

Cruising the Classics

The Blackhawk Museum will host Cruising the Classics on Father's Day, June 20, the third annual car gathering and family fun day. The event runs from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. The public is encouraged to show their collectible cars.

Held on the Plaza in front of the Museum and in the parking lots of the Blackhawk Plaza, Cruising the Classics will showcase classic cars, demonstrate pinstripping, artists' work and provide children's activities. The pinstripers on hand will customize your personal items for a fee and a variety of automotive merchandise and accessories will be available. Juke Joint, a six-piece "horn" band playing Memphis Soul and R&B., will provide live music for the event.

Anyone participating in Cruising the Classics by showing a car will receive a commemorative dash plaque and admission to the Museum for a \$5 registration fee. As with all Father's Days, dads will also receive free admission to the Museum. There will many great deals available.

Blackhawk Museum began displaying unique automobiles to the public in 1988, and offers a variety

of exhibitions, lectures and programs throughout the year. Blackhawk Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Father's are free on Father's Day.

Chili Shooters Winners

The first ever Downtown Livermore Chili Shooters Stampede was held June 5.

Contest winners are: Favorite Western Window Display: 1st Place-Simply Fondue (2300 First Street) for their painted windows showing cowboys around a campfire, drinking martinis and making smores in their fondue pot. 2nd Place-Outsiders Etc. (2184 First Street) for their window showcasing photos of local cowboys and lots of great western decor and culinary items available for sale.

Favorite Chili: 1st Place - Eddie Papa's American Hangout (2417 First Street), Railroad Depot Chili. 2nd Place - Tie between El Charro Taqueria (2020 First Street) with their Charro Chili and Riata Diner and Tavern (190 S. J Street) with their Riata's Buckaroo Chili

City Councilmembers John Marchand and Jeff Williams served as local celebrity judges along with Susan Frost, of the City of Livermore Community Development Department, and Clay Felicitas, local youth advocate.

Chili Tasting Participants who turned in their ballots were entered into a drawing for four tickets to the Livermore Rodeo. Mitzie Pierce won the tickets.

Jr. Olympics

More than 700 K-6 students from six local charter schools participated in the Charter School Invitational Junior Olympics. They included representatives from the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS).

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with local charter schools in this event. It was a wonderful experience for all," said Tara Aderman, principal of LVCS.

The program featured running relays (50m, 100m, and 400m), individual track events (100m, 400m and 800m), standard field events (the long jump, broad jump and javelin), and other events geared toward the youngest children (the egg and spoon race, beanbag toss, and basketball shootout). There were additional activities for students to participate in between events, hosted by the Youth Science Institute.

In preparation for the event, all of the participating charter schools provided their students with special athletic instruction while also weaving education about the Olympic tradition across their curricula. In addition, they were honored to welcome four local Olympians who took pictures with, chatted with, and presented medals to the children: They were Sara Lowe, a synchronized swimmer and Bronze medalist in the 2004 Olympic Games; Dana Kirk, a swimmer in the 2004 Olympic Games; Christine Thorburn, a bicyclist in the 2000 Olympic Games; and Ted Huang, a windsurfer in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.

Students participated in a torch "relay" between the schools and a friendship bracelet exchange on the day of the event to encourage connection both to other schools and the traditional games. Medals and ribbons were awarded not only to all the participants, but also a special citizenship trophy to the school that demonstrated the best overall sportsmanship (which this year went to Voices College-Bound Language Academy in San José).

Corinne Davies, a 4th grade student at Livermore Valley Charter School, who ran the 100 meter and threw the javelin, declared, "Being an Olympian at Stanford University

County Reducing Services

Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi last week presented a proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 that calls for eliminating more than 100 County jobs while reducing some key services to close a \$152.4 million funding gap.

Muranishi, Alameda County's chief executive, said the economic downturn continues to plague County finances, with an overall 4.1 percent decline in revenues and a 2.2 percent increase in appropriations due to rising demand for safety net services creating a "double whammy" that makes balancing the County budget an extremely painful process.

"We are faced with an overall decline in County revenues for the first time in 50 years, which when combined with steadily increasing demand for services requires some very difficult decisions, and sacrifices from all of our County departments and program areas," Muranishi said.

Cuts outlined in the proposed budget come on top of reductions the County made throughout the past year to keep spending in line with revenues. She said the proposed budget also includes a \$4.9 million general reserve increase to help the County prepare to meet future demands and maintain its strong credit ratings.

Muranishi noted that most County employee labor groups had agreed to forego planned salary increases for the next three years to help contain costs, mentioning specifically an agreement earlier this year with the County deputy sheriff's union to reduce pension benefits for all new hires as a breakthrough in controlling rising retirement costs that other

local governments have yet to achieve. Similar sacrifices are being made by community-based organizations that also are foregoing cost-of-living increases again this year for performing contract services on behalf of the County, mostly in Health and Human Services areas.

However, Muranishi said Alameda County's efforts to maintain key services may be significantly undermined by pending decisions in Sacramento, as the Governor and State Legislature consider drastic cuts to programs providing aid to low-income families, health insurance to children and care to the elderly and disabled. Whatever path the State takes toward balancing its budget, Muranishi said it won't be good for Alameda County because the State consistently fills its budget gaps by shifting resources away from local government. For example, more than \$4 billion in local property tax dollars have been shifted away from Alameda County since 1992 to help the State fulfill its mandates to fund education.

Muranishi said cuts proposed in Sacramento could decimate State-funded services administered by the County and create significant new strain on local resources. She called some of the proposals "unconscionable" and cited several as being particularly troubling for Alameda County's most vulnerable residents. These include:

- Elimination of the CalWORKs program, which provides short-term cash assistance and self-sufficiency support for 20,000 needy families in Alameda County, and supports 400

County employees;

- Reduction in benefits and increased premiums and co-pays in the Healthy Families Program would affect 15,000 Alameda County children who receive health insurance through the county and would otherwise be uninsured;

- Reductions in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) would likely leave many of the 18,000 current IHSS recipients in Alameda County without care, and reduce employment opportunities for the County's 18,000 caregivers.

The proposed county budget for FY 2010-11 is balanced and totals \$2.44 billion, an increase of only \$8.2 million, or 0.3% from the 2009-10 final budget. The proposed budget supports a workforce of 9,048 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions after a reduction of 100 positions during budget balancing. Many of the staffing reductions involve vacant positions, though some are currently filled. Muranishi said that she is hopeful the County will be able to avoid employee layoffs.

The large budget gap Alameda County will close in FY 2010-11 comes just one year after the County was forced to close a \$177.6 million funding gap.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has scheduled public hearings on the budget on June 22 and June 23 in the Board Chambers, 1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Oakland. Final Deliberations are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday June 24, with the budget scheduled for adoption at a hearing at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 25, in the Board Chambers.

MAILBOX

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Lil' Pardners Rodeo Elizabeth Dallmann Pleasanton

We just returned from the Lil' Pardners Rodeo and want to thank all the sponsors and Cowboys and Cowgirls for their generosity. Our daughter had a wonderful time, and we are grateful for all the effort and compassion that everyone puts into running this program. The thoughtfulness of everyone in making it about the kids and presenting a wonderful BBQ to finish it off is outstanding.

Thank you again for presenting children with special needs this opportunity to be part of the Livermore Rodeo; it means so much to our family.

Livermore Budget Ken Bradley Livermore

At a recent city council meeting the council voted to establish an administrative services department. We were told that there were cuts from other departments in order to form the new one. Later in the meeting, we found out that only the responsibility was removed "primarily from the finance department." This new department will require hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to operate. The public is being told that the city is cutting expenses, not increasing them.

I requested that the city look

for cuts in capital expenditures. Staff said this was not possible as the city would lose funding on substantially all of the projects if they were delayed. So far, it looks like only about 30 percent of the projects would be so affected. The council should direct staff to give a project by project breakdown to help decide the projects that could be delayed.

At the last meeting I commented that there were over 160 city employees who earned over \$100,000 and that it might be appropriate to look for cuts in this area. Actually, last year there were over 160 employees, this year it is over 180 and that does not include the fire department. The average pay for the fire department is over \$141,000 per year. This is about \$56,000 more per year per person than firemen in the City of Hayward.

We have heard about the sacrifices in pay and benefits from

various departments. We were told that the top employees had no pay increases and now had to pay a small portion to benefits. Many people in Livermore should be so lucky. Last year, I made a spreadsheet of those people earning over \$100,000 and this year I added current pay. Year over year has seen dramatic increases in pay as well as the number of people in that pay category. The increases measure from approximately \$4000 per year to over \$12,000.

It is time to get real with the budget. High expense items and employees should be cut. The rank and file should not bear the burden of the new budget. Emergency services for the northwest area of Livermore should not be sacrificed. Everything should be examined.

(The letter was reprinted, because there were errors.)

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Property Owners Can Now Seek Reassessments On-line

Beginning in July, Alameda County will offer a new online application process for assessment appeals applications to provide a new measure of convenience for property owners who believe the market value of their property differs from the assessed value upon which property taxes are based.

The new online application option is being offered in response to a sharp growth in the number of assessment appeals applications Alameda County has received in recent years. The Alameda County Assessment Appeals Board normally receives between 2,000 and 3,000 assessment appeals applications, but received more than 11,500 applications in each of the past two years. A higher-than-normal number of applications is expected to be received by the Assessment Appeals Board again this year.

The Alameda County Assessor has proactively reviewed more than 150,000 residential properties that were purchased from 2001 through 2009 to ascertain if reductions in this year's assessed

value could be provided. More than 100,000 properties will have received reduced assessed values as of January 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year due to market value declines. Formal appeals may be filed between July 2 and September 15, 2010. The Assessor however, recommends that property owners review their "Notification of Assessed Value" that will be mailed in late July, prior to requesting an informal review or formal appeal. More assessment information may be found on the Assessor's Office website at: www.acgov.org/assessor

New materials for the 2010 filing, including access to the new online application, will be available by July 1, 2010 on the County's website. Information and materials related to assessment appeals can be found at: www.acgov.org/clerk/assessment.htm

It is important to note that property owners who file their assessment appeals online will be required to follow-up with a signed hard-copy submission mailed or provided directly to

the Assessment Appeals Board to finalize their applications. Although the application cannot be fully completed online, the online option should allow faster processing of applications and enable the County to notify applicants of the status of their applications more expeditiously.

Also, starting with the 2010 filing period, Alameda County will charge a non-refundable \$50 per parcel processing fee for an assessment appeals application. Before adopting the fee, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing and held two readings to allow public input. The fee is intended to partially cover Alameda County's increased cost of processing applications - due to the marked rise in the number of applications received - by helping to hire temporary staff and implement technological upgrades to assist with processing applications. Also, the Board approved a waiver of the processing fee for individuals who qualify for a hardship waiver. This processing fee waiver form will also be available on the County website.

Seniors to Receive Donut Hole Checks

Congressman John Garamendi (D) and State Senator Loni Hancock (D) visited seniors last Saturday at the Heritage Estates retirement community in Livermore. There they reminded all eligible seniors to take advantage of the \$250 Medicare Part D prescription drug donut hole rebate checks that were first dropped in the mail last week.

"Over the coming months, seniors who fall into the Medicare Part D donut hole will receive \$250 rebate checks in the mail," Garamendi explained. "This first step marks the beginning of the end of the donut hole, which because of our new health care reform laws, will completely close by 2020."

Hancock added, "Our seniors deserve comprehensive and

affordable health care access, and closing the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage gap is an important part of what's necessary."

The donut hole was created by President Bush's changes to Medicare in 2005, creating a gap in Medicare Part D coverage. As a result, seniors are expected to pay for their prescriptions out-of-pocket.

The \$250 rebate checks are just the first benefit from health reform for seniors in the Medicare Prescription Drug program under the health care reform signed into law in March. Checks will continue to be mailed monthly over the next several months as seniors enter the coverage gap. Beginning in January 2011, seniors in the donut hole will

receive a 50 percent discount on brand name drugs. By 2020, the donut hole will be completely closed.

"From Medicare Part D rebate checks to ending denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions to allowing young adults under the age of 26 to join their parents' health care plan, the Democratic health care reform bill is delivering real reform right now," Garamendi stated.

Medicare recipients don't have to do anything to get the \$250 check. Once their drug costs for the year hit \$2,830, the one-time check will be issued automatically. Garamendi reminded those present that seniors should be on the lookout for fraud when it comes to drug costs and payments.

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and more. The audience will make policy choices with hand-held instant response "clickers" and the results will aggregate immediately. Once decisions are made, a graph displays how those decisions will impact the budget deficit 5 years into the future, as well as arguments for and against each option.

"California's education system and health and human services are hurting and everyone

is feeling the pain. We're all in this together," said Senator Loni Hancock (D-Oakland). "We have to stop disinvesting in crucial programs. We need to preserve, protect, and adequately support the public structures that have taken us decades to build. We have a responsibility to continue providing a structurally sound system that allows people in our State to live and succeed."

Following the interactive

"Budget Challenge" activity, participants will discuss the overall results and address key issues in dealing with the state budget and the deficit.

For more information, or to participate, please contact: Senator Hancock's District Office at (510) 286-1333, Senator DeSaulnier's District Office at (925) 942-6082, or Assemblymember Joan Buchanan's District Office at (925) 328-1515.

Patriot Award Winners Honored During Reception at Museum on Main

Recipients of this year's Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards were honored at a reception held Monday at the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. The winners are Brad Hirst, Dave Wright, and Rosiland Wright.

The awards are named for Ed Kinney. From 1998 until his final illness in 2005, Ed Kinney was the Master of Ceremonies for "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution" - the all-volunteer Fourth of July event for Pleasanton, set in Lions Wayside Park. Ed was an inspiration to those of us who worked with him on this and other projects. He exemplified loyal service in the development of his community, both as an elected official (former mayor and city council member) and as an everyday citizen volunteer - a community patriot.

The annual awards are presented to those whose actions inspire and motivate others to demonstrate love, pride, faith, belief, and devotion to community.

