

Dana Gioia reads 'The Great Gatsby.'

### Pleasanton to Read 'The **Great Gatsby'**

The Pleasanton Public Library has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host The Big Read in Pleasanton.

The Big Read in Pleasanton will focus on "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Activities will take place between September 3 and October 25, 2008.

The Pleasanton Public Library is one of 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and science organizations to receive a grant to host The Big Read from September 2008-June 2009. The Big (See BIG READ, page 8)

### People Flock to **McNerney Town** Hall: On the Phone

By Ron McNicoll

Rep. Jerry McNerney has held the traditional town hall constituency meetings in his 11th Congressional District before. They would draw only about 40 or 50 people. It's typical attendance for such meetings.

However, on June 27, McNerney hooked up the institution of the town hall meeting to the telephone lines, and found that 2300 people in the district wanted to ask questions and listen to his views on a variety of topics. The subjects included gasoline prices, the federal deficit, the status of the Livermore VA hospital, education, and antiterrorist laws.

It was the first time McNerney tried the new technology, which other members of Congress have used from time to time. It probably won't be the last time, because McNerney enjoyed the dialogue, said his public information officer, Andy Stone.

The call-in was handled by an experienced firm, and was paid with congressional funds, as are other constituent meetings held by Congressional members. The phone-in firm used an automatic dialing program that called people shortly before the one-

hour session began in Washington at about 6:45 p.m. PDT.

The automated phone call told people that if they wanted to join in, they should hit a couple of keys, and listen. To ask questions, a couple more keys had to be punched. Fifteen people asked questions, and another 15 left messages on voice mail. Some of them were constituent service questions about (See TOWN HALL, page 12)



"Our Best Shot" is the theme of the July art exhibit at the Livermore Library. Over twenty local photographers have gathered together a collection of their favorite pictures, which will be on display from July 1-31. Photographs range from color digital, black and white, to handpainted. They depict nature, travels, people and abstracts. "Our Best Shot" is showing at the Livermore Main Library Artist's Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is open during normal library hours. Pictured is "Bird in Cacti."

## A Safe Haven for Children with Skin Disease

By Patricia Koning
If not for the bandages, the scene last week at Livermore's Camp Arroyo could have been any summer camp across the country. Children were swimming, making arts and crafts, playing softball, gardening, and just enjoying each other's com-

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But it wasn't a typical camp it was Camp Wonder. The campers are children suffering from serious skin diseases that run the gamut from eczema and psoriasis to potentially fatal diseases such as pemphigus and epidermolysis bullosa.

"This is one week of the year where no one is pointing and staring at you, when no one has a mean thought because of how you look. You make friends who understand what you feel like and what you are going through," said camper Josef Pevsner of Long Island, New York, who suffers from eczema.

Now in its eighth year, Camp Wonder is put on by the Children's Skin Disease Foundation (CSDF), an organization created by Francesa Tenconi of Walnut Creek, who underwent her own harrowing childhood skin disease. At the age of 11

she was diagnosed with *pemphi*gus foliaceus, a potentially fatal autoimmune disease that manifests itself with sores on the scalp

"On May 10, 1996, which was a Friday, the doctors told us she would likely not be alive by that Monday," said Francesca's father Don Tenconi. By that time, he said, 85% of

her skin was gone. Just a month earlier, her parents had noticed minor blisters on her chest. Within weeks her entire body was blistering.

Autoimmune means that the body attacks itself. In Francesca's

case, her body was attacking its own skin. To treat her condition, her parents had to keep their home as sterile as possible. Francesca took medication that suppressed her immune system to allow her skin to heal, but that also left her extremely vulnerable to infection.

While the doctors did not believe she would survive, Francesca had one thing that set her apart from other 11-year-old girls. She was a competitive swimmer, ranked fourth in the West coast at the time of her illness. "Her strength from swimming, the fact that her heart and other organs were stronger then they would have been normally, gave her a measure of safety, explained Don.

Francesca did recover, but it was touch and go for several years. This was when Francesca came up with the idea for a foundation. Don said, "We'd been at a lot of hospitals where children did not come home. We had a fear that she might not make it. She wanted to do something to make her life significant.'

Running a camp for children like her was a major impetus for forming the foundation.

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The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Pleasanton and Livermore police departments are urging residents to avoid using fireworks. All fireworks, even those sold as "safe and sane," are illegal in Livermore, Pleasanton, and most of Alameda County. In Pleasanton, the minimum fine for a first firework offense is \$100, with increasing fines for more offenses. In Livermore fines can be as high as \$500 and penalties can include up to 30 days in jail. Livermore police have already made arrests over illegal firework possession and confiscated several hundred pounds of devices, which they displayed at a press conference last week. Pleasanton police plan to step up fireworks enforcement throughout the holiday weekend. Pleasanton police and each fire station will accept fireworks on a no-questions-asked policy. Pictured showing the confiscated fireworks is Gina Stewart, Livermore Police Department forensics specialist.

## Red, White & Blue Festivities Planned

Fourth of July festivities are planned in several area cities. Events range from firework displays in Pleasanton and San Ramon to a patriotic picnic in Pleas-

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District invites the community to put on their red, white and blue and come out for this year's special Fourth of July Celebration. The District sponsors this event annually, with 2008 marking the 25th anniversary year.

"LARPD is excited about the 25th anniversary of the Livermore Fourth of July Celebration," said Katrina Hole, LARPD's Special Events/Volunteer Coordinator. "It is a privilege to continue providing the Livermore community with this time-honored event for all ages. You've heard of this event in the past, now it's the year to attend.'

LARPD's Fourth of July Celebration begins at 4 p.m. It features entertainment for all ages. Kids can get in on the fun with a carnival, bounce houses and

family games. Kids make their own patriotic hats at the hat booth and can then parade them around.

Food favorites such as cotton andy, shaved ice, tri-tin, hamburgers, hot dogs and more will be available for purchase.

Special musical guests the Classic Rock All-Stars and Led Zeppelin-tribute band, Heartbreaker, will provide entertainment, along with KKIQ. The evening is topped off with a spectacular and patriotic fireworks

(See FESTIVITIES, page 11)

# **Livermore Is Upset Over Sales Tax Switch**

A silent switch of sales tax revenue from Livermore to Fillmore, a small town in Ventura County, has left a \$2 million annual shortfall for Livermore to make up in its city budget. Livermore is not taking it lying down.

City officials testified in Sacramento last week about the way the switch was accomplished. Further, city attorney John Pomidor and representatives of other cities are looking into filing a lawsuit to recover the money from the firm involved in the sales tax switch. The city has also appealed to the state equalization board, which oversees sales tax distribution.

The issue involves Owens & Minor, which is based in Virginia. The firm has a warehouse in Livermore, another major one in City of Industry, and a smaller one in San Diego. All three cities obtained sales tax revenue from the hospital supply firm, because they were each designated by the company as a point of sale for the company..

However, late last year, Livermore learned from a monitoring source, that the sales tax payments distributed by the state suddenly showed a quarterly shortfall of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Then the city learned the whole story.

An Illinois-based tax consultant called MTS went on a search for a California community that would serve as a consolidated sales location for Owens & Minor. MTS worked out an agreement with Fillmore in which the city keeps 15 cents on all the sales tax dollars. The remainder is rebated to MTS, which then keeps its fee, and gives the remainder to Owens & Minor.

Fillmore city manager Tom Ristau said that the city was ap-

proached by MTS about making the deal. Fillmore wanted to attract more businesses to its downtown, which was rebuilt after a major earthquake in the early 1990s. Although his city keeps only 15 percent, "it's better than nothing," said Ristau. MTS simply would have gone elsewhere to make the same deal on behalf of Owens & Minor, said Ristau.

Designating an office in Fillmore, where sales people congregate for meetings before they go out into their territories to sell hospital goods, meant that the city became the sole sales tax collection point for Owens & Minor. Previously, Livermore shared a big portion of the firm's sales in California, because it was designated as one of the locations serving in lieu of a true sales point. There are sales people located at the Livermore ware-

If what Fillmore did with the tax consultant and the firm is not illegal, it should be, said city officials. City attorney John Pomidor said that Fillmore's consent to the agreement with MTS and Owens & Minor appears to be a gift of public funds, which is illegal. He said that he is looking into it, along with attorneys from other cities.

The way the agreement was completed is another concern. Fillmore officials pointed out that the arrangement set up by Fillmore is not illegal. Assemblywoman Loni Hancock has a bill, AB 697, which would make it illegal for a city to sign an agreement in which companies relocate their point of sales in exchange for rebating sales tax to the companies or their representatives.

Livermore Vice Mayor John (See SALES TAX, page 4)

## **Residents Want Golf Course** To Remain in Springtown

Those attending last week's workshop to discuss North Livermore facilities made it clear that they want to retain the Springtown Golf Course as it is.

The other major area of agreement was that any report going to the City Council should include a statement that no development on the golf course should be allowed. Many wanted a guarantee that the golf course would be retained. One suggestion was to place an easement over the land, the method used to preserve vineyards in South Livermore.

Those attending supported the idea that any change in the status of the library or plans to add playing fields should not occur at the expense of the golf course.

Several pointed out that the golf course was turned over to the city with the understanding that it would remain a golf course. Residents said they are willing to work with the city to maintain it. Of concern to many was a statement in the consultant's draft report stating that it was not recommended that the city retain the Springtown Golf Course.

Residents expressed the belief that the city is responsible for having allowed the golf course to deteriorate and should therefore be responsible for restoring it to a more playable con-(See SPRINGTOWN, page 3)



Pig races are one of the favorite attractions at the annual Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. The annual fair concludes this Sun., July 6.

## Pleasanton Voters Will Chose Between Hillside Measures

There will be two measures on the November ballot for Pleasanton voters to consider. Both deal with hillside protection. One is a council sponsored measure; the other is the result of a successful citizens' initiative.

Proponents of the Save Pleasanton Hills and Housing Cap Initiative collected the necessary signatures to qualify it for a vote. It was placed on the ballot by the council at an earlier meet-

The city council held a special meeting last week to discuss the potential for placing a counterpotential for placing a coun cil sponsored measure on the ballot. The vote was 3 to 2 with Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan arguing that the citizens' initiative should be decided on

its own merits. The council should not place a competing option on the ballot.

In its initiative, the council will ask residents to confirm a statement in the general plan calling for establishment of an ordinance to protect the south-east hillsides. The measure is not subject to environmental review. The ordinance that would result

would be subject to environmental review. It would identify elevations and major ridgelines. The ballot measure would contain a poison pill provision nullifying the citizens' initiative if both were approved and the council measure garnered more

Some type of community collaborative effort would be used

to develop the ordinance. The council also heard the results of what is called a 9212 report, analyzing the potential impacts if the hillside initiative were approved by voters. The initiative would prohibit the building of structures and trading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 feet of a (See HILLSIDE, page 5)

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#### PET OF THE WEEK

Izzy is a little dynamo! She is Border Collie mix puppy just looking for some fun. When she grows up, she will need an active family and plenty of room to run in order to keep her happy. Valley Humane Society dogs can be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.



Natasha Starkey of Ohio, who suffers from *epidermolysis bullosa*, leads her cabin mates in practicing for the talent show at Camp Wonder.

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Francesca said, "The summer I was diagnosed I didn't get to go to summer camp—I couldn't go out and I was too sick for any camp to take care of me. That was one of the things that really stood out. Going to summer camp was such a part of summer."

Another frustration was the lack of a support system outside of her family. "It would have been incredibly helpful to speak to other children who had gone through or were going through similar experiences," she stated.

"I wanted to start a place to bring together children with skin disease, because it is so much deeper than the general public realizes. These kids suffer so much more than they let on. The week of camp is really about giving the kids a sense of normalcy. Under the skin disease, they are normal kids who want to run, play, and go to a dance."

Camp Wonder has a full schedule of activities, including swimming, boating, arts and crafts, archery, fishing, a ropes course, nature walks, sports, and a talent show. Swimming is a big part of the week. While chlorine keeps the children's sores clean and makes the bandages easier to remove, most of these children don't swim in public pools because of the misperception that their affliction is contagious. At Camp Wonder, they can swim as

much as they like.

Campers attend for free. "Caring for a child with skin disease is very costly. Insurance doesn't cover bandages because they are considered non-durable," explains Don. "At the height of Francesca's illness, we were spending \$1,000 a week on bandages."

A major sponsor of Camp Wonder is Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., a pharmaceutical company specializing in dermatology. Last year Stiefel gave CSDF a \$125,000 endowment to ensure Camp Wonder runs at capacity through 2012.

"It's been real easy for the company to get behind Camp Wonder. One of our main goals is to be involved in skin diseases," said Lois Peña, one of Stiefel's vice presidents.

The company raises money to support CSDF year round. In June, about 100 employees at Stiefel's Palo Alto branch raised \$11,000 through an Amazing Race competition. Employees also volunteer their time at Camp Wonder.

"It's just amazing being here," said Erin Bacher, Stiefel's associate director of global public relations, who spent the week at Camp Wonder.

Camp Wonder runs on volunteers, of which there is no shortage. Volunteers fall into three categories: medical, young adults, and adults. The number of young adults wanting to help out at the camp always exceeds the space. This year a total of 55 doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals donated their

There is a waiting list of dermatologist and dermatology residents who want to spend time at the camp. Don explained that Camp Wonder offers doctors a chance to see children with some of the rarest skin diseases.

"The real benefit is the nonclinical experience," he added. "The doctor wakes up in the morning with the kids, because one doctor sleeps in each cabin. He or she can see the challenges of just getting out of bed, getting clothes on, and brushing teeth. They can get a better understanding of what it is like to live with these diseases."

Doctors are also present for the entire bandaging process, which can take hours. For kids with EB, the slightest touch or friction on their skin can cause uncontrollable blisters, so much of their bodies are heavily bandaged. Children with EB are sometimes called "butterfly children" because their skin is as fragile as a butterfly's wings.

Fourteen-year-old Natasha Starkey of Ohio has EB. However, her bandages didn't stop her from leading her cabin mates in preparing a dance for the camp talent show. This was her seventh year at Camp Wonder. "I like seeing all my friends," she said. "And I like all the activities, like horseback riding, boating, and arts and crafts."

With this year's session of Camp Wonder over, CSDF has already shifted into fund-raising mode for next year. The campers are counting down the weeks until next summer.

"The thing I love most is watching the little kids smile and laugh and have fun. When I was little I never had anything like this," said camper Josef. "Watching them I know they will be all right because they will always have friends and a week of safe

For more information on CSDF, see http://csdf.org.

# **Community of Character Collaborative Begins Organization of Character Campaign**

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative announced that it is launching a new campaign to enlist organizations to join in the citywide effort to create a community culture based on goodwill, values and the six character traits of responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity.

The new "Organization of Character" campaign is aimed at businesses and non-profit organizations in Pleasanton. To apply, an organization must explain how it demonstrates one or more of the Community of Character traits, attend a Community of Character activity and agree to advertise the Community of Character logo.

"To be a Community of Character, we need organizations within our community dedicated to exemplifying the 6 character traits, said Ellen Pensky McGraw, president of the Community of Character Collaborative. "While many organizations are already supporting the program," she said, "this campaign is designed to get even more of them engaged in weaving these important values deeper into the fabric of our community."

The 19 organizations already supporting the program are: City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Pleasanton Unified School District, Robert Half International, UNCLE

Credit Union, Heritage Bank, Vic's All Star Café, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, Pleasanton Weekly, Valley Humane Society, Growth Development, Harvest Valley Church, ValleyCare Health System, Tri-Valley YMCA, ACCUSPLIT, WiMe Group, Keller Williams Real Estate, BumbleBee Marketing, and Museum on Main.

McGraw said the 19 are considered "charter" Organizations of Character. Any business or non-profit group signing up for

the program before the end of the year will also be considered a charter member. Many activities and programs are planned for the Organizations who participate.

Organizations who participate.
Organizations of Character
members receive a plaque to display in their office as well as additional Community of Charac-

ter decals and logos.
Organizations interested in becoming members can pick up applications at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce or at www.communityofcharacter.org.



## **Funds Donated to Competition Teams at Pleasanton High Schools**

Members of the Cycling for Civics team attended a recent rehearsal for Amador Valley High School's We the People competition civics team and presented a check for \$6,000 to assist with the \$50,000 in travel expenses needed to participate in the national finals. Earlier this year, the Pleasanton high school civics team took first place in California and then competed in Washington DC.

The cycling team raised funds by cycling a combined 710 miles in Death Valley in March. Team members are Pleasanton school board president Jim Ott, Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jerry Pentin, Pleasanton Economic Development Director Pamela Ott, as well as residents Bryan Gillette, Gary Boal, and Barry Schwartz.

Last year, which was its first year raising funds, the cycling team raised \$2,500. This year team members received donations from many individuals and businesses, including CiubSport of Pleasanton, Big O Tires, Charter Properties, CyclePath, Complete Business Systems, The Hopyard, Spring Street Studios, and UNCLE Credit Union. The Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation was the largest donor, and matched donations received up to \$1,500. Total funds raised were \$8.200. The additional funds are earmarked for next

year's competitions for Foothill High School's We the People team and for Amador High's

Mock Trial team.

Donations are still being accepted and are tax-deductible, payable to the Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation. Check should be mailed to UNCLE Credit Union, c/o Jim Ott, 2100 Las Positas Court, Livermore, CA 94551.



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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

#### **School Personnel Changes**

Luz Cázares has been hired as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the Pleasanton Unified School District. She will fill the vacancy that will be created by the retiring of Sandra Lepley in October.

