



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Dads competed in a Father's Day 500 in Livermore in the Lucky Parking Lot on North Livermore Ave. The object was to complete a burger on a spatula and liquid in the glass.

## Community Center Cafe Has New Caterer

Sigi's Food and Catering is joining the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to operate the cafe at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Livermore-based Sigi's is a full-service catering company with the motto, "The excellence of our food is only surpassed by the excellence of our service."

Sigi's Cafe at the Robert Livermore Community Center is holding its grand opening this week to coincide with the start of summer break from school.

Sigi's has plans to operate the cafe through LARPD's summer program schedule, with the possibility of extending the contract throughout the year.

The cafe features indoor and outdoor seating and will serve patrons of the adjacent swimming pools as well as residents participating in sports and classes at the Community Center. The public is welcome to drop by the cafe for lunch or a quick snack. Sigi's will also be available for catering events held at the Community Center, such as weddings, parties, corporate meetings, barbecues and the like.

Sigi's Cafe will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day inside the Recreation Building at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more information, call 925-606-1734.

## City of Livermore Offers Workforce Housing Program

The City of Livermore, through the Local Workforce Housing Program, has five townhouse style condominiums at Station Square, a 110 unit townhouse development at Railroad Avenue and South L Street. The units will be offered for sale for under \$500,000. The City will be providing substantial downpayment assistance (approximately \$100,000 per unit) to bring the first mortgage within reach of moderate-income households.

The homes range in square footage from 1734 to 1780 square feet. They have three bedrooms, two and half baths to three and half baths and two car attached garages. The units are all upgraded with gourmet kitchens featuring granite tile counters, GE Profile appliances, plush carpeting, tile or wood flooring per elevation. The homes feature very open floor plans, energy ef-

(See HOUSING, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Firefighters put out a grass fire on Tesla Rd. at Victoria Lane. The dry grass and windy conditions have created high fire danger in the area.

# Green Homes, Ranch Touted As Ag/City Model

Calling itself the first 100 percent green self-sufficient development in the United States, Castleview Estates and Green Acres is beginning to advertise lots for sale, either with a model home or a custom home to be built on parcels ranging from one to 2.5 acres.

The 52-acre development is in Happy Valley, just south of the Pleasanton city limit, but within the city's urban growth boundary. The zoning is agricultural.

Its developer, Nick Chapman, who has lived on the property for 15 years, says it will be a cutting-edge green farming/residential development. He hopes it will be-

come a national model for urban-edge ranching and farming.

Chapman's basic idea is to have residential development support agriculture. He does it by taking the treated wastewater from the eight individual package treatment plants at the homes, irrigating alfalfa, and feeding it to the ostriches that Chapman has on his Green Acres ranch on the remainder of the property.

With ostrich meat above \$17 per pound, he is preserving local agriculture that is successful, he said. Chapman sees this as an alternative to "developers taking over ranch lands, and

building thousands of homes. You can preserve some ranching land, and not have massive density."

There is abundant water underground, since the underground water table flows through the property. He said there are 2 million gallons of water annually available. If Pleasanton were ever short of water, Castleview Estates could sell water to the city, he said. There is a pipe near the city water lines. A short connection could be made to Pleasanton, complete with a meter.

### SELF-SUFFICIENT GOAL IN POWER

Chapman has created a non-

profit sewer and power district. It ensures continued operation of the facilities, and means one less taxing authority for the homeowners.

Chapman envisions self-sufficiency in power consumption. There will be a wind turbine for common power. Residents will be encouraged to install photovoltaic cells on their homes to provide their own electricity. Eventually, the development could be giving back to the power grid, said Chapman.

Each home will have its own wastewater treatment package plant. It's a state-of-the-art model from an Oregon manufacturer.

The system hasn't failed in various installations, he said. If any of the small plants malfunction, there would be maintenance for it.

People in Pleasanton know the site as "the ostrich farm," after the animals that Chapman raises. When he tried to raise the density for Castleview Estates from eight units to 18 in 2004, he received adverse comments from Pleasanton and Zone 7 Water Agency about potential impacts, and withdrew the application.

Chapman said that money wasn't his motive when he sought (See MODEL, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Runners get ready for the start of the 5K event at the annual Pleasanton Spirit Run.

## Council Disagrees Over Continuing Item

The Pleasanton City Council had a contentious discussion over Councilmember Matt Sullivan's decision to continue an agenda item.

Sullivan continued a council discussion of a report prepared for the Save Pleasanton Hills and Housing Cap Initiative and possible action to place some sort of council measure on the ballot dealing with the issue.

In Pleasanton, each councilmember is allowed to continue an item whether or not other councilmembers support it. By rule, it is continued to the next council meeting, in this case July 15, or to a date agreed upon by the council. A decision on the date was to be discussed later in the meeting, after the Independent's deadline.

Sullivan said he was continuing the item because proponents of the initiative had not had access to the 50-page report in time to analyze it thoroughly. In addition, some of them were unable to attend Tuesday's meeting.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio pointed out that people in attendance may not be able to come out on a different date. She suggested that the public hearing on the item be opened, then closed to allow for their input. She was also concerned that the council would not have adequate time to discuss what the council might place on the ballot itself, if any-

thing. Sullivan said he was open to holding a special meeting.

Cook-Kallio said that there were very few dates available when the entire council could attend. Many, including herself and Sullivan, had vacations scheduled. She felt there was a very short time left before ballot items had to be turned into the Registrar of Voters.

The deadline is August 7. "As important as it is for the council to be here, it is more important for the public to be here," stated Sullivan.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said it was her prerogative to set special meeting dates. She tentatively chose July 1.

"The mayor does not have the unilateral ability to set a meeting," said Sullivan. "The council voted to cancel that meeting earlier in the year. It would need a vote to overturn the decision. I want to be at the discussion. More importantly, it is the 4th of July weekend. It is not a week that the public tends to be in town."

In response to a request by former councilmember Sharrell Michelotti, those who wanted to address the staffs analysis of the initiative spoke under open forum.

Scott Raty, Chamber of Commerce CEO, asked the council to call a meeting for July 1. "Proponents of the initiative were aware (See CONTINUE, page 4)

## North Livermore Meeting to Discuss Future

The final scheduled workshop in the North Livermore Programs and Public Facilities planning process will be held Wed., June 25. The proposed goal of the session is to prepare a recommendation for the city council.

The two previous sessions focused on proposals and reactions from residents regarding the ideas. Most of the discussion centered around the future of the Springtown Golf Course.

During the last session the con-

sultant, David Early, showed three ideas where shown with development on the Springtown Golf Course. Residents were loudly opposed to any of the ideas.

Consultant David Early of DCE is the facilitator for the workshops.

On the City of Livermore's website, there is now a note stating, "The golf course plans showing three alternative development plans for the golf course

that were presented at the May 21 workshop were not supported by workshop attendees. They will not be included in recommendations to the city council."

At last week's city council meeting, Edwin Myer, a resident of North Livermore, expressed distrust of the process. He said there is a feeling that residents were not being listened to because of the plans presented at the last meeting. "I hope the (See WORKSHOP, page 4)

## Roundtable Considers Causes, Prevention of Problems in Housing Market

A roundtable discussion held last week in Livermore focused on the causes of and possible cures for the current housing market crisis. There was also talk of preventing foreclosures and defaults from occurring in the future.

Congressman Jerry McNerney led the discussion, which was held at the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center (TVHOC) in Livermore. On hand were Danville Vice Mayor Newell Americh, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, Livermore Vice

Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio, TVHOC Board Chair Bill Aboumrad and TVHOC Vice Chair James Paxson, as well as various staff from each of the cities. San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson had

been scheduled to attend, but didn't attend.

McNerney asked questions about programs, what he could do to assist efforts on behalf of the TVHOC, and what plans there might be for additional programs. Among his efforts he re-

ported that \$1 million in earmarks is included for the program in the next budget.

McNerney said more was requested. However, he felt that it would be likely the \$1 million would be approved rather than a (See ROUNDTABLE, page 5)

## Fair Starts June 20 Right Out Of The Gate

"Out of the Gate in 2008" is the theme of the Alameda County Fair, which will begin June 20 and close July 6.

The theme honors the 150th anniversary of horse racing at the fairgrounds site. The location is the oldest continuous track in California, and the oldest one-mile track in the United States.

The track was built by Don Refugio Bernal, the original Spanish land grant owner of Pleasanton, and was improved by various owners over the years. The first county fair was held there in 1912. Horse barns were added later, and the nationally known horse Seabiscuit trained there. It was the home of Casual Lies, the horse that finished second in the Kentucky Derby in 1992.

Approximately 50,000 spectators are expected at the track for 11 days of racing, from June 25 through July 6, except for the dark date of July 1. Events tied in with horse racing will be held, including "Guess How Many Horseshoes in the Bin" for a \$1000

prize, and a "Seabiscuit Goes to the Fair" coloring contest for children.

The fair opens its gates on the first day at 10 a.m. June 20. The traditional opening day fireworks display will start near dark.

The annual fair parade will step off from Amador Valley High School at 11 a.m. June 21. It will travel down Main St. to Rose St., and from there to the fairgrounds. Grand marshals will be retired Oakland Raiders Rod Woodson and Jon Parella, who are Pleasanton residents.

Woodson was an 11-time Pro Bowl player, and works NFL Network telecasts with Rich Eisen.

The parade is expected to have 200 participants and 10,000 spectators. The oversized helium balloons will be back along the parade route this year. Curious George, a jockey and horse, musical notes and the patriotic star will be among the shapes. Many bands will per-

(See FAIR, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls were a popular attraction at the Livermore Rodeo last weekend with their daredevil acrobatics.

## Purchase of Land For Parking to Boost Arts Center

The Pleasanton City Council approved a purchase agreement with Alameda County to acquire the former railroad corridor. The city plans to use the property to supplement parking in its downtown area. The acquisition will ultimately expand downtown Pleasanton parking to 429 parking spaces in the corridor area.

The acquisition is seen as critical to the success of the Firehouse Arts Center. The parking would allow easy access to events, classes, and art shows at the Center.

John Loll, incoming president of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, declared, "The purchase represents a significant investment on the part of the city. Addressing the parking in downtown is a top issue. We're really, really excited."

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation is the city's non-profit fundraising partner for the Firehouse Arts Center.

The transportation corridor is located on approximately ten (See PARKING, page 4)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Xavier is a very friendly three year old looking for a new home. His old owner's were allergic to him, and had to give him away. Xavier has striking silver swirls in his fur. He is a very polite gentleman, preferring his scratching post to the furniture! To meet Xavier, visit Valley Humane Society's "Kitty City," Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925.426.8656 for more details.

# SHORT NOTES

## Mt. Diablo Hikes/Events

Save Mount Diablo hosts hikes and events on and around Mount Diablo to raise public awareness, appreciation, and support to preserve natural lands on and around the mountain.

- **Diablo Trail Endurance Ride 25/50 (Save Mount Diablo)**, Sat., June 21, start 5:30 a.m. Registration opens on Friday, June 20 with pre-ride check between 3 pm and 5 pm and mandatory pre-ride briefing at 7 pm. Starting from the Gateway Property on North Gate Road in Walnut Creek The Diablo Trail Ride offers a 25 mile limited distance and 50 mile endurance ride. AERC Sanctioned and AHA Region 3 Championship Ride. Equestrians of all ages are welcome. Starting and finishing at the Gateway Property on North Gate Road, near the North Gate entrance to Mt. Diablo State Park. Course will travel through Diablo Foothills, Shell Ridge Open Space and Mt. Diablo State Park. Ride Manager: Bob Marx; Ride Secretary: Amara Morrison; Head Vet: Cory Soltau, DVM. Equestrians under 16 must be accompanied by a sponsor. Limit of 150 registrants. Registration opens on Friday, June 20 with pre-ride check between 3 pm and 5 pm and mandatory pre-ride briefing at 7 pm.

## True Red Lot 22

Fenestra Winery has released Lot 22 in its True Red series. It is available for tasting and purchase.

This is new winemaker Brent Amos's second accomplishment at blending Fenestra's most popular wine, using a variety of Bordeaux (25%), Iberian (19%) and Rhone (56%) varietals. The actual list of varietals is about 20 strong, so tasters are encouraged to visit the winery to see the exact list of wines in this complex blend.

The True Red series was named after George True, who first built the winery building in 1889. When a wine is blended with different vintages of grapes, by law, a specific year cannot be mentioned on the label. This is the winery's 22nd blend, hence "Lot 22." The grapes are mostly comprised of 2006 and 2007 vintages. Fenestra

The winery is open for sales and tasting every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5pm. It is located on Vallecitos Road, Livermore. For more information, visit the website at [www.fenestrawinery.com](http://www.fenestrawinery.com) or email [info@fenestrawinery.com](mailto:info@fenestrawinery.com).

## Canyoneering

A slide show on "canyoneering" will be presented Thurs., June 26 at 8 p.m. at Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore.

Bill Priedhorsky of the Los Alamos Mountaineers will share stories and pictures from 30 years of canyon adventures with the Mountaineers. Canyon country extends from the southeast corner of Utah to Zion and Bryce parks in the north. It encompasses national parks and monuments, wild BLM public lands and the reservations of the Navajo Nation.

Bill has led or taken part in more than 75 expeditions to the canyons. He leads the Mountaineers back to the canyons on at least three adventures every year. He is a Los Alamos National Laboratory Fellow.

There is no admission charge for this program. Sunrise Mountaineering is located at 2455 Railroad Ave., Livermore. For information, call 447-8330.

## Creek Walk

There will be a "Creek Walk" on Sat., June 21 led by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff.

Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

The group will hike downstream and see what is lurking in the waters of Veterans Park. Dress to get wet. Shoes that cover your toes are required - "water shoes" or old tennis shoes are ideal. This program is for people in good physical condition, as the going may get rough. In some spots, the water may be 3 or 4 feet deep, and the rocks may be slippery. Children need to be at least 8 years old to participate.

These programs are open to both residents and nonresidents. A \$2 donation is requested to support the programs, along with a \$3 parking fee at Sycamore Grove and Veterans parks. For more information, call the LARPD



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Foothill High School seniors in Pleasanton were among the thousands who received their diplomas last week from area high schools.

Ranger Office at 925-960-2400.

## Fitness Finalist

Jake Steinfeld, Chairman of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, announced today that nine Bay Area schools and 75 schools statewide have been named finalists in the Council's 2008 Governor's Challenge Competition. Each of the school finalists is under consideration for one of the competition's three grand prizes - brand new fitness centers valued at \$100,000. Additionally, one Bay Area school will be named a Regional Award winner and receive \$5,000 for new physical activity equipment. Grand Prize and Regional Award winners will be announced at a special ceremony at the Capitol in September.

Among the finalists is Rancho Las Positas Elementary in Livermore. School finalists were chosen based on results of the 2008 Governor's Challenge Competition, a statewide fitness contest among K-12 schools that promotes increased physical activity and better health among California's youth. Throughout the state, more than 160,000 children accepted the 2008 Governor's Challenge and pledged to be active 30-60 minutes a day, 3 days a week for a month - this compares to 69,000 students who accepted the Governor's Challenge in '07. Cumulatively, student participants in the 2008 Governor's Challenge recorded more than 3 million active days.

Over the next couple of months the Governor's Council will be reviewing how each of the Competition's school finalists supported physical activity and good nutrition on their campus in order to help determine its awardees.

## Genealogy Booth

Volunteers staffing the Genealogy Booth in the Technology Building at the Alameda County Fair are eager to help visitors research their family's history. They will illustrate on a computer, without charge, how to use the links from the Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society website and other free genealogy websites. These helpful folks will be available every day of the Fair from June 20 through July 6 until 8:00 p.m.

Fairgoers can also visit the Genealogy Education display in the Hobbies area of the Gems and Minerals Building at the Fair. This year the display focuses on historical documents. The complete file can be viewed at the Genealogy Booth.

Using the list of free websites provided by the volunteers at the Genealogy Booth, researchers may continue their search on line at home. They can also visit their local library's genealogy section, and join one of the many genealogical societies available in the Bay Area. For further information, contact L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551, or visit their website at [www.L-AGS.org](http://www.L-AGS.org).

Books to Movies  
Would your favorite book make a

children as a leader in Girl Scouts, as a teacher's aide and as a lifeguard. She wants to be an early elementary teacher.

Pangelinan is a senior at Granada High School, Livermore. Steven handled rigorous course work with a high grade point average and participated in athletics. He wants to be a high school teacher who is skilled at integrating technology into instruction.

Stepanek, a senior at Granada High School, Livermore, ranks in the top two percent of her class. She has accumulated many college credits with high scores on AP exams. Dara plans to major in math at UC Davis and become a math teacher.

Register to play the teen reading game at any Livermore Public Library Information Desk beginning Tuesday, July 1. The program concludes Thursday, July 31 with "Snack and Movie Night" including a prize raffle and a screening of the 1999 motion picture "October Sky."

For more information, please contact the library at 925-373-5505 or visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us).

## Suit Drive

Suburbia Hair Studio is hosting its 1st annual suit drive to benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. It will take place through June 24 at 1655 N. Main St. Suite 104, Walnut Creek.

For information, call 939.4782

Wardrobe For Opportunity is the nonprofit organization that provides professional clothing & career support to low income Bay Area job seekers.

Donations of clothing suitable for the workplace include jackets, suits, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dresses and pants for both men and women will be accepted. Clothing must be cleaned, ironed and on a hanger if possible.