BRAD HIRST: Some people live in a community all their lives and never get involved; others dive right in to community service. Brad Hirst is definitely in the latter category, having moved to Pleasanton in December of 1967 and by 1968 was serving on the General Plan review - in fact, chairing the committee on commercial/industrial growth. That was just the beginning: Brad volunteered hundreds, if not thousands, of hours serving on such committees as Pleasanton's planning commission (1969-72) and economic development committee (1992-2000). In between, Brad helped the community celebrate its 75th birthday, as finance chair of that 1969 event, and its 100th birthday, as chair in 1994. For the nation's bicentennial celebration in 1976, Brad was instrumental in having several locations designated historical sites, including the Pleasanton Hotel, the church at Second and Neal streets, the former train station, and the adjacent Gale Building on Neal Street. The bandstand in Lions Wayside Park was one of the Bicentennial projects, as was the patio area of Century House, where a time capsule is buried, awaiting opening in 2076.

Himself a businessman, Brad has played an active role in the Chamber of Commerce, serving as president in 1997 and three times being honored with the Chamber's Community service award. During his Chamber presidency, Brad established the Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Each year Brad participates in Leadership Pleasanton, giving a local trivia quiz to participants as they travel around the community on a chartered bus. Brad also has been a member of the Pleasanton Downtown Rotary Club for 24 years. He was given the Mayor's Award and a key to the city in 1995 (by former mayor Ben Tarver) and Wal-Mart's Sam Walton Business Leader award in 1998.

One of the first friends Brad made after moving here was George Spiliotopoulos, then owner of the Cheese Factory. George organized a golf tournament, at first to boost business for Sunol Country Club. The George A. Spiliotopoulos Invitational Tournament (GASIT) became an annual event, lasting beyond George's lifetime. It has funded scholarships enabling dozens of local high school graduates to go on to college. Brad served on the GASIT board of directors for 20 years.

In 1971, Brad and Ray Getty established Pleasanton Youth, Inc. Their goal was to create a clubhouse for local teenagers. When the public library moved out of its small quarters on Main Street, Brad and Ray arranged to have the National Guard move the building down to Amador Valley Community Park. Today it is the Gingerbread Pre-School. Brad later provided a similar place during the years that he owned the Game Station in town.

Brad was a friend of Ed Kinney's, and one of the things they had in common was that both were original members of the now-famous Balloon Platoon, a comical drill team in oversized sailor outfits that has been a successful part of parades literally around the world. Brad has marched in San Francisco, Washington, D.C., France, England, and Scotland with the mop-toting group. "Everybody who lives someplace has a responsibility to make it a better place, in whatever way they want to do that," said Brad.

Asked what is his proudest accomplishment, Brad unhesitatingly says, "My family. I grew up as the only child of a single parent. Ours was a broken home by divorce. I pledged never to let that happen to me." Brad and his wife Sandra will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18. They are the proud parents of Craig (who has been married 23 years and lives in Portola valley with his wife and two sons) and Traci (married 19 years, living in South Lake Tahoe with her husband and two sons).

DAVE WRIGHT: Words are important to Dave Wright. Perhaps that comes, in part, from having had a father who taught forensics (debate) at Beverly Hills High School. Certainly love of words has been a key ingredient in Dave's teaching career, at Chabot (1965-75) and then Las Positas (1975-1999) community college.

Dave was part of the original faculty at Las Positas, in what he describes as a "pioneer effort," when the school had only four buildings and 15 faculty members. Dave served as the chair of the humanities and arts department for five years. He became president of the academic senate prior to his retirement 11 years ago. In 1978, Dave established the college's literary anthology, which still is published annually. The anthology includes poetry, prose, photography and art contributed by both students and community members. Dave was honored by the California Community College League for "courageous leadership" in his role in Las Positas' accreditation process, which "changed the structure" of that community college.

Concise use of words in haiku (three lines of five, seven, and five syllables) is one of the ways in which Dave utilizes his skills as a writer. For 10 years, Dave was president of the Yukeiteki Haiku Society of the United States and Canada. That specialty led to a sabbatical spent in Kyoto, Japan, for the 1989-90 academic year. The Wrights' home displays artwork from that era. Their patio showcases the bonsai (exquisite miniature trees) that are among Dave's hobbies.

Dave was a founding member of Pleasanton's civic arts commission, serving on that group from 1997-2002. They began the poet laureate program. He has helped select each of the poets laureate, beginning with Charlene Villela. Dave and Charlene originated and co-chaired the first city Poetry & Arts Festival in 2001. Dave has continued to lead this annual weekend event. "It was a logical fit for me, once I retired from teaching," he explained, noting that he is particularly pleased that the event continues to draw an increasing number of teenage writers and artists. He established the YEA Awards to honor Youth Excellence in the Arts. Each year \$500 prizes are given to 14- to 20-year-olds in the fields of literature, music, drama, and the visual arts.

Since 1979, Dave has been an active member of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC), serving three terms as president and currently (for the sixth year) editing its quarterly newsletter. One of the ways in which Dave's writing skills benefited PCAC was when he wrote a grant application to the Cowell Foundation in 1982 that resulted in a \$100,000 grant to complete the funding for restoration of Amador Theater. What had been a shabby, seldom-used part of the high school was transformed into a state-of-the-art theater operated by the city and utilized by many performing groups.

For three years, Dave served on the PCAC task force regarding the creation of the Firehouse Arts Center. Out of those efforts has come the non-profit Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, raising funds for the new center on the site of the historic firehouse, adjacent to Lions Wayside Park. The grand opening for the Firehouse Arts Center will be September 17. In 2006, Dave was the recipient of PCAC's "Arts Supporter of the Year" award.

One of his current projects is to organize a competition for teens to create films. Pleasanton was the site of film-making from 1917-20, and Dave is hoping to renew that heritage with the creation of a 30-minute silent film that reprises the 1917 "Tom Sawyer."

When asked which of his accomplishments he is most proud of, Dave responded, "My best accomplishment is being able to move on from things I've created and see them continue - to move on to new things."

ROSILAND WRIGHT: Rosiland's contributions fall into three diverse categories: advocacy for senior citizens, the arts, and history.

Like her husband Dave, Rosiland's career overlapped with her volunteer service. Until her retirement in 2003, Rosiland was a medical social worker in skilled care facilities. Rosiland was responsible for discharge planning, making sure that patients being sent home would have adequate care to fully recover and maintain their health. Rosiland was the executive director of the Diablo Foundation for Aging for five years. She now serves on the Alameda County Commission on Aging, the group that is overseeing allocations under the

California Older Americans Act.

Specifically, her commission is targeting the continued development of an ombudsman program that includes visitation to skilled nursing facilities. Rosiland was appointed by Supervisor Scott Haggerty to serve on the State Committee for Legislative Action and Public Policy Supporting Women's Rights. In addition, she serves on the board of the Senior Support Program for the Tri-Valley.

Rosiland worked with the San Francisco Trauma foundation to develop a burn prevention program that teaches pre-schoolers to "stop, drop, and roll" if their clothing catches fire. Long active in the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Rosiland has helped work to pass legislation that would eliminate cadmium from children's jewelry. In 2007, Rosiland was the recipient of the AAUW Education Foundation Named Honoree Award. She has served on the state board of AAUW and continues to serve as membership chair for the local branch. Rosiland also has volunteered at Open Heart kitchen for three years.

Rosiland has been an active member of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) since the 1970's. She co-chaired (with Charlotte Severin and Phyllis Wentworth) the renovation of the Amador Theater.

Rosiland earned a fundraising certificate from San Francisco State University. Perhaps that explains some of the creative fundraisers PCAC held during the 1980's to raise the \$850,000 needed beyond the city's \$1.2 million grant for the theater renovation. One memorable event resulted in Pleasanton Garbage Company bidding \$3,000 to have Joe Callahan of Hacienda Business Park wash a garbage truck - which he did wearing white tie and tails! With such escapades, including "Holiday Reflections" New Year's parties at the then-new Stoneridge Mall, PCAC raised \$80,000.

"I've always loved museums," said Rosiland, who currently is president of the board of directors for the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, which operates the Museum on Main. Rosiland was proud to be a member of the first docent class held at the Oakland Museum.

Rosiland and Dave Wright have been married for 48 years. They are the proud parents of one son and two daughters: Mason (divides his time between Pleasanton and an organic farm in the Philippines); Christine (teaches in South Carolina, has two children); and Jennifer (works for a non-profit agency in San Jose, mother of one son).

One of Rosiland's favorite quotations is attributed to Ghandi, "Be the change in the world that you want to see." Her proudest accomplishment is "getting to know and love Pleasanton, and being able to contribute to Pleasanton."

She asks, "How can you enhance wherever you live?" She suggests, "If every person asked themselves that, the world would be a much better place."

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 **BART to Livermore Extension Program**

Notice of Availability of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) and Public Hearing for the BART to Livermore Extension Program

The Final PEIR for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to Livermore Extension Program will be available on or before Monday, June 14, 2010. The Final PEIR will be posted on the BART to Livermore website:

www.barttolivermore.org

The Final PEIR may also be reviewed at selected public libraries and City offices in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

The Final PEIR assesses ten alignment options for extending BART service to Livermore. All of the alignments begin at the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station in the I-580 median. Some proceed into Livermore along I-580, others extend southeast through downtown Livermore along existing railroad or roadway alignments. Areas of potential impacts to the environment include hazardous materials, hydrology, biology, land use, cultural resources, population and housing, visual resources, transportation, noise, air quality and energy.

The Final PEIR contains responses to public and agency comments on the Draft PEIR, which was released on November 5, 2009, and contains revisions to the Draft PEIR made in response to those comments.

Public Hearing Rescheduled for July 1, 2010

A public hearing on the Final PEIR will be held before the BART Board of Directors as part of a regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 1, 2010. Please note that this public hearing was originally scheduled for June 24, 2010. The hearing will be held in the BART boardroom at Kaiser Center 20th Street Mall, Third Floor, 344 20th St., Oakland, CA. For further information, contact Duncan Watly at (510) 287-4840.

OBITUARIES

Paul Orin Larson

Paul Orin Larson, a former resident of Pleasanton, died January 14, 2010, in Florence, Oregon. A private celebration of his life was held Saturday, June 12, at the Willow Tree Restaurant in Dublin.

Paul was born in Oak Creek, Colorado, on May 24, 1934, the first of four children of Ted and Jessie Larson. Paul had two brothers- Lawrence and Alan, and a sister, Miriam.

His father was involved in petroleum exploration, which took the family all over the Colorado plateaus in Paul's early years. Eventually, the family settled in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where Paul spent his youth-skiing, hunting, fishing and helping the family with the motel business. He competed in winter sports and also played trumpet in the high school orchestra and the famed Ski Band.

Paul entered college in 1952 at the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he studied mechanical and nuclear engineering. He held various related jobs throughout his college years and eventually landed at the General Electric nuclear facility at Vallecitos, Pleasanton. From there, Paul went on to co-found Atom Appliance and several furniture stores.

Paul had four children with Diana Powell, his first wife- Stephen, Kristin, Brad and Gary.

He later married Bonnie Smith, and became stepfather of her two children-Mary and Bob.

Paul and Bonnie pursued many endeavors together, the most celebrated among them involved preparing and providing wonderful meals in their restaurant and catering businesses.

Paul was perhaps best known for his "work hard-play hard" approach to life, never shying away from fun and interesting pursuits. To that end, he took up flying, making hundreds of trips around remote reaches of the Baja Peninsula. He also continued hunting, fishing, cooking and enjoying his broad circle of friends to the very end.

Laura B. Rehder

Longtime Livermore resident, Laura B. Rehder passed away peacefully on June 11, 2010 at the age of 95 following complications from a stroke.

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Laura B. Mueller was born September 25, 1914 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Together with her parents, Louis and Bertha and 8 siblings, the family drove from Wisconsin to California in a 1929 version of a covered wagon. Laura was gifted with many talents. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, gardening and baking. For years she honored family and friends with delicious birthday cakes, cookies, pies and homemade rolls. She was an avid reader and a lifelong learner. She especially loved conversations detailing Livermore's early years.

Laura was a woman of strong faith. She attended Mass regularly at St. Michael's Catholic Church and was active in Young Ladies Institute #44. She enjoyed several trips with the YLI, accompanied by her niece Margaret Owens. In addition, she was a member of Catholic Ladies Aide Society and St. Michael's School Mother's Club where her children attended grammar school. Laura was also an avid supporter of 4-H and FFA.

Throughout the years, Laura shared an especially close relationship with her brothers and sisters. Together they enjoyed the annual Mueller Family Reunion, which often took place at her ranch on Buena Vista Avenue. Perhaps her proudest accomplishment was to see each of her four children graduate from college. Since then, she has had the pleasure of witnessing the graduations of her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Over the years Laura has worked as a cook, and in the bottling at Concannon Vineyard, where she befriended several of the local ranchers and made many life-long friends. Later she became a Nurses Aide and worked at the old St. Paul Hospital. She also provided in-home care for the elderly.

She was preceded in death by her husband William, infant son Robbie, daughter Annabeth, and siblings Louis, Erwin, Franklin, Roland, Herold, Maybelle and Violet. She is survived by her brother Norman Mueller, children Bill (Barbara) Rehder of Seattle, WA, Tom (Shirley) Rehder of Santa Maria, CA, John (Donna) Rehder of San Jose, CA, numerous grandchildren and

great-grandchildren, son-in-law and sisters-in-law. She was a beloved "Aunt Laura" to several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 16 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livermore.. Burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery.

Donations are preferred to St. Michael School Education Fund, 452 Maple Street, Livermore, CA 94550 or Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, 747 52nd Street, Oakland, CA 94609 who cared so lovingly for her nephew, Kurt. You've fought the good fight, and now the Kingdom of Heaven is yours.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Elizabeth Marion Ames

Elizabeth Marion Ames died June 4, 2010 at the age of 76 after a brave and lengthy fight against multiple illnesses. She was born Sept. 21, 1933. The daughter of Marion and Harold Ames, she grew up in St. Paul, MN. After attending William Woods College in Missouri and graduating from the University of Minnesota, she became an X-ray technician at Lake Merritt Hospital in Oakland. She left for health reasons and moved to Livermore to live with her parents.