For the past three years, Cázares has served as the Chief Financial Officer for Alameda Unified, a district with approximately 10,200 students and an annual general fund budget of \$83 million. Her previous assignment was that of Director of Fiscal Services for Alameda Unified. Prior to that, she worked in fiscal management and financial analysis at the Massachusetts Department of Education and Chicago Public Schools. Cázares received a Bachelors degree in Public Policy Studies from the University of Chicago and Master in Public Policy from Harvard Uni-

At the beginning of school in August, Esmeralda Moseley will become half-time vice principal at Valley View Elementary. She is moving from Walnut Grove to Valley View and will continue her service as VP at Alisal.

Matt Campbell has been selected as the new vice principal for Hart Middle School. For the past four years, Matt has served as a vice principal at Foothill High School. Prior to that he taught at Amador Valley High School and is currently serving as the summer school principal at

#### **Olive Growers Workshop**

The Tri -Valley Conservancy is hosting an Olive Growers Quality Alliance Educational Se-

The next Olive Growers Quality Alliance workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Liver-

Nancy Ash, owner of Strictly Olive Oil, is a consultant specializing in olive oil product marketing and education. She will speak on the topics of: "Now That I've Made Olive Oil, How Do I Sell It?" and "The Packaging is Pretty, But How Does it Taste?".

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by July 11, 2008, by contacting TVC at 925 449-8706. There is a \$10 fee to help cover cost of olive oil and meeting materials.

#### **New Board Member**

Kathy Farrell has been elected to Tri-Valley Conservancy's Board of Directors.

"Kathy is a strong business owner and marketer. We look forward to benefiting from her insights and experience as a member of TVC's board," declared Jim Perry, Chair of TVC's Board

Kathy has been a resident of Livermore since 1956. She is a local business owner and is actively involved in the community and service oriented Rotary Club of Livermore. She is also a founding board member of the Center of Community Dispute Settlement and regularly participates in many activities that support and promote the community of Livermore.

#### **Tourism, Event Grants**

The Livermore City Council recently approved eleven tourism and special event grants. There were fourteen applications totaling

The purpose of the grants is to provide financial assistance to organizations that promote Livermore events and generate tourism.

Among those receiving funds were ArtWalk \$5000; California Independent Film Festival \$7500; Children's Fair \$1000; Livermore Amador Symphony Pops Concert \$1000; Livermore Valley Opera \$1500; Livermore Valley Rotary Rodeo Parade \$1000; Livermore Valley Winegrowers Harvest Wine Celebration \$4500; Rotary Club Stars of Tomorrow \$500; Shakespeare's Associates \$5500; Valley Concert Chorale \$500; and Valley Dance Theatre Nut-

Katie Marcel, a board member of Shakespeare's Associates, commented, ""We have made no secret that we strive to be California's answer to Ashland. We have something up on Ashland - wine." Marcel noted that it is estimated that 86 percent of those who attend the Ashland Shakespeare performances in Oregon are from California.

The three not funded included the park district's application for an Emergency Survival Expo, which staff said did not meet the criteria for a grant. A Livermore Art Guide also did not receive funding. It is anticipated that money from the economic development cultural arts budget would be used. The final application that did not receive funding was Youth United, which has a religious basis. The city attorney's office determined that using city funds to promote religion would be a violation of the First Amend-

#### Plans for Cooling Centers

The City of Pleasanton will open public cooling centers for those seeking relief from high temperatures. When temperatures reach over 100 degrees, or when unexpected high temperatures occur, the City will activate its cooling centers.

The Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., is the primary cooling center location. It will be open until 10:00 p.m. on weekdays during a cooling center designation period. The Adult Day wing of the Senior Center may be activated on weekends from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. These are conditioned facilities.

The Dolores Bengsten Aquatics Center, 4455 Black Avenue, will serve as an alternate cooling center location, and would be activated after scheduled programs. On designated cooling center days, the pool will remain open until 10:00 p.m. Recreation swim will be offered for a reduced rate at \$1 per person.

Free transportation will be provided through Pleasanton Paratransit Service to any cooling center location for those ages 60 and older or ADA qualified, free of charge. Call (925) 931-5376 to arrange a ride and advise the dispatcher that you would like a ride to a cooling center. For more information, please call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Residents discussed options for North Livermore facilities during last week's workshop.

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dition. They did not see why it was their responsibility to do so.

At the same time it was noted that any analysis of the costs of eliminating the golf course should include the cost to the city of litigation. One speaker declared, "It would be negligent not to assess that cost, since it's a likely outcome."

The Springtown Homeowners Association has retained a law

The favored method to retain the golf course, while at the same time reducing the cost to the city to operate it, is to sign a long time lease with an operator. Other options considered were to establish a program to increase revenues, create a landscape maintenance district to manage the golf course, and turn the golf course into a natural open space. There were security concerns with the open space option.

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

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

and only 24,276 in 2006/07. Last Wednesday's workshop was the final of three scheduled to discuss what residents in the Northeast area of Livermore would like to see when it comes to facilities. The overwhelming majoring of those in attendance have been from the area around the golf course.

Consultant David Early stated, "We have heard clearly that the preferred alternative is to keep the golf course. My charge is to determine what else can be done without impact to the city's general fund."

Early will write a final report "based on consensus" coming out of the workshops. However, Early noted, any solution to retain the golf course has to be fis-cally feasible. The golf course must break even or show a profit.

As suggested, the lease to an outside operator would be for \$1 a year. The operator would set green fees and maintain the golf course. All of the profits and risks would fall to the operator, taking the city out of the equation. Early said he had spoken to six potential operators with a variety of responses from definitely interests to no interest. The main interest came from small operators.

It was suggested that the lease could be made more attractive by having the operator manage both of the city's golf courses. Early noted that some of the operators were only interested if the Las Positas Golf Course were included in the lease.

The second option to generate higher revenues could be accomplished through increased advertising and increased green fees, as well as expanded food service to include dinner, and a convenience store. Early did not think these options would generate the funds necessary to off-

set the projected deficit. Establishing a landscape maintenance district would require a majority vote. Votes would be weighted depending on how much homeowners were being asked to pay. Early suggested that those adjacent to the golf course would pay more, \$360 per year, while other Springtown residents would pay \$120 per year. He did not think there would be much support for the district outside the Springtown area.

One speaker, who did not live in North Livermore, said she would be willing to help pay to maintain the golf course.

One attendee at the workshop suggested the city could just "well away from the golf course."

"walk away from the golf course." Early said that could happen by transforming the area into natural open space. There would be maintenance costs involved.

Speakers continued to say they don't think the city is listening to them.

Only one person spoke out with a different opinion, saying he believes the residents have been heard. "I never wanted a golf course. I don't want to pay. You've been rude. You are going to get the golf course and I'm going to end up paying for it. You have been heard.'

There have been suggestions that redevelopment money, tax money from the Toyota dealership, or fees from the Altamont landfill be used to fund the golf course. Early explained that redevelopment money must be spent in the redevelopment area for a capital project; tax money from the dealership would go into the general fund; the fees from the landfill have been designated for other uses. Any change would require approval by Alameda

As for other facilities, speakers stated that the library could be refurbished or expanded at its current site. Playing fields would be nice, but should be built somewhere else. People did not want the traffic from sports fields impacting their streets.

The final report is expected to go to the city council in early fall.

# **Altamont Neighbors Wary Of Major NASCAR Race**

Altamont Motorsports Park that the national average requirewants to play host to a major NASCAR race Sept. 13. However, the neighbors say they don't want the noise and bright lights it would bring, even for one day.

Residents in the vicinity of the track, east of the Altamont Pass, persuaded the Alameda County Planning Commission two weeks ago to reject the race track's application for the event. Track president and general manager Jeff Macey said that it's necessary to lift the current restrictions on loud noise and the ban on racing at night in order to hold

Five commissioners voted to reject the application, one abstained, and one was absent. The motorsports park is appealing the decision to the board of supervisors July 8.

Macey said that the NASCAR race is a big-time event, one that doesn't come to many tracks. The Altamont track holds NASCAR events, but none on this major league level, he said. Further, while the track also has the open-wheel USAC cars on some racing programs, this would be the first time a USAC race, at 50 laps, would join NASCAR on the same day in a double-header. The NĂSCAR race would be for 200 laps on the one-half mile track.

Macey said that under standards imposed in March by supervisors at the insistence of neighbors, the track has to meet standards of 83 decibels 100 feet from the property line. He said

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ment at tracks is 95 decibels at that distance.

The track held night racing last year. That was eliminated by the supervisors. Now racers and spectators have to leave before dark. "We are trying to do our best to comply with everything, until we have a new permit in our hands," said Macey. He was referring to the track's application for a permanent rezoning to a racing facility.

An Environmental Impact Report has been in preparation. The county is will deal with the rezoning request after that comes in, which is expected to be soon. Macey stated, "We want to run

the park in a manner that would allow us to make a profit." He contended that the park has lost money on the races this year to date. The management is eyeing the big NASCAR event as a way

to recoup losses, he said. Neighbor Karin Rivard contends that the track management knew about the NASCAR race before supervisors imposed the new conditions in March. The management should have asked then for an allowance. More important is her contention that the frack is not meeting the standards on noise.

Rivard says that a sound engineer she hired has measured races, and found they have gone to 95 or 97 decibels. "They have exceeded those limits at nearly ever race," she said. "Why give an allowance (from the tougher restrictions) when they are not even complying with existing

Rivard does like the restrictions on the number of races and the ban on night racing. She said that last year's 117 events have dwindled to 28 permitted events, including test days and practice days. "It has been a lot better since March, when the supervisors imposed the conditions," she said.

Rivard gave credit to Supervisor Scott Haggerty and his staff for researching what other racetracks are doing, and going to bat for the neighbors.

However, if the new conditions are more livable for the neighbors, they are hard on the track management, which invested in improvements on the site after it took over in 2006, its site after it took over in 2006, its first year of racing there. The ban on night racing has been especially tough, said Macey. "We'd all like to get out of here before dark. Until you change the habits of the racing fan, they won't come to daytime racing," he said. It isn't so much a lack of shade at the track now — that could be

at the track now — that could be changed with canopies. Most people have errands to run on Saturdays. They don't look for entertainment until the evening. That's what the track is up against in marketing, he said.

Macey said that racing at Altamont last year had a 300 percent jump over 2006. However, this year, attendance has dropped 60 percent. The ban on night racing, which had an 11 p.m. closing time last year, has been a big part of the difference, as well as the ceiling on the number of events, he said.

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## **EDITORIAL**

### **Increasingly Global**

We've noticed that as our Valley has grown, its people have become increasingly global in their involvements. A prime example is the medical aid project of Liver-

more Noon Rotary. Under the leadership of David Mertes, the club has raised funds to equip three children's hospital intensive care units in Hungary and Romania since 2005. The third, located in Pecs, Hungary, will be formally dedicated this coming November

Partnering with Rotary clubs in Oklahoma City and Eastern Europe, Livermore Noon Rotary raised \$30,000 for the unit in Pecs. Rotary International kicked in an additional \$30,000. The equipment will be supplied by Assist International, a foundation that obtains equipment donations for projects like this. The money raised by Rotary will be used to ship and install the equip-

A project in Kosovo will be next for Livermore Noon Rotary. The planning is already underway.

The Livermore-Amador Valley is blessed with the good life. It would be so easy to forget the rest of the

However, through the Rotary project and many other good works, the residents of the Valley have made themselves very much a part of the world. Their spirit of giving is not a narrow thing, but glows large, embracing the whole globe.

# SALES TAX (continued from page one) Marchand and city manager

Linda Barton testified in favor of Hancock's bill last week before the Senate local government committee. However, several sources indicated that the committee was working out a compromise language change in the bill that would not allow retroactive collection of sales taxes. If that provision were formally put into the bill — and the committee chairwoman said that she supports it — that would remove any chances for Livermore to bring the status quo back through legislation to where it was before.

Livermore will continue to pursue legal remedies.

Livermore has also protested to the state board of equalization that the sales tax should not be going to Fillmore, but to Livermore and the other two warehouse cities. The board has issued no ruling yet. It has withheld the first-quarter sales tax from Fillmore, pending a resolu-

#### LOSS OF REVENUE **DELAYS PURCHASE**

Marchand told the Independent about the impact of losing \$2 million per year. "We were going to buy a new fire engine for \$450,000. We had to delay that. We also had to delay repair of the engine driveway at Station 4. for \$140,000. We had to postpone contributions to the police dispatch emergency power supply system, including upgrading of radios. It really hit us on police and fire services, and other categories," said Marchand.

The unfortunate thing is that police and fire protection are necessary things for Owens & Minor's warehouse in Livermore. There is a definite sales tax nexus there, so the money should not be taken away from Livermore, he said. "Cities have a hard time balancing their own budgets. Now one city is giving away 85 percent of sales tax. It's the most egregious thing, giving most of it back to the company," said Marchand.

Officials of Owens & Minor did not return a call on Tuesday.

An MTS principal, David Porush, said that Fillmore's share of 15 percent is a matter of public record. However, he said that he could not divulge how much his fee is and how much is retained by Owens & Minor, because of client confidentiality.

On the key issue, Porush said that the law is clear about sales tax distribution." If a company has a location that makes sales, and is not just a distribution center, that's where the sales tax is supposed to be allocated.

Porush said that moving into California with an office was part of Owens & Minor's business plan. "The result would automatically be a change in collection,"

#### **OWENS & MINOR** LAWYER COMMENTS

Jim Gross, a Sacramento attorney who represents Owens & Minor, said that many people don't understand that once a sales point has been established, facilities such as the warehouseonly location in Livermore are no longer eligible for sales tax collection.

Gross said he argued before the Senate committee at the hearing last week, speaking up for amending AB 697 so the agreement with Fillmore won't be nullified. However, Owens & Minor has no interest in what California does with agreements between cities and consultants in the future. He noted that such agreements open a can of worms about many agreements that cities might have with consultants, and that the Legislature might want to conduct a thorough study of it, instead of relying on Hancock's bill, which was carried at Livermore's request as a re-

sponse to one situation. Barton, though, said that the bill is important to try to prevent such agreements in the future.

## Lab Looking at Broader **Security Research Mission**

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) science, technology and engineering capabilities will serve a broader national security mission in the future, according to a senior NNSA official.

This change recognizes that NNSA's roles in nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear counterterrorism are growing and, through agreements with other federal agencies, the laboratories can and do contribute to national security more broadly than in the past.

"NNSA's national security laboratories - Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory – and the Nevada Test Site have world class scientists, engineers and capabilities that are national assets," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino. "To respond to the evolving 21st century global security threats, NNSA will bring our science, technology and engineering enterprise to bear on solving large, urgent national security challenges.

NNSA, its national security laboratories, and the test site have reached a consensus that

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their future mission is not limited solely to the historic nuclear weapons core mission, but rather is one encompassing the full spectrum of national security interests. The broad range of research and development activities at the NNSA laboratories includes sensor and detection technology, high-performance computing, microsystems, chemical and biological technology, and explosives science.

Some of this type of national security work is already being done. NNSA will be looking to establish a longer-term partner-ship with other federal agencies.

This effort was approved by U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman and developed by him, NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino, Department of Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond L. Orbach, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director George Miller, Los Alamos National Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio, Sandia National Laboratories Director Thomas Hunter and Stephen Younger President General Manager of National Security Technologies, LLC, which manages the Nevada Test Site, and developed in communication with

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## **Livermore School District's Facilities Needs Fall Short of Available Funding**

**By Patricia Koning**Any homeowner can tell you that the list of projects always outstrips the budget. The Liver-more Valley Joint Unified School is no different. Funding from Measure L, a bond that provided funding for school construction and renovation, has been spent. However, a \$65 million list of crucial projects remains.

Measure L, which passed in 1999, was a \$150-million bond that provided \$20 million for construction of the new Civic Center Main Library and \$20 million for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's community center, with the remaining \$110 million designated for school facilities.

Back when Measure L was in the planning stages, the Livermore School District's Facilities Department made a "wish list" of facilities projects totaling \$200 million. "When we did that, the District was in the middle of a growth spurt and we had lots of eligibility," said Floyd Wilson, executive director of facilities.

He explained that eligibility, which is based on student population versus site capacity, is what determines how much

money school districts receive from the State for construction and modernization. For new construction, the State matches a school district's dollars up to the amount of the eligibility. For example, if a school district has \$3.5 million of eligibility but a \$10 million project, the State would fund their share (\$3.5 million). The school district would have to come up with \$6.5 mil-

lion to complete the project. For modernization, the State pays 60%, a school district 40%. The same rule applies for the eligibility of modernization

At the June 24 Board of Education meeting, Wilson explained that the District is out of eligibility for new construction and only has eligibility for modernization at the high schools. In fact, declining enrollment in the District has resulted in about \$9 million in lost eligibility. Increasing costs for construction haven't helped. Wilson estimates that the \$65 million list would have cost only \$35 million ten years ago.

If the overall student population in the District is in decline, then what still needs to be done? The first item on the list, says Wilson, is the gymnasium at Livermore High School.

"It's inadequate for the school and very old," he says. "The gym has lots of asbestos. However, it is non-friable. It needs a complete renovation, which will cost \$15 to \$17 million.

Non-friable means that the asbestos contains a binder or hardening agent, such as cement or vinyl, and is not regulated. Friable asbestos is material that crumbles easily when dry, such as acoustic ceilings and plaster. Friable asbestos is regulated.

Wilson said many HVAC units in the District need to be upgraded for efficiency. "We would also like to come up with a proposal for solar and green power so we can curb our additional expense and reduce our carbon footprint," he added.

"I think we should look at making this District a net energy producer," said trustee Bill Morrison. "We have plenty of roof space where we can look at putting solar panels, which are becoming less expensive and more efficient. We can generate enough energy for our own use and take some to market, and cre-

ate a revenue stream for our-

Between Measure L and developer's fees, about \$2 million remains for construction and modernization. Wilson believes the best use of that money would be for planning and prioritizing the outstanding work.