## Adult Reading Program

Pleasanton Public Library is hosting its first ever summer reading program for adults, "Treasure Reading."

Pleasanton Downtown Association gift cards will be raffled for reading books and audio-books, reading to or listening to another person read, or by attending a library sponsored program, June 14 through July 26.

Sign up at the reference desk. The program is free and open to all adults. Call 925/931-3400, Ext. 7 for more information.

## Scholarships Awarded

The Tri-Valley California Retired Teachers Association has awarded four \$1250 Educators Scholarships to Daniel Scarbrough, Caitlin Mellberg, Steven Pangelinan, and Dara Stepanek.

Scarbrough is a sophomore at California Polytechnic State University. Daniel maintained a high grade point average, held leadership roles and taught summer school to school-age children. He plans to become a high school social science teacher.

Mellberg is a sophomore at Sonoma State University. Caitlin has been on The Dean's list, and has worked with

Magic Man, Kat the Acrobat, and their performing dog Ace will be held June 25 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library."

Dan Chan Magic Man & Kat the Acrobat present their incredible feats nationally and internationally, and have performed for George Lucas, Google, and the United States Marine Corps. The trio of "Dan, Kat & Dog" promises audiences the ultimate variety show, blending comedy, juggling, magic, escapes, acrobatics, dog tricks and more.

Dan, Kat & Dog will perform Wednesday, June 25 at the Livermore Public Library's Springtown branch, located at 998 Bluebell Drive. The free performance will begin at 10:30am, and will take place outside the library.

The Livermore Public Library's "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts, and special events at Livermore's three library locations. Participation is free, and registration is not required to attend events.

Special events throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows, puppets, animals, and international music, performance, & stories.

The Summer Reading Game begins runs through August 16, 2008. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's

web site <http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us> or call 373-5504 for more information.

## New Exhibit

The Carnegie Building History Center has a new exhibit featuring Antique Butter Stamps-Molds.

Linda Owens, a long time Livermore resident and Livermore Heritage Guild member is displaying of some her antique butter stamps-molds at the Carnegie Building. Her collection consists of many rare, hard to find butter stamps-molds as well as more common designs and style. The collection is from all over the U. S. as well as from the Country of Wales. Linda and her husband Lynn, (Mr. Auctioneer) both have ancestors from Wales.

The molds were hand carved or machine carved in a factory setting. Designs range from a simple floral, animal, fruit, wheat or corn pattern to a more complex New England Pennsylvania Dutch "Geometric" patterns. Linda says, "The hand carved wooden butter stamps and molds are really works of art to be enjoyed for their beauty." Collecting butter stamps-molds is a wonderful and interesting hobby.

The Exhibit is at the Carnegie Building, located on 3rd St. between J & K Streets, Livermore. The Carnegie is open Wed. - Sun. 11:30 am - 4 pm. Open late on Thursday. Need more information Call 925 449-9927.

## Programs at Libraries

The Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch will be presenting a special performance by the capoeira group "Raizes do Brasil" on June 25 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library."

The Afro-Brazilian art of capoeira is a lively blend of martial arts, music, dance, and acrobatics. The East Bay chapter of the international capoeira group Raizes Do Brasil (Roots of Brazil) is based in Union City, with classes open to the community. Raizes Do Brazil currently has about 20 members, ages eight to 34, at different skill levels. The capoeira performance will take place Wednesday, June 25 at the Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch, located at 725 Rincon Avenue. The free performance will begin at 2:30 pm, and will take place outside the library.

A special performance by Dan Chan

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CHANCE 925.487.6360</p> <p>254 NADINE ST \$464,950</p> <p>Single Family, Close to schools &amp; shopping, 5 Bed 3 Bath.</p> <p>REBECCA LYNN EVANS 925.784.2870</p> <p>2163 ROAN CT \$489,000</p> <p>Single Family, Upgraded, Large Lot &amp; possible side access, 4 Bed 2 Bath.</p> <p>CHRIS NEHER 925.443.6906</p> <p>4268 GALLOWAY ST \$514,000</p> <p>Single Family, Expanded single story w/permits, 3 Bed 2 Bath.</p> <p>GAIL HENDERSON 925.980.6648</p> <p>4290 CORNELL WAY \$519,000</p> <p>Single Family, 3 Bed 2 Bath, 1,680+/- SQFT, Built 1998.</p> <p>LINDA E. 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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Wine Country Luncheon

The first in the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Summer Luncheons will be held June 26 at Wente Vineyards.

The speaker will be Jess Brown from PG&E. He will discuss "Alternative Technologies for Cleaner and Green Energy."

Luncheons are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for chambers members and guests, \$45 for nonmembers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 447-1606. Wente Vineyard is located at 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

## DSRSD Fee Changes

The Board of Directors of the Dublin San Ramon Services District has adjusted water and wastewater rates and connection fees based on indices of inflation, cost-of-service studies, and other third-party studies. The new rates go into effect July 1, 2008.

Some rates have decreased while others have increased. For example, wastewater rates for a single-family residential customer will decrease \$14.52 annually. The largest increases are for industrial users and are attributable to the ever-increasing costs of treating biosolids.

Water and wastewater connection fees, which in some cases have not changed since 1999, also will increase. The biggest increase will be the wastewater connection fee, which will go from \$9900 to \$13,000 for a single family home. All charges are designed to recover only the cost of providing the service.

Wastewater rates are comprised of "local" charges, which recover costs to collect the wastewater and deliver it to the treatment plant, and "regional" charges, which recover costs for treating and disposing of the wastewater.

DSRSD annually adjusts local wastewater rates based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose areas. Local wastewater and water connection fees are adjusted based on the Engineering News-Record (ENR) cost index for San Francisco.

## Bazar New Director of Development

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced its appointment of Christopher M. Bazar as Director of the Alameda County Community Development Agency, effective June 15, 2008.

Bazar replaces James "Buzz" Sorensen, who retired this Spring and has continued to serve in an interim capacity pending appointment of a successor. Bazar began his Planning career as a consultant for the County Planning Department in 1992. He subsequently worked for three years as an Environmental Planner for a private firm,

returning to Alameda County in 1995.

In 1998, Chris was promoted to Assistant Planning Director and in 2003 to Planning Director. He is currently acting as Chief Deputy Director of CDA.

Board President Scott Haggerty stated, "The Board is pleased to appoint Mr. Bazar to fill this critical position. Over the years, as Planning Director, Chris has worked on several challenging projects and we look forward to working with him in his new capacity as CDA Director."

Bazar graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Master of City Planning in 1993 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1985. Bazar's annual salary will be \$194,168.

## LARPD Savings on Insurance

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has recently qualified for the maximum Special District Safety Credit, saving LARPD more than \$33,000 on this year's insurance premiums. The credit was announced by the California Association of Park and Recreation Insurance (CAPRI), a statewide joint powers authority for insurance representing 61 special recreation and park districts. To participate in CAPRI, which provides liability and property insurance, districts must be members of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

LARPD qualified for this credit on its annual premium by holding regular District safety committee meetings, completing proper documentation and sending employees to safety seminars. By doing this, LARPD earned a 15 percent credit. Making safety a priority not only helps employees and users of the parks, it is now keeping additional funds within the District. LARPD plans to use the savings to fund the following year's premium.

"I am proud of our staff achieving this discount for the District," said LARPD General Manager Tim Barry. "Their ongoing professional approach and efforts to ensure safe work environments for our staff and safe facilities for the public's use of the parks and facilities really pays off in many ways."

The District's Safety Committee is chaired by Ranger Supervisor/Naturalist Mike Nicholson. It is composed of representatives from all LARPD programs and facility management. The committee meets on a regular basis to evaluate safety records; work on improving safety for patrons of the parks, recreation facilities and programs; and work proactively to ensure a safe work environment for District employees. For more information, call Mike Nicholson at 925-960-2400.

# New API Report Lists Statewide, Similar School Rankings

## By Patricia Koning

The Academic Performance Index (API) reports released last month by the California Department of Education (CDE) show that Livermore schools performed well in statewide rankings. Ten of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's sites were ranked in the top third of schools statewide, including both Livermore and Granada High Schools.

"We're pleased with these results," said Brenda Miller, Livermore School Superintendent. "The majority of our schools now have API scores above 800 with one school at 900."

The statewide and similar school rankings are key components of the new report. Statewide rankings sort schools by type (elementary, middle, high) and then divide the API scores from each school type into 10 deciles, with 10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. A statewide rank of 10 means that school falls into the top 10% statewide.

Smith and Sunset Elementary Schools both achieved statewide rankings of 10. Altamont Creek, Arroyo Seco, and Croce Elementary Schools, along with Mendenhall Middle School and Granada High School, earned statewide rankings of 9. Jackson Avenue and Rancho Elementary Schools and Livermore High School (LHS) earned rankings of 8.

Similar school rankings show a school's relative placement in comparison to 100 other schools with similar opportunities and challenges. Some of the characteristics considered are ethnicity, socioeconomic status, number of English language learners (ELL), teacher credentials, average class size, and parents' education level.

Marilyn Avenue Elementary School, which is in Program Improvement (PI), scored a 3 statewide but 6 in similar schools. This is a significant improvement over last year, when the school earned a 1 ranking both statewide and with similar schools.

"We're pleased with that jump," said Marilyn principal Jeff Keller. "It shows that what we are doing is working."

However, Keller adds that the similar school rankings used by the State are not completely accurate. For example, two of the schools in Marilyn's similar schools ranking that scored in the top deciles have half the English language learners (ELL) population of Marilyn. He considers the percentage of ELL students one of the most important characteristics when looking at similar schools.

Keller and the Marilyn staff do not use the similar schools ranking as a tool. Instead, they use data from the Just for the Kids-California (www.jftk-ca.org) website to find schools that he describes as "truly similar" and learn from their practices. Last year a team from Marilyn visited a school in Compton with strong academic performance and similar demographics to Marilyn.

"It's all about collaboration," he said. "Working with schools outside your district is incredibly important. We all have the same mission—student achievement."

Other District schools fared much worse in their similar school rankings. The highest similar schools ranking achieved was a 7, by just two schools, Jackson and Granada.

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) earned a statewide ranking of 9 and 2 among similar schools. "We can use this information as a reference point for judging our academic achievement," said LVCS principal Tara Aderman. "We also can study what similar schools with higher rankings are doing to improve their academics."

The new API report also gives

schools their 2007 base API and their 2008 API growth target, which is the increase they must show on the 2008 API. Schools scoring over 800 do not have growth targets. Meeting the growth targets can qualify schools for awards such as Distinguished School, and failing to meet growth targets may subject schools to intervention programs.

In Livermore, only three elementary schools, Marilyn, Michell, and Portola, have growth targets. Both high schools and three middle schools—Christensen, East, and Junction—have growth targets.

Both Marilyn and Michell are in PI for failing to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals laid out by No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Marilyn needs to improve its 2007 base API of 705 by five points and Portola needs to improve its 2007 base API of 676 by six points. In addition, each school's numerically significant subgroups need to meet percent proficient goals.

District administrators are confident that intervention programs initiated in the current school year will result in improved performance for all students. The testing for the 2007 base API occurred before the intervention programs began.

"We're anxious to see this year's test scores and expect to see a continued increase," said Miller. "I think the hard work of teachers and administrators in professional development and changing classroom practices will result in improved learning for students."

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# EDITORIALS

## Congress At Your Corner

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) has initiated a unique constituent reach-out program named Congress at Your Corner.

Constituent reach-out is commonly practiced by opening district offices and/or holding periodic town hall type meetings. The new program involves the congressman going directly to the "hot spots" where large numbers of voters congregate on any given day, places such as stores and malls. This past Saturday McNerney and his staff brought Congress at Your Corner to Richert Lumber in Pleasanton.

Congress at Your Corner will continue throughout the year, according to McNerney. He explains, "My staff and I will be on hand to discuss issues on residents' minds, listen to their opinions, and aid them in finding solutions to any difficulties they may encounter in dealing with federal agencies."

For the future schedule, call 925-737-0727 (McNerney's Pleasanton office).

Our congressman is to be commended. He takes seriously the idea of staying close to his constituents.

## Tim Hunt In Africa

We've clashed repeatedly with Tri-Valley Herald columnist Tim Hunt on growth and other community issues over the years.

A recent story in this newspaper about grassroots relief efforts in Africa revealed a side of Hunt that moved us.

The veteran journalist has been doing volunteer work with Heart For Africa, which enlists Americans to assist community uplift projects in that troubled continent. Much of the work is physical labor, planting crops and the like.

Hunt was one of the speakers at a Bay Area conference on African aid May 31 at Amador High. The event drew a large turnout. Hunt showed videos of his experiences in Africa and said it was a "privilege" to be a part of this work.

We salute Tim Hunt and his fellow volunteers. In the face of profound human suffering, they are responding. This is activism of the highest order.

## MODEL

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the increased density. He wanted to achieve a higher amount of treated wastewater so there would be more for irrigation. Asked whether the "Green Acres" portion of the name was a coincidence, or purposely named after an old TV show, Chapman said he is in the generation that watched the show about an urbanite, played by Zsa Zsa Gabor, going to live on a farm. His Green Acres isn't a literal imitation, but he does like the sound of the name.

### SUPERVISORS GIVE COMMENDATION

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors likes Chapman's concept. County staff spent much time working with him over his 10-year journey. The supervisors passed a commendation for the development.

## FAIR

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form, including the South Bay Traditional Jazz Band, and the East Bay Scouts Band. Floats will include the Cactus Corners Youth Square Dancers and a Giant Train Locomotive.

### PLENTY OF CHOICE ON THE GROUNDS

On the fairgrounds, there will be the usual variety of entertaining displays and shows.

There are the annual livestock show and auction, and a barnyard, with farm animals.

The Action Zone is back again with its rock climbing, Alaskan pig races and a mechanical bull.

Festival Square will have different ethnic themes on each weekend. On the first weekend, June 20 to 22, the Soul Of Louisiana is featured. There will be stilt walkers, Mardi Indian beading lessons, a Mardi Gras/Carnivale procession, zydeco and jazz bands, and creole restaurant vendors.

Hispanic days at Festival Square on June 27 to 29 will feature a battle of the DJs with salsa and merengue music, a ballet folklorica performance, mariachi bands, and pinata making. There will also be tamale sales and a tamale eating contest.

The final weekend, July 4 to 6, will have a California Dreamin' theme, with the 6th annual ribs cookout, a disco music DJ battle, a woodie station wagon parked in Festival Square, and a contest in which people will sculpt some prominent feature of the California landscape.

Making a nod to the greening of the environment, the fair will feature green businesses in the Living Green Village, adjacent to the yellow gate, on the opening weekend, June 20 to 22. There will be presentations on green living, children's programs, natural food, natural pet companies, green baby products, and information about energy conser-

The board's resolution states that there will be a bio-waste and mulch area which is "encouraged for Ag use." Rain water will be contained on-site for crop irrigation and underground aquifer recharge. House construction "shall be green, thereby reducing monthly power cost, and utilizing recycled materials."

At least 50 percent of construction materials will be diverted from landfills, as set out in the county's green building ordinance, passed in April, 2003. The development must also meet the LEED silver rating, which means it must score between 33 and 38 points on the LEED scale. Basic certification is in the 26 to 32 point range, gold is 39 to 51 points, and platinum is 52 to 69 points. LEED is the acronym for Leadership in Energy and Design.

### PRESTIGIOUS ACTS IN CONCERT

The concert schedule has the usual selection of storied, popular names and some that appeal to niche audiences. The children's rock group, Doodlebops Live!, kicks off the schedule June 20, followed by Teri Clark on the 21st, Boyz II Men on the 22nd, Life in the Fast Lane on the 23rd, and Christian music singer Mark Schultz on the 24th. Ronnie Milsap will perform on June 25, followed by the Cheeseballs on the 26th, Pablo Cruise on the 27th, and Wayman Tisdale on the 28th.

Paul Rodriguez will perform on the 29th, and Trin-I-tee 5:7 on June 30. FastBall will lead off the July schedule, followed by Eddie Money on the 2nd, and War plays on the 3rd.

The Red White and Blues Festival, an Independence Day tradition, will occupy the concert stage July 4. The first act, Funky Bus, will begin at noon. A new act will lead off each of the following hours, until the "Caravan of All Stars" wraps it up starting at 8 p.m.

Los Lobos on July 5 and Steve Holy on the 6th round out the concerts.

### TICKETS HAVE DISCOUNT SPECIALS

Entry fees at the gate will be \$10 for adults, 13 to 61, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under 6 years. Seniors will be admitted free Wednesdays, June 25 and July 2. On military appreciation weekend, June 20 to 22, a military service member and one guest will be admitted free. The price will be \$2 on June 24 and July 1. Children will be admitted free on all three Fridays, June 20, 27 and July 4.

Parking daily costs \$8. VIP parking is \$15. An unlimited ride wrist band for carnival rides is \$25 Mondays through Fridays and \$28 on Saturdays and Sundays.

# Board To Wait For Final Ruling On Neal School

The Pleasanton school board met June 17 in closed session and directed its attorneys to respond to a judge's tentative ruling concerning its case involving the construction of Neal elementary school.

The district could face a total cost of approximately \$5 million over the lawsuit.

The two developers involved in the lawsuit are Signature Properties and Standard Pacific.

After the judge issues a final ruling, the district would be better able to determine what "next steps are most appropriate to take on behalf of students." The statement declared, "We believe that litigating this matter was truly the appropriate and responsible step to take. We continue to stand by that decision."