As a member of the Livermore Amador Garden Club, each year she organized the club volunteers for the landscape display at the Alameda County Fair. It was amazing how much gardening she could do from her wheelchair. She very much enjoyed growing her flowers and vegetables. She was active in the St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church community. She was a member of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and was very supportive of the new improvements to the downtown. Local politics were one of her interests. She was a dedicated worker for candidates and issues. Because of her physical limitations, she was not able to get out and do things, but she did great work through her phoning, preparing mailings and organizing many lists for walking precincts. She was a tireless, effective worker who helped many campaigns succeed. She had determination and great strength of spirit.

She is survived by her sister Mary Higgins, niece Leslee Schneider, nephews Timothy, Daniel, David and Andrew Higgins and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Elizabeth will be greatly missed by her many, many friends and her beloved little dog, Suzette (Suzie).

Memorial services will be 12 Noon on Saturday, June 19

at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Mary Schmitt, Ph.D.

Livermore resident Mary Schmitt died June 1, 2010. She was born Dec. 13, 1929.

Mary Frances Schmitt, beloved teacher, mentor and friend, who touched hundreds of lives through her teaching at John F. Kennedy University and the Sophia Center of Holy Names University. She taught, as she had hoped, until shortly before her death. In addition to her devoted students, colleagues, friends, and fellow volunteers at Hope Hospice, Mary is survived by her sister, Margaret (Lawrence) Rehill of Decatur, Indiana, her nephews and niece, James Rehill of Greensboro, NC, Dennis of Chicago, Ill., and Margaret Mary (Peggy) of Bronxville, NY.

Friends are welcome to a Memorial service followed by a reception in her honor on Sunday, June 20 at 4:00pm in the chapel of Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. In lieu of flowers, donations might be made to JFK University, the Sophia Center, or Hope Hospice of Dublin, CA.

Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, in Decatur, Indiana

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Patricia S. Lundbom

Patricia S. Lundbom, 86, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 3, 2010. She was born to Lewis and Mary Stanley in Swampscott, MA, on November 29, 1923.

She graduated from Greensburg High School, class of 1941. She briefly worked at Walworth Works in Greensburg before entering The Sisters of Divine Providence, Pittsburgh, PA, in September 1945. She earned her Masters Degree in teaching from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, and taught school in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for over 22 years. She left the convent, moved to Livermore, CA, where she married in 1970. She became a substitute teacher for the Livermore School District for a brief time before working in local real estate.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years Carl F. Lundbom, Jr., her parents Lewis Stanley, Sr. and Mary A. Stanley; her sister Rosemary S. Lundbom, and brothers John (Jack) Stanley and Lewis A. Stanley. She is survived by seven step-children and

their spouses, Carl S. (Margie) Lundbom, of Richmond, CA, Susanne (Jon) Flanagan, of Tracy, CA, Larry (Dolly) Lundbom, of Union City, CA, Dennis (Maureen) Lundbom, of Livermore, CA, Robert (Michelle) Lundbom of Manteca, CA, Paul (Diana) Lundbom of Berry Creek, CA, Roseanne (James) Kamerdula of Patterson, CA; 16 grandchildren, Carl S. Lundbom Jr., Sean Flanagan, Andrea Lundbom, Davina Andora, Patrick Lundbom, Katie Busevac, Kristin Farlow, Christopher Flanagan, Stephen Lundbom, Brian Lundbom, Jennifer Barbour, Darlan Kamerdula, Anne Lundbom, Rachel Lundbom, Michael Lundbom, Lezlie Kamerdula; and 17 great-grandchildren; brothers Richard Stanley, of Peabody, Mass. and Francis Stanley of Binghamton, NY.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on June 16 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livermore, with burial at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Post-Time Celebration for Clyde Vaughn and Dale-Vaughn Bowen At the Alameda County Fair

Do you love horse racing? Dale Vaughn-Bowen and her father Clyde Vaughn certainly did. They enjoyed betting on and watching the ponies every year at the Alameda County Fair. Friends of these two recently departed and beloved race fans decided to continue the tradition, and are dedicating the 6th & 7th horse races of the day on Saturday, June 26, to their memory. Post-time for the first race begins at 12:45pm, so the 6th race will begin about 2:30pm.

Race fans and friends are invited to gather at the south end of the grandstand at the fairgrounds to cheer on the ponies and share in the excitement. Look for the colorful banners reading "Dale & Clyde Fan Club." After the final horse race of the day, a BBQ celebration with a no-host cash bar will be held, along with a silent auction of some of Clyde and Dale's personal items to raise funds for the Soroptomist Scholarship fund in Dale's name.

For more information on the event, and to contribute items for the silent auction, RSVP to Roxann at roxkas@pacbell.net by June 23rd.

Ronald Gregory Ortega

Livermore resident Ronald Gregory Ortega died June 13, 2010.

Ronald was born Dec. 1, 1951 in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and soon moved to the Bay Area where he spent most of his life.

Ronald loved to garden and attend A's and Raiders's games and also loved his rock music and went across the nation to attend concerts of his favorite groups.

He was the beloved father of Jessica (Jason) Calkins, caring brother of Roberta Ortega, Dave Ortega, Linda (Tim) Akers, John (MaryAnn) Ortega. He treasured his grandchildren Hunter, Wyatt, Sonoma and Austin, and he loved his many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son Ronnie Ortega, parents Sarah and Jess Ortega and a sister Jessie Hughes.

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 6 to 7 p.m. with Rosary to follow at 7 p.m. at the Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 18, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial to follow at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Art Piece Dedicated to Carolyn Foote

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council is dedicating an art display piece, built by Don Homan, in memory of a good friend and artist, Caroline Foote.

A small dedication reception will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center on Sunday, June 20 at 11:00 A.M. Caroline's daughter, Joan Hebert, and her son, Marc Foote, will be in attendance. Family, friends, neighbors, and fellow artists are invited.

The dedication reads: In Memory of Caroline Edmonds Foote 1929 - 2009 Artist - Teacher - Friend.

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FOR INFORMATION PLACING LEGAL NOTICES CONTACT BARBARA @ 925-243-8000

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 438005

The following person(s) doing business as:Chivamex Soccer, Inc., 3828 International Blvd., Oakland Ca 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chivamex Soccer, Inc., 3828 International Blvd., Oakland, CA 94601 This business is conducted by: a Corporation Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Minerva C. Monnar

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 438115

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 3, 2010. Expires May 3, 2015. The Independent Legal No. 2784. Publish May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 438438

The following person(s) doing business as:VB Enterprises, 403 Junction Ave #117, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Betty Baldi - Trustee - Baldi Family Trust, 5395 Blackhawk Dr., Danville, Ca 94506

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 438454

The following person(s) doing business as:Huginin & Associates, 5958 Via Del Cielo, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alan G. Huginin, 5958 Via Del Cielo, Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted by:an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 9, 1995. Signature of Registrant: /s/Alan G. Huginin

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2010. Expires May 12, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2787. Publish June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 438268

The following person(s) doing business as:Skyward Staffing, 5608 Owens Dr. #208, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alisha Chaudary, 5606 Owens Dr., #208, Pleasanton Ca 94588

This business is conducted by:an Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Alisha Chaudary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 7, 2010. Expires May 7, 2015.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 439081-439083

The following person(s) doing business as:(1)M2 Professional Solutions LLC., 21M2ProSol.com, 3)Y Que Pienas, 1486 Via Di Salerno, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): M2 Professional Solutions, LLC., 1486 Via Di Salerno, Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted by:a Limited liability company The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on March 7, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 439081-439083

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2010. Expires May 28, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2792. Publish June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 439350

The following person(s) doing business as:ICANXPLORE, 4034 San Giorgio Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Future Montessori LLC., 4034 San Giorgio Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by:a Limited liability company The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed

above on May 27, 2010. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Shilpa Parekh

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2010. Expires June 8, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2794. Publish June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 433480

The following person(s) doing business as:STOP-N-WASH Coin Laundry, 1344 Railroad Ave., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kathy Kemp Anderson, 7481 Northland Ave., San Ramon Ca 94583

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 19, 1990.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kathy Kemp Anderson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2010. Expires June 10, 2015.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 438843

The following person(s) doing business as:Dissipated Courier, 1178 Portola Meadows Rd. #238, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey Faria, Jr., 1178 Portola Meadows Rd. #238, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by:an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jeffrey Faria, Jr.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2010. Expires May 21, 2015.

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NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 907, Oakland, CA 94612 NETWORKING/NORTH COUNTY BIDDERS CONFERENCE RFQ#900735 for Water Treatment Chemicals, Thursday, June 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - General Services Agency, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Room 1107, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA NETWORKING/SOUTH COUNTY BIDDERS CONFERENCE RFQ#900735 for Water Treatment Chemicals, Friday, June 18, 2010, 2:00 p.m. - Zone 7 Water Agency, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Board Room, Livermore, CA Responses Due by 2:00 pm on July 09, 2010 County Contact: Jennifer Chan Ngo (510) 208-9604 or via email: jennifer.ngo@acgov.org Attendance at Networking Conference is Non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 6/17/10 CNS-1878684#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Gale/Schenone Hall of Justice 5672 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94588

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: DUNG T. MANN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name a. DUNG T. MANN to Proposed name TAMY LE NGUYEN MANN.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

DATE OF HEARING a. Date: July 20, 2010 Time: 2:00pm Dept: 707

b. The address of the court is Gale/Schenone Hall of Justice 5672 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94588

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE INDEPENDENT.

Date: June 9, 2010

C. Don Clay Judge of the Superior Court

The Independent Legal No. 2796. Publish June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANTHONY KLISS JR. Case No. VP10519022

To all Heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ANTHONY KLISS JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: THERESA SPRAGGINS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that: THERESA SPRAGGINS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

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Realtors Work to Protect Consumer Rights

By Cher Wollard
More than 1,100 lobbyists work in Sacramento, Washington, D.C. has ten times that many. They represent the interests of bankers and builders, business owners, municipalities and unions, advising lawmakers on the issues that matter to their constituents.

But who represents you, the homeowner, when lawmakers consider legislation that would directly impact you and your property rights? It might surprise you to learn that your Realtor does.

"After the transaction closes, your Realtor is still working for you. We work all year to ensure that our elected officials understand the implications on homeownership and the homebuying process of legislation they are considering," said David Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors.

Realtors have been instrumental in the design and promotion of local first-time homebuyer assistance programs. Realtors were instrumental in convincing Congress last year to extend and expand the Federal homebuyer tax credit, and convincing the California legislature to enact first-time and new home buyer tax credits as well.

Realtors supported legislation providing tax relief for those who lost their homes to short sale or foreclosure. "Our lobby is also working with several communities to develop programs designed to encourage homeowners to voluntarily make their homes more energy efficient," Stark said.

On June 9, Stark and almost 2,000 members of the California Association of Realtors from throughout the state traveled to the Capitol for the 40th annual Legislative Day. Local members piled into buses early in the morning to make the trip. On arrival at the Sacramento Convention Center, they were greeted by Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, and received a video welcome from the governor describing the importance of Legislative Day.

Individual Realtors and professionals in affiliated services, such as mortgage and title, then met with their elected officials and watched them at work. C.A.R., established in 1905, is one of the largest state trade organizations in the country, with nearly 160,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate.

About one-third of licenses in the state are Realtors - members of the California Association of Realtors, which demands high ethical standards and work to promote real property rights. "Our political action committee is actively involved in campaigns both for issues and for candidates, through voluntary contributions by Realtor members," Stark said. "When there is an important issue, we mobilize our membership on a voluntary basis to write letters and make phone calls. Our most powerful resource is our members themselves and their willingness to educate our officials."

The National Association of Realtors conducts similar efforts regarding federal laws and policies, while local associations, such as Bay East, advocate for the concerns of property owners on the city and county levels. Legislation C.A.R. is currently focusing on includes:

- Support for legislation that would require the Office of Real Estate Appraisers to issue guidance to appraisal management companies. Federal appraisal requirements enacted last year severely impact real estate transactions, in terms of increased appraisal costs, increased time to complete appraisals and use of out-of-area appraisers who are unfamiliar with the local market.
- Support for SB 1275, which seeks to prevent avoidable foreclosures by requiring mortgage services to notify homeowners in default of their options.
- Opposition to AB 1574, which would allow the use of private transfer taxes. These fees, usually imposed by developers, add to the cost of homeownership.
- Opposition to SB 464, which would require landlords to stay in business at least five years and give all tenants a one-year notice to end tenancy if any household member is senior or disabled. Realtors believe this bill would discourage investment in rental housing.

C.A.R. focused strongly this past year on ensuring the quality and affordability of appraisals. "We were working with one bill that unfortunately stalled in committee," Stark said. "So now we are encouraging (committee chairwoman) Mary Hayashi, D-Hayward, to hold hearings."

Bay East monitors county and local governments to ensure the interests of property owners and homebuyers are understood by local officials. Many municipal first-time homebuyer programs, for example, were improved after feedback from local Realtors who work directly with these buyers led to modifications.

This year, the theme is "Green." "We're excited about working with local governments throughout the region on voluntary ways to promote energy efficiency of their homes," Stark said. Other ongoing issues being lobbied include:

- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for everyone purchasing or renting a home.
- Zoning laws providing adequate land for all types of housing and encouraging maximum site utilization while promoting a balance of open space and housing.
- Policies streamlining the permit and approval process.
- Policies encouraging innovations in development, construction techniques and materials.
- Policies promoting the use of land for mixed-use development of affordable housing in conjunction with market value housing close to transit hubs, shopping, schools and other community amenities.
- Local, state and federal programs assisting those at all economic levels who wish to obtain housing.
- Government sponsored or insured programs assisting first-time homebuyers.

On a national level, the organization's biggest victory this past year was the extension and expansion of the homebuyer tax credits. "Were it not for Realtors across the country working with our officials, this would not have occurred," Stark said. "This was a huge victory for the homebuying public in general."