"If we can do that now and if a bond should pass, we would immediately be able to go into the bidding and construction phase," he explained. "I would not want to stretch anything past three years.'

According to Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller, the District is contemplating a bond sometime in the future to meet its facility needs, especially for renovation and modernization. "Without a bond, the Board of Trustees will have to prioritize the facility needs against program for students,' she said.

Such a measure would probably not appear on a ballot until 2010 unless there were a special election that the District could join. If the District's parcel tax were renewed, that money would not be designated for facilities.

## Pleasanton Schools Won't Go For Parcel Tax This Fall

The Pleasanton school district won't be asking voter approval for a parcel tax on the ballot November 4.

Superintendent John Casey told the board at its meeting June 25 that the budget approved that night, with more than \$2 million in cuts, is sufficient to get the district into the coming school year with all important priorities retained. There won't be a need for the district to ask taxpayers for money.

Besides approving the district's budget, set at \$120 million, the board decided not to pursue an inquiry into whether their fellow trustee, Pat Kernan, is a legal resident of the city.
On shelving any consider-

ation of asking voters for a parcel tax this fall, the board had to act at the meeting, if it wanted to meet the deadline for putting the question on the ballot Nov. 4. Research by a consultant hired two years ago by the district showed that a parcel tax at around \$200 or more per parcel annually would not receive the needed two-thirds approval.

Later trustees talked about a \$150 tax. However, they were not committed to that figure. All of the board discussions were theo-

Originally, the parcel tax was being discussed as a way to bring the district even higher on its achievement scale by adding more programs to benefit students. (The district is ninth among more than 300 unified school districts in the state on the annual API test results.) However. after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his budget in January, the board's parcel tax discussions shifted to using the money to guarantee that the district would have a stable fund to prevent any erosion from state budget dips.

The need for using any parcel tax in the next year or two to shore up the budget was dimin-ished in May when Schwarzenegger found more money for schools. Schwarzenegger's state budget revision shifted Pleasanton's projected shortfall from \$4.9 million to about \$2 million.

Cuts were made away from the classrooms to balance the budget. Casey said that trustees could discuss a parcel tax again, per-haps after next fall. "With fuel costs and everything else, my sense is that this is not the right time to do it," he said. **BOARD WON'T LOOK INTO** 

## CHALLENGE TO KERNAN

The board also listened to a presentation by parent Julie Testa, who requested that trustees seek an opinion from the state attorney general general's office about whether trustee Pat Kernan is a legal resident of Pleasanton.

(Kernan was absent from the room during the board's discus-

Kernan sold his Pleasanton house in 2006, before filing again for the school board. He bought a house in the Sierra foothills where his wife lives.

Although not taking part in the discussion, Kernan has said that he spends 70 percent of his time in Pleasanton, and continues his law practice in Pleasan-

In a letter to the school board in May, the board's attorney, Harold Freiman, said that after interviewing Kernan, he concluded that most of Kernan's answers pointed to residency in Pleasanton. The preponderance of the material is what should be considered, he said. The letter was provided to the public as a point of information, because of community discussion about the

#### **QUESTION POSED ON** 'INCONSISTENCY'

Testa had a Power-point presentation at the meeting, which pointed out what she said were inconsistencies in Freiman's letter. One was that Kernan said he was excused from jury duty in El Dorado County, because he is a registered voter in Alameda County, and has a driver's license address in Pleasanton.

If that's true, it's puzzling as to why El Dorado County called him for jury duty, said Testa. The Camino address must have shown up on either his driver's license or his voter registration, or both, because those are the two addresses that counties use to call prospective jurors.

Board president Jim Ott suggested that Kernan's name might appear on a shared car registration with his wife, Marsha, who lives full-time at the Camino home. El Dorado calls jurors based only on driver's license and voter registration addresses, not vehicle registration.

Asked about the jury summons in El Dorado County, Kernan told the Independent after the meeting that he didn't know why he was called for jury duty there, other than it was a mis-

#### take on their part. KERNAN'S WIFE ADDS **INFORMATION**

Marsha Kernan spoke at the podium about the controversy over her husband's residency. She said that Pat checked first with attorney Freiman about his plans to file again for re-election, after the couple sold their Pleasanton home, and bought the Camino house. The understanding was that Pat would live in a Pleasanton apartment. She said that Freiman said that the plans would meet legal requirements for fil-

ing for office again. Ott asked Marsha Kernan "from your perspective, does Pat live in Pleasanton?" She replied, "Yes, pretty much. Before his hip surgery, I'd say goodbye to him on Monday morning, or noon, and see him again on Friday. So he lives here, and works here.'

If Pat had not filed for office in 2006, the board would have been left with few experienced members, said Marsha Kernan. "Steve (Brozosky), Jim (Ott) and Chris (Grant), you were just pups, as brand-new board members. It would have been such a struggle (with all new board members she said.

(When Kernan filed, Juanita Haugen was still on the board, but she was missing meetings, because of treatments for latestage cancer. She died in March 2007. Brozosky was appointed to fill the remainder of her term.)

Testa said after the meeting that Marsha Kernan's statement about Pat Kernan spending Monday through Friday in Pleasanton seems to argue against his residency in the city. She quoted from Freiman's opinion to the district about Kernan.

Freiman quoted California Government Code section 244, which gives rules about residency that say, "It is the place where one remains when not called elsewhere for labor or other special or temporary purpose, and to which he or she returns in seasons of repose. There can only be one residence.

The contention by Kernan and Freiman was that since Kernan spends 70 percent of his time in

Pleasanton, that's in fact where he resides.

Testa wanted the school board to seek a Quo Warranto process from the state Attorney General's office. She said that in that process, the attorney general would look over facts, and determine whether there were any basis for a lawsuit. The next step would be for a person, or the school board, to move ahead with a civil suit against Kernan that would cause a judge to make a determination about the legality of his claim about Pleasanton residency.

Ott håd a different view of it. He said he researched the matter with Casey. Reading from a prepared statement, Ott said, "By going for it, we are saying, Pat does not live in Pleasanton. We believe we can win a case against Mr. Kernan.'

However, Casey said that an attorney general's opinion under the Quo Warranto process is more limited than Ott's portrayal. "It's not, 'Is he a resident?' but is it not a frivolous action?' Is it serious enough to take depositions, and go to a judge to determine whether or not he is a resident?"

None of the board members wanted to bring a quo warranto action. Ott said that his experience is that Kernan has always been a Pleasanton resident.

Trustees Chris Grant and Kris Weaver said that it's tough at this time to spend school district money on pursuing the idea. They said it's fine if Testa wants to pursue action. The fee is \$500 to the attorney general, after his office conducts the research. However, if a legal action were filed, court costs and attorney's fees are then involved.

Testa said that the expense for individuals is great, if it goes to court. However, if Kernan were to resign, it would clear up the question, she said.

Asked later about what she plans to do, she told the Independent that she is looking at options. She said she was disappointed that the board didn't recognize its responsibility to make sure the public had a conclusive response to the residency question. If there were ever a controversial decision by the board, and Pat's vote plays a role in it, if it's a question of violation of residency, every future vote is vul-

## **PG&E Joins Battle Against Global Warming**

We don't want to sell you anything. We want to help you use less of our product, save money and reduce global warm-

That was the message delivered by PG&E representative to those in attendance at the first Livermore Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon. It was held at Wente Vineyards. Jess Brown, who works for

PG&E, spoke on the topic "Alternative Technologies for Cleaner and Green Energy."
The first point he made was that PG&E believes that climate

change is occurring. As one of the largest contributors to greenhouse emissions, the utilities industry is in a unique position to take action.

One way is to expand the energy delivery base. This is being accomplished through the use of renewable energies and the placement of more energy producing facilities within the community. Brown noted that PG&E does not have coal fire plants. They own hydro facilities, nuclear facilities, wind power and solar generating options. The company is in the process of evaluating wave power options. Natural gas is the fossil fuel of choice. As a result, PG&E produces one-third the national average in CO2 emissions.
California requires that 20

percent of the energy produced come from renewable sources by 2010. PG&E is at 12 percent now said Brown. The solar initiative has been

'wildly successful," he said. One of the big challenges is keeping the national solar incentive credit in place.

He was asked about the potential for more nuclear energy. Brown said it is not legal to build new plants in California. He anticipated that if the waste disposal issue were resolved that prohibition would be lifted.

Another way to reduce emissions is to continue to reduce use.

The state is interesting in that over the last thirty years the per capita use of energy has remained relatively flat compared to a 50 percent increase in use elsewhere. "As a result, California is attracting a lot of attention," he commented.

In 2007, PG&E recorded the highest gross energy saving to date, enough to power 225,000 homes for one year, enough natural gas to heat 50,000 homes and

one million tons of CO2 equal to removing 150,000 cars from the road. China and India are looking into how that has been accomplished, he added.

Technology, such as smart meters, that look at the usage of each customer and how to reduce that use is one option. Brown said there are plans to pilot a smart read program in the Valley this summer. Customers will know their energy uses and costs allowing them to make adjustments in usage to reduce peak usage. By reducing peak usage, PG&E won't have to build power plants to cover peak use.

Another program involves the smart air conditioner. A device is placed on the unit that sets the thermostat a couple of degrees

higher during high use periods. Plug-in hybrid electric cars can also help reduce the need for additional power plants. One of the challenges of electricity is that it can't be stored. The hundreds of thousands of electric cars could be used as a battery bank, a "vehicle grid," that PG&E could

tap\_into during peak periods. PG&E is also looking at distributing storage and generation options. "Big power plants will be a thing of the past. The company will partner with communities to get solar on rooftops and other renewables into communities. That helps to eliminate the high cost of distribution," he

"Energy efficiency is the best way to reduce use," Brown continued. There are incentives such as rebates available for purchasing energy efficient products. Retrofitting buildings to reduce energy use basically pays for itself, he said.

One audience person said that he is expecting an eight month payback just in changing his lighting.

Brown also mentioned other options. Customers can elect to pay \$5 to \$6 per month on their energy bills to offset their carbon footprints. A Tri-Valley Community Advisory Board has been established to work on energy reduction. "Until we have customers working with us, we can't make progress," stated Brown.

He said\_after watching Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth," he believes there has been a call to action. "There is no silver bul-let. It's the basic stuff we can all do in our homes and businesses.'

### HILLSIDE

(continued from page one) ridgeline. There is an exception fewer units. The initiative also includes a definition of a housing unit that is to be counted under the city's 29,000 cap. A housing unit is defined as having a bathroom, and a kitchen with a sink, cooking device and a refrigerator.

Larissa Seto, assistant staff attorney, said that the hillside initiative would reduce the number of units built in hill areas by between 119 and 224 units. However, those units could be built elsewhere in the city providing a greater opportunity to provide workforce housing.

Seto pointed out there is a need to define such terms as slope, ridgeline and structure. She said that staff is recommending that new regulations and policies be established to accomplish that.

There were concerns about the definition of a housing unit, said Seto. The initiative wording could be interpreted to mean assisted living units, which have traditionally not been counted under the cap; and extended stay hotels. The main impact to the city resulting from the definition of a housing unit could be that more units in the proposed Staples Ranch senior living facility would have to be counted under the housing cap. The city would have to count an additional 356 units.

Fiscal impacts were also considered in the 9212 report. Emily Wagner, the city's fiscal officer. estimated the annual net loss of income to the city would be between \$69,000 and \$183,000. That is mainly because homes built in the hills tend to pay higher fees. For example, hillside homes average 8500 square feet with a \$3.4 million market value. They pay \$10,000 per year in fees and cost the city \$9000 to provide services, a net of \$1000 to the city. Homes in the flatlands average 3500 square feet with a \$1.2 million market value. Fees are \$5000, services \$4500, with a net to the city of \$500. Multifamily units would net \$250 per unit to the city.

One time fees paid to the city at the time of development would result in no loss or up to a \$2.8 million loss. No loss would occur if the homes were built elsewhere in the city. The loss would occur if all of the units were multifamily developments, which pay lower fees.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern pointed out that if the homes weren't built, the fees wouldn't be a loss in income to the city, since the fees are to mitigate development.

There would be little or no impact on the school district. The district bases its cash flow model on a 3500 square foot home. The district anticipates only 1100 more units would be built, although there are about 2500 left under the cap. There could be a loss, said Wagner, if all multifamily units were built.

Most of those who addressed the council asked that there be no competing measure on the

Alan Roberts pointed out that the general plan already calls for an ordinance to protect the hills. He saw no reason why there had to be a vote to reaffirm the policy. He wondered why the council was now trying to establish an ordinance, since the policy had been in place for 12 years. He suggested that there be a moratorium on any development in the hills until the issue were settled. "It does nothing to enact something after the hills are already ruined.'

Others expressed similar views, saying they felt the council's plan would delay enactment of protections. In the meantime development could be approved. Julie Raznick stated, "It's a

black and white issue. Either you want to develop or not develop the hills. Don't confuse voters with a competing measure on the

Other speakers stated that residents wanted the hillsides protected. The method to achieve that end is the dispute.

Lance Smith of Greenbriar Homes said his company would be most impacted. They own the Lund Ranch and have an option for a portion of the Spotorno property, both in the southeast hills. He said Greenbriar had been a responsible developer over the years. Among the projects are those on the Bernal property, which provided over 300 acres of land to the city; and along the Vineyard Corridor, where they planted vineyards and placed easements over the land to protect it from future develop-

Smith felt that the 10-home exception would allow construction of units anywhere in the hills. He argued that the prohibition of grading would not allow for the Happy Valley bypass road to be built. He suggested there would likely be legal action if

the initiative were approved. Karla Brown spoke for the citizens' initiative proponents. Brown said the intent of the initiative is to protect the scenic hills from development and to direct development away from lands that are environmentally sensitive or have primary open space or habitat values. She added that the intent is to prevent structures, not roads.

Delores Bengtson said she was offended by the initiative supporters suggesting those who disagree with them do not want to save the ridgetops. "That's nonsense. I am considered an environmentalist and I am against the initiative." She pointed out that landowners had no input. A council sponsored initiative could ensure that such a process would take place.

The council weighed in with

Jerry Thorne said he preferred a collaborative public process to establish hillside protections. "I believe we need to give folks an option in November. I believe the majority of voters will appreciate having a choice on the bal-

Thorne addressed the belief that the issue is divisive. "One way to make it divisive is to make it a political issue to propel someone on the council," he

Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that it is clear some protection of the hills is desired. She said that the initiative wording was vague. "I want to have a document that is crystal clear. The only way to fix the initiative is through litigation, another citizens' initiative or a council initiative.

**Previous** councilmembers had the opportunity to enact a hillside protection ordinance, some of whom support the initiative. Cook-Kallio wondered why they did not undertake the effort when

they were on the council.
"I am against bad law and bad government. The initiative was not developed using a transparent process. It contains no environmental safeguards. The council also needs to honor other commitments it has made, such as construction of the bypass road, which I am concerned would not be possible," added Cook-Kallio.

Cook-Kallio also noted that the costs of litigation was not included in the analysis.

Sullivan said the initiative is consistent with the current general plan policy and the policy of the council to protect the southeast hills. If the goal is to reduce development in that area, the initiative clearly achieves that goal, said Sullivan.

Sullivan declared that he

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didn't believe that the council would have been moving forward so quickly with a hillside protection ordinance if the citizens initiative had not qualified for the ballot. The only reason to have a competing measure would be if there were significant questions about the impacts of the initiative. "That's not the case. I do agree after the vote, there should be a stakeholder process to fine tune and implement the

initiative," said Sullivan.

He said the language of the initiative is simple, straightforward and does what the community wants. The 9212 report shows little or no impact on the city, he added. "It demonstrated that big bad things don't exist as a result of the passage of the ini-

McGovern asked that the 9212 report be amended for the July 15 meeting to include information that growth impact fees are not needed, if there is no growth therefore there were no loss to the city.

She pointed out that there are some very positive things in the initiative. One is more infill development that would produce more affordable housing. It would also help to retain agriculture in the area, with continued grazing on the hillsides.

McGovern said that if the council chooses to place a competing measure on the ballot, it should include a moratorium on development in the hills until the

protection ordinance is in place. This has come about because of Oak Grove and the approval of a home that allowed the landowner to cut off a hillside and build a 14,000 square foot home.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said she felt that a council ordinance would give everyone an opportunity to be part of the public process. She stated that the initiative would be troublesome in trying to implement it. Hosterman said that the Oak

Grove development was approved after a four year process. It secured 500 acres of permanent open space. It recognizes that owners have property rights and balances those rights with what's good for the community. "I do think a clarifying measures is in the best interest of the needs of the people of Pleasanton," stated Hosterman.

Sullivan asked that the council measure include a requirement that any ordinance would be ratified by a vote of the people to prevent a future council ma-

jority from changing it. Hosterman said she would consider that at the July 15 council meeting, as well as the potential for a moratorium on devel-

Ballot wording for both measures is scheduled for discussion at the July 15 council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. The dead-line to place anything on the ballot is August 7.

## Valley TV News Show **Ends After 20 Years**

TV 30's afternoon live news show went off the air last week after 20 years of continual broad-

The news show, which won awards, including a national trophy, was the victim of a tightening budget at the community access cable operation. The news program was expanded in the past couple of years at a time when revenues were not rising.

As a daily show on a station of weekly and monthly shows, the news consumed more than one-half of the CTV budget. The entire local access operation, which has its studios in a building at the Pleasanton school district headquarters, has been supported by a 50 cent per month franchise fee for many years. Comcast collects it, and turns it over to the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon, whose officials are the board of directors for CTV.