Board president Jim Ott and trustee Pat Kernan both declined comment after the session, refer-

ring to the printed statement as the board's sole comment, because the matter involves litigation.

Trustees faced a decision about whether to appeal the district's second consecutive loss in court on the issue of two developers' promises to build Neal school, and turn it over to the district and be reimbursed.

The school has not been built. Both the developers and the district agreed that the district was to reimburse the developers after taking the key to the school. The first estimated price was \$8.5 million. The idea was to save cost by avoiding the state required bidding process for contractors, which would also speed up construction time. The developers would build the school in the same manner as any other of their construction projects.

Most of the development in

Pleasanton by the two developers has been by Signature, so that firm took the lead on this commitment. The developers received a break of \$2 per square foot on the city's school development fees in exchange for their commitment.

The disagreement came over who is responsible for any potential cost overruns. Not long after the agreement was signed, the cost estimate to build the school shot up to \$12.5 million, as a result of increases in construction costs. Inflation since then puts the figure at approximately \$16 million.

The district contends that Signature Properties CEO Jim Ghielmetti's promise at two school board meetings was that the developers would pay the cost overruns.

Ghielmetti disagreed. He said that the contract that he signed

was an "agreement to agree." However, it did not spell out specifics, since there was no final design.

The decision by judge George Hernandez earlier this month supported one from superior court judge Ronald Sabraw in 2005. In effect, they both upheld Ghielmetti's contention that the contract was not valid. So far the case, which began in 2003, has cost the district more than \$2 million in legal fees.

Without a successful appeal of Hernandez's decision, the district can be subject to paying Signature's legal fees, provided the judge rules that the district has that obligation. Signature also wants to collect nearly \$500,000 from the district, for the amount that the firm fronted to the district to pay for the school design study, which Signature said was never completed.

# Still No Final, As Rao Gains, Then Loses Lead in 15th AD

The lead in the 15th Assembly District Republican nomination contest changed last week, but then switched back to the initial leader, San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson.

Livermore retired businessman Robert Rao was behind Wilson by more than 400 votes at the end of election day. Rao narrowed the gap shortly after election day to 134 votes, then shot ahead by 99 votes in a posting late last week on the secretary of state's web page.

However, on Monday, Wilson was back in the lead, with 11,804 to Rao's 11,547, a margin of 257 votes. Rao had added 3 votes between the previous update on Friday, and the one posted late Tuesday morning. Wilson had added none during that time.

In the tallies on the secretary of state's web page, Rao led Wilson 1734 to 1029 in Alameda County and 1758 to 755 in Sacramento County. Wilson led Rao 9832 to 7882 in Contra Costa County and 188 to 173 in San

Joaquin county. The bulk of the district is in Contra Costa.

It is not known how many votes were still uncounted and reported to the secretary of state, except for San Joaquin County, where an official said the vote listed on the county web page is final and official.

An Alameda County source said, "Only a small number of ballots remain to be counted there." Guy Ashley, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, sent an email to The Independent indicating that a final update of all

of the ballots counted would be posted on the county's website on Wednesday afternoon (yesterday).

No information was available from Contra Costa and Sacramento counties on the number of remaining votes to count.

A state official said that the counties don't have to report their updates immediately to the Secretary of State. Their deadline will be July 1 to send the official tally to Sacramento. The Secretary of State must certify official results by July 12.

# Ice Arena Part of Park Concept OKed by Council

The Pleasanton City Council approved a concept plan for parklands to be included as part of the Staples Ranch development.

The vote was 4 to 1. Councilmember Matt Sullivan voted "no." He wanted the ice rink moved closer to other commercial uses. He felt that many of the amenities could only be reached by car from the freeway, not from the city itself. Sullivan said he was generally happy with the plan. He suggested there is a lot of concern about the arena. Those people didn't attend the council meeting.

Approval of the plan includes direction for city staff to begin negotiations with the San Jose Sharks, a professional ice hockey team, for construction of the ice arena. Issues to be ironed out include operations and contributions to and timing of construction of the remainder of the park. There was support on the part of the council to require the use of solar panels or zero net energy use as part of the deal.

The plan includes a 17-acre community park and 5-acre neighborhood park. They are adjacent and work together in the proposal. A community process involving a number of workshops was used to develop the concept for the park. Two groups, Friends of Pleasanton and Pleasanton First, had proposed the open community process as a way of creating consensus on a plan.

Amenities include two lighted tennis courts, trail starting area, restroom, trails, parking, and a dog park. There is also an ice arena, which has been proposed for the city by the San Jose

Sharks. There is a meadow, an open turf area, a promenade that links the parks, and a children's play area with a water play feature and other play structures.

The only deviation from staff recommendation on the part of the council was the addition of a second restroom in the northern area of the park, close to the tennis courts and nearby proposed senior housing.

Jim Wolfe, director of Parks and Community Services, told the council that generally most of the discussion at the workshops was focused on the ice facility. Some supported the idea; others were concerned about its size, traffic impacts, and financing. There was also concern voiced about leasing public land to a private for-profit company.

The workshops produced several ideas for the parkland. Jim Ferber, the consultant from RRM Designs, said one goal was to make a statement about the character of the park. That lays the foundation for the design. Otherwise you have a park without a "soul." Suggested goals were: suitable for all ages; serene, calm and relaxing; active recreation areas; visually appealing; connected to the community; and open space.

The plans for the parks do not change the fact that Stoneridge Drive is not scheduled to be extended. The right-of-way would be retained if in the future the decision were to extend the road. Access to the ice arena would be from the freeway.

During the public hearing, two speakers had questions about the ice arena. John Carroll, who lives nearby, said he wanted to know

what the financial arrangement with the Sharks would entail. Until he has that type of information, he said he didn't know whether or not he supported the ice arena. He described the conceptual plan as "a lot of open space hiding a monstrosity building."

While supporting the concept, Richard Pugh of Friends of Pleasanton, suggested there be a similar open process during the negotiations with the Sharks. "This is a controversial aspect of the park." There are those who wonder why the ice arena was placed in a park, rather than at a commercial location.

Don Gralnek, executive vice president and general council for the Sharks, said the organization is pleased with the broad public support for the ice arena. He said it would be a public recreation facility, open to all members of the public.

Scott Ray, Chamber of Commerce CEO, called the process thoughtful. "It has produced an outcome that seems well worth the effort. The park plans make sense for this site." It will provide recreational activities as well as an economic benefit with an anticipated 200 new jobs and \$4 million in positive impacts.

Dan Faustina, a member of Pleasanton First, said one of the goals was to have an open process. He felt that had been accomplished.

It was noted that other sports groups stepped aside, not pushing for additional playing fields. It was deemed the location was too windy and too noisy for many of them. Kurt Kummer said the town needs more all weather

sports fields. "It never occurred to me that could be an ice rink. That's what it is, an all weather facility. I think the sports groups for stepping aside."

Kummer also noted that the trail system would be enhanced. The trail would connect to Livermore. This will make it possible for people to travel all the way from Martinez and eventually to Lake Del Valle and the Altamont on a trail system.

Many others spoke of the benefits of having a different recreational and sports option for families, the exercise possibilities, and the potential for a high school ice hockey team. They urged the council to move quickly with negotiations with the Sharks, and hopefully, with construction.

City Manager Nelson Fialho suggested that staff could present some options for an agreement with the Sharks at an August council meeting.

All of the councilmembers supported a transparent discussion regarding terms of any agreement with the Sharks.

Cindy McGovern said the whole idea is to maximize open space for public use. She wanted more shade structures, picnic and sitting areas. "I am excited about the park. It offers amenities we don't have elsewhere in the city. The views of the arroyo and fish ladder are a wonderful idea."

## WORKSHOP

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council will make the right decision so we don't have to through a legal process," said Myer.

Councilmember John Marchand said that the drawings depicting development were presented to show what a project might look like. The consultant is operating at the council's direction to prepare a plan that works for the residents and the council.

The main statement that came out of the workshop was a desire to retain the current Springtown Golf Course. Participants wanted it to be upgraded and more heavily promoted.

There has been ongoing controversy regarding the golf course. The city is concerned about mounting losses to keep the course open. In 2007/08, the deficit was \$290,590 and is projected at \$323,000 in 2008/09. The deficit has been reduced to a projected \$185,000 in 2008/09 following the hiring of an outside maintenance firm.

The 9-hole, 90 acre site is considered outdated by experts. It is reportedly difficult to maintain because it is on alkaline soil. There has been a decline in play with 40,555 rounds in 2001/02 and only 24,276 in 2006/07.

Residents have made several suggestions on how to close the deficit. One is to combine the city's two golf course enterprise funds into one. It was projected that combining operations of the city's two golf courses would result in a net profit. Another suggestion was a maintenance district comprised of nearby homeowners, who would help pay for the upkeep of the golf course.

The June 25 meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore.

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the issue would be discussed tonight. I find it tough to imagine that at least one person couldn't be here."

Representatives of Greenbriar Homes called the analysis inadequate. It did not look at the actual number of homes that could be built, only at the mid-range.

Both speakers from Greenbriar Homes felt that the vagueness of the initiative left the city open to legal change in the future if the initiative were approved by voters. They supported a staff suggestion that the council place its own measure on the ballot re-

affirming the 1996 general plan policies for ridgeline protection, growth control and existing hillside development regulations.

Former councilmember Steve Brozovsky also felt the fiscal analysis was lopsided. It did not look at the expenses that the city would not incur if the housing were not built. It treats the fees as a "net profit" to the city, he said. Brozovsky added, "If more homes were built, the school district would have to figure out how to get the additional students into existing schools."

Mary Roberts, a former planning commissioner, said she

agreed with statements that most initiatives have unintended impacts, as does a lot of legislation. She took exception to a comment by the mayor saying a "kitchen table" committee had written the initiative. "I resent the kitchen table metaphor; better that than 'under the table' deliberations," stated Roberts.

Another agenda item addressed whether the council should adopt the initiative or place it on the November ballot. The majority clearly favored placing it on the ballot. However, the vote took place after the Independent's deadline.

## PARKING

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acres of land between Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, adjacent to First Street in Pleasanton. The County purchased the site from Southern Pacific Railroad in 1988.

The total purchase price of the transportation corridor is \$7.5 million. The property will be purchased in two phases. The first phase includes the property between Bernal and Ray Streets and is expected to close no later than July 31, 2008. The second phase is estimated to close within the next five years.

"The Mayor and City Council have worked diligently with the County and Supervisor Scott Haggerty to develop an agreement that was equitable for all parties concerned," according to Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho. "Tonight's vote endorses

## Board Asked To Mull Residency

The Pleasanton school board will discuss a request by resident Julie Testa to look into whether board member Pat Kernan is a legal resident of Pleasanton, and whether he was a resident in November 2006, when he was reappointed to the school board.

The board looked at it before, but now Testa is asking the board to approach the state attorney general for an opinion, or to grant citizens the right to sue over the question, so there will be a more thorough investigation.

The school board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. June 25, a Wednesday, which is a departure from the board's usual Tuesday night meeting schedule. The change was made to avoid trustees' scheduling conflicts.

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# ROUNDTABLE

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larger amount. "This is the exact kind of program we need to prevent foreclosures."

Jacqueline Rickman, director of TVHOC, suggested there is a need for funds to be able to add programs, particularly in post-purchase and default counseling. She asked McNerney to help provide the funds for development of the additional programs. Rickman said that the center has taken on a lot of different roles. With families in trouble because of foreclosures, programs are needed to assist them.

Paxson said there is an emphasis on preserving what programs have been established. He noted that TVHOC has been working to help people in terms of asset accumulation, to pull together the funds needed to purchase a home. Among them is free tax service. "It would be good to provide post-purchase education on how people can protect an asset once they have it such as home maintenance and avoiding default," said Paxson. A new idea is a revolving loan fund, that provides a resource for those who get into a little trouble. "The goal is to have a full continuum of services - getting ready, purchase, and preservation."

Americh stated, "The bottom line is that there is not enough affordable housing. It wouldn't be a bad idea to purchase some of the foreclosed homes and turn them into affordable units managed by the cities. The units are

everywhere."

TVHOC provides the potential homebuyer education, income and asset development education, information regarding private sector lender programs, and funding sources - helping match those in need with programs and services that benefit them most. It is funded by the five cities, as well as through federal grants. To date, 650 households have attended orientation sessions; 275 completed the programs. Of those 76 have purchased homes. None have been in default or foreclosure. The center manages affordable units in each of the cities.

Aboumrad said, "Victims of loans are paying the price. They got into bad loans. We are looking at how to help them through credit counseling and other methods. We need to educate the consumer." He said the TVHOC is facing funding issues itself. There is no longer private funding available. Realtors groups used to help, but they no longer have money. "We need government help to keep open."

Aboumrad suggested that government could put more pressure on banks to work with people who are in danger of losing their homes; people who are still working, but can't afford the big jump in interest. One idea, he said was to cap the initial adjustment in the interest rate. Consideration should also be given to rewriting loans, or extending

them putting the interest at the back end.

Americh said that foreclosures work best for the banks. No one will touch restructuring. The problem has to do with equity ratios. Because homes have dropped in value, they are under noncompliant loans. Rules regarding whether a loan is compliant or not have not changed. That could be one area to look into.

Other issues have to do with those trying to sell their homes. Even those who are able to pay the mortgage on "good loans" are having problems. People are losing jobs; some with jobs are moving out of the area. Fire sales by developers have contributed to decreasing home values further, making it more difficult for people to sell homes for what they were purchased for.

Cook-Kallio stated, "Credit was too easy. People pulled out loans on equity. Now there is no equity left."

McNerney wondered if there were referrals to TVHOC.

Lockhart said the City of Dublin refers those wanting to obtain a city loan to the programs. They must have a certificate showing they have completed the programs.

Lenders also refer people said Americh, adding, "We wouldn't have the problem with defaults if people had gone through programs such as this."

# HOUSING

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efficient heat/air systems, dual pane windows plus much more.

These Station Square homes will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. If more than one application is received, preference will be given to emergency responders (police officers, fire fighters, and City of Livermore employees) and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School district credentialed teachers. Buyers who currently work in Livermore but are not listed in the preferences above would also be given priority.

The Eligibility qualifications cover income, household size, employment and work location. The qualifications include the following:

- Buyer must use the home purchased under this program as their primary residence.

- Buyer must meet the income eligibility limits set by the program: 1 or 2 Persons a maximum income of \$103,320 and 3+ Persons a maximum income of \$120,540.

- Buyer must provide sufficient documentation of income to the City for use in determining the applicant's income level.

- The City does not allow undocumented income to be used in qualifying for a mortgage.

- Buyer must provide a minimum of five percent (5%) of the

purchase price for use as a down payment.

- Buyer's total debt to income ratio may not exceed 40% of buyer's total income. The ratio may be adjusted if the buyer's income exceeds the minimum down payment requirement.

- Funds must be seasoned (on deposit in a financial institution) for a minimum of three months prior to the initial date of the application showing these funds are available for use as down payment.

- Homebuyer may be "gifted" funds to meet a portion of the five-percent down payment requirement.

- Buyers must have sufficient credit-worthiness to qualify for a first mortgage. Creditworthiness includes not having filed bankruptcy in the last three years, and a minimum FICO score of 660 points.

- The buyer is responsible for all closing costs related to the purchase, which may include title fees, escrow fees, loan origi-

nation fees, etc. Homebuyer may be "Gifted" funds to be used toward closing costs and built into the purchase price.

- Homebuyer must successfully complete a City approved First Time Homebuyer Education course prior to the close of escrow.

Applications will be processed on a first-come first served basis. They will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Persons working in Livermore will be given priority over other applicants. This Workforce Housing Program has no restrictions on homebuyer's ability to resell the property. Real estate agents are welcome to participate in the sale of these condos.

For more information on the units and the requirements, please contact Mary Anne Rozsa, Coldwell Banker Real Estate at 9 2 5 - 3 7 3 - 2 2 8 8, marrozsa@comcast.net or Milly Seibel with the City of Livermore at 925-960-4583, miseibel@ci.livermore.ca.us.

Real Estate Market update available at [www.Livermorehomes.com](http://www.Livermorehomes.com)

# MAILBOX

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## Prejudice Is Showing Bud Barlow Pleasanton

Anytime you have a Supreme Court decision of 5 to 4 or 4 to 3, it is obvious that the court members are letting their biases influence their decision. One way to solve this dilemma is to have a decision become firm only when the judges agree more closely. For instance, in a 7 member court, for a decision to be made, the court must decide 6 to 1 (maybe 5 to 2). If you can't get 5 or 6 judges to agree, then the issue must be put before the people in the next regularly scheduled election. If you can't get about 80% of the judges to agree, then the legality of an issue is tainted by personal viewpoints.

This philosophy should apply at the state and federal level. This method has three advantages, 1: reduce the possibility of judicial bias (activist judges) 2: reduce the philosophy of voting for a party primarily because of a that party's likelihood of appointing liberal or conservative judges and 3: in the case of our great state of California, it could very well reduce the number of citizen driven propositions. .

## Theater Financing Marcus Libkind Livermore

The questions of whether a 2000-seat theater in Livermore is a good idea and whether the funding plan is good should be viewed separately. The concept of the theater is good, but is the funding plan right for the citizens of Livermore. The Independent article "Questions Answered on Financing Plans for Theater" (May 22, 2008) doesn't fully explain the ramifications of the plan. It states, "Through 2040, there would be \$51 million (nominal dollars) for other projects in the redevelopment

area." However, that statement fails to say when the funding will be available.