Other efforts require continued vigilance. Periodically - including early last year - Realtors have fought attempts to modify or eliminate the mortgage interest tax deduction for homeowners. "One of the messages we brought to Sacramento (last) week is, when you are looking at revenue plans, understand that reducing or eliminating the mortgage deduction would have significant unintended consequences for home ownership," Stark said.

"There are a lot of special interest groups out there. If homeowners ever wonder who represents them in their desire for good schools, safe neighborhoods, affordable homes, we're the ones. "Realtors are working to make homeowners' voices heard in city halls, county seats, Sacramento and Washington, D.C." Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home, Livermore.

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RODEO WEEKEND
Rodeo action and the annual parade highlighted rodeo weekend in Livermore. At top left, a saddle bronc rider looks like he is diving off the horse; second from top, a member of the Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls team performs riding tricks; top right, another saddle bronc rider heads for the ground; second from top, right, the East Avenue Marching Band takes part in the parade; at lower right, a member of the Shriner marching unit waves to the crowd.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen



Livermore City Councilmember Doug Horner won the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association 29th Annual Team Penning contest, held Wednesday before the rodeo. The first place award was a silver buckle, which he is wearing. Horner rode with Mike Franco and Shelia Fagliano. Their winning time was 50 seconds, defeating 19 other teams. Each team consists of three riders on horses who attempted to herd two calves into a small pen. Two of the riders are seasoned horsemen or horsewomen while the third member of the team is the "greenhorn."



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Rancho Running Program Comes Full Circle with a New, Volunteer-Built Track

By Patricia Koning

Rancho Las Positas Elementary School has had many accomplishments over the past few years—winning the Governor’s Fitness Challenge, giving away their \$100,000 fitness center award, and logging some 140,000 miles on the grass path behind the school. On the last day of school, Rancho met yet another lofty goal when the school’s fifth graders ran an inaugural lap on the new quarter-mile track that replaced that well-worn grass path.

Reaching this point was not easy—it took three years, 600 stakes pounded into the ground, a half-mile of forms, about \$30,000 in cash donations, more donations of equipment and materials, and

hours of hard work.

“This track is a victory for Rancho, the result of over 300 (and counting) hours of volunteer work. Most of the work was done by parent volunteers. However, there were a couple of Rancho teachers and a number of students involved,” says Rancho parent Bret Dupuis. “When this track is complete, every person who sweated on that field should be extremely proud of what they accomplished. Not only are they now part of a Rancho history, but they provided a powerful example of giving that should inspire others to perform comparable acts in the future.”

The idea of an all-weather track was first formed after Rancho



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Volunteers prepare the track at Rancho.

started the Raccoon Running Club in 2006. Dupuis, who co-leads the running club with Dave Hinds, another Rancho parent, jokes that

because students and staff wanted to keep running through the rainy season, the program was personally responsible for ruining countless shirts, pants, and socks.

“Also, the ground is a little treacherous with hazards like tree roots, rocks, playground equipment, and thorny plants, not to mention mud puddles from the sprinklers. Too often the running program volunteers were escorting a child with a bloody knee to the office to get patched up,” he adds. The grass running path was even more difficult for children in wheelchairs.

Another issue was the impact on the kids’ legs. “We’ve got kids who are logging 300 to 400 miles each year,” says Hinds. “Whenever the ground was too wet, they were running on the blacktop. That kind of distance can lead to repetitive stress injuries.”

The school began fund-raising for the track in 2007, and by the end of 2009 had raised approximately \$35,000. Donations came in from parents and companies, including \$15,000 from the Roze family, \$5,000 from the Governor’s Fitness Award, and \$5,000 from the Northern California Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association.

Early on, says Rancho principal

Chris Calabrese, it became obvious the school would be unable to raise the entire cost of a track—well over \$100,000—and would need to look for donations of equipment, materials, and time. He obtained support from many representatives of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, including then-superintendent Brenda Miller; Floyd Wilson, executive director of facilities planning and construction; and Mike Nagel, executive director of maintenance and operations.

Everything was in place by February, but they waited for spring to begin work, expecting dry weather. “Turns out February would have been an ideal month to get started,” says Calabrese.

In late April, Wilson broke ground. Jim Buranis of James S. Buranis Construction continued the excavation and grading. Sam Austin, a local contractor, donated the use of an earth mover—this one piece of equipment alone would have cost \$20,000 to rent. Parent Brandi Schacher with Vulcan Materials Company donated the base rock and hauled away the excavated dirt.

The biggest challenge, outside of the unseasonably late spring rain, was laying the forms that

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Brad Mitchell works on the new track.



Pictured helping with the construction are, from left to right, students Magnum Miller, Ben Dupuis, Claire Abele and Chris Hinds..

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line the sides of the track. “One of our parents, Robert Miller of McCarthy Building Companies, came up with a brilliant plan to construct the forms using galvanized pipe stakes to support treated boards that Lowe’s gave us at a deep discount,” says Dupuis. “At first it was slow going, but once we got the plan down we were able to use over 30 parent, student, and teacher volunteers on one Saturday. Every person donated 3-8 hours of their time to lay the forms. It was truly a team effort and makes me proud to be a part of Rancho Las Positas Elementary.”

With the forms in place, volunteers led by Dupuis and Hinds continued to work, laying base rock and trail grit as the school year wound down. Hinds says he was thrilled with not just the number of volunteers and the time they put in, but also the fact that the track effort brought out families he’d never seen at school activities before.

“I think people saw how big of

a job this was and how important the track is and wanted to be a part of it,” he says. “We had, as they say, people coming out of the woodwork. One neighbor of the school whose children used to go here let us run a hose from his house into the school yard to provide water.”

Calabrese is planning to have the fifth graders back in the fall for a formal dedication ceremony. At the same time, those fifth graders along with other former Rancho students will start a running program with elementary school students at Junction Avenue in the fall.

“I think it’s a program that can unify the school as they integrate Portola with Junction,” says Hinds. Both he and Dupuis will have children at Junction in the fall. They plan to help that school participate in the Governor’s Fitness Challenge.

The track has already served as a means to ease that transition. This

spring, school board member Kate Runyon, whose own children attended Portola and Junction, spent many mornings walking the track with concerned Rancho parents.

Dupuis is excited about another new development, a partnership between running programs at Livermore schools and the Livermore Fusion SC Premier Program (formerly known as High Comp Soccer). “The objective is to improve fitness while cross promoting the school running programs and Livermore Soccer,” he explains. “We are plan to award children who reach certain mileage thresholds with soccer charms or patches.”

Rancho, for the fourth year in a row, is a Regional finalist for the Governor’s Fitness Challenge. The Rancho Runners program also has been nominated for the Governor’s Fitness Challenge School Program of the Year. Those results will be announced in the fall.



In celebration of another successful school year, the 674 students of Emma C. Smith Elementary School in Livermore painted tribal colors on each other’s faces and participated in 12 activity stations, including launching 4000 water balloons at their teachers from the biggest slingshots in Livermore. The students also performed a “Flash Mob” dance to the Black Eyed Peas’ “I Gotta Feeling.” In the bottom photo, Smith students used slingshots to fire water balloons at their principal and teachers on the last day of school. The top photo shows Smith Principal Denise Nathanson preparing to catch a water balloon being slingshot at her by students.



Livermore Library Offering a Variety of Summer Activities

To celebrate summer, the Livermore Public Library’s three locations will be offering a variety of free and fun programs for all ages during the Summer Reading Game, as well as having seven storytimes each week.

On Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings, infants, preschoolers and their parents may enjoy an indoor program of stories, music

and finger plays. Outside, school age children will gather for their own fun event with stories, games and jokes. On Monday evenings, Family Storytimes offer a diverse program for the whole family. Programs last approximately forty-five minutes. Weekly storytimes occur as follows:

Mondays: Preschool & School age Storytimes, Civic Center Li-

brary, 10:30 am; Family Storytime, Civic Center Library, 7:00 pm

Thursdays: Preschool & School age Storytimes, Springtown Branch, 10:30 am

Fridays: Preschool & School age Storytimes, Rincon Branch, 10:30 am

Storytimes are part of the library’s Summer Reading Game, “Make a Splash @ Your Library”—

a free program with games and prizes for all age groups—even adults. The Summer Reading Game begins Friday, June 11 and ends Saturday, August 14. Storytimes will end July 30, however the Summer Reading Game will continue through August 14 and will include special events such as magic shows, puppetry, wild animals, international music, circus performers, and storytelling.

The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue. The Springtown Branch Library is at 998 Bluebell Drive, and the Rincon Branch Library is at 725 Rincon Avenue. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library’s web site www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504 for more information.

Gymfinity Presents a “Wicked” Wizard of Oz

By Patricia Koning

Over 70 students at Gymfinity Gymnastics and Dance, ranging in age from 18 months to 18 years, will put on a one-of-a-kind production of “The Wizard of Oz.” The performance is Sat., June 19 at 11 a.m.

The show is open to the public. All tickets are \$5.

The performance will include music, gymnastics, tumbling, and a wide range of dance styles—ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and modern. “We added numbers from the musical ‘Wicked’ to give the show more impact and a modern feel,” explains Gymfinity’s dance director Rochelle Popovits.

The “Wicked” numbers will be interspersed into the traditional Wizard of Oz story. The song “No Good Deed” comes when we first meet the scarecrow. “No One Mourns the Wicked” and “Thank Goodness” come in the Emerald City scenes.

Popovits, Vicki George, and

Julianne Pimentel, who co-owns the studio with her husband Jerod, and Gymfinity’s gymnastics director collaborated on the show and added a few of their own twists to highlight their students’ abilities. For example, dance students will perform a jitterbug dance to “Lions, and, Tigers, and Bears! Oh My!”

The very youngest students, the 18-month-old creative movement dance class, are the “Lullaby League.” The Gymbabies, the toddler tumbling class, will perform their tumbling circuit as the Munchkins.

This is Gymfinity’s third combined gymnastics and dance performance. “We thought, why don’t we put it all together for one big show? Then all of our students can see each other perform,” says Popovits. “It’s also another showcase for our students, without the added cost of competitions and festivals.”

The two previous combined

shows—“The Grinch” in December 2008 and “The Nutcracker” in December 2009—were very popular. “We had about 400 people come to ‘The Nutcracker,’ many more than we expected,” says Popovits. “I think the low ticket cost drew a lot of people. By keeping our shows in house we can keep down our costs.”

Since 2003, Gymfinity has offered gymnastics, dance, cheer, and tumbling programs for all ages and levels. The studio has recreational classes starting as young as 18 months with parent participation, as well as competitive dance, performance, and cheer teams. Gymfinity also offers adult classes, such as Sarai Jones’ fitness boot camps.

Last year Gymfinity moved into a permanent location at 230 South Vasco Road. For more information, visit the website at www.gymfinitygymnastics.com or call 925-960-9440.

Shakespeare Festival Acting Camp Offered for Teens

Livermore Shakespeare Festival Acting Camp for Tri-Valley Teens

“For never was there a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo.” So ends one of Shakespeare’s most famous tragedies.

Russ Marcel, the Livermore Shakespeare Festival’s Education Director, plans to change teens’ summer woes into summer fun with an Acting class at the Bothwell Arts Center, July 5 – 16, 2010.

Last appearing as Oberon in A Midsummer Night’s Dream in 2009, Marcel is a professional actor and director currently teaching Acting and Shakespeare at Bellarmine College Preparatory High School in San Jose.

Russ’ enthusiasm is catching: “The Summer Acting Camp is perfect for any high school student interested in performing, whether they’re a beginner, or have had plenty of experience on stage. We get on our feet and have fun with Shakespeare’s words through improvisation, theatre games and stage combat.

The Acting Camp will focus on Romeo and Juliet, which will

be performed at the Livermore Shakespeare Festival this summer. “We get to know the play in class, then see how it’s performed by professional actors. The class culminates in the students’ pre-show performance on the LSF stage at Concannon Vineyard,” said Marcel.

“I love teaching this class, because the students have a blast. I’m especially glad we’re focusing on this play because it has some great fights, and the students really enjoy the combat work. Once they realize that Shakespeare can be fun, they really take to it, and that makes me so proud. I love that I can bring this to my community, my neighborhood.”

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival Summer Acting Camp for teens, from entering high school through recent graduates, meets July 5 – 16, Mondays through Fridays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Bothwell Art Center, (8th and G Streets) Livermore.

Tuition is \$275. Financial Aid possible, application required. Registration information is available www.LivermoreShakes.org. Please send questions by e-mail to: Education@LivermoreShakes.org

Thomas Hardy Theme for Saturday Salon

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

4th Street Studio is located at 2235 Fourth Street in Livermore. Everyone has up to ten minutes to read. The public is welcome.

This month’s salon is “A Return of the Native Madding Crowd Kind of Night” to celebrate the English writer Thomas Hardy (born on June 2nd, 1840). Though he was best known during his lifetime for his 17 novels and 55 short stories, he considered himself a poet, and the volume of his collected poetry runs to more than 1000 pages. He also wrote dramatic works, including the three-play cycle The Dynasts.

Just as Hardy embraced multiple literary forms, so does 4th Street Studio’s Saturday Salons, where writers of all kinds will find an audience: fellow writers and other lovers of the literary arts as spoken word. The Salons provide an opportunity for writers to read their work — so they can hear how it sounds when read aloud, and so others can listen to what they have written. All literary forms are welcome: fiction, literary nonfiction, memoir, poetry, monologues, and short dramatic works.

Bring a nosh and something to drink to share.

The salons, now in their seventh year, are held on the third Saturday of each month at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street.

Haitian Art Topic of Library Presentation

Haitian Art: “Vibrant and Vital,” is the theme of a free seminar to be presented by art historian Claudia Hess at the Pleasanton Library.

The presentation is 7 p.m. Thurs., June 24.

Explore the paradox of Haiti: One of the most culturally rich yet economically poverty-stricken nations. Enjoy what Picasso, Kandinsky, museums and collectors know: Haitian art is powerful, charming and pure.