Not only has the frozen fee for local access support hurt its budget, but cable TV also faces competition from satellite broadcasting. Every switch to satellite TV means one less cable TV franchise fee for the opera-

The personalities involved on the news show were sad to see it go. Two of them, news anchor Tom Morrison, and sports anchor George Baljevich, were with the show since its inception. Morrison said that he enjoyed the show immensely over the years. Although he regrets the show's demise, he is willing to contribute to any new operation that CTV might have in mind as a form of replacement.

Baljevich, a former college

basketball coach, will still be at the station, conducting his two shows. One is an interview session with various sports figures. The other puts the spotlight on local youth sports. Baljevich retired from coaching in 1984, got active with CTV as a volunteer, and started on the news show by co-anchoring with Morrison. 'But then they got smart, and brought in a real co-anchor, Robin Fahr," said Baljevich. Fahr was back for a cameo ap-

pearance. Julia Goodrich, now a co-anchor at KPIX-TV, Channel 5 in San Francisco, sent a videotape giving a pat on the back for the long years of its operation.

She noted that it gave several TV journalists a step up in their ca-

Melinda Meza, Morrison's coanchor on the last newscast, said, "It was sad. The news affects people who live here. They enjoy watching their children's sports team. Sure, they have big Bay Area stations, but they are

out here only for the big story."

Meza liked the ability to work part-time and have more time to spend with her two-year-old. She will look into free-lancing opportunities with TV stations to continue spending more mothering time at home.

News show reporter Wendy Poon said, "I have to say, it was pretty sad. The news has been a big part of the Tri-Valley, for many years." Poon has been talk-ing to CTV officials about a possible replacement for the news. It might be a weekly or monthly magazine, featuring something about each of the four sponsor-

Kevin Wing, CTV's interim manager, will spend his last day at the station July 3. He is a veteran of television, having worked at KTVU-TV, Channel 2 in Oak-

Darla Stevens, who founded the station in the 1970s, and retired four years ago, said that she had heard the news and regretted to see the show go. "It's an effect happening all over the country. Local programing is changing, partly due to convergence and competition in cable. I'm hoping that (CTV) will do other forms of local coverage.

## MAILBOX

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#### **Pleasanton School District Francis Mahoney** Pleasanton

Your newspaper has covered the debacle of the Pleasanton Unified School District vs. Signature Properties lawsuit very thoroughly during the past few months. I am a citizen of Pleasanton and as a result of PUSD's incompetence, I, along with all of the other citizens of Pleasanton, am liable to pay possibly \$5-\$6 million for "nothing." It is my belief that the PUSD Board should fire all members of the administration who pursued this frivolous lawsuit and, after this is done, all members of the Board of Education who had anything to do with this outrageous legal blunder should resign for gross

negligence of duty. Then we have to get back to basics, namely, educating our children to the best of out ability, following the rules, and not trying to be cute. As for Cindy Galbo's comment, "We're a little disappointed...." That is the understatement of all time. She probably is not a taxpayer in Pleasanton.

#### **No More Excuses** Juliet Ellis Urban Habitat, **Executive Director**

Given his statements last week (Affordable Housing Lawsuit Back in Play, June 26, 2008) Pleasanton Čity Attorney Michael Roush apparently needs to study up on his basic arith-

As stated in the article, the City has reneged on its promise in the last Housing Element to rezone enough land for some 800 units of lower-income housing by June 2004. An additional 3,277 new units were allocated this month for the next planning period. For Mr. Roush's benefit, that's more than 4,000 units now needed, significantly more than the 2,755 units remaining under the 29,000-unit Housing Cap according to the City's own staff

The City has already wasted more than \$75,000 defending a lawsuit that would never have been necessary had the City done the right thing from the start.

Pleasanton has the opportunity to allow hundreds of affordable homes within walking distance of a major transit hub, reducing greenhouse gas emissions while promoting social equity. Mr. Roush should stop making excuses and instead advise the City to live up to its legal respon-

**Confusing the Public** Len Alexander **Executive Director Livermore Valley** 

**Performing Arts Center** In a recent Tri-Valley Herald column, Tim Hunt suggested that the cost of building the proposed Regional Theater in Livermore had "soared to \$250 million" from \$75 million. In reality, the cost of the theater, as currently designed is \$79 million. The balance is the cost of land and debt service which would apply regardless of the underlying building expense. Mixing today's dollars with future, cheaper dollars, is one way opponents try to confuse the public and portray the project as a scary, risky venture.

Of course, one number that you won't hear mentioned by opponents is the \$800 million return on investment that the theater is projected to deliver to the region over the coming thirty years. Yes, the City of Livermore and LVPAC will invest significant dollars in the project, but we believe the return in economic impact and community cultural enhancement is worth it.

As for tearing down and replacing obsolete downtown shopping centers with mixed use commercial and residential projects, that reality is contained in the City's downtown specific plan and will occur regardless of whether the Regional Theater is

Finally, Mr. Hunt questions whether LVPAC has the ability to raise the initial funding needed to pay its share of construction costs and the annual donations required to operate the theater. Having to-date raised 94% of the \$15 million goal for the Bankhead Theater and having in hand \$7 million in cash and pledges toward the Regional Theater, LVPAC's Board is confident that the region, recognizing the benefits of a first-class presenting venue, will step forward to support it. A feasibility study of our overall capital campaign is underway with the results expected in September.

Five years ago, nay-sayers said the Bankhead Theater, LVPAC's initial project, could never be funded or built and, if it was, few would use it. Now, constructed on-time and under-budget, the theater approaches the end of its first season having hosted more than 200 public events with attendance exceeding 70,000 people drawn from thirty-one different communities around the Bay Area and beyond. Not a bad track record when looking forward to the Regional Theater project.

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## SPORTS NOTES



#### PALL Rangers Champs

The Pleasanton American Rangers captured the District 57 Major TOC Championship (see photo above) by beating the Dublin A's 10-0 last week. The Rangers got things started in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> as TJ Friedl singled and Ryan Anderson was hit by a pitch, Jakob Wipfli then hit a towering home run over the center field fence giving the Rangers a3-0 lead. The Rangers added 4 more runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> as Alex Codik led off the inning with a walk and Friedl launched a home run with a walk and Friedl launched a home run with a walk and Friedi launched a nome run to left scoring Codik. After walks to Ander-son and Wipfli, Anderson would score on a throwing error and JP Parisi's single to left scored Wipfli to bring the score to 7-0. In the 4th the Rangers would add another run on an Anderson also become way to some The left Anderson solo home run to center. The last runs were scored in the 5th as Daniel Rodriguez led off with a single, followed by walks to Matthew Martell and Friedl to load the bases. Austin Piscotty then lined a double to right to score both Rodriguez and Martell and end

As strong as the offense for the Rangers was, the pitching and defense were just as good. TJ Friedl pitched all 5 scoreless innings for the Rangers giving up only two hits and three walks to shut down a strong A's offense. Over the four day tournament the Rangers allowed only 4 runs while scoring 33. To reach the Championship game the Rangers beat Livermore National 6-0, Danville Angels 11-1 and San Ramon American Indians 6-3.

Indians 6-3.

Leading the way offensively for the Rangers in the tournament were Friedl (9-14, 6-R's, 5-RBI's, 3-2B and 2-HR), Anderson (6-10, 7-R's, 6-RBI and 2-HR), IP Parisi (7-11, 4-R, 8-RBI and 2-HR), Rodriguez (6-11, 3-R, and 2-RBI) Piscotti (5-14, 6-R, 4-RBI and 1-2B), Wipfli (4-R's, 3-RBI and 1-HR), Papageorge (4-11, 1-R, 1-RBI and 1-2B), Codik (1-R), Martell (1-R, 1-H and 1-Sac) and Burke (1-H and 1-Sac) 2008 Rangers Roster: TJ Friedl, Austin Piscotty, Ryan Anderson, Jakob Wipfli, JP Parisi, Andreas Papageorge, Daniel Rodriguez, John Gray, Alex Codik, Matthew

Parisi, Andreas Papageorge, Daniel Rodriguez, John Gray, Alex Codik, Matthew Martell and Sean Burke. Coaches: Mike Piscotty, Ron Anderson and Perry Rodriguez.

#### Lacrosse All Star

John-Michael Beddome (Foothill High School) recently competed on the Northern California Grizzlies All-Star Lacrosse team which took first place in the Vail U-17 Lacrosse Shoot-out in Vail, CO. The Grizzlies finished the tournament with a 9-0 record to take top honors. They competed against teams from Colorado, Arizona, Indiana and Maryland to take top honors.

#### Granada Coach Resigns

Tony Battilega, Granada's baseball coach since 1998, and PE department chair, has resigned his coaching and teaching position effective immediately.

Battilega stated, "It's time for a change.

He will continue teaching next year in a neighboring school district.

Battilega had two great seasons, 2001 and 2002, in which Granada finished NCS runner-up in '01 and lost in the semi-finals in '02. In addition, he started and commissions the Crown Dublin East Bay Classic. The Granada administration is currently looking into hiring a new varsity coach for the

#### Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom 10B went 3-1 to take the June 28-29 championship title in the Hayward Metro Tournament, beating the San Ramon Valley Stompers 12-6 in the championship game.

Janelle Tanis pitched the entire game, helping herself with a triple to score two runs in the 2nd inning. In the 2nd inning, Phantom scored 7 of their 12 runs with strong hits by Jilli Pluschkell, Kenzi Schlag, Christina Echavia, Katie Jefferies, Casey Eddy and Maddy Duval. Strong defense by Jennifer Ng at 2nd base and Maddy Duval at 1st base kept the Stomper team from getting more runners on base. runners on base.

runners on base.

In game one of the tournament, Katey Moore, strong at pitching, held the Livermore Smoke team to only 2 runs. Phantom had awesome hitting by Janelle Tanis who connected for a 3 run triple, Jilli Pluschkell with a 2 run single, Katie Jefferies 2 RBI's, and Alana Mendez a single. Phantom beat the Livermore Smoke team, 12-2.

In game 2, Phantom defeated the San Ramon Valley Stompers, 12-2. Janelle Tanis recorded 9 strikeouts. Strong defense by Katie Jefferies at shortstop and Jennifer Ng at second base helped hold the Stompers to only 2 runs. Courtney Hennings did a great job at getting on base and stealing to score and Chelsey Eddy was great as a courtesy runner.

In game 3, Phantom lost to the Stompers, 6-7, forcing game 4 of the tournament.

In game 3, Phantom lost to the Stompers, 6-7, forcing game 4 of the tournament. Strong hitting by Janelle Tanis, Casey Eddy and Maddy Duval helped Phantom score runs, while Jennifer Ng at second base threw out three runners. Jilli Pluschkell at shortstop also recorded 3 outs. Casey Eddy was excellent at catching the entire series throwexcellent at catching the entire series, throwing a runner out at 2nd base who was trying to steal.

Phantom 10B has now won four championships of the 5 tournaments in which they have played. The team is coached by Tom Roush, Dave Duval and Pete Schlag, Pleasanton

Phantom 12's went extra innings to beat Almaden Lightning 8-7 for the champion-ship in South Lake Tahoe. Phantom came alive in the 5th with base hits from Corinne Valdix and Julia Petros. Johanna Grauer Valua And Juna Petros. Johanna Grauer drilled a triple into left center for two RBI's. Jana Johnson followed with a triple scoring Grauer which gave Phantom a 4-2 lead. Almaden came back in the top of the 6th and the 7th with four runs to take a 6-4 lead. Phantom reacted in the bottom of the 7th with base hits from Victoria Molina, Valdix and Petros. Valdix scored on a passed ball bringing Phantom within one. Petros scored bringing Phantom within one. Petros scored to tie up the game on a sacrifice bunt from Johnson. Going into the top of the 8th Phantom gave up one run but came back with a base hit by Molina and a fielders choice by Valdix. With runners in scoring position and two outs, Petros drove one up the middle for two RBI's and the win. Brooke Campbell and Krista Williams each had two hits. Williams went the length on the mound for and Krista Williams each had two him. Williams went the length on the mound for the win. Nicole Bardakos was excellent

behind the plate.
Phantom beat the Burlingame Flames 8-2 in the semi-final. Williams started a 5 run rally in the 5th with a double. Kennedy Poplawski and Valdix each followed with singles. Malory Masajlo recorded 3 RBIs on a fielder's choice. Aubry Wolff also singled in the 5th. Poplawski went 3 for 4. Williams and Bardakos each went 2 for 3. Grauer pitched well with 8 Ks through the 5th. Williams closed for the win. Earlier Sunday, Phantom beat Auburn Storm 9-3. Bardakos had a two run homer; Williams a triple and a double; Johnson a double. Valdix pitched a double; Johnson a double. Valdix pitched

adouble; Johnson a double. Valdix pitched well on the mound.

In pool play Saturday Phantom beat Almaden Lightning 8-3, Burlingame Flames 11-0 and Valley Magic 3-2. Pleasanton The Pleasanton Phantom 14u Team

won the 2008 Oakland ASA Metro Championship with a 6-0 victory over the San Ramon Stompers played at Alden E. Oliver Sportspark on June 28th/29th. Pleasanton Phantom starting the scoring in the first inning. Allison Pluschkell walked and Brooke Ouesinberry singled sharply. Kim Beaudin Allison Pluschkell walked and Brooke Quesinberry singled sharply, Kim Beaudin then drove both home with a line drive double to right center making the score 2-0. In the second inning, Ember Poggio walked and then scored when Beaudin belted a double deep into left field making the score 3-0 Pleasanton Phantom. In the 3rd inning, Godwin and Tara Cayton walked along with a sharp single by Natalie Tiongco loaded the bases. That set the stage for Pluschkell, who ripped a two out, two run single to put the Pleasanton Phantom up 5-0. They finished off the scoring in the 6th inning as Quesinberry singled and then was brought home by Jenel Firneno on a clutch two out single to make the eventual final score 6-0. Lyndsay Godwin the eventual final score 6-0. Lyndsay Godwin went the distance to pick up the win scattering 5 hits while playing outstanding defense from the mound. from the mound.

The rest of the Pleasanton Phantom defense was also spectacular as CF-Quesinberry caught every ball hit to her and made a diving catch to take an extra base hit away. The infield was also efficient with away. The infield was also efficient with great play by 2B- Tara Cayton who had a diving catch of her own. Cayton teamed with the other Pleasanton Phantom infielders 1B-Kara Schott, SS-Pluschkell, and 3B-Firmeno who all made play after play to preserve the lead for Godwin who masterfully pitched out of a few jams. One highlight came when Firneno fielded a hot smash down the line to get the batter and then the next inning made a leaning catch of a high chopper to make a leaping catch of a high chopper to make another play for an out. C-Beaudin was strong as she threw out two runners at 3rd base to help negate rallies from the Stompers while providing steady guidance for Godwin's array of pitches.

array of pitches.

In the semi-finals, Pleasanton Phantom beat the Livermore Smoke 10-1. Natalie Tiongco and Allison Pluschkell sparked Pleasanton Phantom offense with 3 hits apiece. Kim Beaudin and Jenel Firneno chipped in with two hits and Brooke Quesinberry, Kara Schott, Godwin, Tara Cayton and Kelly Taylor added one hit. In all, Pleasanton Phantom offense exploded for 15 hits in the game. Godwin again picked un 15 hits in the game. Godwin again picked up the win allowing just 5 hits and striking out 5. The Pleasanton Phantom 14u team will next play at home in the Pleasanton Summer Classic and in Pleasant Hill, before traveling to Salem, Oregon to participate in the 2008 14U B Western Nationals.

Pleasanton Phantom 12B finished second at the Oakland ASA Championships. Phantom went 3-0 to get to the championship game undefeated, but fell short of the title losing back to back to the Stompers '95. In the championship game, Phantom started the 6th with a base hit from Kendall Moore. Malory Masajlo advanced Moore with a Malory Masajlo advanced Moore with a sacrifice bunt and Aubry Wolfffollowed with a base hit to left field. Moore scored on a throwing error to 3rd. With a 1-0 lead, Phantom had played solid until the bottom of the 6th when Stompers came back with 5 runs to win the game. Krista Williams was exceptional on the mound with 13 strike outs, an intentional walk and giving up 6 hits. Victoria Molina was phenomenal behind the plate picking off a runner at 2nd and catching

Victoria Molina was phenomenal behind the plate picking off a runner at 2nd and catching all three games Sunday.

Phantom went back to back against the Stompers for the Oakland ASA Championship title in the double elimination tournament. In the 3rd, Stompers takes a 3-0 lead with three bases hits. Phantom came right back in the top of the 4th with base hits from Nicole Bardakos and Moore. Corinne Valdix got on with a fielder's choice. Julia Petros walked to load the bases and Jana Johnson walked which allowed Valdix to score. With bases loaded. Williams drilled a double for bases loaded. Williams drilled a double for 2 RBIs. Johnson scored on an error which brought Phantom to a 4-3 lead. Phantom scored 2 more runs in the 6th with base hits from Johnson, Williams and Molina. Johanna Grauer, with a sacrifice hit, and Molina picked up the RBIs. In the bottom of the 6th, but the Stomers came back with 2 more than 1 the Stompers came back with 3 runs to tie it up and got one more run in the 7th for a 7-

6 win.

Phantom beat the Stompers 3-2 earlier Sunday to go straight to the championship. Phantom bats were hot with 2 hits each from Williams, Grauer, Bardakos, Valdix & Moore. Grauer was excellent on the mound; 9K, 1W, 6H. In Saturday's championship play, Phantom beat Nor Cal Raptors 13-0 and Milpitas Renegades 13-0. Wolff got a triple while Molina and Grauer each hit doubles.

