



Check Out The Independent's second section.

Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education features, as well as the arts and entertainment and bulletin board listings.

County Fair Opens On July 1

The Alameda County Fair will take place from July 1 to July 19 (closed on Mondays) at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Designed to offer, "something for everyone," the fair boasts a number of amenities and attractions, including: animal husbandry education, livestock shows and judging, horse racing, food-eating contests, petting zoo, roller derby, cultural activities and more. The Fair is celebrating its 97th year.

Top 10 Recommendations for a great time are as follows:

1. Pig Races – The only place to see the ever popular pig races, they are a fair favorite and the most taken picture at the Fair!
2. Fireworks – This is one spectacular show with a long grand finale that can't be missed. July 3rd at 9:15pm.
3. Carnival Rides - Grand Carousel, Himalaya, Cyclone, Wacky Worm, Fun Mardi Gras, Orient Express are ridden over and over again by the thrill seekers.
4. Live Horse Racing – With the view of the gorgeous golf course and palm trees waving in the wind, nothing beats the crowd cheering when a favorite wins at break neck speed on the Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America.
5. Fourth of July – It's a day long BBQ with "picnic-ers" stak- (See FAIR, page 12)

EBRPD Seeks Input on Ridge Park Planning

The East Bay Regional Park District is writing a new Land Use Plan (LUP) for Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park in Pleasanton. Park District planners are holding a public meeting on Monday, June 29, at 7 pm at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. The public is invited to attend this meeting to learn more about the park, planning process, and to share ideas.

The final Pleasanton LUP will set a long-term vision for recreational facilities and resource management at the park. Public input from park users is very important. Those who cannot attend the meeting are welcome to send comments to East Bay Regional Park District, c/o Julie Bondurant, Senior Park Planner, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 or by email to plan_pleasanton@ebparks.org.

More information can be found on the district's website at <http://www.ebparks.org/planning/lup#land> where notices and planning documents will be posted when available.

Mendenhall Headstone To Be Brought Back

The Heritage Guild recently learned that the headstone for William Mendenhall Sr. turned up on a piece of property about to be sold in southern California. The owners are willing to donate the headstone to the Guild. Mendenhall was reported to be the first person buried at Oak Knoll (See HEADSTONE, page 2)

Zone 7 Launches Water Conservation Plan

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency is embarking on an overall water conservation plan designed to prepare for the droughts that may become more frequent under global warming.

The plan will save money for Zone 7 over the years, because it will reduce demand for future water supplies. Rights to the water that may become available from Central Valley water districts in the future continue to rise in price. Zone 7 wants to help customers make more ef-

ficient use out of water now and in the future.

Directors voted 4-1 at their meeting June 17 to spend \$612,000 on a one-year pilot program. It was short of the \$730,000 budgeted. The agency's water conservation coordinator, Robyn Navarra, said it is difficult at this point to provide an exact estimate of the costs of variables, such as how many customers will seek rebates for converting to more efficient washers and toilets.

Also part of the program will

be plumbing retrofits and water efficiency surveys conducted on large irrigation systems, and commercial, industrial and institutional buildings.

SCHOOLS SINGLED OUT FOR HELP

There will be a special program for schools, since they are in tough times now financially. One school in each of the four water retailers' areas linked to Zone 7 will receive free water use audits and hardware retrofits. This not only saves the schools money, but also directly shows

students the importance of water conservation, said Navarra.

Helping the schools with water efficiency would be "the right thing to do for the schools in our community," said Navarra.

As part of the conservation push, the directors approved in the same motion the authorization of \$94,000 to hire Spot Water Management to conduct surveys of large irrigation areas, and provide advice about improving efficiency.

Commercial water irrigation is about 50 percent of all com-

mercial water use, and 14 percent of total Valley water use.

The irrigation use can be improved was noted by Pleasanton operations services manager Steve Cusenza. He told the board that in the 1990s, there was a problem in Hacienda Business Park, with sprinklers shooting water out into the streets in obvious waste. Talks with businesses brought about a radical change. The water lines were buried underground. All irrigation occur at the plants' roots, with no water on (See ZONE 7, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Runners head down Main Street during the annual Pleasanton Spirit Run. The Father's Day tradition, presented by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, has continued to grow as runners, families and kids participate in either a 10K or 5K run or the kids' challenge. Proceeds support the Club's scholarship program.

Justices Hear Oak Grove Arguments

By Ron McNicoll

A decision is expected before the end of September in the lawsuit over whether a referendum on the proposed 51-home Oak Grove development on 497 acres in Pleasanton's south hills was valid.

Oral arguments were heard by the state appellate court June 19. Jennifer and Frederic Lin, who are brother and sister, are owners of the Oak Grove land. They sued the Pleasanton city clerk and referendum-petition leader Kay Ayala, a former city councilmember in December 2007. The Lins wanted to keep the referendum off the ballot.

The Lins' attorney contended that Ayala's and her group failed to carry all relevant documents to block the zoning for the property. The development had been approved on a 4-1 vote, with Cindy (See OAK GROVE, page 4)

Plant Debris Banned from County Landfills

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board, also known as StopWaste.Org, has banned plant debris from landfills in the county. Affected materials include grass, leaves, shrubbery, vines, tree branches and plant trimming.

Each year, up to 100,000 tons of plant debris ends up in County landfills as a result of landscapers, businesses and residences failing to separate plant debris from garbage, according to StopWaste.Org estimates. If that plant debris were separated and

composted instead of landfilled, farmers and landscapers could use it to enrich soils and grow healthier crops and plants.

The Plant Debris Ban ordinance is currently in effect. Warnings may be issued to those who fail to separate and handle plant debris properly, starting October 1, 2009. Fines may be issued to those who do not separate their plant debris, starting January 1, 2010.

"The ordinance is part of our long-term strategy for a sustainable local economy," said Gary Wolff, Executive Director of

StopWaste.Org. "It will help meet the demand for compost on California urban landscapes, orchards and vineyards, while reducing the amount of plant debris that needlessly ends up in landfills."

Plant debris recycling has great potential to help Alameda County meet its voter mandated goal of reducing the amount of waste going to landfills by 75 percent. The Plant Debris Ban ordinance applies to people and businesses that generate or haul plant waste, including landscapers.

"Most people and businesses have been keeping plant debris separate and placing it in a green cart or delivering it to the 'clean green' area at a disposal facility," said Tom Padia, Source Reduction and Recycling Director at StopWaste.Org. "However, large quantities of plant debris are occasionally contaminated with small amounts of trash or other noncompostable material. Then the whole load becomes 'garbage'. We need people to ensure that they or the people who help clean their yards keep (See LANDFILLS, page 2)

Pleasanton To Kickoff School Fundraising

The Pleasanton Unified School District, in partnership with the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) foundations, will host a kickoff event for the I Love Pleasanton Schools - Save Our Schools Now! (ILPS) fundraising effort on Thursday, June 25, 6 - 7:30 p.m., on the quad at Amador Valley High School.

The entire community is invited to come to show support for the drive. There will be food (for purchase), student musicians, information regarding the ILPS effort, and comments provided (See SCHOOL, page 4)

Council Upholds Tenuta Appeal

The Livermore City Council sided with winery owner Nancy Tenuta in her appeal of a Planning Commission decision.

The Planning Commission had set restrictions on her operation, which she said would put her out of business. The restrictions were limitations on the

number of events, denial of a bed and breakfast and the opportunity to provide cooking classes.

Tenuta Winery, operating under a conditional use permit (CUP) granted by the City of Livermore, is located in Kalthoff Common on a 20-acre parcel. It (See APPEAL, page 4)

Retirees Raising Legal Funds

The UC Livermore Retiree Group has formed a fund to support possible legal action against the University of California for what it calls the "illegal dumping" of Lab retirees out of UC health plans and into those of the new Laboratory contractor, Lawrence Livermore National Security.

In a widely circulated email titled, "Where the Rubber Meets the Road," Joe Requa, head of the Livermore Retiree Group,

asked for donations from retirees who are willing to help him get professional legal advice and service.

Livermore Retiree Group has been "working with two local lawyers and their law firms" as well as an investigative law firm from Pittsburgh, Pa. "We are at the point we need to commit to paying for legal services," Requa said.

The three law firms deal with (See FUNDS, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Livermore Sommerfest was held last Saturday at The Barn. The traditional German festivity featured food, drink, music and dance. In the photo, the Golden Gate Bavarian Dancers entertain the audience.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Come a-Waltzin' Matilda! Matilda is a beautiful girl with long hair she loves to have brushed. She is charming and independent, and would love a quiet house where she is the boss. To meet Matilda, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Matilda and all her friends will be attending the Great Catsby Casino Night fundraiser on July 18. Buy your tickets online at www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more information.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Downtown Inc., producers of the Livermore Certified Farmers Market, dedicated the June 18 "Thirsty Thursday" wine event to the memory of Gloria Retzlaff Taylor. Retzlaff Vineyards was home to the Livermore Shakespeare Festival for several years. Livermore Downtown Inc. plans to give 10% of the proceeds from the wine sales at the June 18 Thirsty Thursday to Shakespeare's Associates in honor of Gloria Retzlaff Taylor.

Summer Marks Start of Spare the Air Season

The annual Spare the Air season has officially kicked off with four Spare the Air Days already declared by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District this year. The season runs May through October. Spare the Air advisories are issued when air quality is expected to be unhealthy due to high ozone levels.

"The Spare the Air season is a reminder for the public to be especially aware of their activities that affect air quality," said Scott Haggerty Alameda County Supervisor and a member of the Air District board of directors. "The major culprits are emissions from motor vehicles, but everything from operating gasoline powered gardening equipment to smoky BBQ grills produces air pollutants. This is especially critical in the Tri-Valley where bad air blows in from the West, combines with locally produced air pollution and high summer temperatures creating unhealthy air quality conditions."

This year a new program targeting Tri-Valley businesses, the Great Race for Clean Air Challenge will take place dur-

ing the months of August and September. "The Great Race Challenge is a fun and effective way for Tri-Valley public and private businesses to compete with each other to encourage their employees to experiment with alternative ways to get to work for a couple of months," said Haggerty. "Employees can use this as an opportunity to see what works best for them. Even if they use options such as carpooling or transit, rather than driving alone to work one or two days a week, this can have a great impact on improving air quality."

The Tri-Valley Air Quality Resource Team, comprised of members from local public agencies and private businesses and sponsored by the Air District, organizes and oversees the competition. This year local Chambers of Commerce are partnering with the Team to promote the program. The Great Race was launched in 2008 with trophies awarded to SuperGen of Dublin and AT&T in San Ramon. Employees are provided an on-line diary through www.511.org to track their activities with results

calculated at the end of the Challenge. Random prize drawings for participants are conducted throughout the Challenge. For more information on the Great Race for Clean Air Challenge send an email to sanderson@communityfocus.org or call 510-763-2500 ext. 1.

The Spare the Air program was established by the Air District about ten years ago to educate people about air quality and to encourage them to change their habits to avoid or reduce air-polluting activities. Motor vehicle use produces more than half of the greenhouse gas emissions in the Bay Area region. To sign up for Spare the Air alerts visit www.sparetheair.org.

To reduce auto emissions on Spare the Air Days, people are encouraged to do any number of things including using alternative modes of transportation such as transit, carools, biking and walking. Linking trips that require one trip for multiple errands and limiting travel to local destinations on Spare the Air Days helps minimize emissions.

Defense Budget Includes NIF Funds

The House Armed Services Committee approved H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, by a vote of 61 to 0. The full House will consider the bill later this summer.

H.R. 2647 authorizes \$550.4 billion in budget authority for the

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plant debris garbage free."

As part of a public education campaign, StopWaste.Org is rewarding randomly selected early compliers with discounts on fees at transfer stations and educational prizes, including tarps and gardening gloves. Starting next year, violators may be subject to citations and fines of \$100, \$200 or \$500 for first, second and additional violations within a year. Solid waste facilities may be subject to higher fines.

"The goal of the ordinance is compliance and environmental protection, not the collection of fines," Padia said.

For a list of items that can be composted, and for more details about prizes and penalties, go to www.StopWaste.Org or call toll-free, 888-893-9929.

Department of Defense (DoD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DoE). The bill also authorizes \$130 billion to support overseas contingency operations during fiscal year 2010.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher (Calif.), a senior member of the Committee and chair of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, secured funding for several projects at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

A list of those projects follows:

National Ignition Campaign is to receive \$22 million. This project will support the national effort, led by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, involving multiple Department of Energy laboratories, universities, and private industry to achieve fusion ignition for the first time in world history. The Ignition Campaign is a critical element of the National Nuclear Security Administration's stockpile stewardship program to support the U.S. nuclear test moratorium while maintaining confidence in the U.S. nuclear deterrent.

Counter-proliferation Analysis and Planning System (CAPS) for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory receives

\$20.1 million. This project will continue providing subject matter expertise for the Counter-proliferation Analysis and Planning System, which supports military planners and intelligence analysts in identifying facilities and buildings that are the critical nodes in the manufacturing process of Weapons of Mass Destruction. The program also performs analyses of the consequences of interdiction.

Improved Performance of ODS Ferritic Steels is targeted for \$2 million. This project will demonstrate the benefits of laser peening in the prevention of stress corrosion cracking and hydrogen embrittlement in new oxide dispersion strengthened (ODS) ferritic steels being developed for military and nuclear applications, to include the nuclear fusion-fission chamber of the Laser Inertial Fusion-Fission Energy (LIFE) Engine.

A detailed summary of H.R. 2647 as reported by the House Armed Services Committee is available at <http://armedservices.house.gov/>.

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Cemetery (in 1873).

(The cemetery was located on property that is now known as Boot Hill next to Granada High School.)

Right now, the local (El Monte) historical society is working with the homeowner to remove the headstone from the property (so the sale can proceed cleanly). The son of one of the Heritage Guild's volunteers will be driving through the area in about two weeks and will pick up the headstone and bring it to Livermore.

The Heritage Guild website provides more information about Oak Knoll Cemetery and the removal of the headstone.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Swent, Jr., of San Francisco, first saw the cemetery on April 14, 1956. At that time the desecration was appalling. Cattle were roaming over the graves, and grass was waist high. Mrs. Swent wrote to Maitland Henry and to Chester Langan, a descendant of William "Phil" Mendenhall, informing them of the condition of the cemetery. At that time the Swents took inscriptions from the four Mendenhall stones that could be found.

Langan made a trip to Livermore and discussed the condition of the cemetery with several people there. It was his feeling that nothing would be done about the conditions that then existed. He removed the stone of William Mendenhall who died on January 12, 1873 and was the first person buried in the "new cemetery at Oak Knoll," according to his obituary notice. This was evidently first the Mendenhall Family Cemetery, for Mendenhalls were buried there from November 25, 1855 when Sophia, daughter of Martin and Malvena Mendenhall was buried there. A copy of an old 1874 map in the possession of Mrs. Ralph

Newton of Livermore shows the cemetery surrounded by the land of William "Phil" Martin and Absolom Mendenhall. From the map, it would seem that the land came from either William "Phil" or Martin's land. However, a check of the records in the County seat should show which of the brothers gave the land for the cemetery.

Martin and Absolom were brothers of William M. Mendenhall, the founder of Livermore, so all three are the sons of the William. Martin owned what is now called Hagemann Ranch on Olivina from about 1869 through 1896.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Salary Cut Requested

As state legislators seek to fill a \$24-billion budget hole, Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, has requested a salary cut to help reduce expenditures.

DeSaulnier sent a letter Friday night to State Controller John Chiang asking for a 5 percent reduction in his annual \$116,208 salary effective July 1.

DeSaulnier's 5 percent salary decrease will save the state \$5,810 per fiscal year. If all legislators ask the same, the state will save more than \$233,000.

The California Citizens Compensation Commission, which sets legislative pay, has also ordered an 18 percent reduction. The additional cut will start going into effect in 2010, after the next class of lawmakers is elected.

In an effort to cut the California Senate's operating costs by \$10 million this coming fiscal year, the highest paid members of DeSaulnier's staff will be furloughed.

ENDORSEMENT

United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County Local 1230 has endorsed Democratic Senator Mark DeSaulnier for Congressional District 10. Local 1230 joins other Contra Costa County labor organizations in support of DeSaulnier for Congress, including the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council, International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1173, Boilermakers Union Local Lodge 549, Plumbers & Steamfitters UA Local 342, Plumbers & Steamfitters UA Local 159, and USW Local 1440.

State Senator Mark DeSaulnier is Chair of the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee and a candidate for Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher's seat in the 10th Congressional District.

LPC Foundation Directors

Four local community leaders have been named to the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors.

Neil Sol, vice president of outpatient services and program development at ValleyCare Health System; Janet Lockhart, former mayor of Dublin and the executive director of Dublin Partners in Education; Michelle Eldridge, area sales manager, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; and Kathleen Minser, government affairs manager, Waste Management.

"The 19 members of the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors work to raise awareness of, and financial support for, the college," said Board Chair, Charlene A. McKenney. "We are especially proud of the caliber of community leaders whom we are attracting as board members. All of us know that Las Positas College is a community asset that is worth our commitment of time and resources."

For additional information about the Las Positas College Foundation, please contact Ted Kaye, chief executive officer, at (925) 424-1010.

No Damage or Injuries from Fire

No structural damage has resulted from a fast moving brush fire that broke out at the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Site 300, an experimental testing facility located in San Joaquin county, about 15 miles east of the main lab site. It burned a total of about 2,173 acres.

The fire was spread by high winds, which pushed the flames eastward onto private property adjoining Site 300. It eventually reached Interstate-580 west of Tracy.

No injuries nor damage to structures was reported.

The fire began around 4:30 p.m. Laboratory emergency personnel and mutual aid fire units under the command of the California Department of Forestry responded. The fire was declared contained approximately three hours later.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Traffic Signals Activated

Two new traffic signals were activated on Wednesday, June 24 in Pleasanton

A traffic signal at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Pietronave Lane is designed to improve access to Vineyard Avenue for local residents, particularly during the morning and evening peak commute periods. A vertical grade at the intersection limits sight distance, prompting the need for a traffic signal.

The other traffic signal, at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Interstate 680 (Southbound) Ramps, will reduce the average delay at the intersection improving access and safety to I-680. The signal will also provide protected left turns for vehicles exiting or entering I-680.

City engineers, inspectors, contractors and subcontractors conducted final tests on the signals prior to its activation, including a thorough analysis of the vehicle detection system, signal timing and operations parameters, pedestrian push buttons, and an emergency vehicle preemption system that allows fire and police vehicles to turn a red light green for quicker response to an emergency situation.

The new signal at Vineyard Avenue and Pietronave Lane is also connected to the City's Traffic Operations Center, located in Pleasanton City Hall, through a wireless communications antenna located at the intersection. Upon activation, staff can remotely view fixed-in-place video detection cameras, modify traffic signal timing, and receive alarms and event notifications in real-time. While the new signal at Bernal Avenue and I-680 will be operated by Caltrans, the City has installed a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) camera at the intersection to monitor traffic conditions in the area.

EBRPD Campgrounds Named Among Best in Nation

The East Bay Regional Park District's three family campgrounds were named "best" in the nation according to ReserveAmerica's Camping Club, America's largest community of active family campers. The "Top 100 Family Campgrounds" were selected based on criteria requested by family campers including park amenities, beautiful outdoor scenery, and educational facilities.

The District's campgrounds at Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Del Valle Regional Park, and Sunol Regional Wilderness were among only eleven listed in California. The Park District reservation staff can attest to the popularity of these campgrounds. Weekends are already booked through the end of August. Staff says that this is the earliest in the season that sites have been booked this far in advance, which likely is a reflection on the economy and people opting for inexpensive vacations close to home. Plenty of sites are still available mid-week at all three locations. Also, cancellations do happen, so staff recommends checking the website often to see what is available. Campsites can be booked a maximum of 12 weeks in advance to as little as 24 hours.

Anthony Chabot - The Anthony Chabot Family Campground

has 75 reservable family camp sites. Of these sites, 12 have hookup RV accommodations for sewer, water and electricity. There are 53 drive-in sites with pads for tents, and 10 walk-in sites located 100 to 200 yards from the parking area. Campground is within 10 miles of golfing, fishing and boat rentals, and just four miles east of Oakland, six miles north of Castro Valley.

Del Valle - The Del Valle Family Campground has 129 drive-in campsites, and 21 partial hook-up sites for RVs, sewage and water only. All 150 sites have one 10-foot picnic table and a fire ring/barbeque. Walking access to Lake Del Valle for swimming, fishing, boat launch and boat rentals. Park is located six miles south of Livermore.

Sunol - The family campground has four primitive walk-in campsites located 25 to 50 yards from the parking area. The chemical toilets are located near the parking lot. No drinking water, food, showers, firewood, or ice is available at the park. The park is located about seven miles south of the town of Sunol at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road in southern Alameda County. Visitor center, nature programs, miles of trails, and equestrian trail rides within walking distance.

Camping reservations may be

made online for our three drive-in family campgrounds by clicking on the ReserveAmerica "Book Now" buttons below. A calendar system allows users to review individual campsites and available dates. Reservations may also

be made by phone by calling 1-888-EBPARKS (888-327-2757) and pressing option 2, then 1. Call between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays.

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EDITORIALS

Streamlined Grant Process

The Pleasanton City Council has voted to streamline the city's grant process into two categories, with the goal of making the process more inclusive.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan initiated the change. He called for a human services needs assessment.

The City Council has created two grant categories: housing/human services and civic arts/youth. The needs assessment study desired by Sullivan will move forward.

The improved process will enable Pleasanton to make best use of the limited funds. This was a streamlining that was much in order.

'Coffee With Cops'

The Livermore Police Department has begun a "Coffee with Cops" Saturday morning series.

The police get out among the people and chat from 9 to 11 a.m. in an atmosphere where all feel comfortable. The next coffee chat is scheduled for July 11 at Starbuck's, 101 East Vineyard, followed by one on August 22 at Starbuck's, 883 Airway Boulevard.

These chats contribute in a small but meaningful way to a civil community. They help humanize the relationship between police and citizenry. We hope Coffee with Cops becomes a permanent part of the police program.

APPEAL

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is the first winery built inside the city limits in the past 150 years. The winery has been in violation of its original CUP for sometime. The original CUP limited wine tasting to appointments only. The winery could host three regional events. Other events were banned.

Complaints from neighbors led the city to tell Tenuta she needed to comply with the CUP or request that it be changed.

The Planning Commission recommended allowing the tasting room to be open regular hours and to host eight annual events plus four special events, such as the wine harvest.

The city council voted to increase the number of events allowed by a 3 to 1 vote. Jeff Williams was opposed. He argued that Tenuta should work out issues with her neighbors. John Marchand, who volunteers at the winery, was recused from participating.

The new CUP, which will come back to the council for final approval, would allow four major events of up to 150 guests, such as weddings plus regional wine country events. The home could be converted into a four room bed and breakfast. Cooking classes would be allowed. Both the bed and breakfast and cooking classes will require additional permits, plus the addition of a commercial size septic tank system. The winery can also host 50 luncheons with a maximum of 30 guests, 22 marketing events limited to 50 guests, and five family events. No amplified music would be allowed outdoors. The 2-acre building envelope would need to be reconfigured to provide better parking.

In addition, the winery must upgrade to meet access, health and safety standards.

Tenuta is to hire an events manager to ensure that parking and noise standards are adhered to. In addition, the winery will be asked to provide a calendar of events to the city.