Due to the recent catastrophic earthquake in Haiti attention to this impoverished nation is at an all time high. Claudia W. Hess, art historian, will present Haitian art and sculpture and a cultural background on the arts in Haiti. Works by masters such as Casimir (whose work appeared on the cover of the New York Times Magazine) Prefet Duffaut, Blanchard, Leontus and brother sculptors: Jean Louis and Seresier Louisjuste will available for inspection and contemplation.

Hess, is an art historian and art advisor and appraiser, with 30 years of experience. She offers culture tours to SF Bay Area museums and exhibits and maybe reached at: (925) 997-8133 or wgallerywest@gmail.com.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.



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Developing Music Appreciation, One 3rd-Grader at a Time

By Patricia Koning

Three months ago, 17 third graders from across Livermore didn't know much about music—how to read music, the different note lengths, or the difference between a treble and bass clef. On Wednesday, June 2, each of those students demonstrated how far they had come by playing two pieces of music on the piano for their families.

The students learned music through the Oakland East Bay (OEB) Symphony's Music for Excellence (MUSE) program, which provides free piano lessons, musician mentors, music clinics, school visits by OEB music director Michael Morgan and other activities to complement public school music curriculum. The MUSE piano lessons, also offered in elementary schools in Oakland, came to Livermore about three years ago through donations from the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

"When I heard about this program, I thought it has to be too good to be true," said parent Jennifer Cuellar. "I'd been looking for an introductory music class but everything I found either had a long waiting list or was too expensive."

Her daughter Kaitlyn, a third-grader at Altamont Creek Elementary School, now wants to learn guitar. "This program helped her

appreciate music," said Cuellar. "It sparked her interest, which is what I was hoping for. This is really a great age to start."

Kimmy Luty, a graduate student in music at Cal State East Bay, teaches the classes with help from Topher Shepherd, a 2010 graduate of Granada High School. OEB pays for the instructors, lesson materials, and keyboards.

Luty and Shepherd taught one session in the fall and another in the spring, reaching nearly 40 Livermore third-graders. Each session was comprised of two classes, with the first open only to students at Joe Michell School, where the classes are held. The second was open to any third-grader in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Teachers recommend students for the program.

When Joe Michell principal Angela Ehrlich heard the program was looking for a school site to host it, she jumped at the chance. "I couldn't pass up such a great opportunity for our students," she said.

Luty admits that teaching up to 10 students in a 45-minute class is a challenge. She says the students need to be self-motivated and disciplined to succeed. Each lesson included study of theory, with weekly homework, and keyboard practice.

"They learn a basic foundation



Third-grader Casey Sansoni explains different note lengths at the MUSE piano lesson graduation.

in reading music that they can apply to practically any other musical instrument," she says. Some of the students will continue studying with Luty, who teaches private les-

sons in her home and through ABC Music. For students interested in other instruments, like Kaitlyn Cuellar, she provides references for other music teachers.

A new session of MUSE classes will begin in the fall. For more information on the OEB Symphony's MUSE program, visit www.oeb.org/page/muse.htm.

Day at the Races to Benefit Axis Community Health

The Foundation for Axis Community Health will sponsor *A Day at the Races* on Saturday, July 10, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. during the annual County Fair.

The event will take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton.

Tickets to the event are \$50 per person and include admission to the Alameda County Fair, a catered buffet luncheon, a lesson

on placing bets, the afternoon of horseracing, a "Best Race Day Hat" contest, prize drawings, and a no-host bar. Tickets may be purchased at www.axishealth.org. All proceeds benefit Axis Community Health, provider of medical care and behavioral health services to the community.

"We invite our friends and neighbors to join us for an afternoon of fun at the Fairgrounds,"

says Foundation Board President Becky Yeffa. "All proceeds will benefit Axis Community Health, which provides a true safety net for members of our community who may find themselves without health insurance and in need of medical care, mental health services or substance abuse counseling."

Pleasanton Library Offers Adult Reading Game

Pleasanton Library is offering an adult summer reading game, "Outside Reading," through July 31.

To take part, just stop in at the library to pick up a reading log. Then read, or listen to 3 books and/

or attend 3 library programs or any combination of the 3. Completely fill out the log and turn it in at the Adult Reference Desk. Logs will be entered into a drawing for Pleasanton Downtown Gift Cards. The

first 100 people to turn in a log will receive a personal book light.

For more information call 925 931-3400 x 7 or go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library



The Foundation for Axis Community Health Board of Directors prepares for the "Best Hat" contest at *A Day at the Races* on July 10th. Seated (left to right) are B. Penny Woods and board secretary Tanya Shah; (standing) Axis CEO Sue Compton, board president Becky Yeffa, board treasurer Bert Brook, board vice-chair Bob Brown and Donna Bratton-Kearns. Not pictured is Barbara Will.



Emily and Tom Galt

Pleasanton Couple Releases First Motion Picture

Director / Producer team husband and wife Tom and Emily Galt have completed their first motion picture under the banner, Tom Galt Motion Pictures.

The film, "The Four Twenty-One," is an independent sci-fi thriller that is based on previously classified government documents concerning the existence of aliens on our planet. It is now available nationwide on DVD.

Tom and Emily Galt are long-time residents of Pleasanton. The movie was shot in Pleasanton and San Francisco, with critical scenes staged at the Pleasanton Hotel and surrounding Main St. neighborhood.

Many local residents make appearances as 'extras' in the film, including a large group of patrons of the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The movie was created completely outside of the Hollywood system, and features a compelling and action-packed story that it claims to be based on actual events.

The movie is now available at Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble.com and Borders.com.

More information regarding The Four Twenty-One is available at: www.thefourtwentymovie.com.

'The Namesake' Final Book into Film Series Program

Book Into Film Series at the Pleasanton Library concludes with the screening of "The Namesake" on June 27 at 2 p.m.

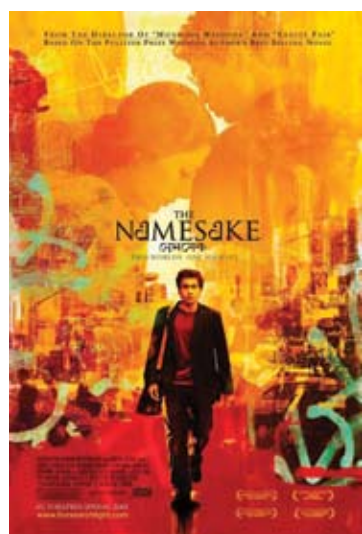
Read "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri, then see the film at the Pleasanton Library.

Participants will decide which is better, the book or the film. The program is presented in collaboration with the California Center for the Book, Pleasanton Library has offered a monthly series of film screenings based on popular books.

Pick up a copy of the Namesake at the library, attend the free film screening on Sunday, June 27 at 2pm and join the discussion!

The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.



Former Livermore Poet Laureate Publishes New Book, 'Trip Wires'

Former Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post as published a new book, "Trip Wires."

Published by Finishing Line Press, the poetry chapbook, part of Finishing Line's critically acclaimed Chapbook Series.

Connie Post was the first Poet Laureate of Livermore, serving from 2005-2009. Trip Wires is a collection of her most recently created and published poetry.

Al Young, Poet Laureate Emerita of California, says this about Connie's book, "Like all true poets, Connie Post sharpens language to pierce and rejuvenate the outer-skin of appearances. Again and again, her teasingly punctuated poems pull us aside. One poem asks an X-ray technician "how can she know the secrets of the body / the broken bits of history – not detectable / by her kind of light." These feisty poems — many of them soft-spoken psalms — stitch and glue the everyday to the eternal, interweaving the worldly with the eternal. Concerns or attractions we first take to be particular or



private dissolve into the universal so inevitably that we're forced to relax and recognize the trickster-spirit of poetry at work. Trip Wires is a treat."

Connie Post's poems have appeared in such literary journals as Calyx, Kalliope, Cold Mountain

Review, Chiron Review, Crab Creek Review, Comstock Review, DMQ Review, Dogwood, Iodine Poetry Journal, Main Street Rag, White Pelican Review, Monterey Poetry Review, Carquinez Poetry Review, California Quarterly, Tipton Poetry Journal, RiverSedge, Up The Staircase, Wild Goose Poetry Review, and The Toronto Quarterly. She was the winner of the Cover Prize for the Spring 2009 issue of The Dirty Napkin and the winner of the 2009 Caesura Poetry Awards from Poetry Center of San Jose.

Finishing Line Press is a poetry publisher based in Cincinnati, Ohio and Georgetown, Kentucky.

Trip Wires is 26 pages, 6' by 9' size, soft-cover chapbook. Cover art is by local artist, Trish Fenton. Retail price is \$12 (postage paid directly from the publisher). The book is available by direct retail from Finishing Line Press, P. O. Box 1626, Georgetown, KY 40324. or on line at www.finishinglinepress.com/new_releases

Relay for Life Looking for More Volunteers

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's flagship annual fund-raiser. Relays take place all over the country, and for the eighth consecutive year, Livermore will have its own Relay.

Livermore has raised over \$1.5 million for cancer research! But it's much more than just a fundraiser – it's an amazing bonding experience.

Virtually everyone has been touched, directly or indirectly, by cancer and a very important part of this event is celebrating cancer survivors and remembering those who have lost their battle with cancer.

This will be the second year

that care givers will be recognized as an important part of a cancer patients' life. All care givers to join us to celebrate, remember and fight back.

This is a 24-hour event, starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 26 and ending at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 27. It will be held on the track at Livermore High School.

Teams are formed to raise funds and take turns walking laps. They set up a tent and camp out at the event.

There are prizes for tent decoration, themed laps, and most money raised.

There will also be live enter-

tainment, a variety of games and activities, silent auctions, kids' camp, and great food. Relay For Life is a very kid friendly, family event where all are welcome.

Additional volunteers are needed on Friday, June 25 to help with setup, on Saturday, June 26 for many different jobs and on Sunday morning, June 27 to help with take down of the event.

Anyone interested in volunteering, is asked to please contact Jacky Poulsen at (925) 455-0542.

For questions, please contact the following: livermorefl@yahoo.com. Information or registration is at www.LivermoreRelayForLife.com

Dublin Has Summer Fun Planned for Teens

The City of Dublin has created the Dublin Teen Circuit to keep teen busy during the summer. The activities are under \$10.

The Circuit will offer bi-weekly special events for teens entering middle through high school.]

Twelve evening events will be offered throughout the summer. Activities start Thursday, June

17, 7:00pm – 9:00pm with "Swim Olympics" at the Dublin Swim Center. Other activities include Lucky's Pizza Band Nights, Laser tag at Emerald Glen Park, Shadow Cliff's, Fear Factor at Emerald Glen Park, Capture the Creature and Comedy Night at Tommy T's.

Register for individual events or save money and purchase a Circuit

pass. The Teen Circuit is also offering all day excursions including Kayaking in Sausalito, American River Rafting, Surfing School, and Water World. The all day excursions require an additional fee.

For more information, go to www.DublinRecGuide.com to register for these activities. For more information contact Angela at 556-4500.



The Valley's Newest Tasting Room Opens Las Positas Vineyards

by Harry Stoll

You'll find this new tasting room right off of the I-580 then right off of Greenville Road. It's not far, over smooth roads, to the wineries of Greenville, Tesla and Vasco roads and to East Avenue. It's in a very functional industrial park, in a clean well-lighted place with easy parking.

They've done a good job with the resources at hand. The front of the tasting bar is made from old wine barrels. The top of the bar is very dark hardwood. A vineyard scene oil painting by noted Livermore artist Vicki Ast hangs on a wall. Owners Lothar and Lisa Maier are art appreciators and have one of Ast's oils in their home. They plan to buy another for the tasting room.

Also on the wall hangs an artist's rendition and a floor plan of the state of the art winery and tasting room that is to arise next to their vineyard on Kalkoff Commons in the west end of the valley, off of Vallecitos Road. They are working their way through the permit process and expect to break ground this summer. The plan is for it to be up and running the summer of 2011.

That vineyard, and the new tasting room there, will culminate a 4-year effort by the Maiers to grow high quality grapes on their own land and produce wine from them. They bought the 20-acre vineyard in January 2006. Being folks with high standards, they weren't satisfied with the existing vines. They had them pulled out, tilled the soil to break up the hardpan barrier and planted small parcels in different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Tempranillo, Barbera, Petite Sirah, and Chardonnay. "Our labor of love began

in earnest," said Lisa.

With this investment of passion, time, effort, and money they wanted the name of the winery and vineyard to be true to the rich heritage of the Livermore Valley. They looked through local history books and maps to find the perfect inspirational name for their endeavor, and learned that Robert Livermore named his original 40,000 acre property *Rancho Las Positas* because of the many streams that coursed through the land.

Once in business at their vineyard and winery, they will be allowed to put "Estate Bottled," on the label. That's an often overlooked but important distinction, meaning that the winery named on the label grew, harvested, fermented, fussed over, aged and bottled on its property.

For now Las Positas Vineyard is made at Wente's Small Lot facility. The very experienced Ryan Flock is the consulting winemaker. He has worked at Renwood and Rosenblum Cellars and is the winemaker at Karmere in the Shenandoah Valley. Ryan provides the protocols to Wente. They make the wine according to those protocols. Many visits are made to the Small Lot Facility by Ryan Flock and the Maiers

Here are the Las Positas Vineyard wines available at the tasting room or on their web site:

2007 Chardonnay Livermore Valley (\$21.99). Pale gold apple in color, this round refresher has cinnamon-apple sauce and kiwi flavors that go well with fruit and cheese salads or shrimp ragout. It was aged nine months in French oak and came home with the silver from the California State Fair and the Alameda and Orange County fairs.

2008 Chardonnay Livermore

Valley (\$24.99). This Chardonnay was fermented and aged in French oak barrels for 10 months developing well-integrated fruit flavors with notable vanilla and toasty oak. This refreshing pale gold wine shows crisp apple and apricot yet slightly buttery with a rich mid palate. This wine pairs well with grilled seafood, veal cutlets, baked ricotta or pork roast.