### Del Prado vs. DBAC

The Del Prado Stingrays continued with their winning ways and topped the DBAC Swim Team, 532 to 438. Both teams recorded some outstanding performances in in Saturdays meet. The top female swimmers for the Stingrays were, Taylor Peterson (18), Stephanie Doi (13), Jaclyn Strom (14), Hannah Fowler-Kimsey (12), and Meghan Hogue (8). The boys were led by Matthew Sun (14), Eric Gates (15), Cole Payan (18), Max Jorgenson (6), and Eric Crispell (13). The top swimmers for DBAC were Hanna Lurie (6), Katie Tsui (10), Iris Chang (14), Jordan Peters (6), and Audrey Goodman (8) for the girls. Top boys were Daniel Huang (12), Andrew Silva (9), Timothy Huang (8), Preston Sim (6), and Zachary Coribishley (9).

Other top performers for Del Prado were Niki Doi, Healy Suto, Nicole White, Jillian Blandino, Colleen Mayes, Trevor Landas, Christopher Nespor, Cameron Kurotori, Joseph Costa, Andrew Goard and for DBAC, Hanna Fleshman, Rachel Becker, Emily Hickey, Aliyah Baxter, Sarah Takahashi, Mattias Lindeil, Jax Pedersen, Trevor Bielby,

Girls 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free, Fleshman, Madison, DBAC, 28.79. 25 Yard Back, Peters, Jordan, DBAC, 31.98. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Lurie, Hanna, DBAC, 38.30. 5 Yard Fly, Baxter, Aliyah, DBAC, 30.56. Girls 7-8: 25 Yard Free, Goodman, Audrey, DBAC, 18.92. 25 Yard Back, Fleshman, Hanna, DBAC, 23.16. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Hogue, Meghan, DP-CC, 5.64. 25 Yard Fly, Takahashi, Sarah, DBAC, 23.08. Girls 9-10: 50 Yard Free, White, Nicole, DP-CC, 39.00. 25 Yard Back, Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 19.68. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 20.41. 25 Yard Fly, Hickey, Emily, DBAC, 19.35. Breaststroke, Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 20.41. 25 Yard Fly, Hickey, Emily, DBAC, 19.35. 100 Yard IM, Suto, Healey, DP-CC, 1:40.85. Girls 11-12: 50 Yard Free, Fowler-Kimsey, Hannah, DP-CC, 31.72. 50 Yard Back, Hickey, Sydney, DBAC, 42.45. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Sullivant, Danielle, DP-CC, 44.78. 50 Yard Fly, Drury, Eileen, DP-CC, 38.64. 100 Yard IM, Fowler-Kimsey, Hannah, DP-CC, 1:27.11. Girls 13-14: 50 Yard Free, Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 28.42. 50 Yard Back, Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 36.42. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Chang, Iris, DBAC, 36.95. 50 Yard Fly, Chang, Iris, DBAC, 30.57. 100 Yard IM, Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 1:14.52. Women 15-18: 50 Yard DP-CC, 1:14.52. **Women 15-18:** 50 Yard Free, Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 27.23. 50 Yard Back, Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 32.61.
50 Yard Breaststroke, Doi, Niki, DP-CC,
36.21. 50 Yard Fly, Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 29.72. 100 Yard IM, Peterson, Taylor,

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Max, DP-CC, 32.35. 25 Yard Fly, Jorgenson,
Max, DP-CC, 32.13. Boys 7-8: 25 Yard
Free, Huang, Timothy, DBAC, 19.28. 25
Yard Back, Lee, Jun, DBAC, 25.12. 25 Yard
Breaststroke, Juarez, Tommy, DP-CC,
25.17. 25 Yard Fly, Milana, Adrian, DBAC,
25.54. Boys 9-10: 50 Yard Free, Newman,
Jake, DP-CC, 32.52. 25 Yard Back, Pedersen,
Jax, DBAC, 20.90. 25 Yard Breaststroke,
Silva, Andrew, DBAC, 23.17. 25 Yard Fly,
Corbishley, Zachary, DBAC, 19.53. 100
Yard IM, Silva, Andrew, DBAC, 1:42.64.
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DP-CC, 30.18. 50 Yard Back, Goard, Boys 11-12:50 Yard Free, Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 30.18. 50 Yard Back, Goard, Andrew, DP-CC, 39.72. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 38.85. 50 Yard Fly, Lindell, Mattias, DBAC, 33.69. 100 Yard IM, Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 1:16.11. Boys 13-14: 50 Yard Free, Sun, Matthew, DP-CC, 26.67. 50 Yard Back, Sun, Matthew, DP-CC, 31.89. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 35.48. 50 Yard Fly, Crispell, Eric, DP-CC, 34.08. 100 Yard IM, Sun, Matthew, DP-CC, 1:09.64. Men 15-18: 50 Yard Breaststroke, Pric, DP-CC, 24.17. 50 Yard Back, Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 27.66. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Landas, Trevor, DP-CC, 31.65. 50 Yard Fly, Payan, Cole, DP-CC, 28.79. 100 Yard IM, Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 1:01.74.

#### Barracudas vs. Sharks

The Briarhill Barracudas eked out a narrow 503.5 - 473.5 victory over the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks on Saturday in a Tri-Valley Swim League meet. The Sharks garnered most of their points in the younger age groups (9-10 and under), but couldn't quite get enough points in the upper brackets

to win the meet.
Leading the way for the Sharks with three individual wins was Jack Geasa (9-10 breastroke, IM and free). Kaala Cheney nearly matched Geasa with a pair of wins (13-14 back, free) and a second place finish by less than four tenths of a second to teammate Elsa Schwaninger in the IM. Schwaninger had

Also posting a pair of wins for Pleasanton
Meadows were Aaron Zheng (U6 breast and
fly), Cody Vaeth in the U6 free and back, Alyson Isaacs (9-10) swimming the breastroke and IM; and Blake Tucker (7-8) in the breastroke and back.

Nine Shark swimmers swam to a single individual first place finish. They were: Jessica Rhoads (U6) breastroke, Sidney Vaeth (7-8), fly; Joey Geasa (7-8) fly; Haley Isaacs (9-10) free; Isabelle Epley (9-10) back; Nicholas Tucker (9-10) fly; Chelsea King (15-18) free; Curtis Wong (15-18) breastroke; Colin Burke (11-12) back. 1st place finishers: 6-under girls: 25 free,

Ist place finishers: 6-under girls: 25 free, Meghan Van Lare, Briarhill 31.06; 6-under boys 25 free: Cody Vaeth, Pleasanton Meadows, 20.80; 7-8 girls 25 free: Callan Jackman, Briarhill, 17.44; 7-8 boys free: Andrew Voit, Briarhill, 17.12; girls 9-10 50 free: Haley saacs, Pleasanton Meadows, 41.89; 9-10 boys 50 free: Jack Geasa, Pleasanton Meadows. ows, 32.83; 11-12 girls 50 free: Haley Lukas, Briarhill, 30.18; 11-12 boys 50 free: Sherman Vuong, Briarhill, 31.40; 13-24 girls 50 free: Kaala Cheney, Pleasanton Meadows, 30.12; 13-14 boys 50 free: Brian Standart, Briarhill, 27.64; 15-18 girls 50 free: Chelsea King, Pleasanton Meadows, 28.97; 15-18 boys 50

Pleasanton Meadows, 28,97; 15-18 boys 50 free: Brent Reed, Briarhill, 24.29. Girls 6-under 25 fly: Meghan Van Lare, Briarhill, 33.81; boys 6-under 25 fly: Aaron Zheng, Pleasanton Meadows, 35.30; 7-8 girls 25 fly: Sidney Vaeth, Pleasanton Meadows, 21.74; 7-8 boys 25 fly: Joseph Geasa, Pleasanton Meadows, 24.46; 9-10 girls 25 fly: Bailey Craig, Briarhill, 19.86; 9-10 boys 25 fly: Nicholas Tucker, Pleasanton Meadows, 21.74; Tucker, Pleasanton Meadows, 21.74; Tucker, Pleasanton Meadows, 25 fly: Nicholas Tucker, Ple 19. Daley Clark, Bladmin, 19.00, 9-10 boys 25 fly: Nicholas Tucker, Pleasanton Meadows, 16.30; 11-12 girls 50 fly: Brittney Achziger, Briarhill, 35.14; 11-12 boys 50 fly: Clark Jackman, Briarhill, 44.03; 13-14 girls 50 fly: Elsa Schwaninger, 34.59; 13-14 boys 50 fly: Sean Kenney, Briarhill, 37.15; 15-18 girls 50 fly: Melissa Sidran, Briarhill, 34.25; 15-18 boys 50 fly: Brandon Lind, Briarhill, 25.60 Briarhill, 25.60.

Briarhill, 25.60.
6-under girls 25 breast: Jessica Rhoads, Pleasanton Meadows, 37.20; 6-under boys 25 breast: Aaron Zheng, Pleasanton Meadows, 33.73; 7-8 girls 25 breast, Kevina Vuong, Briarhill, 26.03; 7-8 boys 25 breast Blake Tucker, Pleasanton Meadows, 24.20; 9-10 girls 25 breast: Alyson Isaacs, Pleasanton Meadows, 23.14; 9-10 boys 25 breast: Jack Geasa, Pleasanton Meadows, 21.69;11-12 girls 50 breast: Brittney Achziger. 12 girls 50 breast: Brittney Achziger, Briarhiull, 39.20; 11-12 boys 50 breast: Sherman Vuong, Briarhill, 41.28; 13-14 girls 50 breast: Rebecca Viazzo, Briarhill, 40.07; 13-14 boys 50 breast: Kevin Standart, Briarhill, 34.18; 15-18 girls 50 breast: Lauren Leahy, Briarhill, 39.45; 15-18 boys 50 breast: Curtis Wong, Pleasanton Meadows,

9-10 girls 100 IM: Alyson Isaacs, Pleasanton Meadows, 1:35.05; 9-10 boys: Jack Geasa, Pleasanton Meadows, 1:26.95; 11-12-girls: Kristin Horrillo, Briarhill, 1:22.36; 11-12 boys: Christopher Malek, Briarhill,

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1:36.20; 13-14 girls: Elsa Schwaninger, Pleasanton Meadows, 1:20.48; 13-14 boys: Brian Standart, Briarhill, 1:12.37; 15-18 girls: Laruen Leahy, Briarhill, 1:14.46; 15-18 boys: Brandon Lind, Briarhill, 1:00.09.

6-under girls 25 back: Meghan Van Lare, Briarhill, 35.69; 6-under boys 25 back: Cody Vaeth, Pleasanton Meadows, 33.38; 7-8 girls 25 back: Bella Mairs, Briarhill, 23.86; 7-8 boys 25 back: Blake Tucker, Pleasanton Meadows, 22.75; 9-10 girls 25 back: Isabelle Epley, Pleasanton Meadows, 22.11; 9-10 boys 25 back: Matthew Grywczynski, Briarhill, 19.95; 11-12 girls 50 back: Brittney Achziger, Briarhill, 39.81; 11-12 boys 50 back: Burke Colin, Pleasanton Meadows, 41.90; 13-14 girls 50 back: Kaala Cheney, Pleasanton Meadows, 36.50; 13-14 boys 50 back: Sean Kenney, Briarhill, 40.37; 15-18 girls 50 back: Shannon Corrigan, Briarhill, 40.12; 15-18 boys 50 back: Brent Reed, Briarhill, 28.36.

#### Ruby Hill vs. FAST

Ruby Hill Killer Whales swam past the Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) 600 to 352 in swim league action. 1st place finishers:

1st place trinshers: 25 free 6-under girls: Farnaaz Khoyloo (RH) 28.12; 6-under boys: Scott Drummond (FAST) 24.50; 7-8 girls: Taylor Sowers (RH) 19.20; 7-8 boys: Joey Vasquez (RH) 18.22; 50 free 9-10 girls: Olivia Lair (RH) 34.89; 9-10 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 34.70; 11-12 girls: Brianna Nicholas (RH) 31.80; 11-12 boys: Sam Sornsen (RH) 32.60; 13-14 girls: Sophie Lair (RH) 30.56; 13-14 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 27.32; 15-18 women: Corinne Lusher (RH) 29.82; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 24.70.

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25 fly 6-under girls: Lauren Sowers (RH)
36.75; 6-under boys: Scott Drummond
(FAST) 27.88; 7-8 girls: Taylor Sowers (RH)
23.05; 7-8 boys: Joey Vasquez (RH) 23.89;
9-10 girls: Paige Heacox (FAST) 17.92; 910 boys: Chase Psinakis (RH) 19.76; 50 fly 11-12 girls: Brianna Nicholas (RH) 37.37; 11-12 boys: Sam Sornsen (RH) 41.72; 13-14 girls: Jessica Choi (RH) 36.30; 13-14 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 31.23; 15-18 women: Corinne Lusher (RH) 33.33; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 27.95.

Jason Cunningham (RH) 27.95.
25 breast 6-under girls: Farnaaz Khoyloo (FAST) 43.66; 6-under boys: Christopher Yang (RH) 42.08; 7-8 girls: Alicia Vasquez (RH) 27.08; 7-8 boys: Kenny Peng (FAST) 28.51; 9-10 girls: Carly Marceau (FAST) 23.68; 9-10 boys: Chase Psinakis (RH) 42.45 (Depart 11.12 girls) McCale Morent 23.06, 9-10 boys. Chase Fshidaris (RFI) 24.34;50 breast 11-12 girls: McKalee Mooney (RH) 40.88; 11-12 boys: Anirudh Bommireddy (RH) 47.33;13-14 girls: Sophie Lair (RH) 42.34; 13-14 boys: Alec Psinakis (RH) 39.08; 15-18 men: Logan Williams (RH) 34.19.

(RH) 34.19. 100 IM9-10 girls: Paige Heacox (FAST) 1:36.56; 9-10 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 1:34.42; 11-12 girls: Brianna Nicholas (RH) 1:23.71; 11-12 boys: Evan Lee (RH) 1:28.76; 13-14 girls: Sophie Lair (RH) 1:21.61; 13-14 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 1:10.77; 15-18 women: Lindsey Baxter (RH) 1:14.42; 15-18 men: Chris Johnston (RH) 1:07.38.

25 back 6-under girls: Lauren Sowers (RH) 40.61; 6-under boys: Jack Madden (RH) 36.34; 7-8 girls: Olivia McGee (FAST) 24.78; 7-8 boys: Joey Vasquez (RH) 26.37; 9-10 girls: Juliet Allen (RH) 22.40; 9-10 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 20.59; 50 back 11-12 girls: Ellen Fetherston (FAST) 45.75; 11-12 boys: Evan Lee (RH) 42.78; 13-14 girls: Jessica Choi (RH) 36.84; 13-14 boys: Alec Psinakis (RH) 33.62; 15-18 women: Lindsey Baxter (RH) 34.59; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 30.23.

#### Sharks vs. Aquabears

The Rhonewood Sharks swam to a victory against the San Ramon Aquabears on Saturday, June 25th with a score of 1027 to

A few of the highlights of the swim meet included swims of Natalie Hawkins, who broke the 6 & U girls fly record with a time of 24.43. She broke the record set by the current swim team coach, Arianna Ramos in 1996. Natalie also took first place in the 6 & U girls back and the freestyle Langa Suppargran Girls back and the freestyle. Jenna Sunnergrer won the free, fly, and breaststroke in the 78 wolf the free, fly, and disastistione in the 7 of girls. Trent Trump swam to victory in the free, fly and IM for the 11 12 boys. Shannon Melrose continued to swim well. She broke the record in the back last week and came within one hundredths of a second to match that swim this week. Shannon also took first place in the IM and back. Havden Christenser had an incredible meet with victories in the

breast, fly and IM. Sharks winning times: 6 under: 25 free: Natalie Hawkins 21.88; Wesley Edwards 21.81; 25 fly: Natalie Hawkins 24.43; Wesley Edwards 34.26; 25 back: Natalie Hawkins

32.53; 25 breast: Carlie Spruiell 46.11. 7-8 boys and girls: 25 free: Jenna Sunnergren 19.74; Reece Kerstetter 19.70; 25 fly: Trevor Campbell 24.60; Jenna Sunnergren 25.58; 25 breast: Jenna Sunnergren 25.58; Matthew Nuefled 30.33; 25 back:

Sunnergen 25..58; 25 breast: Jenna Sunnergen 25.58; Matthew Nuefled 30.33; 25 back: Chelsea Warner 39.31.

9-10 boys and girls: 50 back: Courtney Offill 19.54; 25 fly: Isaac Dugger 19.06; 25 back: Ryan Eckles 20.06; 50 free Connor Jones 35.48; 25 breast: Michael Eckles, 22.44; 100 IM: Thomas Buefeld, 1:34.74.

11-12 boys and girls: 50 fly: Danielle Carter 36.62; Trent Trump 34.01; 50 back: Tyler Eckles 40.16, Shannon Melrose 33.37; 50 free: Shannon Melrose 30.40, Trent Trump 31.77; 50 fly: Shannon Melrose 1:17.67; 100 IM: Trent Trump 1:18.15; 50 breast: Leah Flannery 41.19, Paul Epperson 45.31.

13-14 boys and girls: 50 fly: Kevin Johnstone 31.32; 50 breast: Michael Hawkins 34.10; 100 IM: Michael Hawkins, 1:08.26.

15-18 boys and girls: 50 fly: Carrie Melrose 33.83, Hayden Christensen 25.91; 50 breast: Hayden Christensen 30.18; 50 fly:

50 breast: Hayden Christensen 30.18; 50 fly: Briant Jacobs 23.65; 50 back: Kayleigh Torres 33.49, Briant Jacobs 27.77; 100 IM: Kayleigh Torres 1:09.16, Hayden Christensen 59.95.

#### Lady Hustle Softball

The Lady Hustle U14 girls softball team participated in the All American Summer Slam at Tracy Sports complex on June 28th and 29th.