Councilmember Doug Horner made the motion. He said that the main issue with neighbors is the impact. He felt that the greatest impact came from the large events. "The problem is that staff and the Planning Commission are treating small and large events as equal. The fact is, large outdoor

SCHOOL

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by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman; Scott Raty, CEO and President of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce; Chris Grant, President, PUSD Board of Trustees; John Casey, PUSD Superintendent; and Jason Overman, representative from Senator Ellen Corbett's office; along with representatives from PPIE and PSEE. Donations will be accepted at the event.

The I Love Pleasanton Schools fundraiser will run through August 14, 2009. Funds are targeted for programs that were included for support by the parcel tax measure. These programs include class size reduction, reading specialists, counseling, and the elementary band and strings program.

The goal for the campaign is to raise \$2.8 million which would enable the foundations to fully fund the four areas. So far, PPIE, PSEE, and PUSD have received donations of over \$130,000.

PPIE has adopted class size reduction, reading specialists, and counselors as its primary focus. PSEE will concentrate on

events have a different impact than a small luncheon."

Mayor Marshall Kamena said the goal was to balance the interest and rights of not just Tenuta, but of the neighbors.

Tenuta said she felt the proposal suggested by the council was an agreement that would keep the winery economically viable. Starting and sustaining a winery represents a lot of hard work. I never intended to be anything but a good neighbor. She told the council that restricting events too much would cause economic harm. "I feel I would be out of business by the end of the year. Not every winery pursues the same business practices." She said that she uses small wine country themed events to market her winery and the area.

Many speakers, including other winery owners, spoke in support of her appeal.

Bill Webster from Little Valley Winery stated, "We have the right to expect Livermore to support wineries. Restricting activities would send a chilling message to other wineries." He said that the council should allow a reasonable number of events and a reasonable size.

Other supporters spoke of Tenuta's crush facilities, which have helped many fledgling wineries get started. In addition, she provides an opportunity for Las Positas College students to gain hands-on winery experience.

The council heard mixed reviews from neighbors. Mike and Anita Thompson said that they had moved to Kalthoff Common area for the wine country ambiance. "She knew the rules before she started to build. What she is doing is in the wrong place." They had no problem with a bed and breakfast or cooking classes. However, they felt activities went above what is allowed and they wanted activities at the winery scaled back.

Another neighbor, Susan Sol, offered a different perspective. "I purchased knowing what was going on." She had no problem with the activities.

Yet another neighbor, Matt Walker, was concerned about enforcement. "You can't enforce the current CUP," he told the council.

the elementary strings and band program.

Information is available at the new website located at www.ilovepleasantonschools.com. ILPS may also be found on Facebook and Twitter sites.

Donations may be made by visiting www.ppie.org (to support class size reduction, reading specialists, or counselors) or www.psee.org (to support elementary strings and band). Checks may be mailed to PPIE, 333 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566; PSEE, 351 Virginia Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566; or PUSD, c/o Public Information, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Donors may designate which programs they wish to support.

For further information, send an email to mail@ppie.org, denisewatkins@comcast.net, or publicinfo@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or call 925-426-4304.

Amador Valley High School is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan holds town hall meeting in Livermore

By Patricia Koning

Last week, assemblymember Joan Buchanan spent about two hours talking with some 30 Livermore residents at a town hall meeting. Buchanan, who was elected in 2008, represents the 15th Assembly District, which includes Livermore, Pleasanton, Stockton, and parts of Contra Costa and Sacramento counties.

Buchanan opened the meeting with some of her recent legislative successes. Her best day in Sacramento, she said, was when she won an appeal to the State Allocation Board for \$6.6 million in construction funding for the Lammersville School District in Mountain House. Lammersville was originally denied \$8 million in matching funds because it failed to turn in one form on an application.

Her second best day happened earlier this month when Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB-27, a bill authored by state senator Loni Hancock and championed by Buchanan in the Assembly. The bill bars the practice of consultants and retailers opening "shell" sales offices within a given city to reap large sales-tax rebates without actually moving their core operations. As a result of this legislation, the City of Livermore will receive over \$2 million in tax revenue that had been diverted to Fillmore in what Hancock described as "an outrageous scam."

Buchanan is currently working to secure stimulus funding for the Highway 4 bypass and prevent the Transmission Agency of Northern California from running

power lines through South Livermore. "If we can work closely with you and build coalitions, then we are doing something great for local communities and maximizing the use of taxpayer dollars," she said.

The discussion then turned to the state budget, or rather, the lack of a state budget. "The budget situation in California is probably as dark as it has ever been in my lifetime," said Buchanan. "We are in trouble, very big trouble."

First, she said, the legislature needs to bring the budget into check so the state can remain solvent. "Whatever we do has to be done as an urgency measure so it can take effect right away," she added. "It needs to happen by the end of the month."

Buchanan explained that she's behind a bill to bring performance-based budgeting to the state. "We need to change how we are budgeting and term limits," she added. "It's very clear that when you are in Sacramento for only six years you don't have the time to develop the knowledge and relationships to really solve problems."

This set off a lively discussion of the reasons behind the state's fiscal crisis and ways to save money. Suggestions from the audience included killing everyone on death row and taxing movie ticket sales. Blame was placed on "overpaid state workers with fat pensions" and illegal immigrants.

"I'm a CPA and I work with a lot of small businesses. We are all suffering now. Revenues are

dropping and businesses and families keep cutting expenses to survive. I think just like the citizens, the state government has to do the same," said George Carathimas, a Livermore CPA. "I think this is an opportunity for us to stop all these band-aid fixes."

Tamara Revs, who recently began working for the State Compensation and Insurance Department, pointed out that state workers often aren't paid at the same scale as people in the private sector. "I want to address those people who think it's all a big cash cow for people who don't do anything. People work very hard. Obviously there are people who take advantage of the system as with any large corporation," she said. "We're being furloughed right now. I see many people struggling because they are losing 10% of their pay."

Much of the discussion centered on schools, as the audience included many representatives of the Livermore schools, including Superintendent Brenda Miller, Livermore Education Association President Kathleen Reardon, and School Board members Anne White, Stu Gary, Kate Runyon, and Chuck Rogge. Prior to her election to the Assembly, Buchanan served on the San Ramon Unified School District's board for 20 years. She suggested that everyone call and write the Governor's office to let him know how devastating the proposed cuts to education will be.

One topic was Proposition 13, a 1978 ballot initiative that capped property taxes and initiated the two-thirds required ma-

jority in both legislative houses for future increases in all state tax rates. Prior to Proposition 13, school districts received much of their funding through local property taxes. Post-Proposition 13, schools get most of their funding from the state and are subject to the ups and downs of the state budget.

Buchanan thinks Proposition 13 needs to be changed to give school districts a stable, local source of revenue. However, it's a complex problem, she observed. "I don't think we can in 2009 go back to a system we had in 1978."

When asked about her stance on illegal immigration, Buchanan replied that this is a nation of immigrants. "We rely on immigrant labor to get our food to market and in our high-tech industries. We need to know who is in our country and we need to know what they are doing," she said. "I believe if we are going to solve the problem, the federal government has to do a good job at the borders—more than just for immigration, but also for drug trafficking. There are many reasons to do a better job."

One topic was off the table—Buchanan's bid for the Ellen Tauscher's seat in the 10th congressional district. While Buchanan formerly announced her campaign earlier this month, she could not discuss it at the town hall meeting as she was on official business for her current position in the California Assembly.

OAK GROVE

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McGovern against it.

The Lins won in superior court. Judge Frank Roesch ruled that Ayala's group failed to carry all the needed materials. Ayala then appealed Roesch's decision.

In addressing the appellate court, Lins' attorney, Andrew Sabey, stayed with the original argument that Ayala's group failed to carry all of the documents.

Sabey told the Independent, "The state elections code, 9238b is clear. You need to circulate full text of the law you seek to repeal." He said the group didn't do that.

Ayala's attorney, Ben Shatz, told The Independent that what counts is the text of the ordinance that was provided to Ayala by the city clerk. "Sabey looks at (the case) as a land-use lawyer. The issue on appeal is about a portion of the elections code. The statute

says you have to include the text of the ordinance. It applies to all sorts of things."

Ayala received about a 3-inch stack of papers from the city clerk to carry around with the petition. If it had to be done according to what Sabey argued, it would be a 3-foot stack, said Shatz.

"If the other side is right, it would be impossible to referend a PUD or anything with voluminous background. PUD reports go down to how many feet there are between fire hydrants. You care about 'Are they building there or not?', not about how high the lampposts are," said Shatz.

Shatz' reading of the three justices on the appellate court was that they seemed to be leaning his way. Typically justices write a draft of their decisions before the oral arguments. They want to get as much paperwork out of the way as possible, before

the clock starts running on their 90-day deadline for a decision, said Shatz. (Justices aren't paid, if any of their decisions were not made before the 90-day clock expires.)

Shatz said that the court's decision could become a precedent in California. He said that there have been cases lately about land-use referendums, including one in the Bayview district in San Francisco. If the court decides to publish the decision, it would stand as precedent.

AYALA 'OPTIMISTIC'
Ayala said that she was "very optimistic" about a decision in her favor, based on the questions from the justices. They seemed to direct most of their questions toward Sabey.

Shatz said he agreed. He said he was the lawyer who got a softball question from a justice.

Although Pleasanton's city clerk was sued for certifying petitions, city attorney Michael

Roush was in the audience at the hearing, not on the floor as part of the arguments. The city council voted 3-2 to keep him out of it. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, and councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio voted for the non-participation. McGovern and Matt Sullivan favored it.

ATTORNEYS' FEES ON APPEAL

Shatz said that the other aspect of the hearing on June 19 involved collecting attorneys' fees. The Lins in their suit contended that Ayala was lying about the development in her efforts to collect ignatures, said Shatz. Judge Roesch "agreed with us on the right to free speech".

However, Roesch did not award attorneys' fees to Ayala, something that normally is done for defendants who are vindicated as defendants in SLAPP suits.

ZONE 7

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the surface. It saves water, and therefore saves money.

Voting for the authorization of the water conservation program and the hiring of Spot Water were president Sarah Palmer and members Dick Quigley, John Greci, and Bill Stevens. Sandy Figuers was opposed. Directors Steve Kalthoff and Chris Moore were absent.

Figuers objected to the future consideration of a conservation program. It would pay for a series of five classes, at \$4000 each, by Green Plumbers. The organization instructs plumbers on ways to achieve more efficiency from their customers' plumbing.

Figuers said it would work much better if it were done on a statewide basis with the entire plumbing industry, at the time plumbers are beginning their apprenticeships. "It's the source where real change can occur,"

he said.

LITTLE IMPACT FROM CONSERVATION

Figuers also felt that such things as rebates for washers and toilets have not done much for water conservation. "As long as (water) is cheap, you won't change anything. People will just feel good (about conservation), but there is general inertia."

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig said that a California urban water group undertook a study that showed that over the past 15 to 20 years, there has been a reduction in water consumption. It has been more successful in southern California, where water agencies "have taken more steps."

Duerig added, "We don't have much choice. The Legislature is debating a law to force a plan by 2020." The plan would set maxi-

mum levels of daily water consumption, based on improvement from a baseline set in 2005.

With global warming expected to cause longer, more severe droughts, the entire state's water supply is under threat, including the Delta, where Zone 7 gets 80 percent of its water, said Duerig.

GREEN PLUMBERS PRES- ENT LIVERMORE SEMINAR

Not connected to Zone 7's considering of future funding of Green Plumbers seminars, Green Plumbers will have a seminar on July 11 in Livermore. The seminar is "Caring for Our Water." It will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 135 Lindbergh Ave., #C. The cost is \$175. However, the fee may be waived by employers paying into the state employee training tax fund. For more information, call Bill Lehtonen at

1-888-929-6207.

The course will include water efficiency products, new technology, reduction of household water consumption, storm water run-off pollution and prevention, and introduction to household water audits. Registration may be completed on-line at www.greenplumbersuse.com.

The organization is an accreditation and training program that "assists plumbers in understanding their role in the environment and public health," according to its web page. Its goal is to "train and deploy a green army of thousands of plumbers to promote the benefits of water conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions."

Pleasanton Keeps Services, Staff Intact

The Pleasanton City Council approved a budget for the next two years that would retain current services. No staff would be let go.

However, how the state of California decides to balance its budget could have a future impact.

City Manager Nelson Fialho told the council, "The economy is in such a fragile state, it will probably be a challenge to keep the city's budget balanced over the next two years. We will continue to monitor the state budget." The state is looking at borrowing 8 percent of local property tax dollars and taking local gas tax and highway dollars.

The property tax loss to Pleasanton would be over \$4 million; gas and highway funds represent about \$2 million a year.

In order to balance Pleas-

anton's budget, Fialho noted that ten unfilled positions were eliminated. No funds would be transferred from the general fund to the capital improvement program (CIP). Historically, \$5 million has been transferred each year. In addition, the city has reduced contributions to some reserve accounts. There will be no salary adjustments for 12 months for management or with labor contracts. Contributions were lowered to the replacement fund, self insurance fund and retiree medical.

"These are short term solutions," pointed out Fialho. "If the economic impact goes on beyond two years, we may have to look at staffing and programs."

The city's general fund budget for FY 2009-2010 is \$87.3 million; for 2010-2011, \$89.4 million.

David Culver, the city's financial manager, noted that the city has sufficient reserves for a number of contingencies. There is a regular reserve of \$9 million and a temporary recession reserve of \$10.9 million.

City Councilmember Jerry Thorne applauded past and current staffs in who have kept our reserves funded. "The state is talking about seizing the gas tax funds, rather than borrowing them. The League of California Cities is fighting it."

Thorne suggested sending a letter in support of the League's efforts. The council concurred.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan stated, "Pleasanton is a lot better off than a lot of cities with its reserves and the ability to defer some things. We are still above water." He thanked staff for the salary freeze. "It is a

great statement from staff to the community."

The council also approved the CIP budget for the next four years. "Revenues still outpace expenditures," stated Steve Bocian, assistant city manager.

Funds available in the CIP total \$50 million. Expenditures approved total \$32.5 million. There are twenty-seven projects funded in the first two years. There are a total of 41 projects in the CIP. Planning would be undertaken on new projects. There are no new major projects expected to be built.

Sullivan commented, "I think we are taking the right approach. We need to tighten our belts when it comes to capital projects. The money could help with the operating budget."

Wheels Service Cuts Begin on June 27

Wheels will make schedule changes June 27 that will affect virtually all of its lines, many of them in a minor way. Wheels officials said that they are cutting the budget at the edges of service, and leaving the core intact.

The decision was made several months ago by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) board, which held public hearings about fares and service.

The move was prompted by the state budget crash, which has eliminated one of the Wheels revenue streams for the next five years. Wheels has \$500k left in that fund. It will receive \$2 million from federal sources.

Cutting back expenditures on drivers and maintenance was necessary to balance the budget, said LAVTA executive director Paul Matsuoka.

To try to offset the revenue decline, LAVTA raised Wheels fares in March. Ridership declined in April, and again in May, with a 2 percent total loss since the fare boosts.

Stretching out time intervals between buses, starting some lines later, and ending them earlier will be a compromise way of continuing the core of service, said Matsuoka.

The four most popular lines -- 10, 12, 8, and 15 -- are in for important changes. Line 10, which runs from LLNL to Stoneridge Mall, no longer will have all-night service. That line, which ran to the Bayfair BART station once an hour, between approximately 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., disappears. That's a setback for people with night jobs west of the Valley.

There still will be No. 10 buses running at about 5 a.m. and late at night, which are helpful for hospitality industry workers with jobs in the Valley. More than one-half of all Wheels riders use the No. 10.

On Sundays, the No. 10 bus intervals have increased from

30 to 40 minutes. On Saturdays, the 20-minute intervals will continue, between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., to serve workers and shoppers.

Line 12 will no longer provide service on Sundays. It runs between the Livermore Transit Center and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. It includes stops at Las Positas College (LPC) and the Hacienda Crossings shopping center in Dublin. LPC does not have classes on Sundays, although occasionally there have been performing arts events then.

Nighttime service on weekdays will be shortened. Currently the last westbound bus leaves LPC at 10:48 p.m., but that will change to 9:31 p.m. Eastbound from LPC remains almost the same, changing to 10:42 p.m.

On Saturdays, line 12 will continue to run at one-hour intervals, with the last bus back in the Wheels garage by 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE GONE FOR LINE 8

Line 8, which serves Pleasanton, loses Sunday service, but continues that same route on Saturdays. It runs from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to the county fairgrounds, First and Neal streets, and Case St. and back. It serves Ridgeview Commons senior housing and other apartment complexes near city hall.

On weekdays, the line also includes Valley and Bernal avenues and Koll Center Parkway. However, service to the Hansen/Paseo Santa Cruz loop will be discontinued. The line will have one-hour intervals, instead of one-half hour, on weekdays.

Line 15, which runs between Springtown and the Livermore Transit Center, includes stops at Christensen School, Kaiser clinic, and Wal-Mart. It also is an important ride for Springtown students from Livermore and Granada high schools.

Weekday one-half hour intervals will continue at mid-day and commuter times, but go to one-hour intervals for late morning trips. Service will begin one-half hour later and end one-half hour earlier.

Saturday service on line 15 switches from 30-minute to 60-minute intervals. Sunday remains at one hour intervals.

Among changes on the less-traveled routes, line 50, a morning and evening commuter route in Hacienda Park, changes its number to line 9. The Dublin Koll Center no longer will be served by this line, but instead

by line 12.

Saturday service on line 1, which runs on Saturday from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to east Dublin, will be eliminated.

Line 18, which serves south Livermore, loses its mid-day service. It will run from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is no weekend service.

There are other, minor adjustments to various lines. The new schedules are available at local libraries, the Livermore Transit Center and from Wheels bus drivers.

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labor, employment and administrative issues. They are Sinclair Law Office, of Oakland; Carter, Carter, Fries and Grunschlag, of San Francisco; and Stember Feinstein, of Pittsburgh.

Requa himself has put \$1,000 in the legal fund. He estimates that a fair-share contribution from other retirees would be \$350 or "as much as you can afford."

However, he cautioned that there is no guarantee that the Group will win against the University or "that you will get your money back."

Lawrence Livermore Laboratory retirees who retired in 2007 or earlier did so as UC employees with the University's group health coverage. Beginning in 2008, a new contractor, Lawrence Livermore National Security, used a health consulting firm and an insurance broker to move most retirees out of group insurance into individual plans that stand to become less secure and more expensive as retirees age.

For its part, the University notes that the change in responsibility for health coverage was

required by the Laboratory's federal sponsor, the National Nuclear Security Administration. In addition, UC has pointed to the fine print of several of its publications, which warn that benefits can be changed or canceled at any time.

UC did not respond to a request for comment on the Livermore Retiree Group legal fund raising effort.

The UC Livermore Retiree Group is a private organization that is not attached to the Lawrence Livermore Lab Retirees Association. The Retirees Association is affiliated with the Livermore Laboratory through the Employee Services Association. Many retirees belong to both groups.

Requa asked that retirees who want to contribute make checks out to UCLRG Legal Defense Fund. Checks should be sent to the Fund at 1144 Xavier Way, Livermore 94550.

More information about the UC Livermore Retirees Group is online at <http://home.comcast.net/~jrequa/retiree.htm>



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OBITUARIES



The photo of Larry (center) taken after a concert in New York, with his friend violinist Philip Santos and Priscilla.

Lawrence Granger, cellist extraordinaire

The local community and the musical community-at-large are poorer now since cellist Lawrence Granger (Larry to all who knew him) suddenly passed away on Sunday morning June 14, 2009 in San Francisco. Just a week before, it was discovered that he had a fast growing, cancerous brain tumor. Arrangements were made for immediate surgery at UCSF Hospital. However, three days later, while in recovery, his heart gave out.

Lawrence Granger will certainly be remembered for his 30 years of dedicated work with the cello section of the San Francisco Symphony, where he performed under the baton of Seiji Ozawa, Edo de Waart, Herbert Blomstedt and Michael Tilson Thomas. He also cut a larger than life figure in the community, as a teacher, coach and mentor all in one, as an intense chamber player, as a highly regarded concerto soloist with numerous orchestras around the Bay, from Saratoga to Livermore, and Oakland to Fresno and, last but not least, as a great friend.

Larry was born in San Diego on March 1, 1952 and, growing up in a military family, spent his school years moving across the country, to Pennsylvania, Virginia, California, Illinois, and finally, in 1966, back to California for good. He graduated from Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo in 1969.

After short stints at Stanford University (where he was a member of the ROTC) and University of Southern California, Larry graduated from Cal State East Bay with a Bachelor's in 1975. His main cello teachers were Allen Gove, Bonnie Hampton and Michael Grebanier. While still a student, he won the principal cello chair with the Oakland Symphony. He also played for three years with the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra. In 1979, he became a member of the San Francisco Symphony. Since then, he frequently appeared with his colleagues at the symphony's Chamber Music Sundaes, performed string quartets with the California Chamber Players and various ensemble combinations with his wife Priscilla at the piano.

When Larry and Priscilla married in 1988, they decided to make their home in Pleasanton, a good central location from which to commute to all their professional activities. On a personal note: when, after moving to Pleasanton in 2001, I approached Larry with the idea of a local chamber music group, he responded enthusiastically, and was the one who came up with our name, the Pleasanton Chamber Players. It was important for him to give back to the community, and at our last concert on March 8, he exclaimed how nice it was to play so close to home.

In our last conversation, we mused joyfully about the possibility of performing a favorite piece of his, the *Bachianas brasileiras* by Villa-Lobos for soprano and eight cellos, for the opening of the Old Firehouse Art Center...

In 1990, Larry joined the faculty of his alma mater, Cal State University East Bay (formerly Hayward), where he touched a great many people's life, whether students or colleagues, with his tireless devotion. He was also active in the recording industry, often at George Lucas' Sky-

embrace memories of his Harley Davidson adventures.

Ben is survived by his cherished daughters Kathryn Sowell and Karen (Ian) Tervet of San Rafael, sisters Kathe Abrams and Ruth (David) Yarusso from Minnesota, grandchildren Stephen Sowell, Madeleine and Elizabeth Tervet. He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by Barbara (Krausert) his wife of 27 years, his parents Deral and Agnes Chamberlin, brother Ronald and sister Marlys Chamberlin.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held on Friday, June 19 in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Gerald A. Benedetti, "Ben"

Gerald A. Benedetti, "Ben," passed away at home in Livermore at the age of 72 on June 16, 2009. He was born March 2, 1937 in Salinas, one of two sons of Andrew and Eula Benedetti and graduated from Salinas High in 1954.

Ben's early passion in life for all things mechanical led him to the field of Engineering. He received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University, a Masters degree from Oregon State University and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University. After marriage to Nancy in 1960 and starting a family, engineering moved to second place.

He was a resident of Livermore since 1962 and employed at Sandia National Labs for over 35 years, retiring in 1997.

Ben loved traditional Jazz and Dixieland music; on any given afternoon or evening if you were to stop by for a visit, "his" music could always be heard coming from the stereo. He and Nancy often traveled to Jazz festivals throughout the west, especially after retirement. He also loved the outdoors and family camping trips when his two sons were young.

Another avid pursuit of Ben's was fixing anything that was broken. There was seldom a time when he didn't have a mechanical project of one sort or another underway. There seemed to be nothing he couldn't fix or overhaul. Automatic transmissions, engine overhauls, washing machines, the microwave, whatever it was he'd always find a way to fix it. If anyone had some thing they needed help with, they could ask Ben and he'd help out. If he didn't know how, he'd find a manual and then become an expert on that subject.

He also took the opportunity to laugh whenever he could and loved exchanging jokes and funny stories and loved animals.