Bob Gamble, the hired financial expert for the theater project, said with respect to funds for other projects, "There's some at the beginning - \$6.1 million through 2013, and then not much for about 10 years." That comes to \$6.1 million for the next 15 years. That's not much when you look at the cost of projects. This says that although there may be \$51 million for other projects, \$45 million of that will not be available for more than 15 years. And while \$51 million sounds like a big number, remember that this is only about 20 percent of the total funds that will be available - 80 percent will be going to support the theater.

Expanding downtown redevelopment to the west is a wonderful idea. A 2000-seat theater is not going to make it happen sooner and it may delay it. Expanding the redevelopment with shops and restaurants that attract the masses and make downtown living exciting should be the emphasis, not a 2000-seat theater that many will not be able to afford to visit.

## Rural Mail Delivery Nancy Hildebrandt Livermore

One of Livermore's spectacular features is that it is bordered on the north and south by countryside. Much of this is due to the town of Livermore itself, which has made a great effort to preserve its urban boundary.

Yet the residents of these back country areas find themselves more and more out of synch with urban values and urban wealth.

Southeast of Livermore on Mines Road, our mail is delivered twice a week on a contract arrangement with the Livermore Post Office. For the past few years, our "mail ladies" have been a local woman and her granddaughter, who have worked on subcontract to do an excellent job. The address may be wrong, but we get our mail. They are valued members of our old-fashioned, close-knit community—one that many urban residents dream of.

Last week the mail ladies informed us that they are being terminated by the contractor who serves the Mines Road mail route for the reason that he has imposed a new rule that the car that the subcontractor drives must be five years old or less. The car that the mail ladies drive dates all the way back to 1999. I haven't noticed part-time rural mail carriers wearing fancy jewelry and taking expensive vacations. Somehow a new car has become more important than the superior service we get from two local people who know all the residents out here.

Jerry Phillips is the manager of the contractors at the Livermore Post Office. He says that he cannot do anything because it is the contractor's decision. I would like to know whose has the authority to monitor the contractors. Evidently it is up to the residents to find a way to make the contractor think twice about requiring a part-time hourly worker to buy a new car or quit. When you look out at those pretty hills, think of the small number of folks living there with meager incomes, then please help us by calling Jerry Phillips to protest at 925-455-7176.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results from last week:

**Majors:** A's 6, White Sox 7: The A's lost their final game of the regular season against the White Sox. The A's had already clinched the title as the Division winners. Josh Stevens, Collin Richardson, Max Sanderson and Ruben Mercado all pitched well, but could not hold the hard hitting White Sox. Chet Kozio and Ruben Mercado both come up with pop flies in the outfield. Ryan Gronlund fielded a well hit ball at short. Kenny Spivey went 2 for 2 at the plate. Mihir Naik, Collin Richardson and Max Sanderson all come up with doubles.

Rangers 0, A's 12: The A's won their first play-off game against the Rangers. Josh Stevens and Justin Gibson held the Rangers scoreless with awesome pitching. Chris Cogshall, Mihir Naik and Chet Kozio all caught hits in the outfield that could have scored runs. Ryan Gronlund, Nick Soldati and Collin Richardson all fielded grounders in the infield and threw out the runners. Justin Gibson caught an infield pop fly at 1st. Collin Richardson, Josh Stevens, Mihir Naik and Kenny Spivey were all 2 for 2 at the plate. Kenny Spivey and Josh Stevens drove in 3 RBIs each. Josh Stevens belted a 3-run home run over the centerfield fence. Nick Soldati collected 2 RBIs with a hard hit double.

White Sox 3, A's 9: The A's won the play-off championship game against the White Sox. Max Sanderson and Josh Stevens held the White Sox to 3 runs with great pitching. Josh Stevens made a play at 3rd. Nick Soldati caught a pop fly at 2nd Base. Max Sanderson an infield pop fly on the mound. Greg Miller a hard hit pop fly in left field, and Ryan Gronlund a pop fly at 2nd. Chris Cogshall dove a ball over the left field fence for his end of the season home run. Josh Stevens, Max Sanderson and Ruben Mercado all put the ball in play 3 out of 3 times.

## Club Volleyball

Tri-Valley-based "Club V.I.P." boys 16 and under volleyball club won second place in the gold division of the California Finals in Sacramento held June 14 and 15 in their preparation for competition in the "Open" division of the Junior Olympics in Sandy, Utah July 3-6. They won all matches including all sets prior to the final match, just missing first place by a hard-fought 3-set match against winners NCVJ from Sacramento.

Inspired hitting and serving by Scott McMahon had NCVJ scrambling, punctuated by periodic kills and blocks from John Buchenauer and Wesley Gong with assists from AJ Bicoy. Outstanding back-row defense by Justin Fung, Anthony Chao and McMahon surprised NCVJ's strong front line. Consistent play was also contributed by rookie freshmen Xanth El-Sayed, Joshua Ho and Kevin Smith.

Their next stop is the SCVA Junior Boys Classic in Anaheim June 20-23 in preparation for their run for the gold in Utah.

Club V.I.P. scores from the Cal Finals were 25-11, 25-16 in match 1; 25-12, 25-15 in match 2; 25-14, 25-13 in match 3; 25-17, 25-23 in the first playoff match; and 19-25, 25-22, 8-15 in the final.

All boys between 14 and 18 years old who are interested in exploring a competitive yet fun volleyball club, should come to Club V.I.P. try-outs on August 9 at Pleasanton Middle School. For times and details see www.clubvonline.com or call Coach Ron Smith at 510-421-1469.

## Granada Little League

Granada Little League results

**Junior 80's Gold:** Granada 12, Pleasanton Foothill 5: Granada came out of the gate quickly by posting 5 runs in the top of the 1st inning on the way to a 12-5 win over home team Pleasanton Foothill. Granada showed consistency by scoring in 5 of the 7 innings and 10 different players scoring. Top Hitters: Daniel Whitney 2 for 5, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Kevin Rogers 1 for 3, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Ryan Player 1 for 2, 2 runs scored, 1 rbi; Nate Preece 1 for 3, 1 run scored, 1 rbi; David Russell 1 for 3, 1-2B, 1 rbi; Top Pitchers: Sean Westphal 4 innings, 3 hits, 2 runs, 1 walk, 4 strikeouts; Daniel Whitney 3 (3 innings), 1 hit, 3 runs, 1 walk, 1 hit batsman, 3 strikeouts

Granada 20, Pleasanton National 5: Granada, making a habit of scoring often and early in games, sent 14 batters to the plate with 9 of them scoring in the 1st inning. Granada continued where they left off in the 2nd, this time sending 12 men to the plate and posting an additional 7 runs, cruise to a 20-5 win. Top Hitters: Kevin Rogers 2 for 5, 4 runs scored, 3 rbi's; Jordan Thraikill 2 for 4, 3 runs scored, 1 rbi; Vince Fernandez 1 for 2, 1-3B, 1 run scored, 3 rbi's; Daniel Whitney 2 for 2, 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's; Matt Richards 2 for 2, 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's; Mac Morgan 2 for 3, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; David Russell 1 for 2, 3 runs scored, 1 rbi; Sean Westphal 1 for 5, 3 runs scored, 3 rbi's; Nate Preece 1 for 2, 2 rbi's; Top Pitcher: Kevin Rogers (4 innings, 6 hits, 5 runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts)

Granada 10, Pleasanton National 8: Granada had to prove its mettle by staging a late game comeback. They were down by a score of 8-5 moving in to the 5th inning. But, Granada managed to tie the game with Nate Preece, Sean Westphal and Jordan Thraikill crossing the plate. Granada took the lead and the win by scoring two in the top of the 6th, with rbi's coming from the bats of Preece and Vince Fernandez. Top Hitters: Daniel Whitney 2 for 3, 1-2B, 2 runs scored; Jordan Thraikill 2 for 3, 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's; Mac Morgan 2 for 3, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Vince Fernandez 1 for 4, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Nate Preece 1 for 4, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Sean Westphal 3 for 4, 1 run scored. Top Pitchers: Ryan Player 2 1/3 innings, 4 hits, 5 runs, 3 walks, 3 strikeouts; Sean Westphal (3 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 1 hit batsman, 1 strikeout)

## Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

**T-Ball Division:** Nationals vs. Twins: The fierce winds didn't slow these little sluggers down on this action packed Friday night match-up of the Nationals vs. the Twins. Strong bats and swift running of the bases by Taylor Sprott, Evan Sire and Joseph Fields of the Nationals. Superb defense by Brian Peeso, Matteo Privillo and James Wilcox of the Twins. Both teams demonstrated great fielding and hitting techniques. Nationals MVPs: Taylor Sprott, Evan Sire and Joseph Fields. Twins MVPs: Brian Peeso, Matteo Crivello and James Wilcox. Rockies vs. Pirates: Rockies MVPs: Ryan Barney, Paul Curbelo, Michael Grant, Matthew Hagan, Dalton Johnson, Brandon McDougall, Zachary Miller, Declan O'Hara, Matthew Polaski, Jackson Stuart, Tucker Vonderach, Benjamin Waxman, Noah Wolf. Mariners vs. Royals: Mariners MVPs: Logan Kavanagh, Jacob Moen, Dylan Corker, Nathan Jones, Jenna DeLisle, Nick Hill, Jared Rittenmyer, Tyler Ramirez, Jacob Garner, Brandon Jewell, Madison Silva, Brett Peacock, Tyler Ramirez, Joshua

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Brewers vs. Athletics: Brewers MVPs: Trulani Simmons, Gabe Tardiff, Aidan Taylor, Athletics MVPs: Jesse Wolfson, Jack Volponi, Jeffrey Fairbanks

**Single A Division:** Devil Rays 23, Phillies 5: Phillies MVPs: Jake Engemann, Aaron Aguilar and Jay Robinson. Devil Rays MVPs: Gerrardo Cabassa, Hannah Lipp, Andrew Arruda.

Devil Rays 27, Mets 13: Mets MVPs: Peyton Gibbs hit a double in the 4th inning. Connor Livingston hit 4 singles. Riley Parkerson hit a double in the 2nd. Devil Rays MVPs: Tanner Higgins force out on 2nd base, Nick Boullier hit a double in the first inning. Wes Williams hit a triple.

Yankees 9, Phillies 12: Yankees MVPs: Kirin Lee 2 hits, Drew Braudrick 2 hits (one double), Mason Arnold (2 hits), Phillies MVPs: Rigo Zapien grand slam, Jared Hubert 3 hits, Bailey Kemp 3 hits

Marlins 9, Red Sox 20: In the final game of the season for each team, the Red Sox won 20-9. The Marlins were led on offense by Noah Pettit with three hits. Sean Rolandelli and Mason Stuart each had two hits in the game as well. Chase Jesus led the Red Sox offensively. Garon Michaels and Jonah Wagner both caught pop flies to help the Red Sox defense. Red Sox MVPs: Garon Michaels, Jonah Wagner, Chase Jesus, Marlins MVPs: Sean Rolandelli, Noah Pettit, Mason Stuart.

**AA Division:** Cubs 2, Tigers 4: The Tigers' Nate Redditt hit a 3-run homer in the bottom of the 5th, giving them the 4-2 win over the Cubs. The Cubs' Jerry Rogue (1B, 1 run) and Jake Ledbetter (2B, 1B, 2 RBI's) took the Cubs to an early lead, while Scott Stafford made a nice catch in the deep outfield in the 3rd to keep the Tigers in check. But Carter Fisher (fielding), Kyle Archer (2B, 1 RBI, 1 run, catching) and of course Nate Redditt (3-run HR, 1 IP) refused to walk away with the loss! Nate also got 2 of the 3 outs in the last inning to end the game, clinching the Tiger's win. Cubs MVPs: Jake Ledbetter, Jerry Rogue, Scott Stafford, Tigers MVPs: Carter Fisher, Kyle Archer, Nate Redditt.

Reds 6, Tigers 10: Reds MVPs: Jacob Hole, Trenton Wiedner, Ralph Miller, Tigers MVPs: Zachariah Eme, Chase Dunn, Victor Rivera. The Tigers outscored the Reds 10-6. The Reds' Ralph Miller (2B, 2 RBI, 1 run), Trenton Wiedner (1B, 1 RBI, 1 run), and Jacob Hole (ground-rule 2B, 1 run) all did a great job keeping the game close. But the Tiger's Zachariah Eme (2 IP, 2B, 1B, 2 RBI's), Chase Dunn (2B, 2 RBI's) and Victor Rivera (2B, 1B, 1 RBI, 1 run) led the rest of the Tigers' team to a well-earned victory over the Reds.

**AAA Division:** Mariners 19, Rangers 3: Mariners Bartoni, Cordisco, and Briggs all doubled to help in the Mariners victory. Rangers MVPs: Sam Bothwell, Sammy Marco, Jesse Davis, Mariners MVPs: Vince Bartoni, Garrett Cordisco, and Travis Briggs.

Mariners 6, Angels 5: In a battle for first place, strong hitting and defense by Robbie Payne and outstanding pitching by Sean Stavert helped keep the Mariners in check until the 5th Inning. Leading 5-3 in the bottom of the 6th, the Angels walked Shaya Filsoof with 2 outs then with 3 singles in a row, were able to tie up the game. Truman Griffith of the Angels made a miraculous catch to send the game into extra innings. Ryan Holmes, who had come in to pitch the 5th and 6th innings, "shuts the door" on the Angels offense and in the bottom of the 6th, Kevin Key of the Mariners scores the winning run on 2 stolen bases and an overthrow that goes into left field. It was a great game by both teams. They will now play a 3 game series to see which team is the division champion and will go on the TOC. Angels MVPs: Robbie Payne, Sean Stavert, Truman Griffith. Mariners MVPs: Shaya Filsoof, Ryan Holmes, Kevin Keys.

Mariners 3, Angels 1: In the second of a three game play-off, the Mariners were able to hold off the Angels with outstanding pitching by Cody King. He pitched a complete 6 inning game giving up only 1 run, 3 hits, no walks and 12 strike outs. The Angels helped offensively by Ryan Holmes and Jax Mamoag. For the Angels, Strong pitching by Sean Stavert, and key hits by Mauricio Zakala and Keith Tysler, kept them in the game. Mariners MVPs: Cody King, Ryan Holmes, Jax Mamoag, Angels MVPs: Sean Stavert, Mauricio Zakala, Keith Tysler

Angels 7, Mariners 4: In the championship game for the A.A. division, both teams played all out baseball with the Angels coming out on top and headed for the TOC next week. For the Mariners: doubles by both Garrett Cordisco and Vince Bartoni, and a single by Demetrius Wagner help keep the score close. Strong pitching by Cole Jacobs, a hard hit single by Ryan Silvas and a crushing double and great defense by Truman Griffith, were keys to the Angels victory. Mariners MVPs: Garrett Cordisco, Vince Bartoni, Demetrius Wagner, Angels MVPs: Cole Jacob, Ryan Silvas, Truman Griffith.

**Majors:** A's 5, White Sox 4: Even though the White Sox seemed unstoppable this season, the A's pulled out one of their most exciting "wins" for the season. The A's started out with a bang in just the first inning when Scott Chapeta hit a three run home-run. In the second inning, White Sox player, Jaxon Williams answered back with an RBI sending home teammate Kyle Christopher. Then A's player Trevor Houghton hit a ground-rule double and Travis Adams earned a single RBI sending Houghton home for another run. Then White Sox closed up the gap with Pujah Patel's smart base stealing and Jaxon Williams' home run. Patel came back again in the 5th inning, hitting a homerun making the two teams tied 4 to 4. With the wind blowing strong, everyone watched the teams battle it out. Then in the bottom of the fifth, A's player Scott Chapeta got on base, and Josh Revay hit the game winning RBI sending the score 5 to 4. The A's were able to stop the White Sox short from scoring anymore runs resulting in a huge victory for the A's. White Sox MVPs: Pujah Patel (1 homerun, 1 2b, 1 1b), Jaxon Williams (1 homerun, 2 1b), A's MVPs: Scott Chapeta (1-homerun, 1 2b, 1 1b, & great pitching), Ian Obrian (great pitching), and Trevor Escover (great catching, 2 1b).

**Junior Division:** 80s LALL Mariners 15, Granada LL 80s Giants 7: The Mariners' hitting lead the way to victory in their last game of regular season. Greg Anderson hit two doubles and a single for four RBIs. Anderson also closed the game allowing one run and hurling two strikeouts in the sixth and seventh innings. Devin McMahon doubled and singled for three RBIs. Josh McCall singled and doubled for two RBIs. Joe



The Livermore Smoke 16-under team won the Stars of Cordova championship on June 14 and 15. This makes the third time this summer season the team has competed in the championship game of a tournament, winning two of the three. Pictured with their championship trophies are: Stefani Miller, Kaylene DeBord, Sara Smith, Veronica Knowlton, Imani Curtis-Contreras, Amanda Fletcher, Lexy Garcia, Dana Johnson, Laura Torres, Cassie Robles, Dominique Carey. Not Pictured: Lindsey Huston, Katherine Freitas.