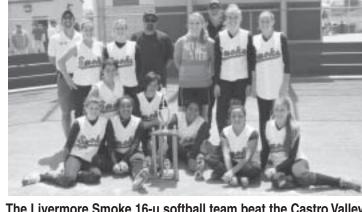
In pool play, Lady Hustle began the tourney with a 4-2 victory over the Calaveras Sliders. Montana Berg was starting pitcher and hit a home run while Bianca Devoto added 2 hits and an RBI. Next Lady Hustle bett the Camarian in great with a 10 beat the Scorpions in game with a 1-0 shutout. Katie Keller was the winning pitcher, going the distance and allowing just

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The Livermore Smoke 16-u softball team beat the Castro Valley Synergy 4-2 to win the Oakland ASA Metro Tournament on June 29. The Metro is a regional qualifying tournament for the Western Region Nationals being held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Pictured with their Metro championship trophy are: Stefani Miller, Veronica Knowlton, Katherine Freitas, Kaylene DeBord, Sara Smith, Dominique Carey, Dana Johnson, Amanda Fletcher, Imani Curtis- Contreras, Laura Torres, Cassie Robles, and Lexy Garcia. The Smoke team is managed by Al Robles and coached by Toff Garcia and Bill Miller.



The fireworks came early in the Walnut Creek 6 vs 6 Tournament. The Pleasanton Rage U16 AC split into two teams (Hotspurs and Odyssey) that pitted themselves against each other in the championship game. The Oddssey won 10 to 6. Both teams won their respective groups showing their competitive spirit. Offensive: Rebecca H., Allie R., Emmie R., Amanda K., Presley S., Andi G Defensive: Lindsey, Terra, Sammie, Blair, Katie.

2 hits while striking out 7. The Hustle fell 5-4 to the Grapettes C in a close game. Nicole Borchard led the Hustle with 2 hits including

a triple.
On Sunday, Lady Hustle entered as a 4 seed and again faced the Grapettes C earning revenge with a 2-0 victory in another tight game. Both runs scored in first inning on RBI double by Bianca Devoto. Next, Hustle faced RR Gold of Stockton and emerged victorious with a 1-0 win. Katie Mannion pitched a complete game 1-hitter and Nikki Stark accounted for the scoring with a triple and run accounterfor in esconing with a triple and triple and triple scored. Jess McKeehan and Nu Nu Evans led a great Hustle defense. This set up the championship game between Lady Hustle and Grapettes L.

The Grapettes got out to a 3-0 start before Nikki (Nicole) Stark hit a long home run to left, also scoring Cynthia Meyer who had singled ahead of her to make it 3-2. After Grapettes added a run in the top of the 6th to make in 4-2, Lady Hustle added 2 runs in their half to tie the score at 4-4. The 2 out rally included RBI singles from Katie Mannion and Montana Berg. After a scoreless top of the 7th, Lady Hustle loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the inning. Nicole Borchard's grounder brought in Lexi Meyer with the game winning run and the come from behind championship for Lady Hustle.

#### **Bowling News**

Affair ended the night bowling 136 over her average with games of 269-208-160 for a 637 series. Also in the Friday Family Affair, youth bowler, Brian Kirby with a 129 average rolled 131 over series with games of 204-147 167 for a 518 series.

Lee Pettus, in the Getaway Fours, rolled a 226 game and Abel Romero a 216 game. Mike Stephenson, in the Championship Trios League, bowled a 249-242-211-208 for a 4 game series of 910. In the Original Guys & Dolls, Bob Carey bowled a 247 game and Adam Fuller a 688 series. Norm Schlaegel, in the Thursday Swingers, began the night with a 259 game on his way to a 643 series. Friday Family Affair bowler Gabe Donahue rolled a 701 series with games of 205-253-243; the same league Jim Neal turned in a 262

game.
Friday Primetimers Senior bowler Chuck
Webster rolled a 222; right behind him, was
Otis Farries with a 216 game.
Youth bowler Casey Albert ended the
week with 226-213-243 for a 682 series.

#### **Golf Tournament**

The Pleasanton Lions Club is sponsoring the 1st annual Michelle Lucia-Varleta Golf Tournament. It will be held Fri., July 25 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Liver

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

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

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

#### Youth Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for 35 years. The league's motto is "children first game second." The league focuses on teaching the fundamentals of both football and cheer that are needed to make the transition into high school both rewarding and as smooth as possible. The league works with the local high schools to ensure participants are learning the fundamental

Safety is the biggest concern. All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. All coaches are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game. Squads compete in the highly competi-tive Diablo Valley Youth Football Confer-

ence (DVYFC). It consists of 18 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages

7 to 14 (football), 5 to 14 (cheerleading)
Registration will be held July 7, 14 and 21 from 6-8 pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. Information at web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or email The league is currently accepting appli-cations for both football and cheer coaches for

the upcoming season.



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## SHORT NOTES

#### **Happy Birds Perform**

The Livermore Public Library will be presenting the performing parrot show "Happy Birds" on July 12 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Li-

The Happy Birds are a team of performing parrots that, along with their trainers Ed & Julie Cardoza, have been entertaining audiences since 1989. The birds' feats include bike riding, roller skating, singing opera, playing basketball and doing animal impressions. The Happy Birds have appeared on television on The Tonight Show,

The Ellen Show, America's Funniest Home Videos, and Animal Planet. The Happy Birds will perform Sat-urday, July 12th at the Livermore Public Library's Springtown branch, located at 998 Bluebell Drive. This free performance will begin at 11am, 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. Happy Birds is sponsored by the Ross McDonald Company.

The Livermore Public Library's "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts, and special events at Livermore's three library locations. Participation is free, and registration is not required to attend events. Special events throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows, puppets, animals, and international music, performance, & stories. The Summer Reading Game begins June 13, and ends August 16, 2008. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504 for more information.

#### Summer Picnic

The Tri-Valley Indian Association is inviting the public to attend the 2008 Summer Picnic to be held on Sunday July 27, from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be music, food, games and crafts for children.

The event will take place at Emerald

Glen Park in Dublin at the group picnic area off of Camino Tassajara and

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-13 and free for those under five. Tickets are available only in advance and may be purchased at the following locations: India Spice House (6715 Dublin Blvd., Dublin); New India Bazaar (4552 Dublin Blvd. Dublin); Laxmi Grocers (953 Bluebell Dr., Livermore); and Kamal Spices (6700 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton). Ticket sales end on July 20.

For further information, contact TriValleyIndianAssociation@gmail.com or call Vijay at (925) 234-3373 or Sandi at (925) 200-9540

#### Towne Center Books

Towne Center Books offers the following events: For Kids:

• July 21-25, 9:30-10:30, No Spies Here writing classes with Keely Parrack. Grades K-2. \$75.00 for the week. Reservations required. 846-8826 • July 28-Aug 1, 9:30 -10:30, No

Spies Here writing classes with Keely Parrack. Grades 3-6. \$75.00 for the Reservations required. 846-

• Tues. July 29, 11:00. Meet fireman Scott. Activities and photos. Free. No reservations required. For Teens:

Tues., July 8, 15, 22; 7-8:30 Writing Classes with Wendy Lichtman. Reservations please. \$75.00 for the

• Sat., July 12, 2:00-3:00 - Book Swap. Bring a book(s); take a book(s). Free. No reservations necessary.

• Fri., Aug. 1, 11:00 PM, Late Night Party for Breaking Dawn, the newest in the Twilight Series by Stephenie Meyer. Prepay for the book by July 17 and receive a \$5.00 gift card. 846-

For Adults:
• Sat., July 12, 2-3 Book Swap. Bring a book(s); take a book(s). Free no reservations necessary.
• Mon., July14, 1:00 a study in a

Course in Miracles. Free no reserva-• Fri., July 18, 7:30 Booksigning with Doug Bell (alias Douglas Kendall) author of Pleasantopia. Doug's newest books are America's Reigning Cats and Dogs; and America's Backside. Free no

reservation needed

#### **Nature Drawing**

John Muir Laws, author of the definitive Field Guide to Sierra Nevada, will teach a free course on nature drawing techniques. This event is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big Year, a race to see and save the park's 33

race to see and save the park's 33 endangered species. Find out more at www.ggnrabigyear.org
The session will be Sun., July 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the Lobos Dunes parking lot.
RSVP is required: e-mail mbzlat@yahoo.com.

#### **Prostate Cancer**

The Prostate Cancer Support Group at San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites the community to learn about Radiation Treatment for Prostate Cancer. The program will be Tuesday, July 8 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the West Day Room in the South Building located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road on the San Ramon Regional Medical Cen-

Radiation Oncologist, Michael Forrest, M.D., will discuss Image Guided IMRT used to treat prostate cancer. The physician will be prepared to answer questions. Partners and family members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the community is welcome to attend at no

Space is limited. Reservations are required. For reservations, call 800.284.2878 or on-line at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

#### Pakistan Culture

Moazzam Sheikh, author of "The Idol Lover and Other Stories of Pakistan," will present a slideshow and talk about the culture of Pakistan at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, July 20, at 2pm.

Sheikh will also read from his new book "The Idol Lover and Other Stories of Pakistan." Sheikh is the author of "Stories of Intizar Husain" and has edited a collection of stories, "A Letter from India: contemporary Pakistani Short Stories". The Lahore-born

Sheikh teaches at the City College of San Francisco. He is a librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. He is a founding member of the web site Another Subcontinent, an online journal

and discussion forum. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-

#### Wild Things at Library Wild Things from around the globe

will be paying a visit to the Livermore Public Library Civic Center and Rincon locations on July 9 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library." Wild Things, Inc. is a nonprofit

organization that houses injured and abandoned wildlife. Animal ambassadors travel all over Northern California, teaching about conservation and environmental awareness. During the "Animals of the World" program, a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles from around the world, including an alligator and a kangaroo, will be intro-

The Animals of the World presentation will take place twice on Wednesday, July 9. The 10:30am program will be at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. At 2:30pm, the program will be repeated at the Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Avenue. The free public programs will take place outside the library and the audience will be seated on tarps.

The Livermore Public Library's "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts, and spe-cial events at Livermore's three library locations. Participation is free and no registration is required to attend events. Special events throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows puppets, animals, and international music, performance, and stories.

Summer Reading Game ends August 16, 2008. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Liver-more Public Library's web site www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504 for more information.

#### 'Bipolar Advantage'

Tom Wootton, author of The Bipolar Advantage and The Depression Advantage will be giving a free talk at the Pleasanton Public Library Monday day, July 7 at 7pm. The talk is open to the public and is especially of interest to those with bipolar disorder, their friends and family, therapists, mental

Hill Community Center, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., July 6, 30 miles meander around

Santa Cruz, meet 9 a.m. at Delaware Park, Alaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Wed., July 9, 23

Alaine Nadeau, 577-0380. Wed., July 9, 23 miles Fuddrucker's-Borge Ranch, meet 10 a.m. at Fuddrucker's at Willows Shopping Center, Concord, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Wed., July 9, 25 miles from Shannon Center

to meet and what to bring.

NARFE (National Active and Retired

Federal Employee Association), Livermore Chapter 0397, annual picnic 11:30 a.m. on

Thurs., July 10 at the Livermore Farm

Bureau, located on Enos Way just off Portola

Ave. Home cooked goodies prepared by club members. There will be bingo with prizes followed by a silent auction. The California Federation Executive Board has been invited

as well as the chapters of District Four. For more information, call 484-0813 or 846-

American Business Women's Association Express to Success (ABWA E2S) chapter holds monthly meetings that focus on

networking and professional development for women in business. The local ABWA

E2S chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at 5115 Hopyard Rd., in Pleasanton. Nonmembers are wel-

come to attend at a cost of \$5 per meeting. For

info@expresstosuccess.org or go to

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can neipsomeone eise who can it. I he Liver-more READ Project is currently seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve basic reading and writing skills. Free tutor training workshops will be held at

the Livermore Library on Monday, July 21st, from 7-9PM and on Saturday, July 26th,

from 9AM-4PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training, or for more information, call 373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main,603 Main Street, Downtown Pleasan-

ton. July 9, Wednesday, at 7 PM. Those attending will reflect on the human and

monetary costs of the war, honor veterans

who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of

moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. The group is planning to continue a monthly event the second Tuesday of the month as long as necessary. Questions? Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or Email Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30pm. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada

information,

www.expresstosuccess.org.

ough Dublin, San Ramon and Dougherty

health professionals and emergency personnel.

This is a unique opportunity to hear a leading consumer advocate speak about triumphing over serious condi-tions like bipolar and depression.

As a successful professional and someone who was misdiagnosed for years, Wootton has personally experienced the good and bad of this condition. Wootton's positive approach will be of help to everyone those with bipolar and those who love and support

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-

#### Life Screening

Residents living in and around the Livermore area can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. The complete screening package now includes a new Heart Rhythm screening that checks for irregular heartbeat, a

major risk factor for stroke.

Life Line Screening will be at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church on July 10th. The site is located at 1020 Mocho Street in Livermore. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or website visit our www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Screenings help identify potential health problems such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, ab dominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess os-teoporosis risk is also offered and is

appropriate for both men and women.

Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$159. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to com-

#### Around UK/Ireland

Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore will present a slide show by world champion kayaker Sean Morley on Tues., July 8, 7:30 p.m. He will discuss his solo circumnavigation of the UK and Ireland, the first to accomplish the feat. The program is entitled, "Keep the Land on the Right."

The 4500 mile expedition took 183 days and is the longest kayak journey

ever undertaken in British waters. Sean's 90 minute slide show includes a photographic view of his journey and some images of the sport of surf kayaking. There is no admission charge for

the program. It will be held at Sunrise, 2455 Railroad Ave., Livermore. For information, call 447-8330.

#### The Great Outdoors

Matt Johanson, author, skier, climber, presents a slideshow of his favorite ski trip (Yosemite to Mam-moth), best climb (El Capitan) and radical hike (to the top of Mt. Lyell) at

the Pleasanton Library on Thurs., July 17 at 7 p.m. Pleasanton Public Library is at 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program is free and open to all. No registration re-

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

#### **Shot Clinics**

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free summer immunization clinics for children on July 12, August 2 and September 6, 2008, from 9:00-11:30 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.

#### **Child Care Programs**

Child Care Links provides free workshops to employers in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Workshop facilitators will provide valuable information on important issues to parents at their work site. Workshops are available on a variety of topics and can be tailored to the needs of employees. The length of each workshop can range from 45 minutes to 2 hours. Workshops can be during the lunch hour, or at another time arranged by the employer. Child Care Links can

also provide a series of workshops.
Training Topics include: Choosing
Child Care, Parenting Skills, Child Development, and Work/Family Balance.
A Child Care Links facilitator will

present the curriculum, related handouts, resource materials and answer questions. Child Care Links' staff is available during business hours to answer further questions, provide free child care referrals and community

Employers or employees are encouraged to call for further information on this free service. For more information contact Shauna Brown at (925) 249-3925. There is no charge for

#### **Donald James Bell**

Donald Bell, 53, native of Juliette, IL, died June 22, 2008. He was born April 19, 1955. He served his country proudly in the US Army.

Don worked in Maintenance at the Pleasanton Walmart for nine years. He enjoyed life, dancing, festivals, listening to oldies music, and finding treasures at Flea Markets.

Donald is survived by his partner of 11 years, Faye Ponce of Pleasanton; mother Emily Bell of San Jose; son Tony; stepsons Dominic Rueda and Florencio Ponce both of Pleasanton; daughters Monica Bell and Rosa Bell; brothers Jerald Bell and Richard Bell; sisters Rita Canisales, Connie Rodriques, and Angie Montelongo all of San Jose. He also leaves behind five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Bell,

A Memorial Service was held July 2 in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste 100, Dublin, CA 94568

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### **Elton Bovey**

Elton Bovey, a 48 year resident of Pleasanton, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2008 in Houston, Texas. He was born March 26, 1922.

Bovey joined the U.S Air force in 1942 during World War II, and then returned to his career in the newspaper and magazine industry. He was honored for his 35 years as Principal Officer of Teamsters Local Union 96 of Oakland & Local 296 of San Jose by lifelong friend Senator Barbara Boxer and her husband Stewart Boxer, who once wrote a tribute to Mr. Bovey and presented it to the House of Representatives.

He is preceded in death by his brother Carroll Bovey and stepdaughter Brenda Pixley. He is survived by his wife Gayle Bovey, children Ronald (Theresa) Bovey of San Jose, Caren (Jack) Coffey of Tucson, Dryden (Sam) McIntosh of California, Ken (Jeanie) McIntosh of Manteca Larry (Shirley) Allred of Livermore, and Patricia (Ray) Cellar of Stockton, as well as

Dry Eye Clinic

numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held June 27 in Livermore. In lieu of flowers it was Mr. Bovey's wish to have memorial donations made to the American Cancer Society in his name.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## **Robert Preston Swayne**

Robert Preston Swayne died June 24, 2008. Robert, born May 26, 1920,

was the youngest of five children of John and Meredith Swayne. He was born in Port Huron, Michigan, and moved to Oakland, CA as a young boy.

He was a graduate of Fremont High School in Oakland (1938). In 1941, he met and married the love of his life, Norma. He proudly served in the U.S. Navv as a Sea Bee in the Pacific during WWII. He worked for J.R. Pierce Plumbing as a foreman plumber and was a member of Local 444 for 60 years. He spent the last ten years caring for his wife after she fell ill. They recently moved to Livermore after living in Hayward for 58 years.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Norma, his daughter Linda Knoedler (Walter) and his son, Robert Swayne (Kathy). He is also survived by four granddaughters and their spouses: Karen Pagano, Kathy Knoedler, Elizabeth Piscotty, and Monica Speckenheuer as well as four great granddaughters, two greatgrandsons, and four nieces.