Ben is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy, sons Aaron (spouse, Karen) and Andrew (Sirikanya) grandsons Ethan and Darren, brother Don (Nadine), nephews Michael, Ronnie and niece Donna Benedetti and brother-in-law Richard Leffingwell (Doreen) and Richard's daughters Karen and Janet.

He was a generous man in all ways that mattered, whether taking time out to talk, help or offer advice. He will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568

Thomas Fiori

Thomas Fiori passed away on June 6, 2009. He was born August 5, 1956 in Michigan. He moved to Dublin at a young age.

He worked for the Dublin Unified School District for 30 plus years. Tom's many interests were his wife, special needs daughter, the fire department, Calstar, tree trimming, motorcycles and being happy.

He is at rest now from a heart attack. He was with a friend when he passed away.

He is survived by his wife, Christine, daughter Mary, and friends who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and sister.

A memorial service will be held June 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Ave., Livermore. IN lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to UNCLE Credit Union, % Christine Fiori, account #2243975.

Carolyn Margaret Helgeson

Carolyn Margaret Helgeson, a church organist and choir director for 38 years, died Thursday, June 18, 2009 with her husband and life-long sweetheart, Lew, at her side. She was 85.

As Lew reported in the email announcing her passing, they were married 63 years, nine months and 10 days. He said he tried to make every day with her an anniversary and could tell you each day how long they had been married.

A gifted musician and artist, Mrs. Helgeson served as organist and choir director at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church (now Centerpointe) from 1957 until she retired in 1985.

"The choir attracted a remarkable number of talented musicians. Carolyn encouraged all to give their best to make excellent music to honor our Lord," said Betty Gail Hunt, a choir member from her childhood to this day. Carolyn was her organ instructor and her mentor, trusting Betty Gail to substitute in worship and in directing the choir.

Under Helgeson's direction, the choir presented a number of memorable cantatas, using the many soloists and musicians in the choir.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Wednesday, July 1 at 3 p.m. at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct.

Mrs. Helgeson was born and grew up in Duluth, Minn. She and Lew met when his father was transferred to Duluth. While the moving truck was being unloaded, a neighbor volunteered to take Lew, a freshman in high school, around the neighborhood, but they needed to borrow a bike.

The neighbor went to Carolyn's home, introduced them and borrowed her bike. A year later, they were high school sweethearts. After high school, Lew enlisted in the U.S. Army and while he was serving in Europe, they agreed—by mail—to be married.

While Lew was overseas, Carolyn began her music ministry, serving as the organist and choir director at Central Avenue Methodist Church, where Lew's dad was the pastor.

When Lew was discharged, they were married and moved to Seattle where Carolyn completed her education, receiving a bachelor of arts from the University of Washington with a double major of art and music. She served as organist and choir director at Keystone Congregation Church.

They relocated to Richland, WA and she served at Southland United Protestant Church. When they arrived, the church didn't have an organ, a situation Lew rectified when he bought and donated an organ to the church. She later moved to Richland Lutheran Church.

In the fall of 1956, General Electric sent them to the Bay Area to check out job opportunities—two in San Jose and one at the Vallecitos facility between Livermore and Sunol. They attended the Presbyterian church on Neal Street on that Sunday and, in a conversation with the organist after the service, she begged Carolyn to take over the job.

The Helgesons agreed to move to Pleasanton and Carolyn started as the Presbyterian Church in January 1957. During her time there, she established a music program based on excellence as she directed two children's choirs, the adult choir and started

the bell choir. The Rev. Robert Stuart Vogt was the senior pastor for virtually all of her tenure.

When the church constructed its facility on Mirador Drive, she guided the purchase of a custom-designed Schoenstein organ that greatly enhanced the musical offerings.

In addition to her choir work, she also taught private piano lessons for more than 20 years and worked on her art. She painted with oil and acrylic as well as working with clay. She was skilled in nine different mediums.

She and Lew travelled widely, including one 2 1/2-month round-the-world trip with two of their children connected to a business trip to Karachi, Pakistan. In the last few years, her health declined substantially to where she was bed-bound. Her husband Lew faithfully cared for her. She is survived by her husband, Lew; sons, Peter Helgeson of Pleasanton and Steve and his wife Sandy Helgeson of Eureka; and daughter Julie and husband Mark Wilkins of Soulsbyville, CA. They have three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The family prefers contributions in her memory to the Centerpointe choir program, 3410 Cornerstone Ct., Pleasanton, 94566.

James Eugene Eccher

James Eugene Eccher of Pleasanton passed away Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the age of 51. Jim was born September 24, 1957 in Denver, Colorado.

He is survived by his parents, William and Florence Eccher, of Pleasanton, daughter, Jill Eccher of Dublin, CA, sister Mary Eccher and her husband Walter Molz of Danville, CA, and former wife, Barbara Eccher of Gig Harbor, WA.

Jim graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1975. Throughout his life, he enjoyed boating, camping, garage sales, gardening and the outdoors. He owned a cabin in Arnold, CA, where he and his dogs spent a lot of time. He liked riding his Harley motorcycle and meeting his friends at Tullys in Pleasanton for coffee.

A memorial will be held Tuesday, June 30 at 3 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton.

Rodney Alan Humphreys

Rodney Alan Humphreys found victory in Jesus on June 19, 2009 at the age of 52 years old. Rod was born to John and Sally Humphreys of Loves Park, IL on February 19, 1957.

Rod married the love of his life; Monica Dupont on February 29, 1980. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. Rod's daily strength came from Jesus. He loved the Bears, "My" Giants and his country.

Rod leaves behind too soon his wife, Monica, son Robert of Oroville, daughter Jackie (Chris) Alderman of Livermore, and grandchildren Christina and Kaylee. He is also survived by his parents John and Sally Humphreys, siblings Steve (Ann), JoAnne (Doug) Jury, Tammy (Scott) Johnston, Ben, Elizabeth, Erica Miller and many other family and friends all of whom were dear to him.

A memorial service was held June 24, in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully request memorial donations in Rod's name be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 A.C. Skinner Parkway, Suite 100 Jacksonville, FL 32256 Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Clem Stanford Scott

Clem Scott was born on February 19, 1939 in Sayer, Oklahoma and passed away on June 15, 2009 in Livermore at the age of 70. Clem was a retired maintenance mechanic for the Safeway

Spice Plant. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Clem is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marian M. Scott; three children, Loreen (Eric) Popeyus, Mary Bagorio and Robert Scott; sisters, Ruth Snyder and Laura Frazer; grandchildren, Josh Miller, Sergio and Rachel Lopez, Jessica Popeyus, Samantha Lopez, April, Misty, Monique and Angelica Bagorio, and by his first great grandchild Quentin Popeyus-Byars as well as numerous friends and family members all of whom were very dear to him.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Clem's life on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 10 AM at Callaghan Mortuary 3833 East Ave, Livermore.

Matthew John Miller

Matthew John Miller Sunrise, Sunset, March 12, 1984 June 19, 2009

Resident of Livermore The much beloved son of Mickey and Melanie Miller died suddenly at our home, from complications of type 1 Diabetes. We were blessed to have shared 25 years with this beautiful young man. We will miss his handsome face, his bright blue eyes, the delightfulness of his laughter and his delicious sense of humor. He was a kind and gentle spirit.

Forever in our hearts. His Funeral Services will be private.

Grief! Be very private. Be very much alone. Grief be very private. Our Mattie has gone home. And so:

"Good-night, Sweet Prince; And flights of Angels Sing thee to thy rest."

No flowers or cards, please. But if you would like to donate to the continuing research for Type 1 Diabetes, please support the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, www.jdf.org.

The Miller Family

Vivian May Tracy Vivian May Tracy passed away on June 15, 2009 at Pleasanton Convalescent Home.

Vivian was born on Sept. 28, 1928 to Ben and Ethel Graves in Osceola Township, South Dakota on September 28, 1928 and moved to the Bay Area as a teenager.

She was married to Jerome Tracy and Don Miller. Jerome preceded her in death in 1985 and Don Miller in 1998.

She is survived by two daughters Jerry Hunter of Pleasanton and Cary Tracy Pugh of Eldorado Hills, four grandchildren, Doug Hunter, Tracy Hunter, Jordon Pugh and Jared Pugh and two great grandchildren Dax Hunter and Jacob Herrmann. Her sister Naomi Mears and brother Merle Graves survive her.

She was employed by Bay Meadows Race Track when she retired.

A Memorial Service will be Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 P.M. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Valley Humane Society.

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Shauna with her dad Mark at the 2009 Nationals (top photo). In the lower photo, Shauna is shown carrying the shell.

Shauna Makes Big Splash in Rowing



Shauna (Shay) Seager has made a big splash in a short time in the field of rowing. She was recently one of two women from Cal Berkeley invited to the USA Woman's National Team Pre-Elite Camp. This is the try-out for the USA National Rowing team that competes in the World Cup and Olympics.

And, she was named to the PAC-10 All-American First Team in rowing.

Shauna, a junior at UC Berkeley, has an athletic background as a snow boarder and most recently took up competing in marathons and tri-athlons. She happened to meet a woman who rowed for Cal several years earlier, who recommended that she talk to the team coach, David O'Neill, about trying out for the team.

Shauna had never rowed except for summer canoe trips. She talked to the coach who told her she should try out for the team, because "she had the perfect body type for rowing" and was in good shape.

She began training to try to make the team. As part of the training, she was expected to Erg the equivalent of 2,000 meters and run 3 miles with the times for these activities determining placement on the team or if she made the team at all. Early on, Shauna developed shin splints. Because she had no history with the team and no experience rowing, was not cut any slack. In fact, they dropped her from "winter camp" where the top 30 women on the team go and row for two weeks over Christmas break.

(Indoor rowers are also sometimes known as ergometers (colloquially erg or ergo), an ergometer being a device which measures the amount of work performed.)

Shauna, who turned 22 on December 10, 2008, decided to use the loss of a place in the team winter camp as a motivation for doing her own "winter camp" with a goal of accomplishing 22 of many physical activities in order to get in shape for the winter training after the break. She walked 22 miles walk, completed 22 rock climbing ascents and 22 miles on the Erg (which is considered an extreme distance) and so forth.

The heavy part of the Cal training kicked in during January with two-a-day practices, each 3 hours long. While attending a full class load at Cal, Shauna won a spot in the Novice boat. However she came down with the flu and lost that spot. She continued to train with the team

and took on additional work-outs to build up her strength, lower her weight and improve her Erg and running times. Finally she won back her Novice boat seat and began improving her times by over 20% and lost over 10 lbs. This won her a seat on the Second Varsity 8 boat. No Novice (first year rower) had ever won a seat on a varsity boat in the history of Cal Woman's Crew. Once on the Second Varsity 8 boat, Shauna continued to improve and develop strength as a rower.

The 2009 rowing season officially started with the PAC-10 Challenge at Redwood Shores, CA where Shauna's 2V8+ boat won all their races against crews from 10 other nationally ranked schools and Cal won the team event. The second set of races were the Lake Natoma Invitational where Cal again won the team event. Shauna's 2V8+ crew won two races by 15 seconds and 18 seconds and lost to Stanford by 5 seconds in the final. In dual events against Washington the Cal crew won the team event and Shauna's 2V8+ crew won two races. The next race was the Stanford dual. The team lost every race but one, suffering a major setback for the season. However, they bounced back at the PAC-10 Rowing Championships on May 17, 2009 and won the Team championship.

On May 29-31, 2009 Cal competed in the NCAA Division 1 Woman's Rowing National Championship. Shauna's team put in the fastest time of all teams in their preliminary race win and won a place in the semifinals. On Saturday they pulled off third place in their heat to get into the finals. On Sunday they led during the final until Yale overtook them during the last 10 meters of the sprint to the finish and came in second by 0.5 seconds.

The Cal Varsity 8+ boat finished third and the Varsity 4+ boat finished fourth. This gave Cal a second overall in the team competition, losing to Stanford by three points (out of 82).

Shauna was born in Livermore in 1986 in a birthing tub built by her father Mark Seager. She moved to Incline Village, NV with her mother in 1998 after her parents divorced. Her father has been a Livermore resident since 1983. He works at LLNL building the world's largest supercomputers. The family has a small ranch on Morgan Territory, where they raise Arabians and Alpaca's and Angora Goats. Shauna graduated from Incline High School

in 2007 and attended Santa Barbara City college for two years. Shauna achieved a 4.0 GPA at SBCC and was accepted to UC Santa Barbara, Cal, Brown and UCLA as a transferring Junior. She decided to transfer to Cal as a Junior in Fall of 2008.

Shauna is an Ecology major at Cal. Last summer, she worked as an intern on a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) organic farm in New Hampshire with the man who invented the concept. Shauna along with two other interns worked in the fields 8-12 hours a day, 6 days a week doing back breaking labor of tending the crops by hand and weeding and harvesting, etc. In October 2007, Shauna "walked" onto the Cal team and along with 15 other women won a place on the team for the 2008-2009 season. The Cal team has about 60 women on it, but only 20 or so places for rowers for PAC-10 competition. They have a Varsity 8+ boat with 8 rowers and a Coxswain and a second Varsity 8+ boat and a varsity four boat as the core team and a Novice 8+ and Novice 4+ boat for first year rowers, usually freshman. At the end of the season, only 45 women were still on the team.

Shauna was named CRCA National Scholar-Athletes. On June 1, she was named to PAC-10 All-American First Team.

Workshop Focuses on Managing Livestock and Wildlife

Alameda County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Alameda County Agriculture Department and the Contra Costa Water District will be hosting a workshop to help ranchers, land trusts, and public grazing lands manage for livestock and wildlife. This workshop will feature wildlife escape ramps and other opportunities for rangeland stewardship. Speakers will include Dan Taylor from Bat Conservation International and other guests.

The workshop is June 30 9am - 3:30 pm at the Martinelli Event Center in Livermore. The cost is \$20.00 and includes a field tour of Los Vaqueros Watershed rangelands with livestock operators and watershed managers who actively manage to benefit several rare species. There will also be a hands-on demonstration of ramp construction.

California's grazing lands are increasingly recognized for

Entertainment by Nature

Take the 4wheelbob Challenge – Set a Fitness Goal This Summer

By Bob Coomber

Rolling into the lobby at LifestyleRx for an evening workout, I noticed a change in the staff's attire. Trainers and support staff alike wore a new blue shirt with this easygoing sentiment on the back: "Live Healthy Through Exercise."

That's so simple, I thought. I wondered how many people who had read the line took a moment to realize how much more they could get out of life if they tattooed this little phrase in their mind somewhere.

I'm a fanatic about exercise. Some of you know me from the gym, or by meeting me out on a trail somewhere, or simply by driving past as I'm wheeling around town instead of driving. Leading an active life as one can will only enhance and enrich your life. Here in the Tri-Valley, we have walking clubs, hiking clubs, running clubs, biking clubs. A quick internet search will provide dozens of options for fun ways to be more active. Exercise can be not only health – promoting, but quite social as well.

Let's say you really want to get out and walk, or ride your bike farther than you're used to riding. However, your idea of a workout these days is the walk from the couch to the refrigerator when a commercial interrupts your favorite "reality" show. Does anybody see themselves here?

I can assure you you're not alone. Exercise, especially if it's a rather new and novel undertaking, is hard work. I remember how tough it was almost 20 years ago when I decided I wasn't going to let my wheelchair limit me. Piece by piece, I got my body conditioned and became so confident that I don't say "I can't" to any trail. I'm in better shape than when I was 21. Because of that, I'm able to do all the silly things I like to do. Mt. Lassen? No problem. Mt. Whitney? Perhaps later this summer. All the toughest trails in the Bay Area? Why not?

You can read this and start to rationalize your conditioning in any number of ways. I can start you off with one easy – to – follow piece of advice:

Walking is a "best" exercise. If you never walk anywhere, try making it just to the corner of your block and back once each day. And each day, add a few more steps to the walk. Take a look around you – nature provides

a lot of drama in places you'll not notice from behind the wheel of your car. Extend that walk and as you do, perhaps with a friend or group, you'll find it gets easier every week. A good, long roll around Livermore or Pleasanton is a fine stress reliever, too. My wife, Gina, and I recently decided to try using our incredible inter-city trail network to prove that one could walk, or roll, or ride from Livermore to downtown Pleasanton and back without doing any harm at all to ourselves. It was a 20 mile round trip, but the upshot is that we ate well in Pleasanton and the calories burned created the opportunity for a guilt free dessert after lunch. We saw wildflowers along Stanley Blvd. that would be invisible to a driver. The golden eagle perched at Shadow Cliffs was a bonus. And, yes, perhaps that's an extreme example...but I firmly believe that with a little work you can do the same thing if that is your wish.

And that's the point. Exercise can help you turn those wishes to realities. Walking around town when possible will help you burn calories and feel better. Maybe you'll be encouraged to enter a 5 or 10K fun run, where most of the entrants run slowly or walk much of the distance. Join an LARPD ranger for a stroll around Sycamore Grove for one of their programs. Try an after dinner walk on the Arroyo Mocho Trail in Livermore, or an early morning outing at Pleasanton Ridge. All these are possible once you catch the walking bug. Be careful, though – the bug is highly contagious and is incurable. Once you begin, you'll be hooked!

Finally, consider this. While the TV is at times entertaining and informative, it's easy to forget that we, too, have lives to live. Instead of hanging on every word of a contestant in one of those "reality" shows, go boldly forth and write your own story. Each of us has within them the story of an incredible journey through this one life – this is the day to start writing yours. By the time you finish the first chapter, you'll find it far more interesting than anything on TV.

The 4wheelbob Challenge – walk 1 mile each day. Extend your miles as you become more fit. Let me know how you're doing: e-mail me at: mr4wheelbob@sbcglobal.net. Happy hiking!

Alameda County Supervisors Look At Backing Drug Discount Card

By Ron McNicoll

Alameda County will be asked to put its official name on a prescription drug discount card program that would help a variety of customers.

However, the program won't be run by the county, or cost taxpayers anything. In fact, it will generate some revenue for the county, although how much is not clear.

Financial Marketing Concepts of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., approached the county to see if officials were interested in participating. FMC says that eight counties nationwide had signed up by the end of December.

The cards won't be confined just to people who use county medical facilities, but will be available to everyone. They are free.

The card should appeal to people without a drug plan, or who are underinsured, said Josh Thurman, policy analyst for Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

Benefits to the county are the potential for some income, and the promotion of something that county residents want -- cheaper drug prices, said Thurman.

Ventura County started participating in the program not long ago, and has received \$18,000 in revenue, said Thurman. The income is obtained from a 75-cent fee on the card, which is paid for by the participating pharmacies, not by the customers.

Ventura County is about one-half the size of Alameda County, so the revenue here should be greater. Since the program hasn't been in effect long in Ventura County, it's likely the revenue winds up being somewhat significant, said Thurman.

FMC claims that average annual savings for customers in the plan have been 38 percent off retail drug pricing in 2007 and 2008. They compare that to what they say has been 20 to 25 percent for "other discount cards," which were not named.

Participating pharmacies tend to be individual stores or small chains, said Thurman. They take part in order to counter the discounts offered by big chains.

FMC was formed to market and broker optional non-insurance products. The company worked with firms that had a customer base in which they could promote the services they were marketing. Between 2004 and 2008, FMC distributed more than 3 million discount prescription cards to a wide variety of groups, associations, employers and financial institutions.

The firm expanded into the county market in 2008. Its goal is to sign up 400 to 500 counties by the end of this year.

Supervisors are tentatively scheduled to consider the FMC proposal at their meeting on June 30.

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SPORTS NOTES



In their first tournament of the year and their first time playing beach soccer, 10 boys from the Pleasanton BUSC U13 United were undefeated in 4 games to become the 2009 Santa Cruz Beach Soccer Champions in their division. In the final game against Placer Wolfpack, the team came back from a 0-2 deficit to take the game 6-3. All the boys played hard and thoroughly enjoyed this new experience. 150 teams from U9 to adult played over the two days.



Benjamin Sproul swims for LifeStyleRX team.

Every 15 Minutes Benefit

The public is invited to support the Livermore Police Department's "Every 15 Minutes" alcohol awareness program for teenagers by participating in a fund-raising golf tournament hosted by the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley and sponsored by Waste Management at the Ruby Hill Golf Club on August 3, 2009.

"Every 15 Minutes" is designed to impress upon teens the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol. The program focuses on students in Livermore, Granada and Del Valle High Schools, challenging them to think about drinking and driving, as well as the responsibility of making mature decisions that can impact on family, friends and others. Members of the Livermore police and fire departments, high school officials, ValleyCare Health System staff and community leaders work together to present the program.

"Unique in its design and powerful in its impact, the 'Every 15 Minutes' program is an experience that brings a heightened sense of reality to the issue of alcohol use," said Captain Scott Trudeau of the Livermore Police Department.

Entry fee for the golf tournament is \$175 per person and includes a continental breakfast, buffet lunch, golf cart and green fees. Check-in at Ruby Hill Golf Club begins at 6:00 a.m., with the shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Prizes and awards in men's and women's divisions and other categories will be presented during lunch at 1:00 p.m. Entry forms and fees are due by July 15th.

For more information and to register, go to www.clubrunner.ca/livermorevalley, or contact Captain Trudeau at (925) 371-4717 or David Bedford at (925) 980-8143.

"This is an exciting opportunity to support an important cause, enjoy a challenging golf course and spend a day with friends, neighbors and colleagues," said Captain Trudeau.

For more information on the "Every 15 Minutes" program go to http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/LPD/programs/every_15_minutes.html.

Del Prado vs Briarhill

The Del Prado Stingrays opened their season against the Briarhill Barracudas with a 601 to 397 win. Top performances for the Stingray girls were recorded by Stephanie Doi (14), Nicole White (10), Niki do (17), Sara Jeffrey (8), and Stella Kruschke (6). The boys were led by Eric Crispell (14), John Lester (6), Taylor Smith (10), Eric Gates (16), and Jacob Banke (10). The Barracudas top swimmers were Savannah Weiser (12), Brittney Achziger (12), Kristin Horrolo (13), Callan Jackman (9), and Easton Plummer (10), for the girls and Brent Reed (17), Joey Grywczynski (8), Brett Melloch (14), David Groves (6), and Jacob Allman (6), for the boys.

Girls Results: 6 & Under 25 free: Graham, Lauren, DP-CC, 23.23. 7-8 25 yard free: Jeffrey, Sara, DP-CC, 19.10. 9-10 50 yard free: White, Nicole, DP-CC, 34.50. 11-12 50 yard free: Wieser, Savannah, BH, 29.74. 13-14 50 yard free: Cohen, Sara, DP-CC, 29.60. 15-18 50 yard free: Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 26.59.

6 & Under 25 yard fly: Graham, Lauren, DP-CC, 30.65. 7-8 25 yard fly: Foster, Madeline, DP-CC, 25.24. 9-10 25 yard fly: White, Nicole, DP-CC, 17.93. 11-12 50 yard fly: Achziger, Brittney, BH, 34.36. 13-14 50 yard fly: Horrolo, Kristin, BH, 33.80. 15-18 50 yard fly: Strom, Jaelyn, DP-CC, 31.75.

6 & Under 25 yard breast: Kruschke, Stella, DP-CC, 38.06. 7-8 25 yard breast: Jeffrey, Sara, DP-CC, 27.26. 9-10 25 yard breast: Plummer, Easton, BH, 22.16. 11-12 50 yard breast: Wieser, Savannah, BH, 37.82. 13-14 50 yard breast: Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 36.09. 15-18 50 yard breast: Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 34.98.

9-10 100 yard IM: White, Nicole, DP-CC, 1:29.55. 11-12 100 yard IM: Achziger, Brittney, BH, 1:20.28. 13-14 100 yard IM: Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 1:09.36. 15-18 100 yard IM: Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 1:06.46.