2007 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$28.99). Brings a mouthful of rich black cherries and currants with hints of lavender leading to a silky finish. Aging this Cabernet Sauvignon for 20 months in French oak infused rich coffee and toasty caramel flavors for a well structured mid palate. This wine pairs well with charcoal-grilled rib eye steaks with guajillo chili rub, pizza with cremini mushrooms and prosciutto or rack of lamb with boysenberry-pecan crust.

2007 Petite Sirah Livermore Valley (\$31.99). A BIG wine with aromatics of rich blackberries and blueberries with hints of violets and vanilla. Its deep rich inky color gives way to concentrated flavors of chocolate, ripe berries and currants. Cowboy-rubbed pork.

Tasting room/marketing manager Bryan Mom said they are very excited about the Barbera and Tempranillo that's on the way.

The wines can be bought at the tasting room or from their website, laspositasvineyards.com. There will be no shipping charge during June, the grand opening month,

Las Positas Vineyards
682 Pinnacle Place
Livermore 94550
925.449.WINE
laspositasvineyards.com.
Open Saturday and Sunday,
12 noon to 5 p.m.



Pictured are pieces of jewelry by Rhonda Chase (right) and Christine McCall.

LAA Gallery to Present Jewelry and Wearable Art Trunk Show

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gallery is hosting the spring Jewelry and Wearable Art Trunk Show on Fri., June 18.

Five local artists will bring in extended lines of their jewelry and clothing collections. From 5:30 - 8:00 pm, shoppers can nibble on wine and appetizers and try on original creations by Michele Buckett, Rhonda Chase, Paula Chinick, Christine McCall, and Caryne Finlay-Mount.

The Gallery is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The public is welcome to attend and admission is free. Combine this with dinner downtown for a very enjoyable evening! For more information call the Gallery at 925-449-9927.

Danville Fine Arts Faire Set for This Weekend

Two hundred artists will gather for the Danville Fine Arts Faire, June 19-20 along Hartz Avenue in the heart of downtown Danville. This fine arts festival, sponsored by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Danville, is in its 19th year of showcasing the best artists at their crafts.

Painters, potters, jewelers, photographers, glass blowers, sculptors and more from around the western states gather from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. both days to showcase their art in four blocks between Diablo Road and Hartz Way.

In addition, watch artists in action as they recreate scenes from the Sistine Chapel and other Renaissance masterpieces at the must-see Weekend with the Masters street painting, presented by Diablo Magazine. Artists work in chalk for two days on 12x12 foot squares of pavement on Prospect Street, with a 10x15 foot Apollo and Daphne as a highlight.

Entertainment will be provided by Lisa Lynne on harp, Kaweh with Latin guitar and Jeffrey Michael on keyboards will entertain from strategic street corners. A Beverage Garden, hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, will serve microbrews and fine wines, and plenty of food will be offered by food vendors.

Admission is free, as is parking on all city-owned lots and spaces near the event throughout the weekend. Dublin Cadillac, located on Church Street will be providing test-drives. Find out more at www.mlproductions.com or call (925) 837-4400. See you at the Faire.

Herzog Family 'Family Feud' Segment to Air Next Week

Think of it as "Feud 2.0" if you like, because the new season of America's favorite family game show is bursting with big changes, and the Herzog Family of Livermore, is going to be part of the action. Bigger cash prizes and a brand new car are just two of reasons to tune into this season's Family Feud.

Livermore's Herzog Family will face off against the Hartpence

Family of Santee, CA. They will man their buzzers beginning on Tuesday, June 22. The show airs Monday-Friday at 11:00 a.m. on KTVU (Channel 2).

The Herzog Family – which includes Nate, a professor who competes in triathlons; sister Michealle, a teacher who directs children's musicals; sister Naomie, a teacher and new mom; brother Jordan, a student who works part

time at the restaurant where all of his siblings have worked; and mom Cherie, a business office director and mom to eleven great kids – will be aiming for top prize money of \$150,000, plus a brand new car, when they appear in America's favorite family game show, taped before a live studio audience in Hollywood.

"My son Jordan would spend hours watching The Feud and that

became our family time as we all started playing along," said Cherie. "So of course when we heard the announcement for auditions in San Francisco we made an appointment right away. We have a huge family, so if we win we want to rent a house in Orlando big enough to fit all 27 of us during my daughter Elizabeth's wedding."

Host John O'Hurley stated, "With a total of eleven siblings,

the Herzog Family has brought along quite an impressive cheering squad. Hopefully they can win enough to house everyone under one roof for a big family wedding."

To secure their spot on the all-new show, The Herzog Family called The Feud hotline to begin the process. Other contestant hopefuls can also call the show's hotline in Los Angeles at 323-762-8467 for an interview.

Cuda Ridge Winery Planning Third Anniversary Festivities

Cuda Ridge Winery, at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore, celebrates its third anniversary with a festive tradition of wine tasting and classic cars.

The 3rd Annual Vintage Tasting will be held July 10 and 11 from noon to 4:30 p.m. It will feature an unprecedented number of new releases, with 7 new wines making their debut on the starting grid.

The 3rd Annual Vintage Tasting will include live music, food, wine tasting, a variety of vendors and a classic car display. On Saturday, July 10, Georgi and the Rough Week will be playing their signature rock wrenching blues. Sunday, The Catfish Boys serve up their version of roots oriented rock and country. Music starts at 1:00 each day. Scotty's Catering will offer a home style BBQ available for purchase.

A vintage tasting demands vintage automobiles. Visitors will be treated to a showing of the 1970 purple Cuda that inspired the label, as well as Ms. Daisy, a 1967 Convertible Barracuda. Additional autos will be on display, and owners of vintage cars are invited to bring their beauties out to the winery to join the concourse.

The 3rd Annual Vintage Tasting event showcases a lineup of seven new wines. Cuda Ridge owners, Larry and Margie Dino, have rev'd up production from 300 barrels in the initial 2007 vintage, to 700 barrels in 2008, and to 1100 in 2009.

Cuda Ridge's new releases include the 2009 Semillon, 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2008 Cabernet Franc, 2008 Malbec, and three small lot releases, including the 2007 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, 2008 Bien-Amié bend and the 2008 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon.

With this new release, the Cuda Ridge stable now boasts the two major Bordeaux white varietals, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, as well as the five major Bordeaux reds, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot.

The Semillon and Malbec represent the first releases of these varietals from Cuda Ridge. Cabernet Franc lovers can rejoice in the return of Cuda Ridge's exquisite Cabernet Franc, laden with fragrant spices, bright fruit and engaging minerality. The small lot 2008 "Black Label" Cabernet Sauvignon (31 cases produced) represents the New World style of Cabernet, which is 100% fruit forward, with a higher alcohol level to match.

Cuda Ridge kept one barrel of the Gold Medal winning 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon in a new French oak barrel for an additional year and is releasing this well-rounded, soft, Bordeaux style wine as the 2007 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. Only 24 cases are available. The final reserve wine in the lineup is 2007 Bien-Aimé, which is French for "beloved." This "beloved" wine is produced from Larry and Margie's home vineyard, meticulously farmed by the Dino's using organic farming methods. The 2007 Bien-Aimé is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot and is aged for two years in new French oak.

A special sneak preview of these wines will be held Saturday, June 26, from noon to 4:30pm, for Cuda Cadre Club members only. Wines will be available for tasting and purchase.

Cuda Ridge is a family owned winery in the Livermore Valley



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Margie and Larry Dino show off their various vintages.

dedicated to producing well-balanced Bordeaux style wines that are far lower in alcohol than most New World wines. Owners Larry and Margie Dino received their bond in 2007 and source fruit solely from Livermore, including their own home vineyard. The winery is named for the purple 1970 Barracuda muscle car that Larry acquired after an unsuccessful

attempt to purchase vineyard property in a nameless wine growing region to the north.

Cuda Ridge wines can be found in many Livermore restaurants, including Zephyr Grill and Bar, Sanctuary, Simply Fondue and Swirl. Wines from Cuda Ridge are also poured at Viva in Los Gatos and at Vino Locale in Palo Alto, where the wines can be sampled

and purchased. Specialty wine stores in Livermore and Pleasanton, including First Street Wine Company and The Wine Steward, also carry the Cuda Ridge lineup.

Cuda Ridge Winery is at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore, and is open Friday thru Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m Contact the winery at 510-304-0914, info@cudaridgewines.com and at www.cudaridgewines.com

Something for Everyone at the Alameda County Fair; Opens June 23

The 98th annual Alameda County Fair runs June 23 through July 11 (closed Tuesdays), at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. The theme is "Come Out And Play!" There is something for everyone at the Alameda County Fair.

Nationally, the Alameda County Fair ranks 41 in attendance among all fairs in the US.

Free Concert Series - June 23

through July 11, 2010 (closed Tuesdays) is as follows: Wed., June 23 Foreverland (Michael Jackson tribute); Thurs., June 24, Johnny Rivers singing oldies. Fri., June 25 Uncle Kracker performs American Pop; Sat., June 26 Tower of Power brings its R&B style to the fair; Sun., June 26, Diana Reyes performs Latin rhythms; Mon., June 28, Natalie Grant performs Christian music; Wed., June 30 will be a Journey

tribute by Evolution; Crystal Gale performs country music on Thurs., July 1; Little Feat rocks the stage on Fri., July 2; Sat., July 3 includes fireworks and a performance by R&B group Con Funk Shun; a Blues Festival will be held Sun., July 4; on Mon., July 5, Newsboys perform Christian music; a Beatles tribute by BeatleMajesty is set for Wed., July 7; Grand Fun Railroad performs retro rock on Thurs., July 8; alternative rock is offered

by Tonic on Fri., July 9; Lonestar goes country on Sat., July 10; the final day Sun., July 11 features War with rock and jazz.

Special pricing is as follows: kids free Fridays; \$3 Wacky Wednesdays, seniors free Thursdays; Fair Food Drive - June 28th bring just 4 nonperishable food items for free admission into the Fair. Food Drive to benefit Alameda County Food Bank; and Mili-

tary Appreciation Day - July 2nd all those with a valid military I.D. receive free admission along with one guest. Veterans are welcome.

With the "Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America," the Fair Association hopes to continually enhance it's horse training and racing program in Pleasanton.

For more information, please visit the fair website at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in Carnegie Park, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Seward Johnson Sculptures Downtown Pleasanton, interactive exhibit by sculptor J. Seward Johnson placed on sidewalk locations. The eleven life-size, three-dimensional bronze sculptures depict the everyday activities of people who may be found anywhere, from a man reading a newspaper on a park bench and an elderly woman carrying a bag of groceries to a child welcoming a soldier home from duty. The exhibit will remain in place through June 30, 2010. More information about the J. Seward Johnson exhibit is available by contacting Pleasanton Fine Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan at jfinegan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or (925) 931-5355.

Trunk show, Livermore Art Association Art Gallery, summer jewelry and other wearable art, Fri., June 18, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wine and cheese will be served. Carnegie Bldg., 3rd and J Streets, Livermore. www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org.

Livermore Art Association 8th annual U.S. Bank show at the US Bank in Livermore on display until June 30. Most artworks are for sale. Open during US Bank's business hours: Mon-Thu 9:00-5:00, Fri 9:00-6:00, and Sat 9:00-1:00. US Bank is located at 2125 Second Street, Livermore.

New works by Livermore artist Joanna Crawshaw displayed through June 30, 2010 at the Wild Vine, 2187 First Street in Livermore. Joanna is an abstract artist from Livermore. She is a 2005 graduate of the Art Institute of Boston. Since her move from Boston, she has concentrated on finding a way to marry her love of the human form with her passion for abstract art. Joanna's current work represents a move from mood based art to work that provides an atmosphere in which the work can come alive and communicate with the viewer.

The Contra Costa JCC will open three new exhibits featuring work by Michael Yashar, a collection of Ketubot, and Traditions: From Generation to Generation, an eclectic collection of Judaica from the local community. The exhibits will be housed at the Contra Costa JCC's Friedkin Art Gallery, Gallery 925, and Tice Valley Gallery from May 12 through September 17, 2010. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy the exhibits. Admission is free. The Contra Costa JCC is located at 2071 Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek.

Call for Artists, Art in the Park, Danville, 12th Annual Fine Arts Festival, October 2 & 3, On the Town Green, Front Street Park, by the Library. Categories: Paintings in All Media, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Graphics and limited openings in Fine Jewelry (no crafts). Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville, this event is a Fund Raiser for Art in the Schools of the San Ramon School District. Art in the Park includes a Judged Inside Art Show and food, wine and live entertainment. Booth spaces are 10' x 10' and the fees are \$85 for non-ADAS members. Artist's applications available: e-mail ormawebb@comcast.net or call 925 828-9170.

Louise Gibler Exhibit, oil paintings consisting of still life, landscape, floral and figurative subjects for the months of May and June 2010 at the Garre Vineyard & Winery 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and weekends 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All the pieces are framed and done in the chiaroscuro style of painting.

Art exhibit, May 21-June 30th – Occasio Winery hosts artist Patrick Segui's latest exhibition, "Back Behind the Big Top." This show depicts many scenes of an Edwardian circus—Ringmasters, trapeze artists and gypsy caravans. Patrick's unique style has decorated the Winery's previous auction lots, and his intriguing mis-scene transports the viewer to another era. Fridays – Sundays, noon – 5 p.m. 2245B South Vasco Road, Livermore, 371-1987, www.occasiowinery.com

What Lies Above Below & Through Juried Art Exhibition, May 14 through June 19, explore 31 artists' responses to the subjects of surface, depth, transparency and opacity at Ryan Fine Art gallery, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. The gallery is open lunchtimes Thursday – Saturday and Friday evenings. An extension of this exhibition will hang at Panama Red Coffee Company, corner of First & K Street, from May 18 through June 19. See www.lindaryanfineart.com for details.

MEETINGS

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., June 21 at Almond Ave. School, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. Guest artist will be Alan Ryall. In his presentation, Alan will describe his own journey as a marine artist and will use images of his work to illustrate techniques that he uses to achieve realistic effects in his oil paintings of the San Francisco Bay, the ocean, boats of various types and ships from the Age of Sail. Alan and his wife Flori continue to live and work in Livermore where he still gets out for an occasional sail on San Francisco Bay. There is no admission charge to attend the meeting.