His legacy to his family is one of character, strength and faith-

A private Burial Service with Honors was held San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, in Gustine.

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#### **James Barker Niday**

Former Pleasanton resident James Barker Niday died June 20, 2008, in Woodland Hills. He was born May 21, 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee.

He had lived in Pleasanton for 42 years. James received an S.B.'42 and S.M.'60 from the University of Chicago. He worked at Tennessee Valley Authority; Institute for Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago; Cali-

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fornia Research and Development; and at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He is survived by his wife Marcia Hitchcock Niday; sons David (Cathleen) Niday, Paul Niday, Michael (Joei) Niday, and Peter (Linda) Niday; grandchildren Thomas (Molly) Niday; Andrew Niday; Sara Niday; Bart

of Chicago in memory of James B. Niday are suggested by the family. They should be sent to. Gwen Jessen The University of Chicago 1116 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL, 60637.

Theodore "Ted" Slade, a 66 year resident of Alameda County, passed away peacefully on June

27, 2008 at the age of 78. tober 13, 1929. Ted was the first Fire Fighter for the city of Dublin, where he held badge #1 for a past member of the Lions Club He was an avid outdoorsman and

He is preceded in death by his

Niday; and Kate Niday.

Donations to the University

### **Theodore Slade**

Ted was born in Guildford County, North Carolina on Oc-19 years. He was founder and past president of the Firefighters Union Local 1885. Ted was also and the Rotary Club of Dublin. especially enjoyed hunting and fishing.

son Gordon who passed away in 1989. He is survived by his sons David (Dorothy) Slade of Livermore, and Richard (Michelle) Slade of Dublin, seven grandchildren Jeremy (Marsibil) Slade of Livermore, Josh (Jennifer) Slade of Folsom, Scott (Sarah) Slade of La Mesa, Devin Slade of Livermore, Corinne Slade of Dublin, Derek Slade of Dublin and Chelsey Slade of Kansas, and two great grandchildren Johanna and Dagbjort of Livermore. Ted will be missed by all but not for-

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Thursday July 3 from 1 to 3 p.m., with a memorial service to follow at 3 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel 3833 East Ave, Livermore. Inurnment immediately follows at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box Court, Pleasanton. The speaker is Marcia Murray Holstrom whose topic is "Using Maps in Genealogy". Investigating migration, land ownership, family relationships, etc. can be furthered through map research. 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 Visitors are welcome, no charge. Map to the meeting site: www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-Subject. Floring Infinite and Contact person should also be included.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring
Club, Sat., July 5, 32 miles Pleasant Hill to Crockett and Martinez, meet 10 a.m. Pleasant BethEmek.html

**Domestic Violence Support Group** is currently held at the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore Thursdays 5 to 6:30 p.m. Survivors will be able to address issues or abuse in relationships. There will be a fee of \$40 for every eight weeks, or based on a sliding scale. For information and registration, contact Elizabeth at 667-2799 Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network Valley area, meet 6 p.m. Gary Lusso, 324-4842. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where

meets Monday, July 21, a t 7 p.m. Dr. Ward Eccles will present a discussion on holistic dentistry. Meet at Tahara @ In My Nature located at 4725 First Street #270, (Civic Center Station at the intersection of Bernal and First St.) in Pleasanton. Park in the lot facing Bernal. Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. There is no charge for first time visitors or for Chapter members. For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com. San Ramon Newcomers Luncheon,

July 17, 11:30 p.m. at the Stix & Steaks Restaurant at the Marriott Hotel, Danville. Guest speakers will be the Blue Star Moms. Open to new and established residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Danville and Livermore. Contact 735-6483 for further information or go to www.srvnc.com.

Armchair Travelers, MEETS at the
Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs.,

July 10, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Ronald White will show photographs of his adventures on Mt. Kilimanjaro, an inactive volcano in Tanzania and the highest peak in Africa. 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.

Tri-Valley Lock & Key & Dance Party, Friday, July 11, 8pm, at the Pleasanton Marriott (formerly Crowne Plaza), 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd.,, Pleasanton. Open to single professionals of all ages. Women receive locks; men keys. The fun comes when you match them up. Gosse is the author of eight books on the subject of dating. The cost of the party is \$20 at the door, which includes both the Lock & Key Mixer and the Dance Party, featuring a DJ. This event is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals Anyona wicking more integration may call Anyone wishing more information may call 415/507-9962 or visit

www.ThePartyHotline.com.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets Saturday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Quilt teacher Marion

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Coleman will talk about African quilts Beginning at 12:30 there will be a lemonade social. Bring lunch, lemonade and cookies provided. The guild is a nonprofit educa-tional association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the

attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org

First Time Buyer Seminar, July 29 or Aug. 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 5994 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 101, Pleasanton. RSVP Firsttimebuyereducation.com.

Aging, Medication, and Alcohol Mixing medications can have devastating, even fatal, effects. Learn to recognize the side effects and symptoms of misuse, and discover preventative tips from Julie Emmet of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tuesday, July 8, 10am to 11:30am, \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents.

Estate Planning Forum, Grag Lanet of

Estate Planning Forum, Greg Lanet of the Lanet Team will be presenting Jennifer L. Thaete of Abramson & Thaete, LLP, a local certified specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law. This educational forum will take place on July 29 at 7:00 PM at the livermore public Library. 1188 S. Liver. Livermore public Library: 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. RSVP to Greg Lanet at 443-4734

at 443-4734.

Investing your IRA or Rollover: Securities vs. real estate. Tues., July 15, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Livermore Chamber of Commerce, 2157 First St. Kirsten Higgins, financial advisor, Protected Investors of America; and Weldon Moreland, CPA, Moreland & Palcorp. BSVI (025) 455-522 Bologna. RSVP (925) 455-5533. RELIGION

Grief support, meetings on the second and fourth 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Sioneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Meetings open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Please call Joan at

828-6864 with questions.

Community Bible Study, a non-denominational Bible study, will be offering a women's class on the book of Revelation from the new testament. Thursdays at the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church (corner of Busch Rd. and Valley Ave. in Pleasanton), starting September 11, from 9:30 -11:30AM for a nondenominational, in-depth study of the Book of Revelation. The children's program, run concurrently, is available for the little ones. For more information or to register, call Kim @ 925-209-0242 or attend the Informational Coffee to the little ones. the Informational Coffee to be held on the Centerpointe campus on August 21 from 10am - 11am. Email inquiries can be sent to

kim.kaehler@gmail.com.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, Sunday's sermon topic by guest speaker Mr. Bob Hardy, L.U.T., is "A Divine Idea." Service at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733.



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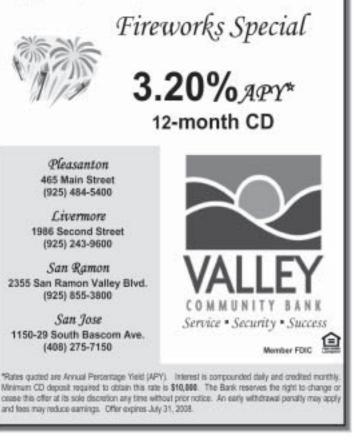




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A joyful moment during 'Pericles' features Thaisa (Emily Jordan), daughter of King Simonides, and Pericles (Michael

## An entirely different story or a tale of two "Pericles"

**By Sue Steinberg** 

Amazing! A play I had disdained upon reading has hit the Summer stage in two entirely different productions, and each is a winner!

I wrote a week ago about the Cal Shakes version in Orinda, a 1,001 nights tale of a hero's multiple adventures, with exotic settings, costumes, music, and characters.

Just opened in Pleasanton last weekend is S.F. Shakespeare's equally imaginative take on the same play, set in the down-home old U.S. of A. in the 1850's.

The costumes range from Appalachian to the San Francisco Gold Rush bawdy house, with the South and Texas thrown in. And so do the accents and music, with songs ranging from "I'm a Poor Wayfarin' Stranger" to "It Was sad When That Great Ship Went Down," plus a little bit of gospel thrown in.

While the twang or drawl took a bit of getting used to, the concept soon took hold with the folksy settings and props taking us back to a 19th-Century setting.

The cast's mastery of a complex plot and their ensemble ease together was remarkable for an opening performance, especially with individuals having to play up to six parts each, complete with changes of costumes, mannerisms and speech. Quite a tricky tour de force, but carried off with great skill and high energy.

Every actor proved excellent at enunciating the Elizabethian lines (not all of the play is actually by the Bard), but greatest bravos must go to Michael Storm. Playing the wandering hero who goes through the "Perils of Pauline" for most of his adventurous life, he has the task of convincing the audience of his real emotional turmoil in many unreal situations. Especially in the final scenes, his human emotions are movingly conveyed, ranging from anguish to joy as his lost loved ones are restored to him.

His daughter Marina, as played by Siobhan Doherty, is fully his match in eloquence and the power to move hearers to belief in her emotions. In the midst of such a fantastical plot, it's not such an easy thing to accomplish!

For amazing range of characterizations, my hat is off to Jessica Powell, who plays a King's trusted old advisor (male), a stolid nursemaid (female) and finally, the over-the-top madam Wild West bawdy

Tim Hendrixson also shines in three incredibly varied roles: a villainous assassin, the jolly old king of a neighboring county, and finally, the doorkeeper and shill of the brothel, full of earthy humor and earthier lust.

Oh, and did I mention that every one of the actors also performs on a variety of instruments from guitar and banjo to flute, whistles, fiddles, trumpet, harmonica, accordion, keyboard, percussion, concertina, and dulcimer? Talk about versatility... These people are Jack and Jills of all arts AND they all sing as well!

Families with children enjoy all the funny business, which kept the youngsters happily entertained while the adults had the joy of free Shakespeare to delight their ears. Courtesy of the City of Pleasanton and several foundations and donors, this rich show is brought to the people at no cost (of course, most audience members respond generously to the actors' donation baskets at the end of the evening.)

So do yourself a favor and take advantage of this rare play being presented right here in the Valley. Catch S.F. Shakes "Pericles" in Pleasanton Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, just behind the swimming pool. Performances are scheduled at 7:30 PM Saturdays and Sundays through July 13. Future venues include Cupertino, San Mateo, and San Francisco's Presidio. For more information, contact 415-558-0888 or wwwsfshakes.org.

And, please be as generous as the opening night's audiences, who obviously appreciated the professionalism and dedication of a hardworking cast and crew.

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### Duo to Perform **Benefit Concert** Thurs., July 10

The Dorian Michael/Kenny Blackwell duo brings its wellseasoned instruments for an evening of heartfelt music in wide-ranging styles. The benefit concert is set for 7 pm Thurs., July 10, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3185 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore.

Proceeds will benefit the Livermore Rotary Club's Music Scholarship Fund.

Dorian Michael has been a working guitarist for 40 years, moving easily through all genres-folk, blues, jazz and rock and roll, from honky-tonk electric guitar to fingerstyle acoustic.

Mandolinist Kenny Blackwell studied with Jethro Burns before moving to California.. He's a member of the famed Laurel Canyon Ramblers, and has played mandolin and guitar for TV and movie scores.

Blackwell and Dorian met by chance in a music store in San Luis Obispo, and eventually joined forces. Blackwell wanted to play outside the bluegrass genre for which he is well known, and Michael was looking for a skillful musician who understood a wide variety of roots music. The duo now tours and have released several CDs. The pair's diverse backgrounds are the wellspring for a performance of vibrant mu-

Two acts will open: local favorites Richard Streeter, guitar, and Albert Robles, percussion; and 17-year-old guitarist/singer Frankie Miller.

Tickets at \$15 general, \$11 students are available at Fine Fretted Friends, 2181 First St., Livermore, or at the door.

#### **BIG READ** (continued from page one)

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Livermore's Top Teen Poets and their awards are pictured above.

## Livermore Selects Top Teen Poets

The Livermore Public Library, and Livermore's poet laureate Connie Post recently announced the winners of the Livermore's Top Teen Poet con-

Eight teen contestants performed their original poetry for parents, friends, and judges to compete for prizes and the title of Livermore's Top Teen Poet. Teens were judged on the performance and content of their po-

Von KolzKamm, author of Not At Ease, and Erin Miller-Callahan, author of Have You Ever Thought of What He Feels,

took first place in their age divisions and hold the title of Livermore's Top Teen Poets of 2008. Madeline Pruneda and Kelsey Thompson's outstanding performances placed them second in the competition. Kendra Ransom and Alyssa Proudfoot were awarded third place in their age divisions, with Honorable Mentions to Jing Gong and Lauren Hughes.

Kevin Gunn, teacher at Livermore High School and Master of Ceremonies for the contest addressed the contestants saying, "Performing poetry in front of an audience is not easy. You are very brave to share your poems and thoughts with us; and for that you are commended".

Each contestant was permitted to take home individual judging sheets which contained constructive comments from the judges. "This was an excellent turn-out, for the first poetry program of this kind," stated Connie Post. "We're excited to see what happens next year."

For information about future monthly teen events at the library, please visit TEEN SPACE at the Livermore Public Library http:// www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

#### Students Will Lean about Bay Area Theater

Las Positas College is offering a new class this fall semester entitled, "Theater Bay Area."

It will be taught by Wendy Wisely, who will provide an introduction to the unique world of Bay Area live theater.

Prior to a performance, students will study the play, the style and theater company. Following the performance, students will discuss it. Whenever possible, attendance will be at free performances, previews or pay-what-you-can shows. However, some will require tickets purchased at student discount rates.

Among the Bay Area Theater companies to be sampled are San Francisco Mime Troupe, Center Repertory, Marin Theater Company, Shakespeare's Associates, and Las Positas College.

The class is Thursdays 7 to 10 p.m. starting August 21. Some performances could occur at other times and on other days.

For registration information www.laspositascollege.edu/ THEA/THEAcourses.php.

Dorian Michael/Kenny Blackwell, benefit concert 7 pm Thurs., July 10, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3185 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Proceeds will benefit the Livermore Rotary Club's Music Scholarship Fund. Two acts will open: Richard Streeter, guitar, and Albert Robles, percussion; and 17-year-old guitarist/singer Frankie Miller. Tickets at \$15 general, \$11 students are available at Fine Frotted Exicate. 2181 able at Fine Fretted Friends, 2181 First St., Livermore, or at the door. **Beauty and the Beast**, Pleasanton Play-

house musical production. July 18-Aug. 3, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Mon.-Sat. noon to 6 p.m.373-6800,

www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Www.iivermoreperrormingarts.org. Jazz in July, a series of free events, Livermore Library. Sunday, July 6 at 2pm with Jazz Talk Quartet with Guido Fazio. Sunday, July 13 at 2pm there will be an afternoon of historic classic jazz performances on film classic jazz performances on film presented by master archivist Mark Cantor at Mark Cantor's Giants of Jazz on Film. July 20 at 2pm, Mary Fettig's Brazilian Footprints, Brazilian jazz. Sun., July 27, 2pm Secrets of Jazz Improvisation. Las Positas instructors Cindy Browne Rosefield, Frederic Zimmerman and Tim Devine ck the myste sation. Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library has underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. www.livermore.lib.ca.us. Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension

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

Tuesday Tunes, each Tuesday from June 3<sup>rd</sup> -Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm June-Sept., 5pm-8pm Sept. & Oct. Free live music at the Flag Pole Plaza and the Livermore Valley Plaza, Livermore Downtown. more

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The Concerts at Wente Vineyards
2008; Schedule: July 8th: Chris Isaak; July 21st: Lynyrd Skynyrd; July 22nd:

Clint Black; July 30th: Boz Scaggs; July 31st: Lyle Lovett; Aug. 4th: Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons; Aug. 5th: Huey Lewis & The News; Aug. 20th: Dana Carvey; Aug. 28th: Chicago; Sept. 2nd: Bonnie Raitt; Sept. 3rd: Willie Nelson; Sept. 17th: Foreigner. Choose either a four-course dinner in the award-winning The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, followed by reserved, stage-front seating, or a gournet buffet-style dinner at tables of ten on the lawn. Information about The Concerts, visit www.wentevineyards.com/concert.asp or call (925) 456-2424. Tickets are also available at www.ticketmaster.com.

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of Pericles at 7:30 p.m. Performances will take place Saturday and Sunday evenings through July 13, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road. Pericles is the story of a young man, Prince Pericles, who embarks on an epic journey that ultimately triumphs good over evil. The cast of 11 actors music throughout the show, including folk, country and bluegrass tunes. Admission is free. City of Pleasanton tion, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

Garre Winery: July Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner night each Wednesday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30. Includes Italian buffet dinner served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine. Cellar Master Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and group play. \$38.95 person all inclusive. Seatings from 5:30pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Reservations required. Call 925-371-8200. quired.