Halliwell singled twice and tripled, scoring two runs. Mariners MVPs: Greg Anderson, Devin McMahon, Josh McCall, Joe Halliwell. LALL 80s Mariners 10, San Ramon 80s Rockets 3: Mariners' hitting, pitching, and defense were all on track in the win. Sara Marquez had a double and a single for three RBIs and Chris DiPeso had a single and two doubles for two RBIs. DiPeso pitched five innings and threw seven strike outs, holding the Rockets to three runs. Marquez closed the game, hurling two scoreless innings and two strikeouts. Michael Brown played a solid seven innings at catcher, throwing out a runner attempting to take third base on a pass ball in the fifth inning. Mariners MVPs: Sara Marquez, Chris DiPeso, Michael Brown

LALL 80s Athletics 14, LALL 80s Mariners 0: Mariners' hitting, pitching, and defense were all on track in the win. Sara Marquez had a double and a single for three RBIs and Chris DiPeso had a single and two doubles for two RBIs. DiPeso pitched five innings and threw seven strike outs, holding the Rockets to three runs. Marquez closed the game, hurling two scoreless innings and two strikeouts. Michael Brown played a solid seven innings at catcher, throwing out a runner attempting to take third base on a pass ball in the fifth inning. Athletics MVPs: Chris Holzschuh, Kyle Penrod, Joshua Tavares

## Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom 12 and Under went 6-0 to take the championship title in the Devil Mountain Tournament in San Ramon this past weekend. Phantom defeated San Ramon Stompers '95 4-1 in the title game. Krista Williams starting off the inning with a single to right center. Kennedy Poplawski followed with a bunt single. A two-run RBI hit from Johanna Grauer gave Phantom the 2-0 lead. Corinne Valdx continued with an RBI for the rally. Jana Johnson singled and Nicole Bardakos doubled for five total hits in the 3rd. Victoria Molina also had a double in the 5th. Bardakos was 3/3 and Williams and Poplawski went 2/4. The Stompers got their sole run in the 5th. Williams was solid on the mound with 8 strike outs and 6 hits. Molina, mano behind the plate, picked off two runners. The Phantom defense was strong holding the Stompers to one run.

In the semifinal, Phantom beat the San Ramon Stompers '96 13-4. Kendall Moore started the 6th with a double followed by singles from Williams and Poplawski. Molina, up to bat with bases loaded and a 6-4 lead, blasts one into left field for a grand slam. Phantom scored 3 more runs in that inning for a final score of 13-4. Bardakos with 2 doubles and Williams with a double; each went 3-4. Moore was 2/2. Grauer pitched well on the mound with 6 strike outs and giving up 8 hits. Bardakos behind the plate was solid with a pick-off at 2nd.

Phantom started off Sunday against the Napa Roadrunners defeating them 12-0. Phantom offense was on fire with Williams going 4/4 with a triple and 2 doubles. Aubry Wolf had a triple and Brooke Campbell had a double. Williams got the shut-out with Molina behind the plate. In pool play Saturday, Phantom beat Cabrillo Crushers 9-0, Los Gatos-Saratoga 5-1 and Albany Berkeley Sting 9-0 to finish first in their pool. Molina had a solo home run against Los Gatos-Saratoga.

**Baseball Camps**  
Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting three summer camps. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. There are two 6-12 year old camps that cost \$150 or \$130 if sign up before a certain date. The two dates are: June 23-27 and July 14-18. There is also camp for 13-18 year olds from August 4-6. The cost for this camp is \$100 or \$80 if sign up early. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or mailto:lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb.

**Baseball Camps**  
Matador Baseball Summer Camps, ages 5-14. Weekly skills-based camps at Granada High School Varsity field run by Varsity coaches and players. Camp dates: June 16-19

(incoming 7, 8, and 9 grades only). June 23-26, and June 30-July 3 from 9-12 each day. Cost is \$140 per camp (if registered by June 1, \$150 after June 1). For more information and registration, go to www.granadabaseball.org.

## Aloha Golf Classic

The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the Aloha Golf Classic to be held on Monday, July 21, at Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside course. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a putting contest from 9:30-10:45, and Shotgun start at 11a.m.. This is a Scramble format.

Includes on-course food and beverages from El Nido Mexican Restaurant, Tower Grille, Black Diamond Brewery and more, 49er Gold Rush and Raiderette Cheerleaders, wine/steating by WineStyles, Hawaiian-themed music, and appetizers. There will be silent and live auctions and dinner.

Cost is \$195 per golfer: \$1000 for foursome with tee sign. Dinner/auction tickets are \$50. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Go to www.danvilleareachamber.com for more information or call chairman, Joe Buenavista of Bernstein Global Wealth Management at 415.217.8051.

## Coaching Positions

Granada High School is currently looking for coaches for the following positions: varsity girls tennis, varsity girls lacrosse and varsity boys lacrosse. If you are interested, please contact Clark Conover for more details. 925.606.4800 ext3636 or cconover@livermore.k12.ca.us

## Golf Tournament

The Pleasanton Lions Club is sponsoring the 1st annual Michelle Lucia-Varela Golf Tournament. It will be held Fri., July 26 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

All proceeds will go to the Michelle Lucia-Varela fund to aid in her fight with breast cancer and the alternative treatments available that are not covered by medical insurance.

Check-in for the tournament is 11 a.m. This is a 4 person scramble that includes a 19th hole challenge. Cost is \$150 per person, which includes golf, snacks, dinner and a golf gift. Hole sponsors, raffle donations and silent auction donations are needed.

For information, contact Steve Marvel at 260-2314, smarvel@pacbell.net or Deanna Vareleta at 577-6769, dvareleta@comcast.net.

## Run San Ramon

On the 4th of July the annual Run San Ramon will be held. It is an event for everyone: 3K Run/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 wedding fountain, as well as the awards ceremony, following the race.

The Mayor's Cup will be awarded to the winning pre-registered 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+).

Entry fees: Pre-Registration: All events per person: \$25.00 All events per person family rate: \$20.00 per person (3 or more people, must register at the same time) Race-day Registration: All events per person: \$30.00

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 Run 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 bmmorris@sanramon.ca.gov or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov. Timing and results of the Run San Ramon will be provided by On Your Mark Events www.onyourmarkevents.com.

## Basketball Camps

Families can still sign up their kids for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's two Summer Youth Basketball Camp programs. All camps are co-ed, and each participant will receive a camp T-shirt and basketball. Both programs are taught by Bryan Hahn and staff.

"Camp Intensity" is designed for students in seventh through 10th grade and focuses on a basic approach to the game, designed for the serious player. Participants will learn offensive and defensive fundamentals, along with individual and team aspects of the game. Camp Intensity is a weeklong program offered from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday from June 16 - 20 or June 23 - 27. The cost is \$99.

"Thrills, Drills and Skills" is a camp for students in third through sixth grade that is great for players with previous team experience, either through a school or community league. Emphasis will be on drills and skill development, in addition to team play and individual competition. Thrills, Drills and Skills is a weeklong camp offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, the week of June 23 - 27. The cost is \$89.

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# K-9 Drug Detection Unit to Patrol Livermore Schools

By Patricia Koning

At its June 3 meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees met Andy, a Livermore Police Officer who will be patrolling school campuses in Livermore this fall. His assignment is to literally sniff out drugs on campus. That's because Andy is a German shepherd and a member of the K-9 Drug Detection Unit of the Livermore Police Department.

"The purpose of this program is to serve as a deterrent. We hope the dog's presence will make kids think twice about bringing drugs and contraband to schools," said Bob See, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education.

See explained that according to precedents set in State and Federal courts, a canine sniff is not considered a search under the Fourth Amendment. An alert by a trained and certified narcotics detector dog provides school officials with reasonable suspicion to conduct a warrantless search of a student and his or her property.

"The Police Department's policy is that we don't use dogs to search a person, on or off

school campuses," said School Resource Officer (SRO) Ryan Sanchez.

Use of a drug-detector dog on a school campus always would be initiated by a site administrator, who would be present while the dog investigates. Sanchez explained that the dogs alert passively, meaning they sit and look at their handler if they smell drugs or contraband.

Superintendent Brenda Miller said that despite the existing Board policy, she was discouraged from using drug-detector dogs on the school campuses because the last time the Board discussed the concept, in 2006, it did not even come to a vote. This time, all of the trustees agreed that at the discretion of principals and SROs, the dog could be used as a necessary deterrent.

A drug-detector dog was employed successfully this year at Granada High School in an incident that led to two expulsions. Granada Principal Chris Van Schaack explained that a student tipped off the administration to drug sales going on before and after school. A campus supervisor observed an unusual amount of "hanging around" certain cars.

"We contacted the police. They brought the dog, which then sniffed out a couple of cars. One of the students actually admitted to the possession before the dog arrived," he said. "The word quickly spread around campus that a drug dog had been used. Students have told us that they feel and see a marked decrease in drugs on and around school."

Livermore High School Principal Darrel Avila said that word spread across town to his school that same day. "We welcome the deterrent the drug detection dogs would provide. I want to use every resource that lets people know we are serious about the concept of a drug-free campus," he said.

Van Schaack anticipates random appearances by the drug dog next year, enough so that people who would bring drugs to school know that there is a significant chance that they could be caught. He added that this would also send a clear message to the overwhelming majority of the students who are not engaged in this type of activity that somebody is doing something about the "bad guys."

# Program Collects 45 Pounds of Unneeded Medications

Friday the 13th was a good day for the environment and for Bay Area patients. A dual event held last week in Livermore brought in blood donors as well as people wanting to dispose of their unused medications in an environmentally friendly way.

In all, 45 pounds of unneeded medications were collected, logged and disposed of properly. In addition, the American Red Cross (redcross.org) collected 54 units of blood that will go to help 162 patients in local hospitals.

Thomas Petty, owner of WSI (wsismartsolutions.com) in Livermore, has been sponsoring

community blood drives every two months in Livermore since 2002. Those 31 drives have been responsible for over 1600 units of blood to be collected. Petty has personally donated 49 units of blood over many years both at these community drives and at a former employer.

Studies have shown that 89% of people put their unused or expired prescriptions in the trash or flush them down the toilet, which can lead to groundwater contamination. Because of this, Petty worked with two area companies, Integrated Waste Control

and The Teleosis Institute (teleosis.org) to coordinate a combined prescription take back program with the American Red Cross blood drive. At the take back event, a volunteer pharmacist identified all medications and logged them for proper disposal.

Petty said, "I'm thrilled with the response that we got, and hope to have another take back event later in the year."

Those with questions or comments can reach him at (925) 245-0216 or by e-mail at tom@wsismartsolutions.com.

# Talk Planned on Progress of Alviso Adobe Park

City of Pleasanton Naturalist Eric Nicholas will present a talk entitled, "The Progress and Future Stewardship of the Alviso Adobe Community Park. He will speak at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 19 at Lynwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

Nicholas will talk about the programs planned for students, the public and other groups. He will use a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the cultural and natural history of the park including the Ohlone culture, the

Californio period, the agricultural period and the former dairy. He will talk about volunteer opportunities at the park.

Nicholas has been with the City of Pleasanton for one and a half years. Prior to that he was with the East Bay Regional Park District working at Ardenwood for over three years. He has worked as a naturalist for the Hayward Area Recreation District. He began his career while in high school working as a professional whitewater raft guide, leading to

10 years as a guide in Oregon, California and Nevada.

The Museum On Main is presenting this program.

About the Museum On Main - Our mission: Enriching community life through education and preservation. General admission to the museum is a \$2 per person requested donation. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Contact (925) 462-2766 or valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net.

# Lab Offers Educational Programs for Teachers

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in partnership with University of California Davis School of Education, will offer workshops and research internships for middle and high school science teachers this summer. The workshops will be held in Livermore, Sacramento and Davis. They will provide teachers with the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge scientific research conducted at the Lab.

The teachers will use what they learn to motivate students in pursuing careers in science.

The workshops are part of the Teacher Research Academy developed by the Edward Teller Education Center, a collaboration between LLNL and UC Davis. The academy takes a four-step approach to introduce teachers to cutting-edge science. Each step, or level, builds upon the knowledge and skills developed in the previous step. The fourth and final level is a capstone six-week internship in a research laboratory at the Lab.

This summer 15 teachers are participating in these mentored

research internships and are being hosted by scientists at Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories including Sandia National Laboratories, LLNL and the Joint Genome Institute. The model allows teachers to advance from novice to mastery, making the program suitable for beginning and experienced teachers.

"The intention of the program is to provide teachers with access to the scientific community and for teachers to learn how to bring the real world of scientific research into the classroom," said Carey Kopay, executive director of the Edward Teller Education Center. "The program also offers flexibility and can be tailored to the needs of individual teachers. Teachers can select a scientific theme that interests them, and then select the level(s) at which they'll participate."

The program currently offers workshops in biotechnology, biophotonics, fusion and astrophysics, and energy and environmental technologies. The workshops consist of hands-on activities and experience using ad-

vanced scientific equipment, rather than a textbook emphasis.

"Our program provides teachers with the tools they need to excite students and generate an interest in science," Kopay said. "The workshops also have an effect of re-energizing and re-connecting teachers to the world of science and discovery."

Workshops will be held June 18-July 18 at four locations: the Center of Biophotonics Science and Technology (CBST) in Sacramento; Cal State, Stanislaus; UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento; and LLNL.

All workshops require registration. They are open to teachers only. A \$15 registration fee applies. For more information, go to the web at <http://etc.ucdavis.edu>. Participants who register for the Teacher Research Academies can now earn graduate course credit through Cal State East Bay, which will count toward the masters of science in education, option in curriculum. To learn more about this program, go to the web at <http://etc.ucdavis.edu/masters/>

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**Red Hat Society, Merlot Chapter Name:** The Vineyard Groups with Purple Tooties Chapter, will be at Mitchell Katz Winery on Sat. June 21 for a wine release party, noon to 5 p.m. The event includes keepsake glass, heavy appetizers, live music, 8 varieties of wine including two new releases. Costs is \$20.00 each payable upon arrival to the Mitchell Katz winery. Come dressed in red hat regalia - red (or pink) hats with our chapter T-shirts. This event is open to any Red Hat Society member and family/friends (female/male). Female guests should dress the same as members. For more information contact Lorraine Kish 925-215-1618, [ladyn.merlot.kish@gmail.com](mailto:ladyn.merlot.kish@gmail.com), Mitchell Katz Winery, 1188 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Advocates For Access, Inc.** will be hosting an open house at 7040 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, on Wed. June 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Goal is to provide access to dental care for low income families in the Tri-Valley area. The organization will begin providing patient care at this location for low income patients with Denti-Cal on June 30, 2008. In addition, dentists will be available to complete the new dental screening forms required by the public school district for all new kindergarten and 1st grade students.

**Cure Dog Cancer, Camp Bow Wow,** a doggy day and overnight camp, has launched a fund-raising effort on behalf of Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) and its campaign to cure dog cancer and fight other major dog diseases. Starting June 16 at 26 Camp Bow Wow locations across the nation, doggy campers will be wearing a complimentary campaign bandana provided by Camp Counselors®. Dog owners will have the opportunity to make a donation to MAF and their effort to cure and treat dogs with cancer, as well as other serious canine diseases. [www.campbowwow.com](http://www.campbowwow.com)

**Campbell Highland Games, Sat., June 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the community center. Bagpipes and Celtic music by Brian McNeil, Gary Innes and Hamewith; caber toss, craft vendors and more. Information 108-219-9264 or go to [campbellgames.com](http://campbellgames.com).

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**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 21, 40 miles** Embarcadero to Tiburon, meet 10 a.m. at Embarcadero, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., June 22, 47 miles Shannon Center to Castro Valley on way to Moraga, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Greg Moyer, 984-7494. Mon., June 23, 25 miles loop from Shannon Center in Dublin, meet 6 p.m. Gary Lusso, 324-4842. Wed., June 25, 36 miles through Blackhawk on way to Livermore back through Pleasanton and Dublin, meet 9 a.m. at San Ramon Community Park, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Thurs., June 26, lunch** at Garre Winery in Livermore, 12:30 p.m., call Athene 846-0111 by June 24. Fri., June 27, happy hour in Castro Valley Palomares Cafe, 5 p.m., call Margie at 510-582-8038 by June 25. Sat., June 28, potluck in Dublin, 3 p.m. Call Rose at 833-8427 by June 24, cost \$8.

**The Bush Crimes Commission Hearings** will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., June 28 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film records an international tribunal, where a parade of government officials & others testified regarding: 1. Wars of

aggression; 2. Torture & indefinite detention; 3. Attacks on global AIDS programs; 4. Destruction of the global environment; 5. Response to Hurricane Katrina, before, during, and after. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 P.M. while a short discussion follows the film. This event is wheelchair accessible, open to the public, free (\$3.00 donations accepted), & refreshments are served. For further information, call 925-462-3459.

**Child Care Links** is hosting a "Healthy Summer Kick-Off" event. Bounce U, 7073 Commerce Circle, Pleasanton, is a safe and comfortable indoor facility, filled with giant inflatable structures. Space is limited so register early. For children ages 2 and up. No cost for this workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 30, July 28, and Aug. 18.

**Livermore Relay For Life, scheduled** for Saturday June 21, is looking for teen and adult volunteers to help with all aspects of this great event. This is a huge fund-raiser for American Cancer Society, and at the same time it's a real Livermore happening, with music, food, kids camp, contests, auctions, ceremonies and more. The event starts at 9am and continues for 24 straight hours. Help is needed Friday afternoon and early evening for setup, all day and evening Saturday, and Sunday morning. The event is held on the track at Livermore High School. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact Jacky at 925-455-0542. For additional information see [www.livermoreRFL.com](http://www.livermoreRFL.com).