6 & Under 25 yard back: Griston, Isla, DP-CC, 27.39. 7-8 25 yard back: Griston, Molly, DP-CC, 22.38. 9-10 25 yard back: Huber, Cameron, DP-CC, 19.89. 11-12 50 yard back: Wieser, Savannah, BH, 36.79. 13-14 50 yard back: Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 33.50. 15-18 50 yard back: Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 32.95.

Boys Results: 6 & Under 25 yard free: Lester, John, DP-CC, 23.31. 7-8 25 yard free: Grywczynski, Joey, BH, 16.58. 9-10 50 yard free: Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 35.25. 11-12 50 yard free: Balas, Peter, DP-CC, 32.28. 13-14 50 yard free: Melloch, Brett, BH, 25.88. 15-18 50 yard free: Reed, Brent, BH, 23.87.

6 & Under 25 yard fly: Allman, Jacob,

BH, 32.34. 7-8 25 yard fly: Grywczynski, Joey, BH, 19.73. 9-10 25 yard fly: Grywczynski, Matthew, BH, 18.16. 11-12 50 yard fly: Hogue, Ryan, DP-CC, 36.63. 13-14 50 yard fly: Melloch, Brett, BH, 30.60. 15-18 50 yard fly: Reed, Brent, BH, 25.17.

6 & Under 25 yard breast: Lester, John, DP-CC, 33.05. 7-8 25 yard breast: Reimer, Steven, DP-CC, 25.81. 9-10 25 yard breast: Juarez, Tommy, DP-CC, 22.39. 11-12 50 yard breast: Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 43.96. 13-14 50 yard breast: Crispell, Eric, DP-CC, 38.37. 15-18 50 yard breast: Page, Cavan, BH, 34.01.

9-10 100 yard IM: Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 1:36.67. 11-12 100 yard IM: Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 1:24.85. 13-14 100 yard IM: Crispell, Eric, DP-CC, 1:09.50. 15-18 100 yard IM: Reed, Brent, BH, 1:00.26.

6 & Under 25 yard back: Groves, David, BH, 28.12. 7-8 25 yard back: Grywczynski, Joey, BH, 23.16. 9-10 25 yard back: Banke, Jacob, DP-CC, 20.39. 11-12 50 yard back: Hogue, Ryan, DP-CC, 41.25. 13-14 50 yard back: Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 34.64. 15-18 50 yard back: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 27.58.

DBAC vs. Pleasanton Meadows

The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks kicked off the 2009 season with a new club record, breaking a 15 year old record in action against the Delores Bengston Aquatic Center (DBAC) Piranhas in Tri-Valley Swim League

competition. The Piranhas outscored the Sharks 576 to 414. The Sharks' boys 11-12 200 yard Medley Relay team of Colin Burke, Jack Geasa, Nick Tucker and Perry Cheney shattered the record with a time 2:19.72. An additional 37 top 5 club finishes were added to the club's recent records.

The 6 & Under girls group turned out with a bang with Emily Mulligan, Ela Kulkarni and Kaitlyn Rae coming in first, second and third in Fly. Then taking first in the Free Relay were Ainsley Hasty, Amelia Kelly, Emily Mulligan and Kaitlyn Rae. The boys did a fine job as well with Luke Scanlon coming in second in Free, Back and Breast.

In the 7-8 girls group Kristen Greene took second in Free and Meredith Kelly took second in Fly. The boys had a great day with Cody Vaeth placing second in Free, Fly and Breast.

Sidney Vaeth came in first in Fly for the girls 9-10. Teammate Allison Miller also grabbed a first place in Back. Talia Florio came in second in Breast and IM. On the boys side Tyler Rhoads picked up a first place finish in Fly.

Contributing to 25% of the Sharks point total the 11-12 group had a spectacular day. Alyson Isaacs placed second in Fly and IM. While sister Haley Isaacs took first in Breast. On the boys side there was the 15 year club record being broken by Colin Burke, Jack Geasa, Nick Tucker and Perry Cheney, placing them in first. Then Perry Cheney, Nicholas Lemmon and Sean Burke got to the wall 1-2-3 in Free. In the Fly race they swept it with Nick Tucker, Perry Cheney and Sean Burke taking 1-2-3. Once again sweeping Back 1-2-3 was Jack Geasa, Colin Burke and Nicholas Lemmon. In Breast Jack Geasa and Nick Tucker went 1-2. Again taking the 1-2 spots were brothers Sean and Colin Burke in IM. To top off the meet in the Free Relay the team of Colin Burke, Jack Geasa, Nick Tucker and Perry Cheney took first place followed by their teammates Piyush Patil, Michael Azuma, Jake Fisher and Sean Burke in second. Way to go boys, what a great day!

The 13-14 girls group had a fine day with Kaala Cheney taking first in Free, Fly, and IM. Kyra Schwanager took first in Breast. In IM Kayla Moberg followed her teammate to place second. In Back Annie Geasa took the top spot in first. The girls were able to pull out another first place in the Free Relay with Annie Geasa, Kayla Moberg, Shelby Craig and Kaala Cheney. On the boy's side, Chris Bush was able to grab second in Breast.

In the 15-18 group Madeline Bush took second in Free. Elsa Schwanager took second in Fly and IM. Maddie Aquilina finished first in Breast. Amber Brown came in second in Back. The girls finished strong in the Free Relay by grabbing first with



Under-8 Smoke team with trophies.



Under 12B Smoke team shows off their trophies.

Amber Brown, Jennifer Corbin, Taylor Lee and Elsa Schwanager. On the boy's side, Joey Silva won first in Free and Breast. While Teammates Snail Mukherjee and Derek Sereda took 2-3 in Back. The boys also had a strong finish by winning their Free Relay with Derek Sereda, Snail Mukherjee, Joey Silva and Alex Iniguez.

Girls 15-18 200 yard free Relay (Amber Brown, Jennifer Corbin, Taylor Lee, Elsa Schwanager); Mixed 15-18 200 yard free Relay (Derek Sereda, Snail Mukherjee, Joey Silva, Alex Iniguez)

Tigers Baseball

The Tigers Baseball 18U summer baseball team experienced its first weekend of tournament play taking first place in the annual BPA Wood Bat tournament at Pioneer High School. The Tigers entered single elimination play seeded second with a 2-1 overall record.

During the two day tournament everyone contributed to the offensive attack including the following players: Dan Carney, Brandon Curry, Doug Fedder, Robert Hignates, Justin Hollar, Kyle Kearney, Nick Lagorio, John Love, Michael Miller, Nate Smith and Brett Wagner. Defensively the Tiger bullpen showed great defense. Tanner Gomes came through with a great play at 2nd base almost closing a double play. Joel Cook pitched an awesome game having a snag catch getting a runner out at 1st to hold the inning for no runs from the A's. Spencer Kramm finished at the mound for the Padres, showing two strike outs in the 5th inning.

The Tigers return to Sacramento next

week for the SuperSeries Qualifier tournament at the McAuliffe Complex near Sacramento State.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

AAA Championship Game: The Padres had a great "come back" season ending it as the 2nd place team from the championship game to the A's. With a close score of 5 to 2, all players played an outstanding game. Padres player Addison Westbrook recovered, making it to 3rd base after a close "pickle." Nathan Gooby hit a single bringing in an RBI to give the Padres one of two runs. Ending the 4th inning, Frank Gomez dove without hesitation catching a pop fly to center field. After many great hits by the A's, Padres outfielders, Jason Wallis and Conner Burke showed great defense. Tanner Gomes came through with a great play at 2nd base almost closing a double play. Joel Cook pitched an awesome game having a snag catch getting a runner out at 1st to hold the inning for no runs from the A's. Spencer Kramm finished at the mound for the Padres, showing two strike outs in the 5th inning.



Led by tournament MVP Pitcher Shannon Melrose, the team earned a spot at the ASA Regionals "C" Championships in San Diego, July 17-19th by winning the Redwood City Summer Slam Tournament. The team went 3-0 in the Saturday pool play to get first place seeding out of 12 teams on Sunday. They kept the winning streak alive by going 3-0 on Sunday, winning the championship game against Mountain View Los Altos Nova 10-4. Members of Livermore Smoke 12C are: Kyleigh Anderson, Taylor Cole, Taylor Lange, Taylor Lewis, Shannon Melrose, Maureen Thaete, Vanessa Valenti, Veronica Valenti, Alex Villazon, Paige Walker, Samantha Whalen and coaching staff of Brian Lange (Manager), Andrew Sprecher, and Randy Villazon.

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SPORTS NOTES

Briarhill vs. Del Prado

The first meet of the season between Briarhill Barracudas and Del Prado Sting Rays was hosted by Briarhill at Del Prado's pool. The Sting Rays scored 601 points to Barracuda 597, winning the meet.

Outstanding Swimmers: Finishing 1st in 3 or more events entered into:

Del Prado: Girls 6 & Under Lauren Graham, Girls 7-8 Sarah Jeffrey, Girls 9-10 Nicole White, Boys 9-10 Taylor Smith, Boys 11-12 Ryan Hogue, Jake Newman, Girls 13-14 Stephanie Doi, Boys 13-14 Eric Crispell, Girls 15-18 Niki Doi

Briarhill: Boys 7-8 Joey Grywczynski; Girls 11-12 Savannah Wieser; Boys 15-18 Brent Reed, Cavan Page.

Dublin vs. Ruby Hill

Dublin swam past Ruby Hill 533 to 457 in Tri-Valley Swim League competition.

First place finishes:

Girls 6 & Under 25 yard free: Tonye, Makenna, Dub Green Gators-CC, 20.75. Boys 6 & Under 25 yard free: Wang, Andrew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 21.71. Girls 7-8 25 yard free: Sowers, Taylor, Rhst-CC, 18.10. Boys 7-8 25 yard free: Lu, Tyler, Rhst-CC, 19.31. Girls 9-10 50 yard free: Cano, Olivia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 36.90. Boys 9-10 50 yard free: Tonye, Reece, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.16. Girls 11-12 50 yard free: Schnierer, Kaitlyn, Rhst-CC, 31.45. Boys 11-12 50 yard free: Zamudio, Anthony, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.46. Girls 13-14 50 yard free: Chiu, Stephanie, Dub Green Gators-CC, 29.30. Boys 13-14 50 yard free: Zamudio, Matthew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 25.69. Women 15-18 50 yard free: Baxter, Lindsey, Rhst-CC, 28.37. Men 15-18 50 yard free: Dotson, Chris, Rhst-CC, 24.58.

Girls 6 & Under 25 yard fly: Sowers, Lauren, Rhst-CC, 25.16. Boys 6 & Under 25 yard fly: Yang, Christopher, Rhst-CC, 29.46. Girls 7-8 25 yard fly: Sowers, Taylor, Rhst-CC, 19.62. Boys 7-8 25 yard fly: Peng, Kenny, Rhst-CC, 26.81. Girls 9-10 25 yard fly: Hewitt, Kirsten, Rhst-CC, 19.27. Boys 9-10 25 yard fly: Sorsen, Tom, Rhst-CC, 16.93. Girls 11-12 50 yard fly: Gregory, Rachel, Dub Green Gators-CC, 37.54. Boys 11-12 50 yard fly: Tonye, Jorell, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.26. Girls 13-14 50 yard fly: Nicholas, Brianna, Rhst-CC, 32.29. Boys 13-14 50 yard fly: Bird, Arun, Dub Green Gators-CC, 31.27. Women 15-18 50 yard fly: Wyatt, Blaire, Dub Green Gators-CC, 35.39. Men 15-18 50 yard fly: Dotson, Chris, Rhst-CC, 25.63.

Girls 6 & Under 25 yard breast: Harris, Emily, Rhst-CC, 33.49. Boys 6 & Under 25 yard breast: Yang, Christopher, Rhst-CC, 32.40. Girls 7-8 25 yard breast: Gluck, Sofia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 24.30. Boys 7-8 25 yard breast: Hunt, Ethan, Rhst-CC, 27.12. Girls 9-10 25 yard breast: Cano, Olivia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 21.68. Boys 9-10 25 yard breast: Siljeg, Marko, Dub Green Gators-CC, 24.66. Girls 11-12 50 yard breast: McGillivray, Hannah, Rhst-CC, 43.90. Boys 11-12 50 yard breast: Bird, Liam, Dub Green Gators-CC, 42.90. Girls 13-14 50 yard breast: Nicholas, Lexi, Rhst-CC, 40.25. Boys 13-14 50 yard breast: Bird, Arun, Dub Green Gators-CC, 38.97. Women 15-18 50 yard breast: Deering, Sami, Dub Green Gators-CC, 40.74. Men 15-18 50 yard breast: Wilkinson, Kagan, Dub Green Gators-CC, 32.35.

Girls 9-10 100 yard IM: Hewitt, Kirsten, Rhst-CC, 1:34.49. Boys 9-10 100 yard IM: Sorsen, Tom, Rhst-CC, 1:25.12. Girls 11-12 100 yard IM: Torrez, Alexandra, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:21.20. Boys 11-12 100 yard IM: Tonye, Jorell, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:14.95. Girls 13-14 100 yard IM: Maguire, Abigail, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:16.74. Boys 13-14 100 yard IM: Zamudio, Matthew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:11.88. Women 15-18 100 yard IM: Baxter, Lindsey, Rhst-CC, 1:11.40. Men 15-18 100 yard IM: Young, Benjamin, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:00.60.

Girls 6 & Under 25 yard back: Tonye, Makenna, Dub Green Gators-CC, 23.98. Boys 6 & Under 25 yard back: Wang, Andrew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 25.06. Girls 7-8 25 yard back: Gluck, Sofia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 20.67. Boys 7-8 25 yard back: Hunt, Ethan, Rhst-CC, 28.84. Girls 9-10 25 yard back: Brown, Kirsty, Rhst-CC, 20.99. Boys 9-10 25 yard back: Sorsen, Tom, Rhst-CC, 18.75. Girls 11-12 50 yard back: Torrez, Alexandra, Dub Green Gators-CC, 37.86. Boys 11-12 50 yard back: Zamudio, Anthony, Dub Green Gators-CC, 39.07. Girls 13-14 50 yard back: Chiu, Stephanie, Dub Green Gators-CC, 36.29. Boys 13-14 50 yard back: Bowen, James, Dub Green Gators-CC, 36.42. Women 15-18 50 yard back: Hung, Crystal, Dub Green Gators-CC, 32.91. Men 15-18 50 yard back: Psnakis, Alec, Rhst-CC, 31.39.

Rhonewood vs. LifeStyleRx

The Rhonewood Sharks powered into the swim season with a win over the LifeStyleRx Tiger Sharks on Saturday, June 20. The final score was Rhonewood 828, LifeStyleRx 658. The Rhonewood girls carried the meet.

The outstanding swimming of Thomas Neufeld, 11-12 boys, brought the sweep of the 11-12 Boys Events for Rhonewood. Thomas swam into first place in the 50 Breast, 50 Butterfly, 200 IM, and the last leg of the 200 Freestyle Relay. Conner Jones took the 50 Freestyle and Ryan Eckles placed first in the 50 Back. The 200 Medley Relay team of Braden Cartwright, Elijah Deakin, Tyler Paden, and Conner Jones round out the sweep for the 11-12 Boys. Way to Swim 11-12 Boys!

Some of the other swimmers that swam exceptionally well this meet are Brook Carter, 6&U Girls, winning two events: 25 Back and 25 Fly; Jacob Burke, 6&U Boys, swimming to victory in both the 25 Butterfly and 25 Freestyle; Reece Kerstetter-7-8 Boys, taking both the 25 Freestyle and 25 Butterfly; Emily Wapman, 9-10 Girls, took the 50 Freestyle and 25 Breast stroke; Katie Johnston, 11-12 Girls, earned the 50 Freestyle and 200 IM; McKenna Stevulak, 13-14 Girls swam to win the 50 Back and the 50 Fly.

Below are the specific events, times, and scores for each first place Rhonewood Swimming Event:

6 & U Girls: Megan Hill- 25 Free-23.07; Brook Carter- 25 Back 29.16; Brook Carter- 25 Butterfly 33.68; 6 & U Boys: Jacob Burke- 25 Free-20.85; Charlie Brown- 25 Breast-44.46; Jacob Burke- 25 Butterfly-28.45; 7-8 Boys: Reece Kerstetter-25 Free-17.48; Matthew Neufeld-25 Breast-25.60; Reece Kerstetter-25 Butterfly-20.06

9-10 Girls: Emily Wapman-50 Free-39.20; Emily Wapman-25 Breast-23.28; Gianna Paden-25 Butterfly-21.39; Jenna Sunnergren-100 IM-1:46.72; 9-10 Boys: Rory Cartwright-25 Butterfly-18.08; 11-12 Girls: Lauren Cano-50 Free-34.08; Kelsey Santin-50 Back-39.54; Katie Johnston 50 Fly-37.66; Katie Johnston-100 IM-1:23.26; 11-12 Boys: Conner Jones-50 Free-33.51; Ryan Eckles-50 Back-40.69; Thomas Neufeld-50 Breast-43.59; Thomas Neufeld-50 Fly - 40.52; Thomas Neufeld- 100 IM-1:28.40;

13-14 Girls: McKenna Stevulak-50 Back-34.74; Kellie Douglas-50 Breast-36.68; McKenna Stevulak-50 Fly-32.13; Natalie Dimits-100IM-1:16.44; 15-18 Boys: Tyler Cartwright-50 Breast-37.22; Briant Jacobs-50 Free-24.57; Jamie Douglas-100 IM-1:11.48; Hayden Christensen-50 Fly-26.08.

100 Yard Medley Relay: 6&U Girls- Brook Carter, Abby Harrison, Britany Pettit, Paige Dawson-2:43.02; 6&U Boys-Gregory Quach, Luke Ellsworth, Jacob, Charlie Brown-5:04; 7-8 Boys-Mason Paulo, Scott Tagatz, Reece Kerstetter, Collin Trump-1:35.63; 200 Yard Medley: 11-12 Girls-Kelsey Santin, Katie Johnston, Lauren Cano, Courtney Offill-2:42.99; 11-12 Boys-Braden Cartwright, Elijah Deakin, Tyler Paden, Conner Jones-2:10.64; 13-14 Girls-McKenna Stevulak, Kellie Douglas, Natalie Dimits, Danielle Carter- 2:17.38; 15-18 Girls-Carrie Melrose, Courtney Christensen, Amanda Johnston, Shannon Smith-2:14.04; 15-18 Boys-Briant Jacobs, Johnny Cruz, Hayden Christensen, Scott Crowder-1:53.78.

100 Yard Freestyle: 6&U Girls- Megan Hill, Paige Dawson, Britany Pettit, Brook Carter-1:58.20; 6&U Boys- Mason

Paulo, Scott Tagatz, Reece Kerstetter, Collin Trump- 3:35.90; 7-8 Boys- Scott Tagatz, Reece Kerstetter, William Steinberg, Collin Trump-1:23.46; 200 Yard Freestyle: 9-10 Girls-Emily Wapman, Megan Bahr, Rachel Sargis, Gianna Paden- 2:57.58; 11-12 Girls-Katie Johnston, Kristina Brown, Kelsey Santin, Courtney Offill-2:27.01; 11-12 Boys-Michael Eckles, Kyle Tucker, Ryan Eckles, Thomas Neufeld-2:26.96; 13-14 Girls-McKenna Stevulak, Kellie Douglas, Teagan Fish, Natalie Dimits-2:06.01; 15-18 Girls-Carrie Melrose, Courtney Christensen, Amanda Johnston, Shannon Smith-2:04.

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TOP FINISHERS:

Girls 7-8 100 Medley Relay 1:29.43: Miranda Heckman, Emma Quan, Courtney Lau and Sydney Magani; Boys 9-10 100 Medley Relay 1:23.97: Timmy Lau, Jason Lau, Nathaniel Sprout and Benjamin Sprout; Mixed 13-24 200 Medley Relay 2:28.40: Breanna Ingram, Kyle Sheppard, Devin Sheppard and Layne Wylie.

Girls 7-8 25 free 18.03 Miranda Heckman; Boys 9-10 50 free 36.67 Jason Lau; Boys 13-14 50 free 31.08 Kyle Sheppard; Girls 15-18 50 free 30.57 Anna Winegarner; Girls 7-8 25 fly 21.93 Courtney Lau; Girls 9-10 25 fly 23.93 Megan Sullins; Girls 15-18 50 fly 35.30 Anna Winegarner; Girls 7-8 25 breast 24.78 Emma Quan; Boys 9-10 25 breast 22.11 Jason Lau; Boys 13-14 50 breast 39.47 Kyle Sheppard.

Boys 9-10 100 IM 1:36.80 Timmy Lau; Boys 13-14 100 IM 1:17.80 Devin Sheppard; Girls 15-18 100 IM 1:20.06 Anna Winegarner; Boys 15-18 100 IM 1:12.80 James Raynel; Girls 7-8 25 back 22.11 Miranda Heckman; Boys 7-8 25 back 28.31 Nicholas Wonosaputra; Girls 9-10 25 back 24.71 Laurel Heckman; Boys 9-10 25 back 21.32 Jason Lau; Boys 13-14 50 back 37.40 Devin Sheppard; Girls 15-18 50 back 35.81 Anna Winegarner.

Girls 7-8 100 free Relay 1:23.94: Miranda Heckman, Emma Quan, Sydney Magani and Emma Valentine; Boys 9-10 200 free Relay 2:42.12: Nathaniel Sprout, Benjamin Sprout, Jason Lau and Timmy Lau.

Livermore Smoke

After a tough first day in pool play, the Livermore Smoke US Girls' Tournament team battled back from their low-seeded position right to the top, tying for first place honors in the San Jose Bay Area.

Although everyone collected hits during the first day of play, the Smoke team was unable to put together a long enough string of hits to pull ahead in any of the three games they played. The day didn't go without its highlights though. Madison Kahwaty went 5 for 6 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI. Morgan Waugh went 2 for 4 with a triple, a double, and 2 RBI, and Alyssa Silva, Kamy Farro, and Sydney Mendoza each hit a double with an RBI.

On day 2, the girls came out with a renewed strength and were back to their winning ways. First, they faced the Hollister Heat, in what would end as a 3-1 victory for the Smoke. Madison Kahwaty came out strong on the mound, striking out 5 of the 8 batters she faced. Smart base running on the part of Jennah LaVerne (1 for 1 with a single) and hard-hit single by Brianna Winger put Smoke on the board with a run. Then, stringing singles together, the offensive drive took the lead and held on tight. With the final pitch from Hayley Thompson, striking out the Heat's #8 batter, the girls advanced to the semi-finals.

In the semi-final game, the girls faced Almaden Lightning. Again, Madison Kahwaty was on fire as she took the mound, striking out all six of the batters she faced. Then, at the plate, she went 2 for 2, with a breath-taking double, scoring 3. Supported by the strong bats of Lauren Martin, Kamy Farro and Courtney Hayes, the Smoke team maintained the lead and held it, defeating the Lightning and advancing to the Finals.

In the championship game, the girls faced the very-talented West Valley Slammers. In a game where pitching and defense dominated, the girls remained in a tie after 5 innings. For the remainder of the game, the teams invoked the international tie breaker inning after inning, but still remained dead-locked. The amazing Madison Kahwaty pitched an unbelievable 7 innings, striking out 20 of 25 batters she faced. Although Kamy Farro, Lindsey Philips, and Jennah LaVerne all contributed singles at the plate, the game remained tied. With both teams exhausted and approaching the 3-hour mark, the game was called and both teams were allowed to share the honors of first place.