Art Chat Lecture Series, Danville Village Theatre Art Gallery, A series of discussions about art intended to demystify the art world and provide for a meaningful exchange of ideas while surrounded by the changing exhibitions at the newly renovated Village Theatre Art Gallery in Danville. Wed., June 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 233 Front St., Danville. Topics include: Growing your Art Career and Becoming a Gallery Artist; Ever wondered if you have what it takes to show your work in galleries; Unsure how to approach galleries for representation; and Know how to prepare your portfolio and yourself to make an effective approach. Free to students and all art enthusiasts. RSVP by Monday, June 21. Panelists Include: Geri Arata, MFA, Arata Fine Art, SF; Claudia Worthington Hess, Worthington Gallery West, Pleasanton; and, Tricia Grame, MFA, PhD. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Shelley Barry, Gallery Specialist @ (925) 314/3460 or sbarry@ci.danville.ca.us

WINERY EVENTS

Thomas Coyne Winery at Blacksmith Square, Downtown Livermore, 25 S. Livermore Ave. Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Live music every Saturday: June 19 Kenny Robbins Band, June 26 Liam. http://thomascynewinery.com.

Wente Wednesdays, starting June 16th

throughout the summer months, Wente Vineyards invites visitors to buy a glass of wine, enjoy live music, meet new friends and watch the sunset. Light snacks will also be available for purchase. 5 to 8 p.m. Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Father's Day Picnic, Retzlaff Vineyards, June 20, noon to 4:30 p.m. Cost \$10 per person. Reservations required. Music by Blue Truth. 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. www.retzlaffwinery.com or 447-8941.

Deer Ridge Vineyards Father's Day celebration, June 20, noon to 4 p.m. Featuring great food and wine for sale along with live music by John Fingers (2 to 4 p.m.). Scotty's Catering will offer a Father's Day BBQ lunch in the Tri-Valley. A full BBQ lunch will be available for \$10. Vegetarian meals will be available upon request. 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore, 245-9756.

Wine and Cheese Pairings, Wente Vineyards. Sat., June 26, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sample local artisan cheeses paired with the finest expression in food and wine pairings by Wente Vineyards. \$20 Wine Club Members, \$25 for all guests, plus tax. Estate Winery Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. For reservations, call 925-456-2305 or purchase tickets on line at shop.wentevineyards.com.

Taste of Terroir, July 22, 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Livermore Valley Winemakers and Bay Area Chefs teamed up to create innovative wine and food pairings for guests to enjoy. In a blind tasting, our media judges, Leslie Sbrocco, W. Blake Gray, and Jessica Yadegaren will present awards for taste top pairings while guests vote for people's choice awards. In addition to the pairings, there will be a silent auction, a dessert room filled with sweets, ports, and more. The Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. To view participating wineries and restaurants or to purchase tickets, visit www.LVwine.org.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Concerts on the Green, Summer Series, Tuesdays through Sept. 24. Music 5 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Valley Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. June 22: Pladdohg, Celtic alternative rock; June 29: Groovy Judy, flower power Funk Rock; July 6: Hummingbirdz, high octane blues. July 13: Mud Daddy, classic rock 'n roll and blues; July 20, Cool Tones Big Band; July 27, LunaFish, 60s and 70s FM rock. No admission charge. Each week, two Livermore wineries featured; also beer selected by downtown bartenders. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Restaurants will offer food for purchase. The Livermore Downtown Inc. website lists the restaurants, wine shops and tasting rooms at www.livermoredowntown.com.

Blacksmith Square Saturday Concerts, Thomas Coyne Winery, John Christopher Cellars, Swirl Tapas Bar and Victorian Olive Oil present live music in the Square, 3 to 6 p.m. on the following Saturdays: 6/19 Kenny, 6/26 Liam, 7/3 Roger Kardinal, 7/10 Why not?, 7/17 Pappa's Garage, 7/24 Highway 4, 7/31 Ground. Wine tasting (fee waived with purchase), food at menu prices. No outside food or adult beverages. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.

2010 Concert at Wente Vineyards, Thurs., June 17, The Fray. Thurs., June 24, Liza Minnelli. Ticketmaster.com or by calling the Wente Vineyards Box Office at 925.456.2424. Wente Vineyards, 5050

Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Jennings & Keller, Sun., June 20, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. An acoustic duo based out of Miami. Their music is called "Fusion Folk Americana" – a blend of many different elements that comes from their vast musical backgrounds. No admission charge. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Manriquez & Rubis, Sun., June 26, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Specialize in Latin American music. They sing, play guitar, charango, zomponas, cuatro and bombo, featuring an extensive repertoire of popular and folk songs from Latin American. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

ON THE STAGE

The Heidi Chronicles, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Studio Theatre production. June 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27. 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Scenes from Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, Tues., June 22, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch and actors from Shakespeare's Associates present scenes and discuss themes from their upcoming season—romantic Romeo & Juliet and Tom Stoppard's The Real Thing. Underwritten by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival productions of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet and Tom Stoppard's The Real Thing run July 8 – August 7, 2010 outdoors at Concannon Vineyard. Tickets \$25-\$39, day-dependent, \$100 Opening Night Benefit, \$5 student tix on Target Family Night July 11th. For more information visit www.LivermoreShakes.org or call 925-443-BARD (2273)

COMEDY

Comedy Uncorked, summer series hosted by Retzlaff Vineyards, benefitting the Open Heart Kitchen. Performances are June 19, July 24, August 21 and Sept. 18. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Complete show details and tickets are at www.comedyuncorked.com. Performers include Joe Klocek, Michael Meehan, Norm Goldblatt, Sandy Stec, Johnny Steele, Will Durst, Debi Durst, Michael Bossier, Lynn Ruth Miller, Tim Babb, Will Franken, Anthony Hill, Fred Anderson, Aundre the Wonderwoman. Retzlaff Vineyards is located at 1356 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Tickets at www.comedyuncorked.com.

DANCE

Saturday Night Dance Parties, themed parties each Saturday night from Salsa to Swing, includes an optional group dance lesson at 7:15. \$15 cover charge, 7:15 dance lesson, 8:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. Livermore Avenue, 925-449-9292, or studio@itsalldancing.com.

A String of Pearls, Saturday, June 19, 2 and 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Valley Dance Theatre's 30th Anniversary Celebration brings to life Gershwin's An American in Paris, Glenn Miller's classic A String of Pearls, and Vivaldi's Four Seasons, plus exciting new works. www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

The Wizard of Oz, presented by Dance Studio at Gymfinity. Sat., June 19, 11 a.m. 230 So. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Public is

invited to attend.

MOVIES

Book Into Film, June 27, "The Namesake," a film based on the book by Jhumpa Lahiri. View the movie at 2:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. A comparison of the movie with the book follows. Free. Information: 925-931-3405.

Mary Poppins, movie musical sing-along. Fri., July 2, 8:15 p.m. Ohlone College Amphitheater. Sidewalk chalk drawing contest for all ages thirty minutes before the show. Chalk will be supplied. 43600 Mission Boulevard in Fremont. Tickets start at \$10. Box office: Tickets at 510-659-6031 www.smithcenter.com.

OPERA

Opera screening, Metropolitan Opera at Dublin's Regal Cinema will show each "live" performance recording Wednesday evenings at 6:30 on the following dates: "Romeo et Juliette" June 23, "Eugene Onegin" July 7, "La Boheme" July 14, "Turandot" July 21, and "Carmen" July 28. More performances may be shown later in the summer, but no further schedule is currently available. For later dates inquire at the theater.

Children's Opera, Cantabella Children's Chorus will present three performances of *The Piper of Hamelin*, a fully staged opera by renowned composer John Rutter. Saturday, July 24, 2010, 3:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, July 25, 2010, 3:30pm, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Characters in this classic opera include the piper, the mayor and the corporation, the lame child, the shopkeeper, the townspeople and the rats! Proceeds from the Sunday matinee will be donated to music programs of the Livermore and Pleasanton public schools. Tickets \$10 student, \$15 adult. More information: 925-292-2663/Cantabella.org.

Opera in the Vineyard, August 1, A fundraiser for the Livermore Valley Opera. Bring your own picnic and experience music and song. Information: 925-960-9210 or www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bothwell Arts Center summer camps and classes for kids to adults in Basic Drawing of the Human Head, JazzLab, cool projects in Sculpture, studio arts, Shakespearean Acting Camp, Theatrical Camp and even a PeeWee Arts class in addition to the center's regular programs. Contact info@bothwellartscenter.org for more information.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival Summer Acting Camp for teens, from entering high school through recent graduates, is a 10-day course meeting July 5 – 16, Mondays through Fridays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Bothwell Art Center, 8th and G Streets, Livermore, CA 94550. Registration and tuition information is available online: www.LivermoreShakes.org, or e-mail questions to: Education@LivermoreShakes.org.

Livermore Valley Restaurant Awards, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association has implemented a new program to recognize restaurants that support and promote Livermore Valley wines and wineries. To nominate a restaurant, please visit www.LVwine.org and click the "Nominate a Restaurant" link at the bottom of the homepage. Nominations must be received by July 1st. The Restaurant of the Year Award will be announced at the annual Taste of Terroir event held

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



"I Love a Piano" by Irving Berlin, plays at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, June 18 through July 11. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. The theater is located at 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Tickets are \$28 adults, \$25 seniors, \$20 for students and juniors. More information is available at www.dmtonline.org or by calling (510) 881-6777. Kevin Euler, Stacy Sanders, Zach Thompson, Jenny Matteucci, and, in front, William Giammona and Jenifer Tice, warm up for a rehearsal of "I Love a Piano" at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre. (Photo by George F. Ledo)

on July 22
38th annual Competition for Young Musicians, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 12, 2011. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. The application deadline is Sun., Oct. 3, 2010. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained by calling the competition chairperson at 447-1947.

Father's Day Photo Contest, sponsored by Alameda County CattleWomen's Association. Cash prizes: \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place. Anyone can enter. The winning photos will be published in The Independent as well as on the Alameda County CattleWomen website. The photo theme is "Show why your father deserves BEEF for Father's Day." The photo can be of Fathers, Grandfathers, or "Father-like" figures. Entries are due by June 17, 2010. For contest details go to AlamedaCountyCattleWomen.com.

Joaquin Murrieta: Dead In The Sierra, Thursday, June 17, Join filmmaker, Warren Haack, for a screening and discussion of his narrative film on the famous outlaw Joaquin Murrieta. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. 7 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$5

members and seniors, \$10 nonmembers, \$3 students and teachers with ID. Reservations are suggested. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call the Museum on Main at 462-2766.

The 2nd Annual Valley Bonsai Society Show will be held on June 19 and 20 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. The show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Two special demonstrations are planned at 1 p.m. each day. There will be displays, a raffle, and door prizes. Admission is free. Alden Lane Nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane, Livermore.

California Writers Club, Tri-Valley Branch, meeting June 19. International best-selling thriller writer Jeff Carlson tells you why, when and how to bend, break and beat the laws of publishing with his lecture on *Breaking The Rules To Breaking In: Ten Tips To Sell Your First Novel*. Information: www.trivalleywriters.org.

Father's Day Picnic, City of Dublin Parks

& Community Services Department, Sunday, June 20 from 10am to 2 pm in the Group Picnic Area at Emerald Glen Park. Cost is \$3 per person, which will guarantee your family reserved table seating in our Group Picnic Area and all the games, activities, entertainment and ice cold lemonade. All you need to bring is your picnic lunch and dad. Register on-line at www.DublinRecGuide.com. Call 556-4500 if you would like more information.

Alameda County Fair, June 23-July 11 (closed Tuesdays), Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Farm animals, 16-days of live horse racing, professional entertainment, midway and carnival, food, fun for all ages. www.alamedacountyfair.com.

A cooking demonstration, wine pairing and book signing with author Fran Gage will be held at Victorine Olive Oil in downtown Livermore on June 26. Gage is the author of "The New American Olive Oil." The class will include tastings of three olive oils, cooking demonstration and tasting, complimentary wine pairing and book signing. The event is Sat., June 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. The class fee is \$55. Enroll in person at 21 So. Livermore Ave at Blacksmith Square in Livermore, or call 454-8770 or 454-8777.

Women Photographers of the Twentieth Century, Thurs., June 27, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Marcy B. Freedman will present a one-hour talk with slides, highlighting the work of several amazing women photographers. Underwritten by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505.

Author Jonathan Curiel, Sun., June 27, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Journalist in San Francisco and the author of *All America: Travels Through America's Arab and Islamic Roots*. The book details the historic influence of Arab and Muslim culture on America, from the time of Columbus to the modern age. Underwritten by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505.

4th July Celebration, noon to 2 p.m. Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets, Pleasanton. Patriotic speeches, music by Pleasanton Community Concert Band. Free.

Ranchers of the Amador-Livermore Valley, Aug. 19, A panel of local ranchers discuss the history and practices of ranching in the Amador-Livermore Valley. An event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series sponsored by the Museum on Main. At 7:00 p.m. at the Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, CA. Museum members: \$5, others: \$10. Information: 925-462-2766 or www.museumonmain.org.

Jennings and Keller Perform

Jennings and Keller will perform a concert at the Pleasanton Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 20.

Jennings and Keller is comprised of Laurie Jennings Oudin and Dana Keller, an acoustic duo based out of Miami, Florida. They bring a wealth of experience to their collaboration, from the Broadway musicals of New York to the honky tonks of West Texas.

Their music is called "Fusion Folk Americana." It is a blend of many different elements that comes from their vast and wide-ranging musical backgrounds. With the release of their debut CD, "Susan's House," and its follow-up (May 2009), "As The Universe Unfolds," Jennings and Keller are gaining recognition throughout the country. In 2007 alone, they were finalists in five songwriting contests across the nation: South Florida Folk Fest, Suwanee Spring-Fest, Susquehanna, SolarFest, and Falcon Ridge Folk.


This free concert will be held in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room.



Library programs are free and open to all. No registration required. Please arrive early to find parking. Seating is limited.