**Body in Balance,** With a history of over 3000 years, Traditional Chinese Medicine has formed a unique system to diagnose and cure illness. Learn how to become more mindful of body, behavior, and surroundings. Kristine Buckley will explain the concept of Chi and how it can be channeled. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tuesday, June 24, 10am to 11:30am, \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents.

**RELIGION**  
**College 101:** A seminar for parents whose graduating seniors are considering attending local community colleges in Fall 2008. Presented by Patti Diaz, Registered

Professional Counselor, Mon., June 23, 7:30 p.m., \$30/family. CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. To register, go to [www.crosswindschurch.org](http://www.crosswindschurch.org)

**Design 4 Living** June 27 and 28th, Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. Christian Comedian Chonda Pierce. The Design 4 Living Conference 2008 "Live Like It's Real," will also feature: Debbie Alsdorf, best selling Christian author and founder of Design 4 Living Ministries; Lysa TerKeurst, founder of the Proverbs 31 Ministry and radio show host, speaker and author; Jennifer Kennedy Dean, teacher, speaker and author on the subject of Prayer; Kelly Minter, author, songwriter, worship leader, speaker and musician. 16 Saturday Breakout Sessions to choose from. Tickets \$78.00 includes lunch on Saturday. Groups of 10 or more \$68.00 each. For all women 18 and up, Cornerstone Fellowship - 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore. 925-447-3465. Register at: <http://livermore.cornerstoneweb.org/design4living>

**Vacation Bible School** June 23 to June 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore (corner Fifth and "L" Streets). Try your hand (and foot) at rock climbing, build a house on the sand, pan for gold, build a boulder, make music with a "rockin' beat, carve your name in stone, see what's inside a rock, try making "cold-stone" ice cream. Venture into a week of Bible stories, amazing art projects, rocking songs, colossal games, scrumptious snacks, and fun-filled fellowship with children from preschool through high school. Contact Robyn Myli at 447-2078, extension 18 with questions. Registration forms available on the church website, [www.fpc-livermore.org](http://www.fpc-livermore.org).

**Tri-Valley Unity Church,** theme "Spiritual but not Religious?" This Sunday's sermon topic by guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern is "Practicing the Presence: The Power of Prayer." Service at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733.

# OBITUARIES

## Clarence "Pete" Davis

Clarence "Pete" Davis passed away peacefully in his home on June 11, 2008 after a long battle with cancer. His wife Linda was at his side.

Pete was born in Sacramento on June 8, 1946 to Clarence Davis Sr. and Elsie Scott Davis, who preceded him in death. He later moved to Livermore from Roseville in 1967 to begin a career at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he held the position as an electronics engineer for 38 years. Pete was extremely proud of his work and was responsible for safety and communications. Pete's passion was being an instructor at the Las Positas Community College for 15 years. He loved to teach.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda; and his sister and brother-in-law Sidney Ann (Harlan) Tougaw. Pete will be greatly missed for his compassion and patience by all who had the pleasure of having him touch their lives.

At his request there will be no public services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Robert C. (Bob) Greene

Pleasanton resident Robert C. Greene died June 14, 2008.

He was born in Minneapolis, MN on Sept. 4, 1926 to Freeman and Agnes McCourtney Greene, the youngest of five sons. Bob settled in California in 1946 after his discharge from the Merchant Marines. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Education, from the University of San Francisco. Bob worked for many years for the Bank of America and later as an instructor at Laney College.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Constance Greene, and by his children Daniel (Eileen) and David (Melanie) Greene, Sharon (David) Merrill; grandchildren Andrew, Lauren, Tristan and Garreth Greene of Montreal, Canada; Margaret and Brendan Greene of Albany, CA; and Rochelle (Kevin) Thorne of San Lorenzo; and great grandchildren Mairin and Lucas Thorne also of San Lorenzo. He was preceded in death by his four brothers and by son, Russell Slowik.

Bob was cheerful, charming and full of fun. He and Connie generously welcomed many friends and relatives as guests and visitors in their home over the years. Bob adored his grandchildren and was always up-to-date

on their progress and success in school and in sports. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

A memorial service was held June 18, 2008 in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Julio Luera Sr.

Livermore resident Julio Luera passed away peacefully on June 14, 2008 at the age of 92.

He was born April 12, 1916 in Gomez Palacio, Mexico. After serving in World War II in the Army, he moved to Hayward. Julio worked for BART in Hayward for 15 years. He will be remembered for his humorous attitude and hard work ethics. He loved his family and changed everyone's lives for the better.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Maria, has children, Ramon, Maria, Julio, Carolina, Guadalupe, Ruben, Felipe, Emma, Irma, Gloria, Pasquel and Angie, 89 grandchildren, 92 great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. with vigil at 7 p.m. on Thurs., June 19 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Fri., June 10 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery.

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Peace Corps hosted a bon voyage celebration for its newest volunteers in Santa Cruz on May 21. Left to right are Kristina Gutierrez, 23, of Livermore, will be a health volunteer in Togo; Wendy, 65, and David Banks, 66, of Carmel, will be health volunteers in Tanzania; and Marion Adams, 63, of Watsonville, will teach English at a university in Moldova.

### Resident Heads for the Peace Corps

Kristina Gutierrez, 23, of Livermore, has been accepted into the Peace Corps in Togo. Gutierrez departs on June 4, to begin a two-year volunteer assignment in the health sector. She will be working closely with the HIV/AIDS population to help educate the people of Togo about safe sex practices and healthy living styles.

Gutierrez graduated from Granada High School in 2003 and is a 2007 graduate of San Diego State University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. While in college, she spent two years as a peer educator, working with students to make healthy choices regarding alcohol, relationships and other issues.

"I began to appreciate the importance and satisfaction gained from educating, reaching out, and helping others," Gutierrez says. "I knew I wanted to spend time helping people and making a difference in other's lives, only I wasn't sure how to go about doing it."

When a friend joined the Peace Corps in Uganda, Gutierrez began considering Peace Corps service herself.

"Two years was longer than what I had in mind, but it just became another challenge for myself," she says. "I'm stoked that while I'm sharing my resources and knowledge I'll be fortunate enough to live and experience another country learning their customs, language and culture."

Gutierrez joins a 37-year high in the number of Peace Corps Volunteers. More than 8,000 Americans now serve as Peace Corps Volunteers in 74 countries. More Peace Corps Volunteers come from California than any other state.

Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment. Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. More information at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

### The Philippines Is Destination

Kristine Bucchianeri, 25, of Pleasanton, left for the Philippines on June 7 to work as an environmental disaster preparedness and mitigation Peace Corps Response Volunteer.

The Peace Corps' Response program in the Philippines began on January 1 in order to work with communities to increase participation in disaster awareness programs and strengthen community capacities in disaster management. Peace Corps Response Volunteers work in the Bicol region of the Philippines, which is the second poorest region in the country. This region is located near the typhoon belt and is in close proximity to two volcanoes.

Bucchianeri will work with the Intervida Philippines Foundation, created in 2004, which focuses on providing aid to the Bicol region.

Bucchianeri previously served as a natural resources management Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines from March 2006 to June 2008. Among her accomplishments, Bucchianeri worked with the community to establish sustainable fisheries programs and provided environmental education for community members.

Bucchianeri is a 2005 graduate of Boston University in Boston, Mass., earning a Bachelor of Arts in biology.



Left to right are Patti Peters (Amador), Rebecca Briggs (Dublin), Laurie Sargent (Valley), Barbara Correia (Foothill), Anna Kim (Dublin), Mark Aubel (Amador). Not pictured: John Nix and Floyd Gill

### Students Honor Their Teachers

High school students from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pleasanton and Dublin recently honored seven teachers at the fifth annual Crystal Apple Awards ceremony.

This year's recipients were Patti Peters and Mark Aubel from Amador Valley High School; Laurie Sargent from Valley High School; Anna Kim and Rebecca Briggs from Dublin High School; and John Nix and Barbara Correia from Foothill High School. Also honored this year was Alameda County Sheriff's Officer Floyd Gill, who has worked as a resource officer in the schools since 1991.

The Crystal Apple Award recognizes teachers and administrators who have made an impact in the development of positive moral values and character traits as well as academic knowledge.

What makes the Crystal Apple Award unique is that students select the teachers and organize the program to honor them. Teachers and staff are often honored by civic organizations and parent-teacher groups, but rarely are such awards given by the students themselves. This year's student committee consisted of Caroline Woodwell, Tyler Lomas, Braden Fife, and Amy Black from Amador; Tailla Aupiu, Jenn Sexton, Gabrielle LeCheminant, and

Dallin Wright from Dublin; and Travis Hoxie, Whitney Larson, and Carlee Payne from Foothill."

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## Jackson Avenue Bags Wal-Mart Recycling Prize

By Patricia Koning

Jackson Avenue Elementary School in Livermore earned first place in the Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge for the Northern Bay region, beating out schools from Alameda, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma counties. For their hard work in recycling plastic bags, Jackson received a total of \$6,600, of which \$3,600 was for the bags they collected plus a \$3,000 bonus for being the top finisher in the region.

On Wednesday, June 11, representatives from Wal-Mart visited the school to present an oversized check for \$3,000 to Principal Tammy Rankin. Wal-Mart also gave Jackson a tree that will be planted in front of the school and treat bags for the entire student body.

"I want to thank you all for your dedication and hard work," said Alicia Flores, assistant manager of the Livermore Wal-Mart store. "We are very proud of this school."

Just how many plastic bags did Jackson collect? The school turned in a total of 674 sixty-gallon collection bags filled with plastic bags, diverting a total 40,440 gallons of plastic bags from landfill. Schools receive \$5 for each 60-gallon container. The plastic bags will be recycled into new consumer products such as new plastic shopping bags, outdoor decking and railing products, park benches, garden and lawn edging, and decorative tiles.

"I've been walking around with plastic bags all year," said parent Kim Smith, who led Jackson's recycling effort. "We gave up our garage to plastic bag collection. I went to Wal-Mart three times week to drop off bags."

Smith was assisted by parent Kara Simpson and Anne Collins,



Students get a look at the check their efforts earned for the school.

a grandparent of a Jackson student. Parents, grandparents, staff, and students collected bags—neighbors were even dropping off bags on Simpson's porch to help the effort.

"This is great for our school," said Rankin. "It really sets a good example for our kids, to see how recycling can really benefit them. It's also a great way for our school to raise money because it's something everyone can participate in."

Jackson PTO President Leslie Lemieux already has plans for the extra money—a new marquee to go in front of the school and a new sound system for the remodeled multipurpose room. Jackson has been undergoing a renovation since June 2007; work is expected to be complete by the start of school at the end of August.

The Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge began in December

2004. Nearly 2,800 schools have participated in the program and recycled over 1,400 tons of plastic bags. The Kids Recycling Challenge website (<http://kidsrecyclingchallenge.com>) describes the program as the most successful plastic bag recycling program of its kind.

Winning the Recycling Chal-

lenge is nothing new to Jackson. In the fall of 2005, they won the Northern Bay region and finished second last year. This year, Jackson collected nearly twice as many bags as the next finisher, North Oakland Community Charter, who turned in 345 collection bags.

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Hannah Montana (aka Smith School Principal Denise Nathanson) performed before a screaming, appreciative student body Thursday morning, June 12, to culminate field day activities – a tradition for the last day of school. The surprise show was planned to acknowledge student and parent support in raising \$42,000 for a new computer lab at the school. Autumn Treasurers, a PTA event held earlier in the year raised \$30,000 and the remaining \$12,000 was achieved through family donations. Equipment from the original school lab will be moved to classrooms over the summer; thereby providing every classroom with a computer to start the new school year in the fall.



The Livermore Aquacowboys Swim Team and Open Heart Kitchen teamed up recently to give back to the community. As a community service project, members of the Livermore Aquacowboys Swim Team volunteered at Open Heart Kitchen to assemble 1,500 boxed lunches to be distributed to low-income school children in Livermore and Dublin. The Weekend Lunch Box Program was developed to close the nutrition gap among low-income school children. The program aims to distribute boxed lunches on Fridays throughout the year so that children have nutritious lunches for the weekend when the school cafeterias are unavailable. The three beneficiary groups are the students of Marilyn Avenue, Portola Avenue, and Joe Michell schools in Livermore, and the children of single parents at Arroyo Vista Community Housing in Dublin. By incorporating community awareness and volunteerism in the year-round swim program, the Aquacowboy swimmers are learning physical, emotional and intellectual skills that will last a lifetime.

## DECA Students Bring Home Awards from International Conference

Amador Valley DECA Program students have just returned from the International Career Development Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. Over 14,000 students competed for college scholarships at the conference.

To attend, students had to win at the State Competition held in March. Students competed in role playing, written projects and leadership development. Amador had its most successful season to date— 22 students attended.

Competitors from Amador were: Mike Chen: 2nd Place International Competitor, Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Caroline Hsia: 3rd Place International Competitor, Entrepreneurship Written Event; Seunguk Lee: Top 10 International Competitor, Marketing Management; Michelle Schwem: Top 10 International Competitor, Automotive Services; Joey Bruno & Matt Carlucci: Finalist, Hospitality Management Team Decision Making Event; Sharon Jiang & Bora Yuh: Competitors, Travel & Tourism Team Decision Making Event; Justin Mullaney & Jay Guillmart: Competitors, Sports & Entertainment Decision Making Event; Erica Droher: Competitor, Restaurant Full Service Management Event;

Gayani Kadurugamuwa: Competitor, Restaurant Full Service Management Event; Sunny Lee: Competitor, Entrepreneurship Participating Written Event; Dhruv Dhall: Competitor, Entrepreneurship Participating Written Event; Brandan Schindler & VJ Ravindran: Competitors, Internet Team Decision Making Event; Nina Saleh & Randi Olsen: Competitors, Internet Team Decision Making Event; Justin Maslana: Competitor, Business Services Event; Shelby Barraza: Leadership Development; Jennifer Yan: Competitor, Fashion Merchandising Plan; Priya Nathan: Competitor, Sports & Entertainment Event.

**LIVERMORE**  
Livermore High School DECA broke records this year by returning from the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA, with four Overall Top Ten Medals.

Mark Larik took top ten in his Entrepreneurship Franchising Business Plan, Angel Russell for her Technical Sales Event and Patrick Connolly and Cathy Garcia for their Sports and Entertainment Management Team Decision Making Event. Most awards carry a cash scholarship as well. Ian Overaas was also onstage with a medal for one of

his role-plays but did not advance to the final round of competition.

The winners were part of only three other chapters in California to rank internationally. Amador Valley and Foothill Hill School in Pleasanton and Monta Vista High School in Cupertino also took home medals and trophies for their performance.

This year, Livermore High School's DECA Chapter sent twelve people to the International Career Development Conference. Livermore was one of two chapters in all of California to be honored in a ceremony with the highest level of membership that can be attained, the "Diamond Level."

Other students from Liver-

more who qualified for academies, presentations or as voting delegates in this extraordinary event included Theresa Cadigan, Rebecca Doell, Gillian Floren, Katey Nelson, Shelby Schock, Brittany Shiraki and Chelsea Smith. The event was held at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, home of the Atlanta Falcons football team.

## ValleyCare Scholarship Winners Announced

The ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary, which annually awards scholarships to area high school seniors planning to enter the health care field, recently named this year's winners. Four \$4,000 and two \$1,000 scholarships were presented to the winning students at the Auxiliary's annual Appreciation Luncheon on May 12.

Kayleigh Torres and Karishma Zaheed, both from Livermore High School, received \$1,000 scholarships. Karishma has initial plans to attend Las Positas College with the goal of becoming a physician in obstetrics and gynecology. Kayleigh, also plans to attend Las Positas Col-

lege and would like to go into physical therapy and athletic training.

Carissa Toyama, also of Livermore High School, was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship and plans to attend University of California at Berkeley, majoring in nutrition. Foothill High senior Melissa Kalbarczyk, also plans to attend UC Berkeley and use her \$4000 scholarship to pursue her dream of becoming a surgeon. Devi Santhosh of Amador High School and Kevin Carpenter of Granada High School, were the other \$4000 scholarship winners. Devi would like to pursue a career as a genetic research phy-

sician and plans to attend UC Berkeley. Kevin has been accepted at University of California Davis and plans to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Students awarded a scholarship from the ValleyCare Auxiliary receive funds on an annual basis. In order to continue receiving the scholarship funds, students must maintain their eligibility by remaining full-time students studying course work leading to a career in the medical field. They must have continuous enrollment at the same college or university and maintain "C" or better grade point average.



An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held recently for ten Pleasanton and Dublin Boy Scouts. The rank requires a minimum of 21 merit badges as well as service in youth leadership positions in the troop. Each young man must also plan, develop, and lead others in a service project benefiting the community. The Scouts honored were from Troops 549, 945, 946, 947, and 949, all of which are affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Scouts pictured and their projects are (left to right) Alex Theobald - Troop 949 (installation of drainage swales on a local hiking trail), Rob Doxey - Troop 945 (refurbishing the observation deck at the Livermore Municipal Airport), Chris Miller - Troop 947 (restoration of park benches at the Dublin Civic Center), Chris Hair - Troop 549 (broadening the non-Caucasian database for the National Marrow Donor Program through a local donor drive), Dallin Wright - Troop 549 (replacing park benches, weeding, and painting play structures at Stagecoach Park in Dublin), Cade DeBenedetti accepting for his brother Anthony DeBenedetti - Troop 945 (toy and hygiene kit drive benefiting Oakland Children's Hospital), Jeff McLeod - Troop 945 (fundraiser to purchase items for the Tri-Valley Haven Holiday Wish List), Adam Eastburn - Troop 945 (refurbishing fitness routes and signs at Dolan Park in Dublin), Brendon Rudd - Troop 945 (updating, repair, and improvement of a church storage shed), and Michael McKinley - Troop 947 (refinishing and painting 15 park benches at Kolb Park in Dublin). DeBenedetti is the drum major for Foothill High School's band. The evening of the Court of Honor, he had a conflict involving a band performance.