Livermore Smoke 12B team opened its tournament against the Oakland Vipers. Winning pitcher Madalyn Geyer contributed at the plate reaching base 3 at bats, scoring twice. Brittney Gunderson and Samantha Trask each reached base twice, while Kristin Paullazo topped out 4 singles. Smoke came out on top 16-5.

Game 2 vs. Auburn Storm saw Adriana Correa pitch a gem of a game giving up just 1 hit en route to an 8-0 victory. Correa scored 3 times on offense as well. Taryn Zumwalt had a key bunt single that sparked a 3 run rally in the 3rd inning. Isabella Pearson crushed a double to spark another rally in the 4th.

Game 3 vs San Anselmo Storm. Sara Novell pitched a strong game while contributing 3 singles and scoring 3 times as well. Amanda Montano and Molly Farro contributed back to back doubles that helped spark an 11 run 5th inning on the way to an 18-3 win.

The Smoke took the #1 seed in their pool and started off Sunday against the Alameda Blaze. Correa and Novell combined for the win striking out 5 opposing hitters. The key defensive play occurred in the 4th inning when Farro fielded a single up the middle and threw a bullet from centerfield to Montano at the plate to gun down the potential tying run. Novell, Farro, and Montano all contributed doubles on the way to an 8-4 victory.

Next the Smoke faced a tough Albany/Berkeley Sting team. Smoke bats were kept quiet until the 3rd inning when they blasted 4 straight singles. Leah Taulton had 2 singles and scored twice. Sara Novell backed up her own key pitching performance with a Home Run and a Triple. Madalyn Geyer made a key backhanded catch on a line drive smoked up the middle. The Smoke came out on top 13-4.

The championship game pitted the Smoke against an Oakland Vipers team looking for revenge. Novell and Correa held the vipers to just 3 hits. The Smoke defense turned in 2 double plays with perfect throws from Leah Taulton. Lindsey Steiniger drove in a key run in the last inning which led the Smoke to an 8-2 victory and the first place finish. The trio of Novell, Correa and Geyer pitched flawlessly all weekend pitching 30 innings while allowing just 1 walk. The Smoke offense outscored its opponents 73-19 on the way to their first title of the Summer.

Club Sport vs. FAST

The 2008 Tri-Valley Swim League champions Club Sport Tidal Waves started off in great form to defend their title by defeating the Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) Dolphins 710 to 240 at Club Sport.

The top female swimmers for the Tidal

Waves were Mackenzie Lee (15pt), Nichole Maria Cui (15pt), Alyse Bateman (15pt), Isabella Hernandez (13pt), Bailey Craig (13pt), Jessica Clouse (11pt), Saige Aronson (11pt), Lexi Venema (10pt), Alison Hembroth (10pt) and Julia Denismore (9pt)

The top male swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Brett Derham (15pt), Cole Reznick (15pt), Austin Wei (15pt), Eric Hildebrand (13pt), TJ Meagher (12pt), Rocky Anderson (11pt), Justin Lee (11pt), Jack Derham (11pt), Jeff Horne (8pt) and Jack Miller (8pt).

The top female swimmers for the Dolphins were Paige Heacox (13pt), Abby McKeag (12pt), Elizabeth Brown (4pt), Alyssa Wu (3pt), Sabrina Tabaraci (3pt), Alexandra Brown (3pt), Katie Eichhorn (2pt), Sydney Walsh (2pt), Zoe Moura (2pt) and Tricia Ritter (2pt).

The top male swimmers for the Dolphins were Christopher Grant (9pt), Erik Ross (5pt), Shane O'Rourke (5pt), Scott Drummond (5pt), Trevor Ross (5pt), Bobby Henke (4pt), Max McGee (3pt), Cliff Moran (3pt), Colin McMorrow (3pt) and Joseph Scholhammer (3pt)

1st place finishers for Club Sport Girls: 6&U 25Y Free, Mackenzie Lee, 21.20; 11-12 50Y Free, Katie Chase, 32.28; 13-14 50Y Free, Arin Miller, 29.76; Women 15-18 50Y Free, Alyse Bateman, 27.56; 7-8 25Y Fly, Isabella Hernandez, 23.68; 9-10 25Y Fly, Bailey Craig, 17.41; 11-12 50Y Fly, Lexi Venema, 37.31; 13-14 50Y Fly, Nichole Maria Cui, 31.15; Women 15-18 50Y Fly, Alyse Bateman, 30.19; 6&U 25Y Breast, Alyse Aronson, 34.31; 9-10 25Y Breast, Kayla Terry, 21.78; 11-12 50Y Breast, Jacqueline Wood, 44.51; 13-14 50Y Breast, Jessica Clouse, 37.42; Women 15-18 50Y Breast, Alison Hembroth, 38.17; 11-12 100Y IM, Lexi Venema, 1:23.54; 13-14 100Y IM, Nichole Maria Cui, 1:14.12; Women 15-18 100Y IM, Alyse Bateman, 1:10.38; 6&U 25Y Back, Mackenzie Lee, 26.06; 7-8 25Y Back, Isabella Hernandez, 24.11; 9-10 25Y Back, Bailey Craig, 20.57; 11-12 50Y Back, Megan Tang, 39.36; 13-14 50Y Back, Nichole Maria Cui, 32.87; Women 15-18 50Y Back, Alison Hembroth

1st place finishers for Club Sport Boys: 6&U 25Y Free, Jayden Payne, 25.07; 7-8 25Y Free, Cole Reznick, 15.66; 9-10 50Y Free, Brett Derham, 38.38; 11-12 50Y Free, Collin Miller, 29.55; Men 15-18 50Y Free, Kyle Surber, 22.36; 6&U 25Y Fly, TJ Meagher, 25.11; 7-8 25Y Fly, Cole Reznick, 20.98; 9-10 25Y Fly, Jack Miller, 20.38; 11-12 50Y Fly, Austin Wei, 36.96; 13-14 50Y Fly, William Bateman, 37.78; Men 15-18 50Y Fly, Eric Hildebrand, 26.56; 6&U 25Y Breast, Rocky Anderson, 36.16; 7-8 25Y Breast, Cole Reznick, 23.44; 9-10 25Y Breast, Marc Gauthier, 24.39; 11-12 50Y Breast, Austin Wei, 43.96; 9-10 100Y IM, Brett Derham, 1:47.84; 11-12 100Y IM, Austin Wei, 1:25.51; 13-14 100Y IM, Jeff Horne, 1:14.87; Men 15-18 100Y IM, Eric Hildebrand, 1:05.94; 6&U 25Y Back, TJ Meagher, 25.87; 7-8 25Y Back, Jack Derham, 24.17; 9-10 25Y Back, Brett Derham, 21.09; 11-12 50Y Back, Justin Lee, 40.82; 13-14 50Y Back, Jeff Horne, 31.73; Men 15-18 50Y Back, Riley Murtagh, 33.76.

1st place finishers for FAST Girls: 7-8 25Y Free, Abby McKeag, 19.41; 9-10 50Y Free, Paige Heacox, 31.57; 7-8 25Y Breast, Abby McKeag, 27.06; 9-10 100Y IM, Paige Heacox, 1:31.41; 9-10 200Y Free Relay, 1) McGee, Olivia 9 2) Ritter, Tricia 10 3) Martin, Faith 10 4) Heacox, Paige 10, 2:48.26.

1st place finishers for FAST Boys: 13-14 50Y Free, Erik Ross, 31.25; 13-14 50Y Breast, Christopher Grant, 43.33; Men 15-18 50Y Breast, Trevor Ross, 31.32.

Ruby Hill vs. PVC

Ruby Hill Rip Tide Swim Team hosted by Pleasanton Valley Club for their 2nd meet of the season with the final score PVC Dolphins 1064.5; Ruby Hill Rip Tide 665.6.

The following swimmers are recognized for their dropped times and outstanding performance this week for the Pleasanton Valley Dolphins:

Paige Reynolds, Holly Palia, Claire Beer, Colin Wallace, Parker Mapes, Andrew Ralston, Camden McLaggen

Hannah Thoe, Julia Gonsman, Lindy Ludwig, Emma Haas, Marissa Lawrence, Nathan Williams, Gavin Wallace, Ty Castro, Paddy Furrner

Sophia Holbrook, Amy Silva, Danielle Sirota, Delaney Bammer, Maddie Simmons, Clelia Oppari, Justin Miller, Matthew Dotson, Thomas Bose, Luke Bell.

Sarah Pease, Ashley Person, Kendall Avriett, Kennedy Truxen, Erin Walsh, Ben Oliver, Joseph Dallara, Adam Beymer, Joshua McMurdie

Karoline Vandezee, Julia Cilk, Emmy Rodriguez, Emily Helmer, Bryce McLaggen, Steven Cox, Kevin Wiener, Josh Pease, Matt Micheletti

Allie Rodriguez, David Scott, Devan Aziz, Mary Gruen, Rachel Usedom, Brody Boockover

Hopyard Golf Scramble

The Hop yard Golf Scramble will be held June 29 at the Castlewood Country Club Hill Course.

The shotgun start is at high noon. The fee is \$150. Funds raised benefit the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center.

Lunch will be provided by McNamara's Steakhouse. Dinner will be served immediately following play at the Hop yard Alehouse.

For tickets or information, call 373-4567.

Open Water Swim Group

A new open water swim group is starting this season at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Membership in this nonprofit group is open to all qualified individuals. We will have day and evening swim times. The lake temperature can reach upwards of 75 degrees during the warmest months.

If interested, or to sign up, you can check our website at shadowcliffswim.com. For further information you can contact Al DeGraw at (510) 414-7928 or John Bower at (925) 294-9050.

Drive for the Cure

Golfers will tee off on Friday, July 24 at Wentz Vine yards' The Course for the 4th Annual Drive for the Cure to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The golf tournament, which is presented by Chevron and sponsored by Tri-Valley Bank and Valentine Capital Asset Management, has raised more than \$600,000 for JDRF since its inception in 2006.

"Drive for the Cure is an incredible event. My family participates, as well as being beneficiaries," says Claire Wolfe, a Drive for the Cure committee member and parent of a child with juvenile diabetes.

"I have three family members with type 1 diabetes. What this day means to us is the gathering of friends, family and sponsors, who have become very close over the last few years, to play golf, party and raise a heck of a lot of money toward a cure. We always

leave the day overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone involved, and the amazing job that Active Charity does to make this day so very warm and wonderful."

Active Charity, a local group formed by Chico state alumni interested in giving back and helping others, organizes the annual fundraiser.

In addition to the golf tournament, the day's festivities will include a ladies luncheon, dinner, live music and a live auction featuring vacations, wine packages, mountain getaways and more.

For more information or to register, visit www.curetype1.org/drivefortheure.

Chicks with Sticks

Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament will benefit Shepherd's Gate. The event will be held at the Poppy Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday, July 14.

The Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament is a 4-person shotgun scramble. It begins at 1:00 pm. The day will include putting, chipping and longest drive contests, networking reception with other women who own or run a business, great raffle basket prizes, golf goodie bags, box lunch, buffet dinner and a chance to meet and also hear powerful testimonies from some of the residents in the Shepherd's Gate program.

Each year, over 650 battered and homeless women and children come to Shepherd's Gate for a vital lifeline. Many of these women and their children have experienced severe abuse, extreme poverty, and addictions. They come to Shepherd's Gate, sometimes with just the clothes on their backs, seeking a fresh start.

For more information, visit www.shepherds gate.org or to donate raffle items, please contact Lyn Kiernan at (925)443-4283 ext.217 or lkierman@shepherds gate.org

Stealth Makes Move

After six seasons in San Jose, Calif., the Stealth professional indoor lacrosse team has announced their plans to relocate to the greater Seattle, Washington area. The Stealth, a member of the National Lacrosse League, are coming off a 2009 campaign in which they advanced to the West Division Finals before being ousted by the eventual NLL Champion, Calgary Roughnecks.

The franchise now moves north to the State of Washington, where they will play at the Comcast Arena in Everett, Wash., just 30 miles north of Seattle. The 8,300-seat arena is also home to the Western Hockey League's Everett Silvertips. The team's new name will be announced at a formal press conference in Everett.

"We are very excited about our move to the Comcast Arena at Everett and to introduce the region to the thrilling and fast-paced sport of professional indoor lacrosse," said Stealth owner Denise Watkins. "It is a wonderful opportunity for the franchise. There is a strong lacrosse community already present in Everett and the greater Seattle area. We look forward to becoming an active partner and helping to continue the growth of lacrosse with local high schools and clubs."

The National Lacrosse League is the premier professional league in the sport of lacrosse, and features the world's best lacrosse players. The 2010 season will begin in January, and will mark the league's 24th year of pro indoor lacrosse. NLL games draw an average attendance of more than 10,000 fans per game. Total league attendance has exceeded one million fans for each of the past four seasons.

Pro indoor lacrosse is a fast-paced and physical game. The two teams combine to score 25 goals in the average NLL contest. NLL teams play eight regular season home games as part of a 16-game regular season schedule, with all games played on weekends. The NLL regular season starts in January and concludes in April, with playoffs extending into May.

The Stealth came to San Jose prior to the 2004 season after five seasons as the Albany Attack. The Stealth have reached the playoffs in each of the last three seasons, and reached the Division Final in two of those three years. 2008 marked the club's only West Division Regular Season Title, finishing with a 9-7 record.

A major goal of the Stealth upon their arrival in the San Francisco Bay Area was to assist in the development of the game in the region. Their efforts are most evident in the Sticks-2 Schools program, where the team has provided curriculums and instruction to over 80 local schools and 40,000 students. A number of Stealth players have also provided coaching to area high school teams and at camps and clinics throughout the team's tenure in the area.

For more information, call 1-877-MY-75-TIX, email jdilks@sjstealth.com or visit www.stealthlax.com

Football/Cheer Signup

Livermore Youth Football and Cheer Livermore Youth Football and Cheer (LYFandC) is starting registration for the upcoming season.

This is a full contact football league that has been established for 36 years. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of both football and cheer needed to make the transition into high school. The league works together with the local high schools to ensure its participants are learning the fundamentals needed for their very competitive football and Cheer programs. LYFandC's emphasis is on proper technique and fundamentals, responsibility, accountability, and most importantly being a good person and teammate.

All coaches are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game.

Football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DYVFC). Registration will be held July 25 and July 9, from 6-8 pm at Round Table Pizza, 1024 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

Information go to website www.eteamz.com/lyfc or email lyfc@onbox.com

Jail Break Run

On Sunday, July 19, there's going to be a jail break—and the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Association invites everyone join in. The 7th annual Jail Break Run, benefiting Special Olympics Northern California, offers an "escape plan" for everyone: a 5K run (or walk), a 10K run, a Kids' ½-mile run, and a Kids' 1-mile run.

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Once again, this event will be hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, at their Training Center (which is located right next to the Santa Rita Jail), 6289 Broder Blvd., Dublin, Calif. This event is part of the Sheriff's year-round Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising campaign.

The 5K course is a flat and fast loop. The 10K run is primarily flat and fast, with one hill—the very same hill you must master to join the Alameda County S.W.A.T. team; members of the S.W.A.T. team will be on hand to run the 10K course with the participants.

Both USA Track & Field certified courses will run along the walls of the jail (all prisoners will be tucked away, out-of-view, indoors). For those who are little bit more casual with their "get away," participants are welcome to walk the 5K. Both kids' run courses (children under 8-years old) will be held at the Sheriff Training Center's running track.

Each "escapee" will receive the very popular Jail Break Run T-shirt, refreshments, and entry into the Jail Break raffle, which features a lot of great loot. Every child participating in either the ½-mile or 1-mile runs will earn a special award medal. Trophies will be awarded to the first overall male and female participant in each event, as

SHORT NOTES

Ravenswood Tours

The public is invited to join free tours of Ravenswood Historic Site, operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood is a restored Victorian country estate.

Tours include the two 19th century houses and the beautiful grounds, conducted by docents in 1890s costumes. The free public tours are offered from noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Special events each year include the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the second Sunday in August and Victorian Yuletide the second Sunday in December.

Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Upcoming tour dates include June 28, July 12, July 26, Aug. 9 and Aug. 23. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Seed Gathering

Seed Gathering Saturday will be held June 27 in Sycamore Grove Park. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance.

Participants be gathering seed for grassland restoration projects in Sycamore Grove Park. There will be information about the various strategies plants employ to spread themselves far and wide, and help gather seeds from California purple aster, Mules Ears and other plants. Those attending will be transported close to the collecting area so the walk will be less than a mile, but it may be over rough ground. Wear long pants to protect socks from stickers. Remember to wear sunscreen and bring drinking water. This program will last about 2 hours.

This is a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Magic Program

The Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch will be presenting the special free program "Magic Mike's Funhouse" on July 1 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Be Creative @ Your Library."

Master magician Michael Stroud promises a highly-interactive show filled with sleight-of-hand, comedy, and surprises. He has performed internationally on stage and in television, and is the author of nine magical how-to titles published by Klutz press.

Magic Mike will perform Wednesday, July 1 at the Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch, located at 725 Rincon Avenue. The free event will begin at 2:30pm, and will take place outside the library, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities, and to bring appropriate sun gear.

The Livermore Public Library's "Be Creative @ 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, puppetry, animals, and international music, performance, & stories. The Summer Reading Game runs through August 15, 2009. 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.

Summer Adventures

Youth ages 10 to 13 can get out and explore the natural wonders of the Bay Area with a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger. Each month during summer break from school, LARPD has a Bay Area Adventure designed especially for this age group.

Cool off in the heat of summer with July's adventure trip to the Santa Cruz Redwoods. This trip starts with a hike through the majestic coastal redwoods of Henry Cowell State Park. The cool shade of these giant trees will provide a break from the summer heat. After this refresher, the group will head to the beach at Natural Bridges State Beach for an afternoon of exploring along the water's edge. This trip is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Cost is \$45.

Keeping it cool for August will be an adventure trip to Point Reyes. Explore the cooler climate of the Northern California coast at Point Reyes National Seashore. The group will walk to the historic lighthouse for an amazing view across the Pacific Ocean then head to the beach for lunch. This trip will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Cost is \$47.

Transportation is provided for each Bay Area Adventure. To register for a Bay Area Adventure trip, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us, call 925-373-5700 or stop by the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Heritage Homes

"Discover Heritage Homes" will be held on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to noon on the front lawn of the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Docents will provide information on heritage homes and buildings.

The Museum will focus on one to two structures in the valley and provide pictures and fact sheets. Appointments can also be made at that time to conduct heritage home research in the museum's archives. Learn more about Pleasanton's architectural heritage.

Contact (925) 462-2766, office@museummain.org, or visit www.museummain.org.

Immunization Clinics

Axiss Community Health will hold

free summer immunization clinics for children on Saturday mornings, July 11, August 1 and September 12, 2009, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only, located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Saturday Immunization clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

Gardening Website

The University of California Cooperative Extension today launched a new web site to serve as an information portal for California gardeners. The UC Statewide Master Gardener Program staff designed the Web site to organize and extend UC's vast store of research-based information about gardening, landscapes and lawns to the public.

The Web site focuses on sustainable gardening practices and uses a question and answer format to present solutions. A blog on the Web site's home page, updated weekly, highlights gardening content pertinent to the season. The site also links to useful gardening resources on other UC Web pages.

"When UC sites have thorough content covering a particular topic, we link to that site rather than duplicating it," said Pam Giesel, the academic coordinator for the statewide UC Master Gardener Program. "For example, UC IPM, the Center for Landscape and Urban Horticulture, and our sister site, the California Backyard Orchard, contain an abundance of information about sustainable gardening and are all linked to the new portal."

The new Web site also provides California gardeners with free access to updated information from the California Master Gardener Handbook.

- Special features include:
- Guidelines for practicing sustainable gardening
 - Easy calculators for estimating landscape water needs
 - Guidelines for conserving and

managing water during a drought

- Links to local Master Gardener Web sites
- Comprehensive grape and berry gardening practices
- Vegetable gardening FAQ

The site has sections on gardening basics, climate zones, finding a local master gardener, pests, diseases, weeds, vegetables, nut and fruit trees, vines, landscape trees, shrubs and vines, lawns, flowers, indoor plants, poisonous plants, a glossary, classes and events.

Visit the California Garden Web at http://cagardenweb.ucdavis.edu.

Wild Things at Library

Wild Things, Inc. brings an array of native wild animals to the Pleasanton Library on Wednesday, July 8. Take a journey through the wilderness of North America and meet some of the same animals encountered by the early pioneers!

No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is for children kindergarten age and older. Two performances will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and This program is part

of the library's ongoing 2009 summer reading game, Tales of the Old West, which runs through August 7. Children of all ages sign up at the library to record time spent reading (or being read to), and claim fun prizes for their efforts.

For more information about the reading game or upcoming summer programs, check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html, or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

First Wednesday

Wed., July 1 will be First Wednesday in downtown Pleasanton. Little Valley Winery will host Roger Cardinal, who will play his music, and special guest, Santa in Shorts. Santa will be sitting outside of Little Valley Winery, 739 Main St. signing his new cookbook Santa's Ultimate Recipes - Santa Does Not Live By Milk And Cookies Alone! By Buddy The Elf. Book signing and pictures are from 6-8:30pm. For more information call Sandi at 925.862.9006

Applications Accepted for Community Gift Program

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is kicking off its annual Community Gift Program to benefit local and area non-profit organizations for 2009.

The program provides up to \$100,000 in funding to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community-service and philanthropic needs in communities having a large population of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) employees. Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organiza-

tions, and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Established in 2008, the program received more than 140 applications for grants in its first year. Twenty applications were selected for awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education and cultural arts.

The Community Gift Program expands upon LLNS' community giving, which continues to ben-

efit the Greater Bay Area. In December 2008, LLNS matched \$1 million in employee donations to the Lab's HOME (Helping Others More Effectively) Campaign. The HOME Campaign benefits community/nonprofit agencies in the Tri-Valley, San Joaquin Valley and Greater Bay Area. Since 1997, HOME has raised more than \$1 million annually through employee donations that go directly to agencies selected by the employees.

Last year LLNL employees pledged more than \$1.6 million to the HOME Campaign, benefiting 446 agencies. Adding the \$1 million LLNS match brought the

total contribution to nearly \$2.7 million.

All organizations interested in applying to the LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by August 5, 2009. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Sept. 9, 2009.

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

Public Invited to Meet and Talk to a 'Ham'

The Tri-Valley's "hams" will joined with thousands of Amateur Radio operators showed off their emergency capabilities last weekend. Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications during unexpected emergencies in towns across America including the California wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes and other events world-wide. During Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio - often called "Ham radio" - was often the only way people could communicate, and hundreds of

volunteer "hams" traveled south to save lives and property.

On the weekend of June 27 - 28, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with Tri-Valley ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about.

Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

This annual event, called

"Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators constructed emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country.

Their slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't!" is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that

can be compromised in a crisis.

In the Tri-Valley area, the Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Robertson Park on June 27 and 28. The public is invited to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.emergencyradio.org. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet and talk with the hams.

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Arman Habibi

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Ram Kothandaraman

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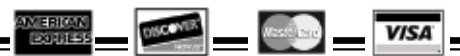
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REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES

Property Subject to Scrutiny For FHA and VA Loans

By Cher Wollard When buyers apply for a mortgage to purchase a home, the focus is on requirements applicants must meet to qualify: low debt-to-income ratios, credit-worthiness, sufficient time on the job, etc.

The property must also meet basic criteria, but for most mortgages, that means it simply has to be worth enough to provide security to the lender in case of default.

In the case of FHA and VA loans, however, the property must pass more rigorous review, while buyers get breaks on credit, debt and income requirements.