For more information call Penny at 925/931-3405 or the library at 925/931-3400.

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Supporters of Livermore High Music Teacher Art Gagnier Turn to Facebook

By Patricia Koning

A Facebook page with over half a million fans was able to get Betty White onto Saturday Night Live as a host after a 35-year hiatus. A group of committed parents and students are hoping Facebook can work similar magic for a beloved music teacher at Livermore High School.

Art Gagnier, who students call “G,” has led the choir program at Livermore High School (LHS) since 2004. In the fall, he will move to an elementary school, an indirect result of cuts to the elementary music program. The elimination of a teaching spot—in the case of elementary music it was 2.25 full-time equivalent teachers—often sets off a chain reaction, with more senior teachers “bumping” those with fewer years of experience.

“We recognize that Mr. Gagnier is a very talented music teacher who really motivates his students. He’s a real asset to the music department at Livermore High School,” says Cindy Alba, executive director of curriculum and special projects for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. “But we have to work within our bargaining unit agreement.”

In Gagnier’s case, he did not have the seniority to keep his spot in the music program. He did have enough seniority and the proper credential to move to elementary school. He is one of three music teachers in the District who will become classroom teachers at elementary schools. Layoff procedures, which are based on seniority and qualifications, are strictly defined by education code and contracts between the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and the Livermore Education Association.

Danielle Corbitt, a Livermore High School parent, created the “Keep Mr. Gagnier Teaching at Livermore High School” group on Facebook to show the level of support for Gagnier. Members of the group liken the situation to the popular television show “Glee,” in which the teacher leading the school’s glee club is constantly fighting to keep the program alive.

The Livermore group has over 300 members and is filled with glowing comments about Gagnier. “G is super cool! He always



Art Gagnier is pictured with students at a going away party at school

worked twice as hard as he needed to, working on choir and the musicals, furthering his own education, and going above and beyond. He motivated us as a group without suppressing our creativity,” writes one student.

Under Gagnier’s leadership, LHS choirs have earned 13 gold ratings and 7 silver ratings at various music festivals since 2005. Over Memorial Day weekend, the concert choir received a first place superior, the highest possible award, at the Magic Music Days festival in Anaheim.

“Livermore High School has come to be known for its outstanding performing arts program. It gives the school an identity,” said parent Chester Hall. “I’m afraid that will be lost without G’s lead-

ership.”

Corbitt notes that the support for Gagnier comes not just from his students, but also from other students at Livermore High School and even students at other high schools. “It shows he’s doing something right. We want people to understand what he means to the kids, to us, and to Livermore High School. It is so important to keep teachers like Mr. Gagnier who truly inspire kids,” she says. “People at the District office have been very kind and supportive. I’m hopeful we can find an out-of-the-box solution.”

Alba has agreed to meet with Corbitt and other parents to discuss the situation. “We want Mr. Gagnier to be where he can perform best and serve our students. We

are going to talk with the parents and brainstorm ways we can accomplish this without violating the bargaining unit agreement,” she says.

Former and current students of Gagnier say they are afraid that without him, Livermore High’s successful choir program will wither. “I don’t understand how the choir can perform so well, year after year, and G doesn’t get recognized,” says Amy Bandy, a 2009 LHS graduate.

She just finished her freshman year as a performance major at Asuza Pacific University. “When I took choir with G, I was surprised by how much music theory he taught. I thought we’d just sing,” she said. “Entering college, I had an advantage over the other stu-

dents, coming in with such a good understanding of music theory.”

The students tell how Gagnier’s door is always open, how he provides support to students who have never been in his classes. For students in his classes, he helps them with other classes and personal problems.

“He goes that extra step. He cares about us and wants us to do well. He took time in choir to make sure everyone could read music. In music composition, he got the kids who didn’t want to be there excited about composing rap and rock music,” says Tyler Campbell, a LHS senior and choir member. “He gets everyone to love music and shows us that anyone can make music. Plus, he’s a nice guy to boot.”

Milestones

Education

Romance



Krista Page and Cpl Anthony Olson

Couple Recites Vows

Krista Page and Cpl Anthony Olson were married on April 17, 2010 in Livermore. The bride and groom are both 2007 graduates of Granada High School.

Krista Page is the daughter of Art and Caroline Page of Livermore.

Anthony Olson is the son of Brian and Sabrina Olson of Liver-

more and Karen Holley of Chico.

Anthony is an Aviation Electrician Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (G.S.E.) in the US Marine Corp. Krista is a college student.

They currently reside in Dumfries, Virginia.

Education

Washington State University's President's Honor Roll for spring 2010 has been announced. Elizabeth Lorraine Boorujy of Livermore is on the list.

A record 4,496 men and women graduated from Oregon State University in OSU's 141st commencement ceremony on June 12 in Reser Stadium. Among them from Livermore was Lindsay D. Olofson, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology.

Lindsay Fogarty, of Pleasanton graduated from the University of New Hampshire during the Commencement Ceremony held on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the Durham, NH campus. She earned a BA degree in Communication.

Virginia Johnson of Livermore graduated from Green Mountain College on Saturday, May 15 with a MSES degree in environmental studies. Carol M. Browner, President Barack Obama's Director of the White House Office for Energy and Climate Change Policy, delivered the commencement address at the College's 173rd graduation ceremony.



Pictured with medals and the trophy are students from Foothill and Amador Valley High Schools.

Pleasanton Team Brings Home Trophies

Six students from Foothill and Amador Valley High Schools brought home second place honors from the world's largest critical thinking and creative problem solving competition. The team competed among 1032 teams from around the world, including 15 foreign countries, at the Global Finals of Destination ImagiNation (DI) in Knoxville, Tennessee from May 27-30, 2010.

The team was comprised of all Pleasanton sophomores: Naveed Akhter, Sachin Dhar, Preston

Hedrick and Marisa Victor from Foothill HS and Hunter Laine and Arielle Siegel from Amador Valley HS, and are led by team manager Elizabeth Flores.

Their award-winning challenge involved the design and creation of a machine that purifies water. Their machine applied principles of physics, biology and chemistry, including a nucleation reaction caused by Coke, Mentos and salt, thereby decontaminating polluted water (and saving sick mermaids). The team also took eighth place in

another challenge with a structure made of newspaper and glue that held 500 pounds before breaking.

The Destination ImagiNation program helps kids build important lifelong skills through physical and mental challenges that require developing dramatic presentations, costuming, art and design, research, construction, communications skills, leadership and teamwork. More information about Destination ImagiNation can be found at www.globalfinals.org

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Alzheimer's Fund-raiser, Heritage Estates is hosting a Hawaiian Luau to benefit the Alzheimer's Association on Saturday, June 26 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Suggested donation of \$20 with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Traditional Hawaiian feast, Hula dancing and lessons, contests and more. Please call (925) 373-3636 to RSVP. Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

Tri-Valley Vegetarian Potluck, Saturday, June 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event will allow Tri-Valley residents to share and enjoy delicious plant-based foods and listen to Dr. Will Tuttle speak about "Conscious Eating" and his book "The World Peace Diet." Participation is open to everyone. The San Ramon Library is located at 100 Montgomery Street in San Ramon. For further information, persons can call 925-989-1811 and/or view www.ThriveHolistic.com/vegsociety.html for potluck guidelines.

San Leandro High School 40-year class reunion for the class of 1970, July 17, 2010 at the Marriott in Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton, 5:30-midnight. Dress casual to glitz. Go to www.SanLeandro70.com and update information. This will prompt access to tickets.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, Peaceful Peace Protest - flag & sign waving reminder that war is not behind us. June 22, 5 to 6 p.m. First and Neal Streets, Pleasanton.

Forum concerning the California Water Bond and the BP Disaster, Mon., June 21, 7 p.m. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Presented by the Tri-Valley Democratic Club. Speakers include Bill Quirk of the Hayward City Council & Elanor Starmer Western Region Director of Food & Water Watch, John Weed & Bob Shaver, Engineering Manager for Alameda County Water District. Q&A - Discussion - Refreshments - Public Invited - Free. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin.

The End of the Line, Tri-Valley premiere of film, shown Sat., June 26, 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film, narrated by Ted Danson, shows how the commercial fisheries have become too efficient at what they do and if they continue their present course, there will be no fish in the oceans by 2035! Trailer and find out more information, go to www.endoftheline.com. This event is open to the public, free/\$3.00 donations appreciated; meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM, while a short, voluntary discussion follows the film; there will be potluck food & beverages; and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 925-462-3459 or you can email flicknight@gmail.com.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 19, 55 miles up Mines Road, meet 8:30 a.m. at former Nob Hill shopping center in Livermore, Jim Van de Vreugde, 577-0719. Sun., June 20, 55 miles Napa Valley, meet 9 a.m., Dane Carlson 323-5865. Tues., June 22,

8-13 miles mountain bike trails, Lake Chabot loop, meet 7 p.m., Janie Page, 408-598-0247. Wed., June 23, 22 miles, out and back ride from Shannon Park, meet 9 a.m., Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Pee Wee Playtime, share a hour with your 2 to 4 year olds. Interactive songs and games during "circle time." Each week includes an art activity, exploration and storytime. An adult must accompany child. Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 am July 13, 20, 27, August 3 \$80, includes supplies. Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore. Information: Ava Chinn: peeveeclasses@gmail.com or (925) 452-5915or. <http://sites.google.com/site/peeveeplaytime/>

Pee Wee Art Time, each week features an art/craft project followed by lots of time for exploration of other art mediums including spin art, clay, stencils, stamping, recyclable material sculptures, paper, collage, paint, glitter, glue and much more Class closes with sharing of each other's masterpieces and a story. An adult must accompany child. For ages 2-5. Thursdays, 10:00 am-11:15 am July 15, 22, 29, August 5 \$80, includes supplies. Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore. Information: Ava Chinn: peeveeclasses@gmail.com or (925) 452-5915or. <http://sites.google.com/site/peeveeplaytime/>

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Night Movie at the IBEW presents, "End of the Line," how huge corporate commercial fishing businesses are wiping out the world's stock of fish. Sat., June 26, 7 p.m. Discussion - Refreshments - Public Invited - Free. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin.

Country-Western Barbecue, June 28, Pleasanton VIP Club, good food, dancing to the Paul Micheal Band with music and a show. Tickets \$10 available at the VIP Desk, senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5370.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue needs volunteers August 5-8, 2010, with the following skills: veterinarian, veterinary technician, and dog and cat grooming. Volunteers will participate with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue in the East Bay Stand Down, a 4-day event in Pleasanton. Volunteers can participate during any or all of the four days. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Leslie Haas at 925-216-2569, or at tvareslie@prodigy.net For more information about TVAR, please visit www.tvvar.org.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Luncheon in Dublin, June 24, 1:30 p.m., RSVP by June 22 to Sylvia, 510-568-2521. Buffet breakfast in Livermore, June 17, 10:45 a.m., RSVP by June 25 to Hilda, 298-8808. Amy Band Concert at the Bankhead Theater, Livermore, July 3, 7 p.m., seating on first come, first served basis. RSVP as soon as possible to Christy, 361-0931.

The 13th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 in downtown Pleasanton. This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 6 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First Street and Neal. Enter your pooch, any size, in any of the seven categories for great prizes! The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. For complete details and registration, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new & long-time residents to its monthly luncheon on July 15 at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 11:30 - 2pm. Hear the history of the winery & then enjoy a game of Bocce Ball. Cost is \$19. Call Susan, 925-718-5214 for more info & reservations or visit www.SRVNC.com.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, June 18, 1-7:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue (note new location!). There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use RLCC as the sponsor code. For more information contact Tom Petty at 925-980-8164.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, meets 7 p.m. June 21, Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. Topic will be Gentle Chiropractic: Nurturing the Whole Person - Emotionally, Mentally and Physically presented by Dr. Nicole Valega, DC, HBCE and Dr. Andrea Pritchett, DC, Owner of Vital Life Wellness, www.vlifewellness.com. This meeting is free for Chapter members and first time visitors. Meetings are held on the third Monday evening of each month. For further information, please visit: www.holisticmoms.org or email Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Free Diabetes Class Series in Pleasanton and San Leandro. Morning and evening classes, 7 week series starting June, July and August. This ADA accredited program is offered by the Alameda County Diabetes Program. Call 510-383-5185 for times and location.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee on the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, bunco, Mah Jongg, bridge, walking and hiking groups, family activities and monthly adult socials. Information, call 215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is holding an orientation for new volunteers. Come & learn about volunteer opportunities like fostering dogs/cats, socializing shelter animals, helping at adoption events & fund-raisers, & many other roles available for you to participate in. Age 18+. Orientation is July 10, 1:00-2:30 PM at East Count Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason

Drive in Dublin. Bring \$10 cash or check to help cover the cost of material. Information at www.tvvar.org

Exceptional Needs Network Murder Mystery Dinner Gala, Fri., June 25, 6 p.m. Raise funds for Tri-Valley developmentally delayed children and ENN's Camp Arroyo. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Tickets can be purchased at http://ennnetwork.org/MMN/Murder_Mystery_Night/Home.html

1980 Granada High 30th Reunion: June 25, 2010 Pine Street Bar & Grill Mixer 8:00pm, June 26, 2010 The Club at Las Positas-Beeb's Dinner Reception 6:30-11:30pm. After Party, Jackie Tarin Rankl's Residence 11:30pm to 1:00am. Tickets on sale now \$95 per graduate, \$70 for guest through June 1st. Find information on www.GranadaHigh.com/alumni/ free register, Facebook and Classmates

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings in Room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our one of the volunteers: 925-200-1943, or go to www.ClutterLess.org.

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The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Christensen, Arroyo Seco and East Ave Schools, and Exceptional Needs Network and All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in Livermore. Call 925-606-7777 for more information.

RELIGION
St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Bible study for adults and activities for all ages on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. 447-1848.

Kids Night Out, 1st-6th graders invited Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. June 23-July 23. Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Each week features a special theme. \$25 (\$5 per night). Register, contact Valerie Fleming, 484-2841 ext. 106 or children@harvestvalley.org.



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