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Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe, I know, but it's true. Last year, more Americans were killed by prescription drugs than by guns, AIDS, suicides, and terrorists combined...But we'll get to that in a minute.

Let me start by explaining the photo in this letter. You know when I meet people in town they usually say, "I know you. You're Dr. Contreras. I've seen your ad with that picture of you and those two cute little boys." Well that's me, I'm also that lucky guy whose family is in this photo.

Years ago something happened that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

I'm in college at the time, and life is good. But, then it happens... One day, I have an accident that leaves me in constant pain. There's awful pain in my head, neck, and entire left side. After a while, I can't concentrate, and can hardly use my left arm. It gets so bad that I worry that my grades will start to suffer. I can't take it anymore, so I start using powerful painkillers; but nothing helps. Now, listen to this...

That's when a friend of mine convinced me to try his doctor. I was skeptical at first. That new doctor did an exam, ran a few tests, and then "adjusted" me. The adjustment didn't hurt, it actually felt pretty good. And guess what? I started to get better right away. The pain I had been living with dramatically decreased. I felt so much better.

Oh, did I mention that doctor was a chiropractor? Chiropractic worked so well for me, and I was so excited and impressed with all the "miracles" I saw from chiropractic, that I finished my undergraduate schooling and headed to chiropractic school. And that's how it happened!

Mateo, the older boy in this photo, is my oldest son. He is 4 years old and gets adjusted on a regular basis. Dominic, my youngest, is 2 and also gets adjusted regularly. They are both very healthy boys. They rarely get so much as a cold and have never been on antibiotics.

When I tell other parents about their health, they say that is a miracle in itself. I could never imagine my children being plagued with poor health that would make me so sad. I must say that chiropractic has been a

blessing to our family.

A healthy family does NOT rely on medication to make them well. My family does not take medication to seek health and we don't have a "medicine chest" in our home. Due to years of advertising saturation from the pharmaceutical companies, most Americans seek health from outside-in and most families have a "medicine chest" filled with an average of more than 16 different medications. In an average year, the World



Health Organization (WHO) reported over 1.5 million hospitalizations due to medication. Last year, the WHO also reported 350,000 deaths due to medications people took... and 160,000 of these deaths occurred when the drugs were prescribed correctly. More people died last year from medications than at Pearl Harbor and Vietnam. Amazing, huh?

If drugs made people well, then those who took the most drugs would be the healthiest, but this simply isn't the case.

People are now beginning to understand that health comes from within. This is why chiropractic helps so many people. You see, God created a body that can heal itself. Your body doesn't need any help; it just can't have any interference. With chiropractic, we don't add anything to the body, or take anything

from it. We find interference in the nervous system and remove it, as a result enhancing the healing abilities of the body. We have helped numerous people with chronic pain, headaches, migraines, low back pain, neck and shoulder tension, sciatica pain, numbness and tingling in the arms and legs, and fatigue, and the list continues on. We get tremendous results...it really is as simple as that.

Here's what some of our patients have to say:

"I started working for Dr. Contreras and didn't know anything about Chiropractic. Soon after starting the job I found out that a lot of my health problems were directly related to my spine. I started care with Dr. C and "Oh My Gosh." The headaches, migraines and stomach problems are almost all gone and it's only been a month."  
Sarah T. of Livermore

"Today, after the help of chiropractic, the pain in my back has gone. I am more flexible. I don't take pain pills anymore. Before I also always had headaches, but I do not have them anymore. I sleep so much better now than I did before my treatments. I have more energy daily. I feel so much more alive!"  
Garry C. of Livermore

"I really appreciate the personal attention I've received. I feel like Dr. Contreras and the staff truly care that my health improves."  
Monica N. of Brentwood

NOW...Find out for yourself and benefit from our AMAZING OFFER. When you mention this letter by July 11, 2008, you'll receive a complete new patient consultation and examination and X-rays for only \$27 (regular cost \$219).

My assistants are Mandy and Sarah. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home here. Our office is called Contreras Chiropractic and is located at 4200 East Ave, Livermore. Our phone number is (925) 606-5490. Call Mandy, Sarah, or me today to make an appointment today.

God Bless,  
Dr. Gerardo Contreras  
Chiropractor of Children and Adults

# Jazz at the Pleasanton Library

Summer Saturday evenings will sizzle with the sound of Jazz at the Pleasanton Public Library. The Library is offering a series of after-hours concerts featuring young jazz artists with Pleasanton roots. Performances begin at 7 p.m. in the meeting room.

The series begins June 28th with Tyler Sussman on saxophone. His quartet will feature Jordan Hyde on guitar, Alex Spradling on bass, and Max Jaffe on drums. Tyler started playing clarinet and saxophone at Harvest Park Middle School. While attending Amador Valley, Tyler competed as part of the SFJazz All-Star High School Ensemble in the Essentially Ellington competition where he got his first taste of New York's music scene. After high school, Tyler attended the University of California Santa Barbara and studied Psychology. Although he continued to play in college, Tyler missed being surrounded by peers who were similarly enthusiastic about music. In January 2008, Tyler moved to Manhattan to immerse himself into New York's flourishing music scene. Throughout middle and high school, Tyler studied



Tyler Sussman to play.

with John Ingram, Joe Bonfiglio and Dann Zinn. Tyler's music fuses his early influences Miles Davis, Charlie Parker and John Coltrane with new sounds in electro, drum and bass, and hip hop.

The Jazz series will continue on July 26 with a trio, Isaac Schwartz, Jonathan Stein, and Ari Chersky, on August 2 the John Palowitch Quartet will play,

and the Jesse Scheinin Quartet will be featured on August 9th. All concerts are Saturdays at 7pm in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room. No reservations, no tickets, no cover charge.

Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Penny Johnson at 931-3405 for information. Pleasanton is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

# Camp Has Openings for Young Dancers

Valley Dance Theatre has a few openings in three of its four summer ballet camps for children, ages 3-9 years, in Livermore.

The first camp, *Peter & The Wolf*, will run from July 7-July 11, 2008. Children ages 3-6 years will meet from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Boys and girls ages 6-9 years will meet from 12:30-3:30 p.m. There are a few openings in both morning and afternoon sessions.

The second camp, *Carnival of the Animals*, will run from July 28-August 1, 2008. The morning session, for 3-6-year-olds, is full. Openings remain in the afternoon session, from 12:30-3:30 p.m., for children 6-9 years.

All sessions will include dance instruction, choreography, staging and performance. Each camp will culminate in a performance and reception for family and friends.

Camp fees are \$150 for one

camp and \$275 for both camps. A 5% family discount is available for each additional child. All sessions will be held at the Valley Dance Theatre studio, 2247 Second Street, Suite B, in Livermore, Calif. To register, call (925) 243-0925.

Valley Dance Theatre also offers year-round ballet classes for all levels, ages three years-adult, and boys' classes. Detailed information is available at [www.valleydancetheatre.com](http://www.valleydancetheatre.com).

# Murrieta's Well to Host La Luna Fridays

This summer, Murrieta's Well will again host La Luna Fridays. They will take place from 6pm to 9pm on the Friday closest to the full moon of each month, May through October. The events feature Spanish-inspired tapas and Murrieta's Well wines served on the terrace under the light of the full moon, accompanied by a new live musical performance every month.

"During the warm summer evenings in Livermore Valley, La Luna Fridays offer a special and romantic way to kick off the weekend," says Phil Wente, founder of Murrieta's Well. "The

elegant surroundings, engaging music, and delicious wine and tapas create a unique wine country way to end the work week."

Tickets are \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Silver Spur members. Reservations are required. Catering services are provided by Wente Vineyards. For reservations, directions, or

more information, please call (925) 456-2395 or visit [www.murrietawell.com](http://www.murrietawell.com).

La Luna Fridays 2008 Schedule: June 20th - Paul Snagg, Steel Drums; July 25th - Fred Musser & The Hurricane Band, Rock; August 15th - Tomás, Spanish Guitar; September 12th - TBD; October 17th - TBD

# Players Perform 'Extraordinary Life Of an Ordinary Man'

The Azusa Pacific College Players will present their dynamic and powerful production of "JOE-the Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man" on Monday, June 23 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church.

The two-act performance starts at 7:30 p.m. in the church's worship center at 3410 Cornerstone Court. It is a modern day retelling of a character similar to Job in the Bible.

Written and directed by Professor Brian Mercer, the production has toured throughout the Western United States. The Pleasanton performance is one of 100 performances that will be given this summer.

Mercer said, "'This is a true story, though Joe isn't a real person. Many of the short stories in this show are true in the sense that they actually happened in my life or the life of the people I've met along the way, but I'd like to think that all of these stories are also true in the sense that they capture the essence of what it is to have lived in America as a Christian in the second half of the 20th century.'"

There is no admission charge although an offering will be collected.

For information, please contact the church office at 925-846-4436.

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Sommerfest 2008** Saturday June 21, 6-10 p. m., Livermore Valley Plaza, 2400 1st Street, Livermore. Sommerfest is moving to the Livermore Valley Plaza right in front of the Bankhead Theater. Dance to Karl Leber's Band and see

Alpentänzer Schupplattler Bavarian folk dancers at this 23rd running of the event. Ticket includes sausages or hot dogs, potato salad, sauerkraut, strudel and a beer, wine or soft drink. Extra food and beverage can be purchased. All proceeds go to Livermore school's Arts Programs. Advance tickets will be at Bankhead Theater box office at a discount (\$29 adults, \$8 children 12 thru 6 yrs, kids free) 2400 1st Street, Livermore (925-373-6800, Mon-Sat, noon-6pm) or [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Tickets at event (cash only) are \$35-\$10-free. Entrance ticket is also the meal ticket. Advance tickets eat first. Call or visit box office for children's tickets.

**Thursday Night Music** at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards 6pm to 9pm, with performers changing weekly. 125th Anniversary Prix Fixe Dinner served nightly, \$125 per couple, \$62.50 per person, excluding tax, gratuity. The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For reservations call (925) 456-2400.

**Rumours**, Pleasanton Playhouse production, June 6-29, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton, 462-2121. [www.pleasantonplayhouse.com](http://www.pleasantonplayhouse.com).

**Livermore's Top Teen Poet** contest June 21, 1 to 4 p.m. Livermore Library, The Livermore Public Library, in cooperation with Livermore's Poet Laureate, Connie Post, will sponsor the event. For further information, please call 925-373-5504 or visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us).

**Garré Winery Vineyard Nights Live Music on the Patio**: schedule: June 20: Sinister Blue, blues, classic rock, rhythm and blues, horn band soul, country, progressive rock and punk rock; Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner; restaurant open 6pm, music 7-10pm. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925.371.8200. [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com).

**Part II "Previewing Summer Shakespeare"** 7-8:30 pm Monday, June 30. Presenters will focus on the upcoming Livermore Shakespeare Festival's summer productions of "Twelfth Night" and "The Compleat Works of WilmShkSpr (abridged)." Participants will meet directors, actors and designers, and enjoy previews of scenes from the plays. Presenters will be available after both sessions for discussion, questions and conversation. \$10 fee. To register, go to [www.laspositascollege.edu/community](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/community), call (925) 424-1467. The classes will be held in the 2400 building - room 2470. Students should park in lot E. While pre-registration is helpful, students may register the night of the class. For more information about the shows go to or call 925-443-BARD (2273).

**Summer Dinner and Movie** at Wente Vineyards, Mon., June 30, "Jurassic Park;" Mon., July 14, "Charlotte's Web;" Mon., July 28, "Elf (Christmas in July);" Mon., Aug. 18, "Back To The Future;" Mon., Aug. 25, "No Reservations;" Mon., Sept. 8, "Happy Gilmore." Cafe 6:30pm, Movie - Twilight The Lawn at Wente Vineyards. [www.wentevineyards.com](http://www.wentevineyards.com).

**Tuesday Tunes**, each Tuesday from June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm June-Sept., 5pm-8pm Sept. & Oct. Free live music at the Flag Pole Plaza & Livermore Plaza, Livermore Downtown, Inc. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com).

**Caroline Rhea**, stand-up comedian and actress, will be featured June 21, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$35. 973-ARTS or [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com).

**Performing Company Showcase**, Tiffany's Dance Academy, June 20, 7 p.m. \$16/\$20/\$28/\$36. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) 925-373-6800.

**Twinkle Star Showcases "Shine,"** Tiffany's Dance Academy, June 21 and 22, 10am/11:30am/1pm/2:30pm/4pm/5:30pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) 925-373-6800.

**Danville Fine Arts Faire**, June 21 and

22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hartz Avenue, Downtown Danville. Features the art of 200 talented artisans, Italian street painting, Culinary Arts Corner, continuous entertainment, kids' activities, gourmet food, fine wines & microbrews. Hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Danville. Free Admission and free shuttle service on Sunday provided by Diablo Lodge. For more information contact (925) 837-4400 or visit the festival web site at [www.mlaproducts.com](http://www.mlaproducts.com).

**The Concerts at Wente Vineyards 2008**: Schedule: June 24th: Earth, Wine and Fire; July 8th: Chris Isaak; July 21st: Lynyrd Skynyrd; July 22nd: Clint Black; July 30th: Boz Scaggs; July 31st: Lyle Lovett; Aug. 4th: Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons; Aug. 5th: Huey Lewis & The News; Aug. 20th: Dana Carvey; Aug. 28th: Chicago; Sept. 2nd: Bonnie Raitt; Sept. 3rd: Willie Nelson; Sept. 17th: Foreigner. Choose either a four-course dinner in the award-winning The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, followed by reserved, stage-front seating, or a gourmet buffet-style dinner at tables of ten on the lawn. To find out more information about The Concerts, visit <http://www.wentevineyards.com/concert.asp> or call (925) 456-2424. Tickets are also available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Mitchell Katz Winery**, new wine release event, Sat., June 21, noon to 5 p.m. New wines: '06 Merlot, Falling Star Vineyard; and '06 Petite Sirah, Falling Star Vineyard. Live music, heavy appetizers, keepsake glass, various varietal tasting. No reservation required. \$20 per person. 1188 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. [www.mitchellkatzwinery.com](http://www.mitchellkatzwinery.com).

**Brigadoon**, Diablo Light Opera Company kicks off 50th anniversary celebration with the Diablo Symphony performing Lerner and Loewe's first major musical. 7 p.m. June 28, 2 p.m. June 29 at Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$20-\$43. 943-7469. [www.dloc.org](http://www.dloc.org).

**Charity concert fund-raiser** Sat., June 28 at Wente Vineyards. Partnership involving the Wente Family Estates and Freshwater Haven, a nonprofit human rights organization. Rock, folk, classical music, jazz and other genres. It will begin at 1 to 3 p.m. in the Tesla Room of the Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Special guest will be author and Tapes-tries of Hope director Michealene Cristini Risley, who will speak at the event. Ticket donation levels are \$25, \$100 and \$500 to meet a fund-raising goal of \$10,000. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the making of Tapes-tries of Hope, a human rights movie, whose partners include the United Nations. The money will be used to clear post production costs and ready the film for premiere at a film festival, as well as a high profile distribution deal. Tickets at <http://shop.rawpp.com>.

**San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park** production of Pericles for three week-

ends beginning Saturday, June 28, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. Performances will take place Saturday and Sunday evenings through July 13, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road. Pericles is the story of a young man, Prince Pericles, who embarks on an epic journey that ultimately triumphs good over evil. The cast of 11 actors portray numerous roles and play live music throughout the show, including folk, country and bluegrass tunes. Admission is free. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts event. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

**Shakespeare**, Tickets are now on sale for Livermore Shakespeare Festival's summer productions running in repertory July 10 - August 2 at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. "The Compleat Works of Wilm ShkSpr (abridged)" runs July 10, 11, 12, 24, 26 and Aug. 1. "Twelfth Night" runs July 17-20, 25, 27, 31 and Aug. 2. All performances begin

at 7:30 pm. Picnic grounds open at 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased at (800) 838-3006 for \$30/\$25, with July 10 and 17 previews at \$20, and the July 11 gala opening at \$50/\$45. For more information or to buy online, go to [www.livermoreshakes.org](http://www.livermoreshakes.org).

**The Doors Legacy Band**. Presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts program, July 12, 8:00 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road Pleasanton. Tickets: \$18. 925-931-3444. [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

**8th Annual Downtown Summer Wine Stroll**, 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, Pleasanton Downtown Association event. Over 25 members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will showcase their wines throughout the downtown at various locations. Each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map. Only 1000 tickets are available for \$25 per person. They will be sold in advance through Wednesday, July 16. For more information, contact Nickie Hoppe at (925) 484-2199.