"The Veteran's Administration and the Federal Housing Authority are looking for problems that could impact habitability and safety," explained Bill McManus, a home loan specialist with Pro Mortgage Group.

"They are there to protect the buyers, whereas in a conventional loan, the banks are really focused on the value of the property."

FHA and VA inspections are conducted as part of the appraisal process. Both agencies have lists of approved appraisers, who are trained to determine whether the property meets agency guidelines.

"FHA authorized or VA authorized appraisers are not only looking at the value, they are looking at the condition of the property," McManus said. "Sometimes things will trigger them to call for further inspections. When they do that, it becomes a mandatory inspection."

Any problems identified during the inspection must be addressed before the sale closes. Typically, the sellers would usually be asked to make those repairs.

But many buyers are looking at distressed properties, which can offer attractive pricing. Many of these homes, however, are offered in current "As Is" condition and will not pass the agency checklists.

Problems found during inspections can kill a deal, if neither buyer nor seller agrees to make repairs. "This is especially important in today's market, with the poor conditions we are seeing with bank-owned and short sale properties," McManus said.

"The asset managers of these properties (who represent the banks selling these homes) don't want to put additional money into these properties, so sometimes they won't accept a buyer using FHA or VA financing."

Inspectors look for health or safety concerns, with minor differences in criteria for VA and FHA. The following is a list of items an inspector might cite:

1. Site Hazards and Nuisances This includes such characteristics as sinkholes; gas or oil wells; slush pits; storage tanks with more than 1,000 gallons of flammable or explosive material; excessive noise, smoke or fumes, offensive noises; heavy traffic
 2. Soil Contamination Inspectors will look for surface evidence of underground storage tank; proximity to dumps, landfills, industrial sites that could contain hazardous materials; and the presence of pools of liquid, pits, ponds, lagoons, stained soils or pavement
 3. Grading and Drainage Grading that does not provide drainage away from structures or standing water near structures
 3. Individual Water and Sewage Systems Evidence of system failure in private sewage systems; lack of connection to public water; wells and septic drain fields that are too close together; wells too close to the property line
 4. Wood Destroying Insects - Evidence of infestation or wood touching the ground will require a termite inspection and treatment if infestation is present. Inspections are also mandated if required or customary in the area
 5. Private Road Access Property must be accessible by foot or vehicle. Private roads that provide the only accessibility must be recorded as permanent easements.
 6. Floor Support Systems Significant cracks, evidence of water damage or of spongy/weak/rotted flooring
 7. Framing/Walls/Ceiling Significant cracks; visible holes in exposed areas; damaged plaster, sheetrock, or ceiling materials in older homes; or significant water damage
 8. Attic Inadequate access, evidence of holes, support structure damage, significant water damage visible from interior or lack of ventilation by vent, fan, or window
 9. Basement Blocked or inadequate access, evidence of significant water damage or significant cracks or erosion in exposed areas
 10. Crawl Space Blocked or inadequate access, apace inadequate for maintenance (recommended 18 inches), support beams not intact, excessive dampness or ponding of water
 11. Slab Significant cracks that could affect structural soundness
 12. Roof - Presence of the following will require a roof inspection and possible repair: Missing tiles, shingles, flashing, etc.; holes or signs of leakage
 13. Furnace/Heating System Unit does not turn on; heat is not emitted, unusual noise, smoke or irregular smell, significant holes or deterioration on unit
 14. Central Air Conditioning Unit does not turn on; cool air is not emitted, unusual noise, smoke or irregular smell, significant holes or deterioration on unit
 15. Electrical System Electrical switches or outlets don't work, presence of smoke or sparks from outlet, exposed frayed or unconnected wiring
 16. Plumbing System Significant drop or limitation in water pressure; no hot water; toilets don't function or have been removed; toilet leaks; sinks/bath-tub/shower leaks (very minor leaks may be acceptable); sinks/bath-tub/shower does not work or have been removed; swimming pools not operational, in bad repair or not maintained
 17. Paint Chipped or peeling paint on exterior surfaces; chipped or peeling paint on interior surfaces of older home and/or structures and improvements
 18. Other Missing or inoperable exterior doors, broken or missing stairs, absence of built-in appliances
- "A lot of buyers — especially first-time homebuyers — don't have the reserves to make necessary repairs after they purchase a home," McManus said. "These requirements are for their protection."
- In some cases, FHA buyers may qualify for a special program that offers a loan to purchase the property plus funds for upgrades and restorations, which can be done after the deal closes.
- "I tell buyers don't be discouraged from using FHA and VA," McManus added. "There are still deals going through. "You just have to have a good real estate agent working on your behalf."
- Do you have questions about local real estate matters you would like to see covered in this space? E-mail your questions to cherw@windermere.com

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home Realty, Livermore.

Birds Found in Livermore Test Positive for West Nile Virus

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District picked up 3 dead birds last Wednesday, tested them in-house and found them positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the County's first indication of active virus transmission this year. All the birds were American Crows, picked up in the City of Livermore (Zip Code 94550). They were tested on the district's labRAMP equipment.

Since West Nile Virus is a mosquito-transmitted disease, controlling the mosquito population is paramount. District staff have been checking neglected swimming pools in the Tri-Valley area located during a recent

helicopter fly over. "We predict that the Tri-Valley area, being the warmest part of the county, will be the focus of West Nile Virus infections this year. That has proven to be the case in the past" said District Manager John Rusmisl. "We need all residents of the county, especially those in the Tri-Valley area, to check their own front and backyards for any standing water."

Rusmisl said "Don't wait until someone you know gets sick with West Nile Virus before taking steps to protect yourself from mosquitoes. Do it now. Use repellent and wear long sleeves and long pants when going outside; put screens on your windows and

doors; get rid of any standing water in your backyard."

Use the following list to protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Drain all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, and don't overwater your lawn
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, especially at dawn and the first two hours after sunset,
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin according to label instructions
- When outdoors, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts (you can now buy clothing with insect repellent built into the fabric)

• Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.

Most people who become infected with WNV do not experience symptoms or become ill. Only about one out of every 150 people infected with WNV may develop a more severe form of the illness. Adults over 50 years old and people with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of serious complications from WNV infection. Anyone who develops symptoms such as a high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches or stiff neck should seek medical care immediately.

As part of an on-going surveillance program, the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement

District is asking the public to report any wild birds, specifically crows, ravens, jays, magpies and birds of prey that have been dead less than 48 hours (and show no signs of decomposition), to the California Department of Health Services. The website address for reporting the dead birds is: www.westnile.ca.gov. They can also be reached by phone: 1(877)WNV-BIRD 1(877)968-2473.

Since horses are very susceptible to WNV, and the mortality rate for infected horses is exceptionally high, horse owners are advised to contact their veterinarians immediately about vaccinations.

To date this year in Califor-

nia WNV has been detected in 14 counties for a total of 46 dead birds, 56 mosquito pools (pools are groups of ~50 mosquitoes tested together), 3 sentinel chicken flocks, and 1 squirrel. No horses or humans cases have been reported.

In 2008 California had 445 human cases of West Nile Virus including 15 fatalities.

The public can access information about mosquitoes and West Nile Virus on the district's website: www.mosquitoes.org. Residents can also pick up mosquito-larvae eating fish at our District office from 7:30-4:30pm for their fish ponds, horse troughs, etc. in Hayward at 23187 Connecticut St. The district's phone number is (510)783-7744.

For information concerning human West Nile Virus symptoms, prevention or testing please contact the Alameda County Public Health Department at (510) 267-8001.

For information regarding horses and WNV, contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture call the Equine West Nile information line at 1(800) 268-7378, email WNVirus@cdfa.ca.gov or visit http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/wnv_info.htm

FAIR

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ing out their location in the early morning light. This is the best way to celebrate Independence Day!

6. BBQ Rib Cook-Off – It's a tradition with contestants vying for the coveted title of Best Ribs at the Fair.

7. Make it, Take it, Bake it and Grow it – check out the Best In Show blue ribbon winners from the many competitive exhibit entries, competition at its best!

8. Hot Dog Eating Relay Contest – New contest guaranteed to garner lots of laughs, some full stomachs and green faces by the contestants.

9. Kids Park – Entertainment and activities just for the little people with: pony rides, circus shows, mini dog races, art center, kiddo karaoke and rides "just fast enough" to please all.

10. Live Roller Derby – Rough, tough and tumble entertainment with crowd pleasing jabs, shoves and maybe even some hair pulling action!

All events are listed at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com.

"The Annual Fair is one of the most exciting times of the year in Alameda County. Each year, they provide numerous activities and one-of-a-kind programs that families can enjoy while spending quality time together at the beautiful fairgrounds in Pleasanton. In light of the economic challenges facing our economy, it is encouraging to know that the Fair provides not only food, fun and

excitement, but also contributes to our local economy through jobs and support of community based organizations. We are very proud of their efforts," declared Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Board Supervisor.

The summertime concert series at the Alameda County Fair begins with the Charlie Daniels Band performing Wed., July 1.

There are two shows each day, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is included in admission to the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Other performers are: July 2, Mandisa; Fri., July 3 the Night Ranger; July 4, Bay Area Blues Society; July 5, Carmen Jara; July 7, Skynnyn Lynnyrd; Wed., July 8, the Gregg Rolie Band; July 9, Salvador; July 10, Bowling for Soup; July 11, En Vogue; Bucky Covington performs Sun., July 12; BJ Thomas on Wed., July 15; Evolution - Tribute to Journey, July 14; Ozomatli will be on stage Thurs., July 16; Solange Knowles, July 17, Con Funk Shun, July 18; and Aaron Tippin, July 19.

Special pricing for fairgoers include: Kids-Free Fridays, \$2 Tuesdays, Military Appreciation Weekend (free with valid identification) and Seniors-Free Wednesdays. New for 2009, the Fair will offer a \$30 season pass for admission that can be purchased online until June 22nd.

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented, "The Alameda County Fair in Pleas-

anton is a spectacular hybrid of the best of California's urban and rural fairs. It draws thousands of visitors and local residents to its stellar entertainment lineup, colorful fairway, traditional exhibits of farm animals, and so much more; it's a wonderful kick off to the summer season in the San Francisco East Bay. The Alameda County Fair has distinguished itself as a top venue for tourists and local businesses and as such has a profound effect on the local economy."

In 2002, KPMG performed an "Economic Impact Study," and found that the Alameda County Fairgrounds generates more than \$300 million of annual economic benefit to the regional community, much of which is generated by the Annual Fair. The nonprofit Fair Association continues to provide positive recognition to the region, and has received more industry awards over the past several years than any other fair facility in the Western United States, including International Awards. In 2009, the Alameda County Fair won the Western Fair Association's prestigious "Merrill Award," given for "outstanding leadership and vision."

Key Economic Drivers of the 97th Annual Alameda County Fair:

- The Annual 17 day Alameda County Fair draws roughly 400,000 patrons
- The Fair and its partners employ more than 2,000 summer

workers/hires

• The 15 day Live Horse Race Meet generates upwards of \$40 million in wagers with approximately \$8 million wagered onsite

• As the "largest nonprofit generator of solar energy in the nation" the Fairgrounds operates a 1-megawatt solar energy system that exceeds the power needs of the 17 day fair including the carnival rides

• The Junior Livestock Auction held during Fair has raised

more than \$6M over the past 10 years for 4-H and FFA youth, many of whom fund their college educations with the monies raised by selling their animals at the auction

With the "Oldest One-mile Race Track in America," the Fair Association hopes to continually enhance its horse training and racing program in Pleasanton. For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.



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National Drowning Prevention Month

The month of May marked the kick-off of a year-long national campaign for drowning prevention. Historically, cases of toddler drownings begin to rise in May and continue to increase as temperatures climb and doors are left open to let in cooling breezes, and family activities move outdoors.

But organizations like the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) want parents to know that drownings, especially those of young children, don't just happen in warm weather. They warn that drownings take place every month of every year, but also believe that **drowning IS preventable**. The NDPA supports the concept of "layers of protection" including barriers around pools and swim lessons, year-round.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1-4 in California.*

American Swim Academy has developed their Aqua Babies program for children 6 months to 3 years of age, specifically to teach parent and child water safety. These parent-participation classes are structured around realistic expectations for children and their stages of development, teaching safety holds and restricting initial swimming and submersion time to encourage critical water comfort skills.

A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under.*

No child is ever drown-proof, but a fun introduction to water safety, taught by certified instructors, will build beginning water skills that lead to a life-long love of swimming and a healthy, active lifestyle. Call today to schedule a free trial class.

* Statistics from the Drowning Prevention Foundation



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- Develop a child who can independently swim back to the wall as a place of safety

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- All instructors are experienced and safety-certified



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Art, Community, & Education

Performance Of 'Carnival of the Animals' Scheduled

Valley Dance Theatre will perform a fully-staged ballet, *Carnival of the Animals*, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Calif. on Saturday, July 11. The 2:00 p.m. matinee and 7:00 p.m. evening performances will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Valley Dance Theatre has donated 120 tickets to the Livermore Public Library's summer reading program for distribution as incentives and prizes to participants in the program.

This family show features more than 40 dancing lions, elephants, swans and roosters, as well as a graceful jellyfish that glows in the dark. Dancers perform classical ballet and contemporary dance to selections from Vivaldi's *Winter*, *Carmen Suite* and *Don Quixote* and from well-known musical theater, "One" from *A Chorus Line* and *Shoeless Joe Jackson*.

"This production personifies our tagline, *Bringing Art to Life*," says Valley Dance Theatre founder and director Betsy Hausburg. "The costuming and animated movements of the various creatures from land and sea give life to the show in a particularly engaging way. We know audiences of all ages will love it."

Tickets to *Carnival of the Animals* are \$18 for adults and \$8 for students 17 years and younger. They may be purchased online at <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org> or by phone at 925-373-6800. All seats are reserved.

Tickets may also be purchased in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street in Livermore, Tuesday – Saturday, 12 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Valley Dance Theatre brings full-length and repertory classical ballet and contemporary dance productions to the San Francisco East Bay. Every December, the Company presents several full-length performances of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*. Last year, the production attracted an audience of more than five thousand. A second major production is staged each season. Detailed information is available at <http://valleydance.com> or 925-243-0925.



Grace Signorelli portrayed a rooster in a previous production of "Carnival of the Animals."

"He Oughta Beef in Pictures"

Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the Alameda County CattleWomen's "He Oughta Beef in Pictures" Father's Day photo contest were announced last week. The entries were to show why father deserves beef on Father's Day. "Families are an important part of American society. As the guiding member of the family, father deserves some special recognition at least once a year," said Allison Batteate of Alameda County CattleWomen. "We think this contest is a great way to show dad how important he is to our way of life."

The first place winner (at right) is a photo by Brenda DeLuca entitled "Great Grandpa, Cody & Chick." It is a photo of great grandfather Bernie Leal showing his great grandson Cody Hopping, visiting from Nevada, the latest addition to the Leal Ranch.



Second place is a photo by Linda Fields Stiehr entitled, "Learning' the Ropes." It was taken at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. Ryan, the pick-up man, was preparing for the show. Sam was helping.



Third place is "How you doing?" taken by Juliana Marciel. Her entry reads, "My heart only beats for meat . . . BEEF up your heart beat. Uncle Lawrence never married and has no children, but is an awesome uncle who shares a love for cattle."

Variety of Camps Focus on the Arts

Summer Visual and Performing Arts Camps and Classes are being offered at the Bothwell Arts Center.

Home to 11 studio artists, art gym members, music teachers, actors, cultural arts groups and the base for many performing arts groups, the Bothwell is all about freedom to create, and a place to make it happen.

The following camps are available:

Studio Arts Experience for Kids: Diana Marion offers her art teaching talents to provide summer arts for kids from kindergarten through high school, from drawing, painting, printing and special projects kids love. See dianamarion.com for pricing and further information. Class sessions run June 15th through July 3rd, times varied.

Teen to Adult Art Instruction and Painting Help: Working on a painting and having trouble? Why don't you just drop in for one or two sessions and Barbara will help you through it. Classes are small and intimate. You will

get individual instruction in either drawing or painting in a variety of mediums, depending on your current skill level or interests. The class is geared towards each student and their goals. Info and signups: microangelo@earthlink.net. 6-9pm on Friday nights, year-round.

High School Acting Camps with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival: With an emphasis on acting and performance, this 10-day course will broaden a student's perspective on Shakespeare by utilizing improvisation, theater games, and stage fighting techniques. Students receive a free pass to Livermore Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* and may be considered for minor roles in the production or perform a 10-minute skit pre-performance. Visit www.ShakespearesAssociates.org or contact Russ Marcel (Director of Education) at education@ShakespearesAssociates.org. Camp Dates: July 6-10 and 13-17 (Mondays - Fridays), 2:00-4:00 p.m.

ActSmART Children's The-

ater Summer Camp – Pirates of Penzance! The ActSmart Children Theater 2009 program will be in Livermore at the Bothwell Center and ends in performances on August 15th and August 16th at the Livermore Bankhead Theater. The program is divided into two groups, one for children ages 3-10, and the other for juniors ages 11-17. Enrollments before July 1 receive a discount of 10% off. For more information or to enroll your child, go to www.SmART-Sunlimited.com or call 925-245-

0283. Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM, July 20th through August 14th.

Roy's Magic Camp helps build children's self-confidence and self-esteem, teaching beginners through intermediate level magic tricks culminating in performance and performance technique. Director Roy Porfido is a full-time professional magician, specializing in education, seen widely in the Bay Area and local television. Magic Camp runs July 20-31st.

See www.magiccamp.org for information and registration. Special needs welcome.

Sycamore Strings Offers a Multitude of Courses this Summer, from Music and Movement, Beginning String Bass, Jazz Improv for Strings, Beginning Guitar for Children and Parents, and even an Intro to Acting Course. New this summer as well is a Summer Youth Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. See www.sycamorestringsacademy.com/summer-classes2009 for full details.

Summer Jazz Series at the Livermore Library

The sounds, sights and words of jazz will be featured during the month of July 2009, as the Livermore Public Library presents *Jazz in July*, a series of free events around this lively genre of music. All events will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

The series kicks off on Sunday, July 5 at 2pm with the *Mimi Fox/Cindy Browne Rosefield Duo*. Mimi Fox is an internationally known jazz guitarist who is joined on bass by Cindy Browne Rosefield, Director of Instrumental Music and Performing Arts Coordinator at Las Positas College. The duo made an appearance at the first Jazz in July series in 2007 and are back by popular demand.

On Sunday July 12 at 2pm, join Al Young and Charles L. Robinson as they share their unique view of jazz. Co-authors of *Jazz Idiom: Blueprints, Still and Frames; The Jazz Photography of Charles L. Robinson; Poetic Takes and Riffs by Al Young*. Poet Laureate of California Al Young riffs, bobs, and croons his way across the page, providing poetry, anecdotes, and insight into the players captured on film by photographer Charles L. Robinson.

Continuing on Sunday July 19 at 2pm, the Jazz in July series features *Jazz and the Great American Songbook*. Pianist Dennis Edwards and bassist Steve Webber narrate the lives and play the music of America's greatest "pop" composers including George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and Henry Mancini in this very special CD release celebration program.

Wrapping up the series on Sunday July 26 will be *Night Harvest*, a string-driven modern jazz quartet, blending elements of Asian, Celtic, Gypsy, Zydeco, Brazilian and African music into virtuosic, improvisatory jazz creations. *Night Harvest* is comprised of violinist/guitarist Jim Hurley, guitarist Art Thompson, bassist Paul Schimmelman, and drummer/percussionist Kelly Fasman.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us

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- 1 The Charlie Daniels Band
- 2 Mandisa
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- 6 **CLOSED - No Concert**
- 7 Skynny Lynnnyrd - Tribute
- 8 Gregg Rolie Band
- 9 Salvador
- 10 Bowling For Soup
- 11 En Vogue
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New Poets Laureate Announced



Deborah Grossman, Pleasanton

ODE TO A BELL.

You were just a bell, they said,
a bell which swings back and forth
and rings and rings for us.

Men clambered
into yellow boots
hurrying to your beat.

Our mothers and fathers
heard your mighty song
and watched heroes face fire.

With gratitude
they farmed and traded and thrived.

But hopyards ceded to asphalt
horses to barn,
train whistles to silence.

You nearly succumbed
as sirens wailed up Main.

Until the Muses
moseyed into town
to light new fire.

Now boots stomp and dance
Voices chime in song, poetry and tales
teens fall into stage love.

Artists bend to draw a bell,
just a bell, they say,
which swings back and forth
and rings and rings for us.

Deborah Grossman ©

She will be called upon to provide poetry at civic events such as dedications and public ceremonies, create and host literary-focused programs and events and serve as an active member of the Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival planning committee. In addition, she will act as a resource and liaison between the Civic Arts Program and local schools, literary and community organizations.

Grossman is a Bay Area wine and food journalist, essayist, editor and award-winning poet. She recently authored *Goldie and Me*, which explores the many facets of freedom, friendship and food through the lens of poetry and features poems by Grossman and her "feisty" mother, who launched her own poetic renaissance at age 87.



Cher Wollard, Livermore

"As the City of Pleasanton Poet Laureate, I look forward to continuing the popular Century House Poetry Reading series and the Teen Poet Laureate program and envision the launch of a Celebrating Famous Poets series, beginning with 'Celebrating: Robert Frost'" Grossman says. "I also anticipate partnering with talented local poets in Poetry Rocks in Many Languages, where poets will read poems in their original languages and then read the English translations. Coordinating poetry programs at the Senior Center will be a priority, too."

Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen, stated, "All of our poets laureate have given generously their unique talents and interests to enhance our literary program. Deborah obviously has an abundance of ideas, expertise and enthusiasm to contribute and we look forward to experiencing her leadership over the next two years as the program continues to grow and thrive."

The Livermore City Council also issued a proclamation recognizing retire poet laureate Connie Post's contributions. Noting that she initiated several ongoing poetry programs, such as *Wine and Words* and *Ravenswood*. The proclamation thanked Connie for "her creativity, hard work and gift of words to the community."

Post said that she had enjoyed her journey

as poet laureate. "It takes a village to make a good poet laureate. I didn't do this on my own," she declared.

Wollard, in her application, proposes recruiting a troupe of writers to take poetry into the wider community, especially children and seniors. She also is hoping to produce a special literary evening.

She told the council, "I'm nervous and excited to follow Connie. She has been wonderful."

Wollard read the following poem at Livermore's city council session. It is about the National Ignition Facility.

STELLAR GUEST

They're making a star in my home town
down the avenue from where I live
Not a Polaris nor a white dwarf even
but a microscopic star-let

A bold plan, a grand scheme
planting a star seed in a Petrie dish
They'll pummel it with laser bolts
created courtesy of NIF

The seed when it bursts into red-hot flame
shall burn like dry bush on a desert hill
and blaze ten million light years
This seems a clever trick, and still

I cannot help but ponder
the first stars when they were ignited
it was not by lightning but by thunder:
"Let there be Light," and they were lighted

I, poor poet, cannot make a star
nor even a bulb to glow a hundred years,
but I can strike pen to paper
illuminate human joys and fears

They're building a star in my little city
to fuel mankind's great ships with fusion
Those ships may sail millennia
beyond what you or I envision

We fumble in our mundane quests
amid the shadows of the earth
while a future barely glimpsed
is in a chamber being birthed

Charan Sue Wollard

Swing, Tango, and Rumba with the JB Smooth Sounds Band

By Patricia Koning

Looking for something different to do this weekend? How about a night of big band music and dessert? On Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, the JB Smooth Sounds band will play its last dessert and dancing event at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard. Admission is \$7 for Pleasanton residents (out-of-towners are \$8) and everyone is welcome.

"We really love playing at the senior centers," says Joe Buonsante, the band's leader. "You see people in their 70s, 80s, even 90s doing the most fantastic dancing. Unfortunately with the economy the way it is, the Pleasanton Senior Center can't put on the dessert and dancing events any more."

Along with Buonsante, the other six members of the JB Smooth Sounds band are Ken Logsdon, pianist and arranger; Ed Setchell, saxophone; Brian Andresen, drums; Lou Ruocco, drums (backup); Chuck Cannon, trombone; and Rich Lagomarsino, bass guitar. They describe themselves as "dads, granddads, and great grandfathers ranging in age from their 40s to 70s."

The band came together about four years ago as a spin off from the San Ramon Moonglowers.

Vivian Holmen, whose father was a famous bandleader, founded that band. All of the JB Smooth Sounds Band members except for Ruocco play with the Moonglowers now or have done so in the past.

So why the spin off? "One day Vivian decided that if her dad could lead a band, then so could she," explains Buonsante. "So after playing with the Moonglowers for a few years, I decided that I'd like to try my hand at being a band leader and lead vocalist."

The members of JB Smooth Sounds band come from a variety of backgrounds, but share a passion for music. And not just any music—big band sounds, waltzes, tangos, and bossa novas. Favorite requests include "New York, New York" and Sinatra favorites like "Summer Wind" and "Witchcraft."

Buonsante worked as a special education teacher with the Pleasanton Unified School District while singing with combos and appearing



in San Francisco clubs as the featured singer. "When my students used to ask me what I did over the weekend, they were always surprised when I'd answer that I was singing in a club. Then they'd ask me to sing something, and they'd look at me in a whole new way," he recalls.

Logsdon was a technician at the VA Hospital, and played with several bands for many years as an accordionist, pianist, and arranger.

He plays piano at Ridgeview Commons twice a week and performs piano accompaniment for the fashion show circuit in northern California.

Sax player Setchell served for 15 years in the Navy and worked for PG&E for 37 years. He's played with the Martinez band, American Legion band, Oakland Memorial band, Moonglowers, and three Dixieland bands.

Andresen had a 30-year career in medicine, pharmacology, and forensics and owns the Classical Clocks & Antiques shop in Livermore. He plays drums with the Moonglowers, Cool Tones, and Downtown Blues band in addition to JB Smooth Sounds.

Today drummer Ruocco works as a CAD designer in Pleasanton, but before settling down to raise a family, he toured Texas with several bands. He's drummed with jazz bands, drum and bugle corps, and concert bands.

Trombonist Cannon, who served in the Marines during the Korean War, played with the Cincinnati Symphony and San Diego Junior Philharmonic, and toured the east coast with big bands. Lagomarsino plays jazz bass guitar with local combos, as well as the Moonglowers.

Buonsante says that the band members don't spend too much time talking about their personal lives. "When we get together to practice, we're just so tuned into the music, there isn't time for much else," he explains.

That love of music is what brings together the members of JB Smooth Sounds to play at a range of venues including the Pleasanton Library, Ridgeview Commons, and the Italian-Catholic Federation dinner dance fundraiser. For more information on the band, contact Buonsante at 925-443-2224 or joephylb@att.net.



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Caitlin and Matt (top photo) and Christopher and Connor (lower photo) try out a magic trick.

in the camp also build self-confidence, learn how to critique one another, and understand respect. Practicing magic develops eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills.

The camps have beginning and intermediate levels, and participants must pass a skills test to advance to intermediate. Participants can be from 6 to 12 years old. Past participants who are 13 years old can become counselors in training, and at the age of 14 can become counselors and eventually instructors.

Porfido says he wanted to become a magician after seeing a magic show when he was in the first grade. "The only thing I remember from that show was a trick where the magician joined rings together and then un-joined them," he recalls. "I decided I'd have to learn magic to figure out how it was done."

In junior high school, he realized that magicians are really actors pretending to be magicians, so he became involved in drama and local theater. He attended California State University Hayward (now Cal State East Bay) and earned an undergraduate degree in speech

drama.

After college he was drafted into the Army and when he got out began working for the phone company, but magic was still close to his heart. When workers at the phone company went on strike, he headed to southern California to audition for a school entertainment company. Porfido landed the job, developed a magic act, bought a Volkswagen bus, and spent the next two years criss-crossing the country, performing at up to five different schools each day.

"I realized that I didn't need to go all over the country to perform in schools, there were plenty right here in the Bay Area," he says. When school engagements slowed down, he began performing at birthday parties and special events.

More recently, Porfido and his wife, who is a face painter, have begun working with preschoolers. "They just love the silliness," he says. "Watching their faces is worth more to me than any money."

For more information on Porfido's magic camps, visit www.magiccamp.org. For more information on his performances, visit www.magicshows.org.

Add Some Magic to Your Child's Summer

By Patricia Koning

While some magicians carefully guard their tricks, Livermore's own Roy Porfido is quite generous with his secrets. He teaches workshops, after school classes, and, for the last nine years, magic camp.

Tomorrow kids in Moraga will put on a performance for their family and friends to demonstrate all the magic tricks and illusions they've learned over the past two weeks and graduate from Porfido's magic camp. "Over my years as a magician, I've found my real love is working with kids," he says.

He's offering a second magic camp this summer in Livermore at the Bothwell Arts Center, July 20-31. The camp runs from 9 am to 3 pm each day and costs \$395 with a 10% discount for siblings.

Porfido's camps used to last for one week. However, he found that between registration and introductions on the first day and the performance and graduation on the last day, there were only three full

days of teaching. Each morning of camp starts off with exercises outside to wake up the body and mind, followed by a review of the previous day's lessons, which includes a proficiency contest with prizes.

After a snack break, Porfido teaches new concepts, sticking to one theme for each day, such as card, rope, or coin tricks, mentalism, close up magic, and parlor magic. In the afternoon, guest instructors teach skills like juggling, puppetry, and balloon sculpting.

Pleasanton magician Leo Luna is the other full-time instructor and Livermore magician Timothy James is a guest instructor, visiting the camp several times each week. Larry Kluger and his daughter Sarah teach juggling and "Sir Lance" teaches balloon sculpting. Sir Lance, by the way, knows how to sculpt over 10,000 figures from balloons.

Besides the technical side of magic, Porfido says participants



“The Great *Catsby* Casino Night” Benefiting Valley Humane Society

The Great *Catsby* Casino Night” will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at a private home in Pleasanton.

Proceeds will benefit the Valley Humane Society,

The evening will feature dinner, dancing, casino gambling, and a silent auction. Ticket prices include dinner, drink tickets, valet parking and gambling chips. Prohibition era cocktails will be served. Participants are encouraged to dress in 1920s- themed cocktail attire. Catering is provided by Whole Foods.

The event will also include the Tri-Valley Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Tournament. An optional \$75 buy-in is needed to play in the tournament. World Poker Tour rules and standards apply. Prizes will be awarded to the final eight players.

Non-refundable tickets at \$75 per person can be purchased at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. Cash, checks, MasterCard and Visa are accepted at VHS. All participants must be 21 years or older.

Tickets can also be purchased on-line at www.valleyhumane.org.

For information, call the Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656.

VHS is located at 3670 Nevada



St., Pleasanton, CA. The phone number is (925) 426-8656. Visit www.valleyhumane.org.

First Wednesday Has a Red, White and Blue Theme

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will help the public get into the spirit of Independence Day with a “Red White and Blues” 1st Wednesday Street Party on July 1, 2009 from 6 - 9 p.m. in Downtown Pleasanton. This month’s featured band is The Crisis.

Noland’s Cake Shop will be handing out red, white, and blue cupcakes under the Pleasanton arch.

P-town Push Rods will have their classic cars set up in the Coast Gas Station.

Booths will be set up along Main Street featuring a wide variety of businesses, as well as local community and nonprofit groups.

The Crisis will perform in the beer and wine garden located in the parking lot of Round Table Pizza. A variety of beers from Anheuser-Busch, Trumer Pils and selections from a local brewery will be available for purchase as well as wines from members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

Main Street will be closed

from St. John Street to Old Bernal Avenue from 4:40 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be plenty of off-Main Street parking available.

For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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Daffy Doings at the Pleasanton Library

Laugh out loud at the slapstick antics of comic children’s entertainer Daffy Dave as he brings magic, juggling and more to the Pleasanton Library on Wednesday, July 1.

Part trickster, part magician, part juggler and minstrel, this lovable, hysterical clown character tries to act tough and in control, only to be constantly embarrassed by his own foibles and mistakes. Amazing feats of magic and juggling, plate-spinning and humorous antics baffle everyone...especially Daffy Dave himself! Free tickets will be given out at the Children’s Desk a half-hour ahead of the 2:00 p.m. show, which will last for about 45 minutes. All ages are welcome!

This performance is part of the library’s on-going 2009 summer reading game, Tales of the Old West, which runs through August 7. Children can sign up to participate in the Children’s area, and earn various prizes as they log time spent reading (or being read to) throughout the summer.

For information on additional summer activities and events, visit the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html, or call the Children’s Desk at (925) 931-3400 extension 8.

Wente Concert Benefits Arts Association

Wente Vineyards announced today a third fundraising partnership as part of its ongoing effort to support community organizations throughout the summer concert season.

For every guest who purchases a dining ticket to the Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons concert on July 16, Wente Vineyards will donate \$50 to the Diablo Regional Arts Association. In addition to the proceeds from ticket sales, Wente Vineyards will auction off a magnum bottle of wine signed by Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons to benefit the Diablo Regional Arts Association. A similar partnership was announced last week, with the Taylor Family Foundation as the recipient of monies raised via the B-52’s concert.

The Concerts also continue to raise money for Livermore Valley Education Foundation’s (LVEF) “Save Our Music Through Song” program with live auctions of collectible three liter bottles of Wente Vineyards Charles Wetmore Cabernet Sauvignon signed

by performing artists. Last year, cumulative donations from The Concerts at Wente Vineyards reached \$150,000.

The Diablo Regional Arts Association is a local non-profit organization that raises funds to support the professional art programs at the Leshner Center for the Arts. DRAA also serve 4,000 students in the most impoverished neighborhoods in East Bay through their Arts Access School Time Program. For nearly 17 years the

organization has been committed to supporting communities by advancing the arts, and donates more than \$750,000 annually.

Tickets benefiting the Association must be purchased through the box office either by phone or in person. The purchaser must mention the Diablo Regional Arts Association. For more information, please call the Wente Vineyards Box Office at 925.456.2424, or visit www.wentevineyards.com/concerts/.

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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Works by photographic artists on display at Windermere Welcome Home for the next two months. Participating in the show are Natalia Matthews Aasen, Bill Hackett, Dennis Vied, Julie Wright and Walter Davies. The public is invited. There is no admission charge. 1790 First St., downtown Livermore. Viewing will be during regular business hours. For more information, call 447-9159.

Saturday Night Dance, all summer, open to the public, free half-hour salsa lesson before the dance party. Lessons begin at 7 p.m.; open dance, 7:30 to 10 p.m. \$12 cover. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J St. Foresters Hall, Downtown Livermore, 925-449-9292.

Tuesday Tunes, Livermore Downtown Inc. free, live music to the Flagpole Plaza each and every Tuesday through October 13th. Concerts begin at 5 p.m. Bands to perform on the following schedule: June 30, Papa's Garage; July 7, Next Level; July 14, Of Shape and Sound; July 21, Joe Grape and His Bunch; July 28, Silent Partner; Aug. 4, Aerodynes; Aug. 11, Luna Fish; Aug. 18, Sound Check; Aug. 25, Moreality; Sept. 1, Hummingbirdz; Sept. 8, Bryan Harrison Band; Sept. 15, Fender Cronin; Sept. 22, Damn Neighbors Blues Band; Sept. 29, Groovy Judy; Oct. 6, U Get What U Pay 4. For more information, go to www.livermoredowntown.com or call 925.373.1795.

Concerts in the Park, Pleasanton Downtown Association, The concerts are at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Concerts are 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Crisis, June 26. Burton and Company, July 3. Rock Explosion, July 10. Komodojazz, July 17. La Ventana, July 24. The Houserockers, July 31. The Cocktail Monkeys, August 7. Finding Stella, August 14. Magic Moments, August 21. D-Lucca, August 28. Public Eye, Sept.

4. For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

The Wild Vine Art Gallery: Jennifer McGregor is the featured artist for June. Jennifer's vivid botanical photography is filled with color and texture where style ranges from sharply focused still lifes to a softer, more painterly focus. Located at the Wild Vine Wine and Art Lounge, 2178 First St., Livermore

Wente Vineyards 2009 concert series: July 16, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons; July 23, Kathy Griffin; July 29, Steve Miller Band; August 3, Gretchen Wilson; August 13, Diana Krall; August 19, Elvis Costello; and August 31, Sheryl Crow. Wente Vineyards Box Office at (925) 456-2424, or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets range in price from \$79 to \$309 per person, depending on the show and the dining option selected. Wente Vineyards is located at 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Concert gates open at 6:00 p.m., and all shows start at 8:15 p.m.

Livermore Art Association US Bank Show, June 3 to July 7, 2125 Second St., Livermore. Judged show. Public may view the show during regular banking hours.

Wente Vineyards Summer Cinema Series: Monday, June 29: The Sound of Music; Monday, July 13: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; and, Monday, August 10: Mama Mia! (Sing-along). Movies complimentary. Three dining options prior available (fee). Venue seating opens at 6:30 p.m.. Each feature will commence at twilight on The Terrace Lawn. Reservations for The Restaurant can be made on-line at <http://www.wentevineyards.com/restaurant/> or by calling (925) 456-2450.

Diablo Theatre Company, (formerly Diablo Light Opera Company), presents "Hello Dolly," Dennis Lickteig directs cast of 32. 8 p.m. June 24, 25, 27; 2 p.m. June 27, 28.

\$29-\$41, Leshler Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469. www.lesherartscenter.org, www.dloc.org.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. June 26, 27, 28. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Hot Summer Salsa Celebration, live 12-piece orchestra, Tom Balero, Sat., June 27, 8 to 11 p.m. \$15 cover charge. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J St. Foresters Hall, downtown Livermore. Come early for a free salsa lesson at 7:30 p.m. 925-449-9292

Auditions for "Sullivan & Gilbert," a play with music by Kenneth Ludwig. Auditions Sat., June 27 and Sun., June 28, 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Roles Available: 9 Men and 5 Women. Singing and non-singing roles available. Vocal auditions begin at 2 p.m. on both June 27 and 28 for the singing roles. Vocalist should be prepared to sing one song from any Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. Cold readings from the script for all singing and non-singing characters will begin immediately after the vocal auditions. No appointment is necessary. Performance Dates: September 25 through October 11, 2009. For further information about auditions please visit our website at www.dmtonline.org.

Sunset Winemaker Dinner, June 27, 6:30 until 9:30. Les Chenes Estate Vineyards is pairing with Poppy Ridge for a Sunset Winemaker Dinner. Four course meal prepared by Chef Raymond and paired with wines of Les Chenes Estate Vineyards. Call Poppy Ridge for reservations (925) 456-8205 - ask for Leticia. \$80.00 per guest, plus tax.

Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, Wine Appreciation 101. June 27, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn the basics of tasting wine and learn some wine trivia and facts. Tasting room manager will take visitors through step-by-step how to enjoy tasting wine. Space is limited. Come to the winery to purchase tickets. \$15.00 pp. Wine club members are free. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. www.rmwinery.com, 447-4280

Rock and Country Fest, Cattlemen's Association Benefit. June 27, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

12 Angry Jurors, Asbury Players Community Theater, June 26, 27, 28, 2009. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general admission. For addition ticket information and reservations, please call 455-1048. Tickets can be purchased at the door 20 minutes prior to curtain, however seating is limited for this production and reservations are suggested.

California Independent Film Festival Comedy Night, June 28, 7 p.m. Bunko's Comedy Club at The Willow Tree Restaurant, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Fund-raiser for Film Festival features two Bay Area comedians. Open mic. Comedians are Beau "Kangaroo" Behan, Chad "Edit Me" Caines and John Bogert. \$10 per person. Reservations or tickets, 277-1355, Info@CandieFilmFest.org.

4th of July Celebration, Livermore, Robertson Park. Includes entertainment,

carnival, family games, hat parade, fireworks. Gates open at 3 p.m. 373-5700. \$3 walk-in, \$15 per car.

4th of July Celebration, Pleasanton, noon to 2 p.m. Wayside Park, corner First and Neal Streets. Includes music by Pleasanton Community Concert Band. Free. Information: 925-846-5897 or www.pleasantonband.org.

The 191st Army Band, "Band of the Wild West," concert July 5, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Reserve free tickets. at 925-925-373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival, July 9 through August 9 at Concannon Vineyard, Livermore, featuring "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Chekhov's "The Seagull" in repertory. For tickets and information visit www.ShakespearesAssociates.org or call (925) 443-BARD.

Dublin Concert Series, July 10, The Groove Kings. Free. Dublin Civic Center in the Fountain Plaza. 7 to 9 p.m. 556-4500 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

Art Under the Oaks, July 11 and 12, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore.

Carnival of the Animals, Valley Dance Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, on Saturday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Both performances will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra. More than 40 dancing lions, elephants, swans and roosters, as well as a graceful jellyfish that glows in the dark. Dancers perform classical ballet and contemporary dance to selections from Vivaldi's Winter, Carmen Suite and Don Quixote and from well-known musical theater, "One" from A Chorus Line and Shoeless Joe Jackson. Tickets are Adults: \$18; Students (17 and under): \$8. Purchase online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org, by phone at 925-373-6800, or in person at the theater box office, Tuesday-Saturday, 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. All seats are reserved.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Broadway Chorus, summer concert July 11, 12 at 8 p.m. and July 13 at 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at 462-2121. www.pleasanton-playhouse.com.

Gong Show Night, The California Independent Film Festival will hold its first ever Gong Show Night on July 15th, at 7 PM at the Vine Cinema. Come and join the fun and festivities of the evening as audience will decide the fate of several movies. The mantra will be "if you don't like the movie, gong it." Admission Price is \$8. Tickets can be purchased at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore.

Dublin Concert Series, July 17, Threshold, classic rock and blues. Free. Dublin Civic Center in the Fountain Plaza. 7 to 9 p.m. 556-4500 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

The Great Catsby Casino Night, fund-raiser for Valley Humane Society. Sat., July 18, 6 p.m. Pleasanton. Features the Tri-Valley Texas Hold 'Em Tournament (optional \$74 buy-in). Dinner, dancing and gambling under the stars. Roaring twenties cocktail attire. \$75 per person. Tickets at 3660 Nevada St., Pleasanton, or on-line at www.valleyhumane.org.

The Comedy of Errors, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production for three weekends beginning Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. Performances will take place Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 2, 2009, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301



Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road, in Pleasanton. The Comedy of Errors is a farcical story of mistaken identity as Antipholus and his servant, Dromio, search for their long-lost twin brothers. A chain of mishaps ensues as the twins are mistaken for each other, resulting in a chaotic climax. The production will be a colorful carnival, a circus-inspired mixture of juggling, slapstick, and visual and verbal puns for maximum madness and romance. Admission is free. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

Pink Vines N' Wines Benefit Concert, Sun., July 19, Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Noon to 6 p.m. Wine tasting, food sampling, live music with 3 bands, silent auction, raffle and door prize. Benefiting The Army of Women for Breast Cancer research to eradicate Breast Cancer once and for all. \$25.00, \$10/12 and under. Tickets at (925) 846-2648, 925-449-1871. www.redfeatherwinery.com.

Taste of Terroir, wine and food pairing experience, July 23, Palm Event Center at Ruby Hill, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. 6 to 9 p.m. Funds raised at this event benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Tickets are \$75 per person, available on-line at www.LVwine.org. For information, call 925.447.WINE (9463) or go to www.LVwine.org.

Peter Pan, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse), Mainstage Musical, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. July 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; Aug. 1, 2. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Viticulture and Winemaking Seminar, July 18 and 19 at Thomas Coyne Winery, 51 E. Vallecitos Rd., Livermore, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 373-6541.

Dublin Concert Series, July 24, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Cajun and Zydeco. Free. Dublin Civic Center in the Fountain Plaza. 7 to 9 p.m. 556-4500 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

Metamorphoses, by Mary Zimmerman. A new adaptation of the Greek Mythology of Ovid. These magical tales of love and lust, courage and the creation of the world order. Las Positas College summer production, building 800. July 25 and 26, Aug. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 6:30 p.m. Information, 424-1166. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

Dublin Concert Series, July 31, Fred McCarty, bluegrass and country music. Free. Dublin Civic Center in the Fountain Plaza. 7 to 9 p.m. 556-4500 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us.



"Simply Abstract" is the theme of the June art exhibit at the Livermore Library. Twenty-two local artists have gathered a collection of 36 pieces, that will display through June 30. Works are in many mediums, including acrylics, watercolors, and mixed media. Notable artists include Louise Gray, Ron Jorgenson, Lynne Shephard, Linda Jeffery-Sailors and Courtney Jacobs. This collection explores the use of form and color instead of traditional subject matter. Simply Abstract is showing at the Livermore Main Library Artist's Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is open during normal library hours. For more information about the artwork, call Lenore Kreit at (925) 455-5445. Pictured is 'Eye of the Storm' by Jennie McGregor

Gimme a vye-ô, gimme a nyâ Gimme a glass of Viognier



By Harry Stoll

The good olfactories were humming as I passed through the flower section with its bouquets of violets and orange blossoms—then strode between mounds of redolent mangos, tangerines, apricots and peaches—paused to pass a kiwi 'neath my nose and woke up and smelled the cut-open pineapple. “Okay, where’s the Viognier? I want a taste.”

Sniffing Viognier is a stroll through the farmers’ markets of the world. If you’re nosing around for the first time—before it crosses your Rubicon lips—you might expect its floral fruitiness to drown your taste buds and not tolerate food in its presence. But it’s a nice dry surprise with the plush velvety push of a full-bodied wine. After it’s gone, but not forgotten, you’ll want another glass, which is the penultimate test. Ultimately it passes the test of getting along with food.

For deep background on this variety, I went to the source of all that’s true and pure in the universe.

The UC Davis web site says it’s from Southern France and some people believe Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, formerly Governor of the East, brought it to France from Dalmatia.

Wikipedia does its usual dance of “most experts” and “may haves,” with “another legend” cutting in to say it was packaged with Syrah and loaded on a cargo ship. Headed up the Rhône River, on the road to Beaujolais, it was captured by local bad dudes known as *culs de piaux*.

There’s a place in France where that’s all they plant. Viognier is the only grape allowed in wines of the Rhône appellations Condrieu (site of the above legend) and

Château-Grillet.

enjoyviognier.com reports that researchers, doctors Anna Schneider and José Vouillamoz, made preliminary findings that Nebbiolo—the Italian variety behind Barolo and Barberesco—and Viognier are kissin’ cousins. Schneider said the same work suggests a similar genetic relationship between the Italian variety Freisa and Viognier.

Garry Rodrigue, of Italian varietal specialist Rodrigue Molyneaux, says that the genetic relationship does seem to be true, but also says: “However, all of this does beg the question as to what it really means to be genetically related. You

and I are genetically related in the sense that we are male homo sapiens. I need to look into this more.”

Winemakers often add Viognier to Syrah or Rhône blends. Scientifically this amount is known as a tad, or sometimes a touch. Tom Coyne does this with red Rhône with distinguishing results.