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Dean L. Woodbridge, 579 Colusa Way, Livermore CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Dean Woodbridge  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 1, 2008. Expires May 1, 2013.  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Suzanne C. Schorr  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Felipe B. Flores  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2013.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411151

The following person (s) doing business as: Integrity Construction, 1620 Arroyo Rd., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Pat Ansuini Jr., 1620 Arroyo Rd., Livermore CA 94550  
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Pat Ansuini Jr.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2008. Expires May 22, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No. 2337. Publish June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411708

The following person (s) doing business as: Castle Comforts, 1891 2nd Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Duthie Ventures, Inc., 1891 2nd Street, Livermore CA 94550  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/James W. Duthie  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2008. Expires June 5, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No. 2338. Publish June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 412032-412033

The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Checkers Catering, 2) Checkers Catering and Special Events, 83 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Denise Slavitt  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2008. Expires June 11, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No. 2339. Publish June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411811

The following person (s) doing business as: Bollinger Nail Salon, 310 Main Street #D, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
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# REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES

## Yes, There Is Help for Cash-Strapped Homebuyers

By Cher Wollard

Even with lower housing prices, buyers – especially first-time homebuyers – fear they won't have enough money for a down payment and closing costs. However, there are solutions.

"Homebuyers' assistance is alive and well," says Randi DeHollander, a certified Housing Assistance Program Specialist and loan officer with Vintage Mortgage. "There is plenty of money available for qualified homebuyers who fit the criteria for either first-time buyers or low- to moderate-income buyers."

DeHollander, who co-authored the class that certifies mortgage and real estate professionals in this important field, explained that the state, the county and even cities including Livermore and Pleasanton, have programs that can help certain buyers with money for down payments and closing costs.

Loan officers who know how these plans work can help qualified buyers obtain up to five layers of assistance to make the home affordable. "The thing I like about these programs is they are meant to create strong communities. Home ownership strengthens communities," DeHollander said.

Jo Ann Luisi, a Realtor with Alain Pinel in Livermore, has recently helped clients purchase homes using these programs. One bought a home in Hercules. "That was incredible. The city was so helpful. We got so much money for our client," she said.

The second, a first-time homebuyer over age 55, purchased a house in the Somerset development in Brentwood using a California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) first mortgage, and funds from both the High Cost Area Home Purchase Assistance Program (HiCAP) and the California Homebuyer's Down Payment Assistance Program (CHDAP).

"It was really smooth and he is just happy as a clam there," she said.

But as with all good things, there are restrictions, and those restrictions vary from program to program.

Some down payment assistance programs are specifically designed for first-time homebuyers. Yet even the definition of who that is depends on which program you are looking at. Under federal rules – which many local agencies also use – a first-time homebuyer is someone who has not owned a home or held a mortgage in the last three years.

Some programs do not require the borrower to be a first-time homebuyer. However, they do have strict income guidelines. That means that in order to qualify, borrowers must make enough money to afford the loans, but not more than the criteria set for moderate-income homebuyers. And, when it comes to those criteria, each program has its own guidelines.

Gertha Davis, a Realtor with Windermere East Bay, completed two such transactions in Livermore last month.

"Both deals got done, but they took a little longer than usual," she said. Her clients qualified for some, but not all of the assistance programs, and finding out which ones would work was a challenge. "We would start with programs, then have to abandon them and go with something else," she said. "My advice would be to use a lender who has experience in this area."

DeHollander agrees. "There are more than one set of eyes, more than one set of qualifying criteria, each with its own underwriter. There is a lot of money available for people who care to access it."

So how do prospective homeowners find out if they qualify for these programs? The process begins by sitting down with a loan officer who understands the layering process. Many programs, in fact, require that borrowers go through a mortgage specialist on their approved list.

The loan officer will do a pre-qualification assessment. The borrower should be prepared to share information and documentation of income, debt and assets.

The loan officer should start by looking at all four or five layers of financing, and work backwards from there, weeding out those that the client does not qualify for.

The maximum income allowed for by the most flexible programs is currently 140 percent of the Area Median Income, which is \$86,100 in Alameda County. That means a borrower seeking a first mortgage through CalHFA, for example, could make up to \$129,540 per year, depending on size of household.

The most restrictive programs, however, have income limits of only 80 percent of AMI, which would be only \$68,888 in this county. The City of Livermore program guidelines go to \$108,600 for a family of five.

Some entities offering assistance include income from all adult wage earners in the household, even those not on the loan. Some don't. Many require borrowers to attend a class on homeownership. Most, if not all, require them to live in the property.

What would five layers of financing look like? It might start with a first mortgage through FHA or CalHFA. Then up to 4 percent toward the down payment through a deferred-payment HiCAP loan, which would not have to be repaid until the house were sold or the first mortgage paid off or refinanced.

The third and fourth layers might be similar deferred- or partially deferred-payment loans from the city. And the final layer could be another 3 percent toward down payment or closing costs through CHDAP.

Despite the complicated nature of such transactions, Luisi is enthusiastic about the potential benefits. "Every client I get, the first thing I think of is 'let's see if you qualify for down payment assistance.' That's prior to even looking for houses," she said.

Davis agrees. "I think it is a viable solution," she said. "It makes affordable home ownership more of a possibility for those for whom it may have been out of reach before."

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.

## More News and Notes

**Windermere Real Estate** welcomes Penny Piston, who has left her post as former owner of an Intero brokerage in Pleasanton to join Windermere's Northern California network. Piston stated, "I have always worked with Windermere's Relocation company in Washington and knew of the company's flawless reputation and industry-leading standards."

Piston holds the CRS, ABR, ePro, GRI and CRB designations. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Piston has built a strong real estate business throughout the East Bay through her professional and community ties. As a court appointed special advocate for children in Alameda and Contra Costa County, Ms. Piston works closely with the foster care program in the region. "It was very important for me to align myself with a company with the same community goals and professional values. With this family-oriented office and proven marketing solutions, Windermere is clearly the right next-step for me."

For information about Windermere Welcome Home contact Penny Piston at 925-202-5031.

**Ginny Reeves**, a Contra Costa County resident since 1970, has joined J. Rockcliff realtors as a Real Estate Broker in the Danville office. Ginny specializes in real estate in the South Walnut Creek, Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville and San Ramon areas. She has marketed real estate in the San Ramon Valley for the past 30 years and has been a Real Estate Broker since 1983.

Ginny has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University and was a teacher previous to her real estate career. She and her husband Don, a financial planner, raised three children in the San Ramon Valley School District where Ginny served as Alamo School's PTA president. They are also active at Blackhawk Country Club. Ginny can be reached at 925-855-4114.

**Realtor/Associate Sandy Cosgrove** has joined J. Rockcliff Realtors. Sandy specializes in home sales in Alamo, Blackhawk and Danville.

She has been a member of Blackhawk Country Club for 17 years, is Vice-Chair and Interim President of Blackhawk Scholarship Fund and Past President of Blackhawk Women's Club. Contact Sandy Cosgrove at 925-819-1525 or email scosgrove@rockcliffrealtors.com.

## Art Glass Exhibit Opens in Pleasanton

Worthington Gallery West recently opened Glass Fantastic!, an exhibit of museum-quality art glass.

The exhibit at Worthington West, at 739 Main Street, Suite J in downtown Pleasanton, which runs from June 21 through August 2, will highlight the history and techniques of art glass in a variety of media, including two and three-dimensional work and paperweights. Many of these pieces will be for sale in a range of prices.

Artists perform a delicate dance to turn molten glass into fantastic forms and sculptures. This marriage of fire, sand, and minerals is a hands-on art that has grown immensely in popularity. A leader who has taken art glass to international stardom is Dale Chihuly, currently showing at San Francisco's De Young Museum.

Here in the Bay Area there are glass artists who will be showing at Worthington Gallery West. Gallery owner Claudia Hess, herself an art glass and paperweight collector, is an art historian who has assembled a group of artists ranging from pioneers of studio glass art to the younger generation on the cut-



Lion Fish glass sculpture by Shawn Tsai, part of the Glass Fantastic! exhibit at Worthington Gallery West in Pleasanton.

ting edge of design and material use. Artists represented include Michael Nourot, Union Street Glass, Jenkins Studio, Rick Satava, Tivol Studios, Lionel Chapital, Josh Hershman, Zina Fattah, Pinzette Glass, Pizichillo

and Gordon, and more.

Gallery owner Claudia Hess commented on the exhibit. "This is an exciting, colorful show. The artists' will dazzle you with what they can make out of glass. Most of the time, we have to tell people, 'Yes! This is really made out of glass!'"

There will be an exhibit open house from 3 to 6 pm on Saturday, June 21, offering a chance for attendees to meet some of the artists. During the exhibit, the glass artists will periodically be at the gallery for demonstrations of their techniques. Visit the gallery's website for further information.

In conjunction with the exhibit and as part of her Art Collecting 101 Series, Hess will present "Paperweights: History and Examples" on July 26 from 3 to 4 pm. The presentation is open to the public and free of charge; reservations are requested.

Worthington Gallery West, located at 739 Main Street, Suite J, is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm and by appointment. For more information, call 925-485-1183 or wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net.

## Saturday Salon At 4th Street Studio

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore. Readers have up to ten minutes to read.

The public is welcome.

This month's salon is "A Yes will Bloom kind of Day at Night" to celebrate James Joyce—Molly Bloom's creator. . . yes we shall gather at the studio and you might wear a red yes and kiss the words inside the asbestos tiled building and you might even kiss your own words yes might as well yours as another's yes as words bloom like mountain flowers yes and you wrap your arms around you and smell the perfumed words yes and your heart will go like mad and you will say yes I will yes I will yes (yes)."

Bring a nosh and something to drink to share.

Contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 with questions.

## Danville Fine Arts Faire This Weekend

The Danville Fine Arts Faire will be held June 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Hartz Avenue in Danville.

There will be one-of-a-kind art created by artists from around the country. From rainbow colored glassware, to unique jewelry, paintings in oil or watercolors, photographs, and ceramic creations will be offered.

Street artists will create works of art on the pavement using chalk. Food will be available for purchase. Cooking demonstrations and a beverage garden round out the activities. A wide variety of music will be offered at the street corner concerts.

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## Wine and Song Make An Enchanted Evening

by Susan Steinberg

The weather gods must really love opera, because they arranged the most perfect afternoon for Livermore Valley Opera's annual "Opera in the Vineyard" gala last Sunday.

Cedar Mountain Winery hosted the lively party, which saw guests enjoying a wide variety of gourmet picnic fare, CMV's fine wines, and an irresistible array of luscious desserts. High spirits animated the raffle process as well as a silent auction for donated gifts and services.

But the heartiest audience response was saved for the many talented performers, including mood-setting jazz keyboardist Frederic Zimmerman, jazz/blues singer Anna Steiger, and the Persian accordion and guitar duo of Ardalan Payvar and Arash Sobhani.

Delighted audience applause greeted three popular stars of LVO's "Carmen," each of whom offered a range of vocal selections from serious opera arias to familiar show tune classics. Barrel-chested tenor Ben Bongers

(Carmen's Don José) proved he needed no microphone as he belted out a rousing "La Donna e Mobile," the heartbreaking "Vesti La Giubba" and a gorgeously lyrical "Recondita Armonia." Then he tossed in the upbeat surprise of "On the Street Where You Live" just for good measure.

LVO's sultry Carmen herself, Raeeka Shehābi-Yagmai, not only reprised her famously seductive "Habenera," but also embodied the lovesick young pageboy Cherubino in Mozart's "Voi Che Sapete," and the hysterically drunken heroine of "La Perichole," finishing with a soulfully blues-y rendition of "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man of Mine." Wow!

Pert blonde Elizabeth Russ, who played the gypsy Frasquita, also demonstrated multiple talents, going from the girlish trills of Gounod's "Juliette" to Baby Doe's lamenting "Willow Song," and a hauntingly poignant "If I loved You."

Ensembles were also lively and memorable, from the

"Flower Duet" (Delibe's Lakmé) and "Traviata's" hearty "Libiamo" to the rollicking Champagne Song ("Fledermaus"), with guests and singers clinking glasses in merry unison.

A most appealing aspect of the program was the informal camaraderie of the performers with their audience. Carmen probably raised the temperature by several degrees when she sashayed playfully around male listeners, or stumbled off the stage in a mock-drunken stagger as La Perichole.

Best of all, the intimate setting allowed for great rapport, as each singer introduced arias by describing the situation, the action, and the mood, so listeners could understand and empathize without knowing the exact words.

Only in wine country, and with such an enthusiastic Opera Guild, generous hosts, and good-natured professionals, could such a superb event flourish in such a small community. Bravo to all those who made it possible, and here's hoping it continues at least another 15 years!

## Rose Hotel Offers 'Operation Hometown Welcome'

On July 4, The Rose Hotel will begin its fourth year of *Operation Hometown Welcome*. The program was launched on Independence Day 2005 to welcome Tri-Valley servicemen and women as they return home from service in Iraq or Afghanistan. This year, the program will be expanded to include service personnel returning from any overseas, unaccompanied (without families) tour of duty. To qualify, service personnel simply need to verify eligibility with a copy of his or her orders.

*Operation Hometown Welcome* includes a gift certificate

for night's stay at The Rose Hotel to be used within a year of homecoming, a celebratory bottle of champagne and an elegant continental breakfast. In addition, each participant receives an official NFL football autographed by John Madden from Goza Gear, an Operation Hometown Welcome T-shirt and a gift certificate toward luxury treatment at MD Spa on Main Street.

"To date, we have hosted 73 servicemen and women through Operation Hometown Welcome," says General Manager Phylis Grisham. "We're happy

to be able to expand this program to include more of our Tri-Valley neighbors who have sacrificed the comfort of home and family to serve our country and keep us safe."

Operation Hometown Welcome is one of The Rose Hotel's three programs that support the United States military. *The Greatest Generation* is a special event honoring World War II veterans and is held in conjunction with Pleasanton's Veterans Day Parade in November.

Operation DVD is the ongoing collection of new and used DVDs that are shipped to service personnel on active duty and in military hospitals as well as to their families.

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# Seniors Send Messages to the Future

By Victoria Kamerzell

On June 6, 2008, the residents of Vineyard Village's senior community in Livermore reburied a time capsule originating in 1985 that they had resurrected last December. Residents of the facility organized a party to celebrate the event.

"Seniors are very important people; some people want to put you on a shelf and leave you there. Really, it's the beginning," manager Ernestine Giddens said in a speech preceding the capsule's burial. The poignancy of Ernestine's message did not seem lost in the crowd. Most of the residents seemed to acknowledge that when the capsule would be reopened again in 2028, none of them would be alive.

Socorro Herrera is a resident at the facility. Before coming to Vineyard Village, Socorro ran her Livermore business, Cora's Custom Cakes. Since moving to the facility in 1997, Socorro has baked a cake every month. For the capsule she baked a cake decorated with a small black ball; a nod to the facility's maintenance man who also happened to discover the original time capsule.

Socorro says she regrets the fact that she didn't write a letter for the capsule. If she had written a letter, she would have told the future residents that she wished she could have lived to bake the reader one of her famous cakes.

Phyllis Baker has lived at Vineyard Village for twenty-six years. She moved into the facil-

ity while she was in her thirties to receive extra care due to a physical handicap. She tearfully recapped her experience, "I've known a lot of beautiful people; some of them have passed on, some are in nursing homes . . . Being that I was so young when I moved in (I found that) they had a lot of wisdom."

She said that if she could send a message to the next generation of seniors she would advise them to get involved with other seniors. Several other residents echoed her message. Fellow resident Marion Tully urges seniors "to mingle with people so they aren't lonely and alone."

The capsule included letters that the current residents wrote

to the people who would later inhabit their rooms. In the letters the residents wrote about their past professions, their religion and their life. Among the 72 residents they have 108 children, 205 grandchildren and 101 great-grandchildren.

Resident Carolyn Cooper wishes that Livermore had more senior housing. "If more seniors could have quarters like these to live in, it would make their life so much better," said Carolyn. She said that Vineyard Village's low-density made the facility especially appealing. All of the residences are one story and the facility is fully landscaped.

A board of directors oversees

Vineyard Village. Several of the board members attended the ceremony. Board member Herbert Newkirk emphasized Livermore's need for more senior housing. He estimated that Vineyard Village has a waiting list of 100-200 people.

"The senior population is growing. We need to find a place for them," said board member Larry Levin. The board has looked at potential sites for additional low-income housing for seniors. Part of the funding for these facilities comes from development fees. Since the housing market has been in a decline, this source of funding has been hurt, noted Herbert.

## Free Rides on Transit Systems on June 19

Bay Area commuters can circle Thursday, June 19 on their calendars and get ready to plan their free trip on transit. June 19 is the only day this year that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will provide free rides on the region's 30 transit systems.

Wheels is among the transit agencies participating in the program.

Transit will be free all day on Bay Area bus and light-rail systems, and until 12 noon on AirBART, BART, Caltrain, the ACE train, Amtrak Capitol Corridor trains, and on the Golden

Gate, Alameda-Oakland, Alameda-Harbor Bay and Vallejo ferries. This marks the first year that Amtrak Capitol Corridor has participated in the Bay Area's free transit day campaigns.

The June 19 date for free Bay Area transit coincides with the third annual "Dump the Pump" day, a national promotion sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association to encourage the use of transit.

The single free day reflects an expansion of the Spare the Air program into a campaign focused on reduction emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollution every day.

The goal of the free transit day

is to have residents try Wheels on June 19 and then stick with it. Cars are the Bay Area's number one source of both air pollution and greenhouse gases.

Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and make the Earth warmer are often called greenhouse gases. An average increase in the Earth's temperature causes changes in the climate such as changes in rainfall patterns, a rise in sea level, and a wide range of impacts on plants, wildlife, and humans.

For more information about the Spare the Air program, go to [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

For information about Wheels routes and schedules, call 455-7500 or go to [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com).



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