Despite its reputation as a cool weather grape, it’s grown here, in Lodi and in Contra Costa County. Visit valley wineries that produce Viognier to have a lips-on experience. Viognier is ready to drink when they sell it to you. A word about pronunciation: Most of us have difficulty with the “vy” and “ny” sounds. Give it your best shot. They won’t laugh at you until you’re gone.

Here’s some valley winery Viogniers I recently enjoyed:

2007 Fenestra Contra Costa County (\$17) A tad sweet, but a nice sweet. Smooth. Aroma: peaches and mangos ride the orange blossom special. Taste: apple pear and mango followed by a sweet good-bye. Persian chicken.

2007 Longevity Lodi (\$18) White peach, ripe yellow apple, and floral tease the nose, followed by a crisp, smooth, and surprisingly dry finish of white peach and caramel flavors. Oakless. Mediterranean chicken

2006 Cedar Mountain Livermore Valley Del Arroyo Vineyard (\$28) Grown on a northern slope at 1,000 feet. Looks like Chardonnay but with peaches and apricots to go bananas over. Rich melon and plantain accents, followed by citrus in the particularly rich mouth feel. Goes with a ton of light meals.

2007 Eckert Estates Lodi Ripken Vineyard (\$16.50) The before has freshly peeled plantain, the now is loaded with spicy fruit flavors, the afterward lingers and asks you back. Lots of citrus to go with Stilton cheese, or Southeast Asia, or Southwest U.S. fare,

2006 Les Chênes Lodi (\$22) A nose of God’s little green apples. A taste of honeydew melon and Mandarin orange peel. A sliver of oak. Chunks of sautéed chicken breast in a fruit salad of apricots and mangos dressed for the party with Clover low fat organic goat cheese Greek yogurt.

2008 Thomas Coyne California (\$18.50) Grapes grown in a small vineyard along the Mokelumne River. A sniff of citrus, a taste of the same and apricots and peaches on the front palate, the mid palate and the 75% palate. Leaves pleasant memories with a Persian Salad.

2007 Crooked Vine Livermore Valley 2007 (\$24) Oh, the aroma, makes you think of the places you will go. Yes, the peachy, lychee flavor. Clean and crisp to the finish line. Grown in ideal alluvial soil. Spiral ham with chunks of pineapple. Crooked Vine also makes a 50/50 Chardonnay and Viognier it calls “Charve” (\$22) with tropical flavors and a hint of oak. Watermelon and water-cress chicken salad.

Tickets Available for Annual Wine Stroll



The Pleasanton Downtown Association’s Ninth Annual Downtown Summer Wine Stroll will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 16.

Over 20 wineries from the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will showcase their wines throughout the downtown at various locations. T

Each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map. Last year’s event sold out very early. Tickets will be sold in advance beginning June 16 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street; Clover Creek, 670 Main Street; Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main Street; and the Pleasanton Downtown Association Office at 830 Main Street, Suite A.

Only 1000 tickets are available for \$25 per person. They will be sold in advance through Wednesday, July 15. If there are any remaining tickets, they will be available for \$30 per person beginning at 5:45 p.m. on the day of the event in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street.

For more information, contact Alisha Perdue at 484-2199.

Judges Announced for Wine and Food Pairing Event

Three of the Bay Area’s best palates will be sequestered on July 23 to judge food and wine pairings at “Taste of Terroir,” Livermore Valley’s Wine & Food Experience.

Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein and wine writers Sara Schneider of Sunset Magazine and Jessica Yadegaran of Bay Area News Group will sample pairings presented by 16 of the region’s wineries and their restaurant partners. The judges will award Most Innovative Pairing, Best Expression of Local Ingredients and Judges’ Best honors at the end of the popular event, which is open to the public.

Taste of Terroir will take place at Palm Event Center in Pleasanton, 6-9 p.m. on July 23. Tickets

are \$75 per person and include a tasting of each of the 16 food/wine pairings, the opportunity to cast a vote in the People’s Choice competition and a decadent dessert spread paired with Livermore Valley ports.

Funds raised at this event benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For tickets and more information, please visit www.LVwine.org.

Goldstein, MS, is one of the nation’s most prolific food and wine industry veterans. In 1987 he became the eighth American and youngest ever at the time to pass the prestigious Master Sommelier examination. In March 2008, Goldstein joined Full Circle Wine Solutions, Inc., a global wine & spirits education company, as

President and Chief Education Officer to create tailored wine & spirits education experiences.

Schneider is Sunset’s first-ever wine editor, responsible for tasting panels, food-and-wine pairing in the test kitchen, wine-related food and travel coverage and the magazine’s wine club.

Yadegaran is a wine writer, educator and judge who believes wine is the true marriage of art, science and spirit. Her work has appeared online and in newspapers and magazines around the country for the past 10 years. It is Jessica’s mission to make wine accessible - to uncover its sensual and intellectual pleasures - for all. “Wine is about food,” she says. “It is about friends and love and connection.”



Five exchange students from Pleasanton's Sister City, Tulancingo, Mexico, arrived Monday, June 15th. Pictured are the exchange students with their host brothers and sisters. The first event was a welcome reception hosted by the Rebellos at their home, Rancho Bello. Other activities planned are a San Francisco day, a visit to Sacramento, an A's game, Santa Cruz, the Alameda County Fair, and various other excursions with their separate host families. After four weeks, host sister or brother will return with them to Tulancingo for a four week reciprocal visit. During the opening reception, the Spanish Club from Amador Valley High School presented a donation of \$200 to the Asilo Girls Orphanage, which the Sister City Association supports. The exchange students will take the donation with them, along with dental hygiene kits for all the girls. The kits were put together by student William Tom. This is the 25th year of this cultural exchange program. Saturday, Aug 8th is the date for the annual barbecue at the Fairgrounds. It's a community event with Mariachis, dancing, live and silent auctions, and lots of good food, so watch for upcoming information.

Special Pricing for Wente Concert

Wente Vineyards has announced a special "Four for the Fourth" package for the upcoming B-52s concert on Thursday, July 2. Included in the package are 4 Mezzanine Dining Tickets, a bottle of Wente Vineyards Estate Grown

Wine, and reserved VIP parking, all for the inclusive price of just \$399. A dance floor will be brought in to the outdoor amphitheater setting for the occasion, where guests can celebrate classic hits such as "Love Shack," "Deadbeat Club"

and other favorites.

And for every guest that purchases a single or pair of dining tickets to the B-52s concert and mentions The Taylor Family Foundation at the time of purchase, Wente Vineyards will donate \$50 to the foundation. In addition, Wente Vineyards will auction off a magnum bottle of wine signed by the B-52s to benefit The Taylor Family Foundation.

The Concerts also raise money for Livermore Valley Education Foundation's (LVEF) "Save Our Music Through Song" program with live auctions of collectible three liter bottles of Wente Vineyards Charles Wetmore Cabernet Sauvignon signed by performing artists. Last year, cumulative donations from The Concerts at Wente Vineyards reached \$150,000. LVEF was able to purchase instruments and equipment for local school music programs.

Tickets can be purchased along with club memberships at (925) 456-2424 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Community

Three Honored with Community of Character Awards

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative presented three awards at its annual luncheon. The Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award was given to Jerri Pantages Long, a long-time ambassador for the Pleasanton city and schools, Ken Mano for his special dedication to helping young people, and Sue Evans for 30 years of volunteering in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, including the East Bay Regional Parks.

The Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award was established in 2008 to recognize Pleasanton citizens who consistently model high ethical and moral standards of behavior chosen by the people of Pleasanton which the Collaborative advocates: Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity. The award is named in honor of longtime Pleasanton Unified School District Board Member, Juanita Haugen. Haugen, co-founder of the Pleasanton Community of Character program, believed that Pleasanton should be a community of compassionate people.

Jerri Pantages Long, along with Juanita Haugen, was involved with the Community of Character from its beginning. She also served on the PUSD History Committee where she dedicated three years interviewing former students and writing the book, *Echoes of School Bells*, was involved in the original PPIE Board and Museum Board where she served as secretary. Today, she serves on the Adult Education Board and is the creator of the Make a Difference Days. She is also on the Ed Kinney Patriotic Awards committee.

One of Long's best-known efforts is forming the 4th of July community celebration after Alameda County cancelled its celebration. This event is now in its 11th year. Jerri is often described as Pleasanton's statue of liberty, Mark Twain, and Miss Congeniality all rolled into one.

Ken Mano served the Boy Scouts of America for 35 years in various capacities. He was a major contributor to Club Volley Ball for 20 years, and led them to a regional championship. He also served the Booster Club for 13 years, establishing their e-scrip program, which has earned over \$1,000,000 for Amador High, and went on to help other local schools set up e-scrip. In doing so, he was instrumental in saving Emeryville High Schools athletic program. Mano also served the Special Olympics. Mano's children now give back with the same spirit he has exemplified, and his daughter has recruited him to help with the Southern Cross Orphanage program in Peru and South America.

Sue Evans has been an active volunteer for dozens school, community and governmental events in Pleasanton, including serving for 15 years in the East Bay Regional parks, raising money for the Ryan Comer Library fund and the Olsen Family Fund. For many years, she was an organizer for Dance for Heart, an aerobic dance-a-thon that raises money for the American Heart Association. A professional photographer, Evans donates her talents to many local causes. Sue believes in trying to create a healthier community and lifestyle for everyone in it.

2008 award winners were long-time school volunteer Lori Rice and Diana and Howard Mendenhall for their volunteer work in Pleasanton and around the world.

The Community of Character Collaborative is a non-profit organization of volunteers working together to create a Pleasanton community culture built on values, goodwill, and community-accepted traits of Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity. This volunteer committee is jointly supported by the City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and various service and faith organizations. For more information, visit www.communityofcharacter.org

Milestones

Military



Bradley Davis has received an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy class of 2013. Bradley is a resident of Livermore and is a 2009 graduate of Berean Christian High School in Walnut Creek. The photo is of the Berean Awards Ceremony on 5/11/09 where Bradley was presented with his official appointment to the USCGA by LTJG Ryan Hawn. Bradley will be reporting in to the Academy in New London, CT on Monday 6/29/09.

Community

Foundation Gives to LVPAC

The 3M Foundation has donated \$200 to the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) in recognition of Ms. Rena Leibovitch's commitment to the community and for her outstanding service.

Leibovitch has donated more than 25 hours to LVPAC. As a volunteer she has supported both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center.

"3M employees and retirees donate many thousands of hours to their communities each year," said Alex Cirillo, vice-president, 3M Community Affairs. "We are pleased to recognize and support their commitment to helping others."

As part of the 3M Volunteer Match, the 3M Foundation will donate \$200 to eligible non-profit organizations for which a 3M employee and retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year. Beginning in 2009, the match

increases to \$250. For more information on this program, please contact 3M Community Affairs at 651-733-0144.

3M Community Giving consists of product donations and cash grants by 3M and the 3M Foundation and bolstered by employee and retiree volunteerism. Since 2000, Volunteer Matches totaling over \$2.6 million have gone to over 2,400 schools or non-profit organizations in 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

In addition to the 3M gift, LVPAC has recently received corporate matching for monetary and/or volunteer hour contributions from Adobe Systems, Bank of America, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, Kaiser Permanente, Kraft Foods, Lawrence Livermore National Security, Macy's Foundation, and Tenet Healthcare Foundation. For more information, please contact the LVPAC Development

Education

National Essay Contest Winner from Livermore

Samantha Tran from Livermore High School won a national essay contest sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA). Essay winners receive full scholarships to attend the 2009 Congressional Seminar this June 20-26 in Washington, D.C. The essays are judged locally, regionally, and nationally with nearly 600 essays submitted this year.

Presented by the Washington Workshops Foundation – a non-profit educational organization located in Washington D.C. – the Congressional seminar engages qualified high school students in active legislative simulation during a weeklong Model Congress. Playing the roles of freshman representatives, speakers, lobbyists, and caucus leaders, participants

work to draft, revise, and hopefully pass a bill through the vote of their seminar peers.

This year's NSCDA essay topic was: "Over the course of history, which American leader has provided the greatest visionary leadership?"

Samantha Tran will be a senior. After graduation she plans to go to college in 2010.

Symphony Honors Four Young Musicians

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association has presented four awards to 2009 graduates of Tri-Valley high schools. Each award recognized significant contributions to school and community musical activities.

Cory Chang, Granada High School, received the John H. Green Memorial Award. He was a piano soloist with LAS in February 2008 as a winner of the Competition for Young Musicians. Multi-talented, he also plays violin, flute and guitar. Cory was concertmaster of his high school orchestra, first violinist in the Oakland Youth Orchestra, and played command performances on both piano and violin at the school district solo and ensemble festival, as well as accompanying other soloists.

Julian Reisenfel, Foothill High School, received the Bill King Memorial Award. A singer and bass guitarist, he soloed with his high school concert choir, chamber choir, men's ensemble and jazz singers, as well as taking lead roles in school musicals. Julian is a founder and performer in both the Y Chromo-Tones men's octet and the rock band Aailed.

Annie Sandholtz, Livermore High School, received a Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Award. A violinist, she played this past February with LAS as a winner of the Competition for Young Musicians. Annie participated in the Livermore High School Orchestra and concert choir and as concertmaster of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra as

they toured Australia and New Zealand.

Valerie Yim, Amador Valley High School, also received a Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Award. A violinist, she participated in the school orchestra and the pit orchestra for school musicals each year. She has been active with the Cantabella Chamber Choir as a singer, accompanist, and member of the stage crew. For the past three years, Valerie helped Harvest Park Middle School with its Summer Music Camp and has assisted at the Tri-Valley Summer Music Camp.

The award funds are administered by the Symphony Association and supported financially by the Association, Symphony Guild, friends of the Symphony, and interested individuals.

Teller Science Scholarships Awarded

Four local high school seniors from Livermore and Tracy have been awarded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Edward Teller Science Scholarship.

The awards, instituted in 2004 in honor of the late Dr. Teller, physicist and Lab co-founder, are given annually by the Laboratory to graduating seniors who excel in science studies.

This year's award winners from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District are Amanda Johnston of Livermore High School and Alexa Danner of Granada High School. The Tracy Unified School District winners are Vatsal Jhalani of Tracy High School and Baljit Singh of West High School. Each receives a scholarship of \$1,500

toward a college education.

Johnston is a well-rounded student athlete. She earned straight A's in all science classes with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.9 while participating in the varsity swim and water polo teams. She will be studying at the University of California at Davis in the fall.

Danner is an accomplished student athlete who is passionate about science. She completed seven science courses while a student at Granada High School. She will attend the University of California at Davis in the fall, to study veterinary medicine.

Jhalani has taken the most rigorous science classes offered in high school. He has conducted a research project and written a

paper on the antioxidant, Glutathione, in plants. His research was recognized with a first place award in the chemistry division at the Sacramento regional science fair.

Singh graduated from the Space and Engineering Academy at Tracy's West High School, where he demonstrated his leadership abilities. He helped to implement a science night at Tracy's North Elementary School, where he taught students about the basics of rocketry. Baljit will attend the University of California at Davis in the fall.

The awards were presented to each student by the LLNL's Science Education Program manager, Richard Farnsworth, at the high schools' awards ceremonies.

BULLETIN BOARD

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Free computer classes, In collaboration with the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board Livermore Adult Education is offering free Intensive Computer Classes to people who qualify. These classes are taught by Microsoft Certified Master Instructors and will include Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. Don't delay classes will be July 6-August 6 Monday-Thursdays 9:00am-12:00pm. Call 925-606-4722 (press 1 for Adult Education).

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., July 9, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Douglas Wright will share digital photographs and films of his adventures at Burning Man, an annual festival staged on an ancient lakebed in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. Douglas Wright has participated in Burning Man for the past several years. In 2008, nearly 50,000 people attended Burning Man, and during the event, Black Rock City becomes the 10th largest city in Nevada. Douglas will talk about some of the guiding principles of Burning Man, including leaving no trace, de-commodification, and radical self-expression. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 27, 75 miles Harvest Park School in Pleasanton to Mt. Diablo, meet 7 a.m. Russ Berkmoes, 202-7383. Sun., June 28, 21 miles, meet 9 a.m. at Livermore Cyclery in Dublin, ride along new section of Dublin Blvd. to Castro Valley, Bob Heady, 980-7989. Wed., June 30, 30 miles, scenic parks and neighborhoods of Alameda and Harbor Island, meet 10 a.m. at El Torito in San Leandro, Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet

and what to bring.

Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed this summer for the Tri-Valley Youth Court (TVYC). Teen volunteers can serve as Advocates (youth attorneys), Court Clerks and Jurors. Advocates prepare and present the case for the Defendant. Jurors and Court Clerks are needed one evening per month – the first Tuesday from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton. TVYC is a diversion program for first time teen offenders. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

California's First People---The World Before...If you resided in the Tri-Valley 500 years ago what would life be like? What foods would you have eaten, and what kind of house would you live in? This PowerPoint program will be a fascinating journey following the people who lived in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin first, the true Californians. Participants will taste and smell native foods and experience California Indian music, stories, and artifacts. A California native speaker will comment on the program and will tell native stories and legends. Sat, July 11 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Code 46725. Alviso Adobe Community Park, Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. Sponsored by Pleasanton Parks & Community Services. \$20 residents or \$23 non-residents. Instructor: Patricia Belding. Enroll by FAX (925) 484-5078 or on-line at <http://online.activecommunities.com/pleasanton> or walk in office.

OSHA 500 trainer course for construction industry and OSHA 501 trainer course for general industry, The courses brief participants on effective instructional approaches and address topics required by the 10- and 30-hour OSHA programs focusing on those considered to be most hazardous. A qualifying written exam will be administered at the end of the class. To participate, students must have completed the OSHA 510 construction safety or the OSHA 511 general industry standards course, and must have at least five years of health and safety work experience. OSHA 500-Aug. 3-6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and OSHA 501, July 13-16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CLPCCD OSHA Training Center,

5020 Franklin Drive, Pleasanton. For more information and to register for the course visit www.osha4you.com, or call (866) 936-OSHA. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District operates the only OSHA Training Center in Northern California.

Free Solar Cities Workshop and Environmental Fair, Sat., July 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. City of Pleasanton Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road. Environmental Fair with exhibits and demonstrations about water conservation, recycling and much more.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, meets Monday, July 20, 7 p.m. Suzanne Lerner, PhD, will talk about Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT). EFT is a needle free version of acupuncture and is based on the link between your body's energies, emotions, and health. This meeting is free for members, as well as for first time visitors to Tri-Valley HMN. For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Hot Summer Salsa Celebration, live 12-piece orchestra, Tom Balero, Sat., June 27, 8 to 11 p.m. \$15 cover charge. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J St. Foresters Hall, downtown Livermore. Come early for a free salsa lesson at 7:30 p.m. 925-449-9292

The 12th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 in downtown Pleasanton. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 6 p.m. at Wayside Park, corner of First Street and Neal. Enter your pooch in one of eight categories. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. For complete details and registration go to <http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org>.

Society of Women's Engineers Mt. Diablo (nonprofit group), meets Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. Presentation "A Guide to Optimize Your Health with Genetics & Integrative Medicine" by Pamela McDonald, National Speaker, Award-Winning Author. Livermore Public Library - Civic Center - Community Room A & B, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Free. No RSVP needed. Open to the public. Information Teresa Goodwin 925-251-9828

tgoodwin@bjginc.com

Job Discovery Group, meets Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore. Bring resume (and maybe a few extra copies to pass around), ideas, roadblocks & any resources to share in a supportive & proactive atmosphere of networking at UUCiL. Contact Bent Parry or Maureen Hamm (Brent-Parry@aol.com) / (mhamm33@earthlink.net) for more info.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club, meets July 20, IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. 7 p.m. doors open, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mike Harris from the Voice for Israel will talk about the situation in Israel and his recent trip there. Lively discussion Q&A follows. Refreshments served, wheelchair accessible.

Saturday Night Dance, all summer, open to the public, free half-hour salsa lesson before the dance party. Lessons begin at 7 p.m.; open dance, 7:30 to 10 p.m. \$12 cover. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J St. Foresters Hall, Downtown Livermore, 925-449-9292

Film, "River of Renewal," will be shown Sat., June 27, 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM. The film will be followed by a question and answer period hosted by the author and filmmaker, Stephen Most. This film explores the conflicts between various groups who have an interest in the Klamath River, either for its water or because of its salmon fishery. This event is open to all, is free (although, a \$3.00 donation keeps things humming along), refreshments are served, and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

College Admission Seminar - Discover the Top Ten College Admissions Myths and how colleges really evaluate applicants. Learn tips on finding colleges and applying to college. This free event will be held at the Pleasanton Library on Monday, June 29 from 7 - 8:30 PM. Contact Diane Keller at 963-2932 or drkellercc@yahoo.com for more information.

San Ramon Niners Golf group, looking for ladies in the Tri-Valley interested in joining a low key, weekly golf group. Play is every Wednesday morning; guest day is 3rd

Wednesday of each month. For information, call Carol Lee at 828-1969 or email her at carolbkwrm@aol.com.

Livermore High School, class of 1969, 40 year reunion, Sept. 19, 2009. Information call Terry (Durham) Wolcott, 447-6627, or Mary (Gomes) Straight, 447-5815.

M.I. Hummel Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter, meets second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at a member's home. Guests are always welcome. Share Hummel figurine news and information. Information www.mumma.org/hummel or contact Joan Mumma, club secretary, 447-5164.

Essential Tremor, East Bay Essential Tremor Support Group meets 10 a.m. to noon the third Saturday of each month in Blackhawk A&B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Those recently diagnosed with ET or wanting to learn more about the most common movement disorder, welcome to attend. Information, call 487-5706 or email galexplor@comcast.net.

Volunteer Drivers, The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments. The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: ja.cullen@yahoo.com. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority.

RELIGION

Kids Night Out, 1st through 6th graders, Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. June 17-July 15. Each week features a special theme such as water fun, games, sports and a scavenger hunt. (\$5 per night). Register, contact Valerie Fleming, 484-2482 ext. 106 at Children@harvestvalley.org. Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton.

Hacienda Helping Hands Barbecue a Success

Hyatt Summerfield Suites in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley Community Foundation helped organize a barbecue fundraising event as part of the "Hacienda Helping Hands" charitable giving campaign. The "Hacienda Helping Hands" was launched as a way to give back to the community.

Six teams from Hacienda Business Park companies competed for the Top Chef Cook-Off. A team of judges selected winners in the categories of best ribs, best summer vegetables, best team look and best team cheer. This cook-off was quite unique in comparison to others in the team cheer category. This category brought on rap songs, traditional cheers, and even a line dance from 1st United Services Credit Union (1st USCU).

1st USCU was very excited for this event and even had about 25 employees attend wearing bright green team shirts. 1st USCU took home the overall team trophy as well as the trophies for best ribs and team cheer. They shared the honor of best team look with the Faz Restaurant team. The Hyatt



Shown here is the 1st USCU support team.

team earned the trophy for best vegetables.

Ed Renteria, also known as "Pit Master E," was the head cook for the credit union. What was his secret? Cooking them "low, slow, and with lots of love." Renteria started making the sauce the night before, and the credit union worked on the menu for months. "Barbecue is a team sport," he said.

"I'm gratified to see companies coming together," said James Paxon, general manager of the Hacienda Business Park. "I think this is absolutely fantastic." John Burchett, Sales Manager of Hyatt Summerfield Suites stated, "There are a lot of people in need right now, because of the economy, and this is our way of helping."

The event raised a total of \$21,000 for the various charities. Money raised by the event and other "Hacienda Helping Hands" events will be awarded in grants to various charities in the Tri-Valley. Open Heart kitchen and Horizon High School were among last years grant recipients. This will be the first "Taste of Summer" fundraiser of many more to come.