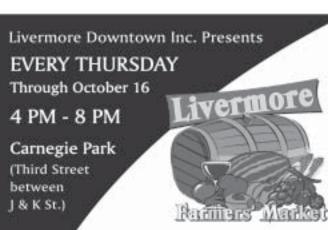
durred. Cair 925-3/1-8200. www.garrewinery.com. Garre Winery July Vineyard Nights: July 11, Wicker Vault; July 18, The Hurricane Band; July 25, Blue House. Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner out doors among the vines. Restaurant open 6pm, music 7-10pm. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Call 925-371-8200. www.garrewinery.com

Shakespeare, Tickets are now on sale for Livermore Shakespeare Festival's for Livermore Shakespeare Festival's summer productions running in repertory July 10 – August 2 at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. "The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged) runs July 10 11, 12, 24, 26 and Aug. 1. "Twelfth Night" runs July 17-20, 25, 27, 31 and Aug. 2. All performances begin at 7:30 pm. Picnic grounds open at 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased at (800) 838-3006 for \$30/25, with July 10 and 17 previews at \$20. and July 10 and 17 previews at \$20, and the July 11 gala opening at \$50/\$45. For more information or to buy

online, www.livermoreshakes.org. **The Doors Legacy Band concert**, Saturday, July 12, 8:00 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host The Doors Legacy Band cel-ebrates the music of one of America's most influential rock bands. They combine elements of music, theater and poetry. All tickets to the concert are \$18. They may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group

Ohlone College Summerfest, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Fri.-Sat. July 4-5, 8 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat., July 10-12, 8 p.m. Presented under the stars at the Ohlone College Amphitheatre. Pre-show dinner at 7pm. Please call in advance for dinner reservations. Tickets adults \$20, with dinner \$30; seniors/staff/ students \$15/\$25; youth under 12, \$10/\$20. Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. (510) 659-6031, www.smithcenterpresents.com. **Auditions**, Vallejo Music Theatre, Gil-

bert & Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance, or The Slave of Duty, July 21, 22 with callbacks July 23 at 7 PM at 823 Marin Street, Vallejo. For information call 707.649.2787. Auditioners are asked to bring sheet music for a song other than in the show and prepare a "patter" (fast-talking) song. The opera is being directed by Donald and Sheila Atwater. Performances are set for weekends October 3-19.



## Join Us Tonight July 3rd For Family First Night

Enjoy free activities and entertainment for the whole family!

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tigations, 3909 Rockingham Drive, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Rockingham Drive, Pleasan ton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 13, 2003. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Felipe B. Flores

July 3, 2008.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2008. Expires May 29, 2013. The Independent Legal No 2336. Publish June 12, 19, 26,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411151 The following person (s) do ing business as: Integrity Con struction, 1620 Arroyo Rd., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby

registered by the following Pat Ansuini Jr., 1620 Arroyo Rd., Livermore Ca 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Pat Ansuini Jr. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2008. Expires May

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act business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 25, 1994. Signature of Registrant: /s/:James W. Duthie This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on June 5, 2008. Expires June 5, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2338. Publish June 19, 26, July

#### 3, 10, 2008. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 412032-412033 The following person (s) doing business as:1)Checkers Catering, 2)Checkers Caterng and Special Events, 83 Wright Brothers Avenue, Liv-ermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following Checkers Grill, 82 Wright Broth-

ers Avenue, Livermore CA 94551 This business is conducted by:a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the ficti-

above on July 11, 2003. Signature of Registrant: :/:Denise Slavitt This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2008. Expires June 11, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411811

The following person (s) doing business as:Bollinger Nail Salon, 310 Main Street #D, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Bollinger Nail Spa, Inc., 18080 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon Ca 94583

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Minh Nguyen This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2008. Expires June The Independent Legal No.

2340. Publish June 19. 26, July 3, 10, 2008 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FILE NO. 411341 The following person (s) doing business as:Pleasanton Spa Parties, 4326 Diavila Ave. Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Debra Ann Cardella, 4326 Diavila Ave., Pleasanton Ca

94588 Laura Jewel Roy, 5780 Highbluff Terrace, Pleasanton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by:a General partnership Registrant has not vet begun

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant /s/:Debra Ann Čardella and Laura J. Roy This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2008. Expires May 28, 2013.

The Independent Legal No. 2341. Publish June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 412009 The following person (s) do-

ing business as:BayPay, Inc., 1479 Chaparral Way, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner Bay Valley Payroll Profession-

als, Inc., 1479 Chaparral Way, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by:a Corporation Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Jesse W. Montoya This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2008. Expires June 11, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2342. Publish June 26, July 3,

#### 10, 17, 2008. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411781

The following person (s) doing business as:Lizzy Scrapbooking, 1920 Meadow Glen Drive, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Elizabeth Anne Folsom, 1920 Meadow Glen Drive, Livermore Ca 94551 Edwin Nelson Folsom, Jr., 1920 Meadow Glen Drive.

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Elizabeth Anne Folsom This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2008. Expires June 6, 2013.

#### The Independent Legal No. 2343. Publish June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2008. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FILE NO. 411759 The following person (s) doing business as:Lamee Studios, 1413 Lillian Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

NAME STATEMENT

Tracey N. Lamee, 1413 Lillian Street, Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by:an Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Tracev N. Lamee This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2008. Expires June 6. 2013.

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#### **STATEMENT** ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Aloha Transportation. 4655 Gerrilyn Way, Livermore

The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on May 15, 2007 in the County of Alameda under the file number 395874. Scott P. Torres, 4655 Gerrilyn Way, Livermore CA 94550 This business was conducted

/s/:Scott P.Torres This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on June 25, 2008

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) dobusiness as:Jerry Fldorado DBA Aloha Trans portation, 4749 Bennett Dr. Ste M, Livermore Ca 94551 is

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Mari Symon-Chew, 3566 Germaine Way, Livermore Ca This business was conducted

Signature of Registrant /s/:Mari Symon-Chew This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on June 4, 2008 The Independent Legal No. 2347. Publish July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008,

#### NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411672

The following person (s) doing business as:Party Angel, 3566 Germaine Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner

by:an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 1, 2008. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Mari Symon-Chew This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on June 4, 2008. Expires June 4, 2013. 24, 2008.

the following owner (s): Jennifer Lee Jannusch, 399 Covellite Lane, Livermore CA

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Jennifer Jannusch
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The following person (s) doing business as:Mystical Fusion - Glass Designs, 313 Ontario Drive, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Donna D. Davis, 313 Ontario Drive, Livermore Ca 94550

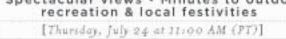
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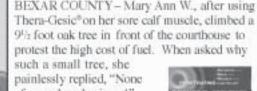
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## Going once. Going twice. SOLD!

#### By Cher Wollard

You've heard the voice of auctioneers selling off everything from farm tools to fine jewelry at live auctions. You may have had the thrill of "winning" an online or television auction.

However, when most people think of house auctions, they think of foreclosed properties, often in poor condition, sold to investors on the courthouse steps.

Welcome to the new world of auctions.

Residential real estate is the fastest-growing segment of the auction industry. Sales of homes through auctions increased 47 percent from 2003 through 2007, according to the National Auctioneers Association.

'We've sent bidders packages all over the world," said Stacy Kennedy of Sima Auctions in Pleasanton.

In a sluggish market, auctions offer sellers and their agents another tool for selling their properties quickly.

"If you are a seller who is looking for a time-defined sale, this is it," Kennedy said. "The seller has control of the date. It is really attractive for this market.

Companies such as Sima market properties extensively, inviting prospective buyers to preview and bid on them in an open environment. Most real estate negotiations involving multiple interested buy-

ers are swathed in secrecy. No one knows how much the other has "Ours happen on site. Bidders are in front of each other," she

said. "Willing, prequalified buyers openly bidding for a property – that creates market value. It's really transparent. The ideal auction seller has substantial equity in the property,

but wants to sell quickly. Many of the houses Kennedy deals with are in probate, or belong to investors looking to cash out or people who are transferring out of the area. "Our private auctions are not properties in distress," she said. She told of a Pleasanton woman who had been on a waiting list

for a nursing home. She had a lot of equity in her house, but it had about \$100,000 in deferred maintenance. In today's market, it could have taken a long time to sell. Instead, her agent referred her to Sima, which marketed the prop-

erty for 30 days. On auction day -10 days before Christmas -19 eager bidders showed up on the front lawn of the property. The house sold for more than the woman's agent had thought possible. Sellers who sign on with companies such as Sima pay the hard cost of marketing upfront. This fee, which differs with each property, covers flyers, signage, and newspaper and television ads. The auction house agent sits down with the seller to determine the "reserve price," the point below which the seller will not sell. If the

seller's minimum doesn't make sense for auction, Sima will not take the contract. 'Our company doesn't profit unless it's sold," Kennedy said.

When it does sell, closing costs are usually split between buyer and seller. Commissions are paid out of the "buyer's premium" – a fee paid by the buyer which is usually equal to about 10 percent of the purchase price.

The seller doesn't have to negotiate anything," Kennedy noted.

"It really alleviates a lot of stress." Winning bidders can finance their purchases. However, they must put up a 10 percent non-refundable earnest deposit. All sales are final. The property is sold in "as is" condition. Both the auction and the signing are videotaped to protect both parties.

"The bottom line is, we don't have buyers back out," Kennedy

Unlike bulk sales, in which auction house clients are lenders seeking to liquidate masses of foreclosed properties, private auctions are held one house at a time. "Our whole focus that day is on their house," Kennedy said.

For buyers, purchasing a house at auction means a chance to get a good deal. At the least, it can ease their concerns about not overpaying. "If they win, they probably won by \$5,000," Kennedy said. Bidders have opportunities to inspect the properties ahead of time at "auction previews," a combination open house and buyer's

seminar. Interested bidders are encouraged to spend time carefully examining the house and neighborhood - they can even bring professional inspectors in – and they receive copies of the seller's "That's a lot better than buying sight-unseen on the court house

steps," Kennedy said. "Even though we represent the seller, we do a lot of explaining to buyers, so that when it comes time for auction day, a buyer feels comfortable because they understand what's going on and what's going to happen." About half of the buyers are represented by their own real estate

agents. Sima auctioneers have mortgage specialists they can refer people to. However, buyers are not required to use them. Private auctions typically draw three to nine bidders, and doz-

ens of onlookers. Preregistered bidders who cannot attend the auction in person can bid online via Simulcast. It's exciting," Kennedy said of auction day. "When you're a buyer at an auction, you don't just buy a property - you win it!"

For Kennedy, that excitement extends to the auctioneer. "It's like event planning," she says of the buildup to the auction. Kennedy, a graduate of the World Championship College of Auctioneering in Bakersfield, is a Certified Estate Specialist and a Benefit Auction Specialist. Before her new career, she was a soldier, and before that a high school teacher. Now she works with her husband, Rodney, and their business partners in the company they

founded. She is a member of both the National Association of Realtors and the National Auctioneers Association, each with high ethical

Asked what a prospective client should look for in an auction house, her first response was "personal service."

"You want to meet your auctioneer," Kennedy said. "Some auction houses are impersonal. We will fly long distances to meet faceto-face with our clients. Our reputation means everything to us. Our goal is to have our client write us a letter of recommendation after the auction."

She said the company also should have a solid track record. The auctioneers should be members of the NAA and at least one member of the team should be an Accredited Auctioneer of Real Estate. NAA currently has 6,000 members, of which 500 hold the AARE

designation (including two auctioneers at Sima).

Anyone interested in finding an auction house, can check NAA's official website, www.auctioneers.org, to look up auction companies by location. Realtor.org also has a listing of auction houses. 'An auction is really about marketing and getting the word out," Kennedy said. The auction itself "is a snapshot of the mar-

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.

Open home listings can now be found on the Independent's website at www.independentnews.com

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'Aďmission is \$3 per walk-in and \$15 per carload. Pedestrians may enter from the bike path at Arroyo Road and Chateau Way. Parking is accessible from Concannon Boulevard or Arroyo Road. Lots close at 8:30 p.m., and those who are driving are encouraged to arrive early to guarantee parking. Pedestrians gates close at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us or call 925-373-5700.

#### Band at Bankhead

On Sunday, July 6, there will be a free performance by the The 91st Division Band - "Band of the Wild West" United States Army. The theme is "The Spirit of "76." The performance will be at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

There is no admission charge. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the performance at 2 p.m. For further websales@livermoreperforming arts.org or call 925-373-6800.

#### **Pleasanton Picnic**

Pleasanton Fourth of July will feature a concert and old-fashioned family picnic at Lions Wayside Park.

**Entitled** "Celebrating Freedom and is Evolution since the Revolution," the event will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "A Lincoln Portrait."

This unabashedly patriotic event will feature the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, as part of the popular Concerts in the Park séries sponsored by Pleasanton Downtown Associa-

The Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will perform a tribute to Leroy Anderson, a composer born 100 years ago, whose music is better known than his name. Also included in the band's program will be "A Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copland, with narration by Ann Collins. Ward Belding, as Uncle Sam, will be a solo vocalist and also will lead a singalong of pa-

Collins and Belding will be joined by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer for "Blended Voices," a nine-year tradition at this event. They will be reading excerpts of some of the most famous speeches of our time, by John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and Teddy Kennedy (eulogizing his brother Bobby). It was 40 years ago this year that King and Bobby Kennedy were assassinated. "Blended Voices" was originally edited by Jennifer Fredette when she was a student at Amador Valley High School and co-director of "Celebrating Freedom and its

Special tribute will be paid to current and former military personnel, who will be asked to stand as the band plays the anthems of the Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Army. The color guard will be provided by members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts.

Evolution since the Revolu-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Live Roller Derby was one of the attractions last weekend at the Alameda County Fair. It was the first time ever the derby had taken place at the fair. The Bombers by the Bay featured sassy roller girls and rugged roller guys who compete against arch enemy teams under the same Internationally sanctioned

Lunch will feature "A Dog & a Drink for a Dollar," offered by the Lions Club members, who also will give away free handheld American flags to the first 500 audience members to arrive.

Also free will be temporary "tattoos" in a variety of patriotic design, applied by youth volun-

Audience members are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets, and to wear red, white and blue, if possible. Please note that the noon starting time is an hour earlier than previous years' events, to help beat the heat.

Master of ceremonies will be long-time Pleasanton resident Ken McDonald.

Another special part of the program will be presentation of the 2008 Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards, named in honor of the gentleman who was the master of ceremonies for the Fourth of July celebration for its first six years (as well as being announcer at most of our hometown parades) until his death. This year's awardees are Bob Athenour, Roberta Bruner, and Howard Neely.

Athenour is being honored for his role as founder of the Pleasanton - Tulancingo Sister City Association, which celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Hundreds of adults and dozens of students have participated in exchange visits over the past quarter of a century. This year's exchange students and their local hosts will be on hand to applaud Athenour at the Fourth of July

Bruner was nominated for her efforts to encourage creative youth through the Pleasanton

Cultural Arts Council's recognition program, which includes a stipend to help pay for local lessons (art, music, drama, dance, etc.) and the opportunity to perform for hometown audiences. Bruner also is the special events coordinator for Museum On Main, planning events such as the popular autumn "Ghost Walk" as fundraisers for the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society.

Neely is being recognized for his leadership role in preserving our local Pioneer Cemetery, ultimately persuading the city to take over its management after the previous owners, International Order of Odd Fellows, no longer could maintain the property where so many of our former leading citizens have their final resting place. Neely is also a member of the famous Balloon Platoon, a wacky drill team of "sailors" from the local Presbyterian church who have been invited to perform in parades all around the world.

### **Alameda County Fair**

The Alameda County Fair runs through July 6. On the Fourth of July, a Red, White and Blues Festival will provide entertainment.

There is something for everyne at the fair many are free with admission.

Lots of activities are available for kids. Jest in Time Circus of Fools is a wacky and fun show that includes juggling, dueling toilet paper blowers, dog tricks and more. The performance is at the Family Fun Stage. Dr. Goodjohn's Magic Show offers old fashioned comedy combined

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Technology Adventures offers an opportunity to spend hours here playing virtual sports games on the Wii. There are activities galore in the Technology

Adventures building.
Animals are part of the action. Look for Agventure an interactive and educational agricultural exhibit featuring hands-on activities and craft. It includes tents filled with exhibits such as simulated cow milking, pony saddling, cornbox, play area and more. The activity is located in Kids Park.

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is located in Pleasanton at 4501 Pleasanton Ave.

#### **Wineries Celebrate**

At Battaion Cellars in downtown Livermore the bubbles will be flowing all three days this holiday weekend. With the current price of gas, more and more people are choosing to stay lo-cal rather than spend their hard earned dollars on expensive out of town vacations. In response, Battaion is offering a

'staycation" There will be discounts and an opportunity to win prizes. On Saturday, July 5, live music will be provided by KNR from 3 to 6 p.m. Great treats will be available to pair with Battaion's cham-

pagnes.
Battaion Cellars is located in Blacksmith Square at 21 S. Livermore Ave., #109. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Fri., July 4 to Sun., July 6.

John Christopher Cellars celebrates Independence Day weekend with a Red, White and Blue party, July 5 and 6.

The winery will release the 2006 Livermore Valley, Fraser-Howard Chardonnay (White) and 2005 Epic, a red wine blend (Red)

For the Blue, there will be samples of homemade Blueberry Cobbler made by Chef Chris Smith from the Pleasanton Hotel. Live music on Saturday (only) by KNR from 3-6 PM.

John Christopher Cellars is located at Blacksmith Square, 25 South Livermore Ave, Livermore. There is no cost to attend this event. Tasting fees apply but are waived with wine purchase. Club members receive complimentary

Other wineries located at Blacksmtih Square are Thomas Coyne, Retzlaff, Hidden Creek, and Red Skye.

### San Ramon Fireworks

The City of San Ramon will present a Star Spangled at Central Park. Events will take place from 5 to 10 p.m.

This is also the 25th anniversary of San Ramon's incorporation as a City.

Entertainment will include performances by the San Ramon Symphonic Band, David Martin's House Party band. The firework show is choreographed to music played on KKIO 101.7. Please no alcohol, dogs, fireworks or barbecues. Parking is \$10 per car.

#### **Danville Parade**

Danville will host its annual 4th of July Parade. The theme of the 2008 Special Edition Danville 4th of July Paradeis "Celebrating Hay Days." The parade begins on Hartz Avenue and will

run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In 2008, Danville is celebrating its 150th anniversary and the

50th anniversary of Hay Days. Hay Days was the Town of Danville's Centennial celebration, which was held in 1958.

## **Zone 7 Offering Rebates on HETs**

Residents of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Dougherty Valley can save both water and money under Zone 7 Water Agency's new rebate program for high-efficiency toilets

Zone 7's Toilet Rebate Program has been updated to rebate high efficiency toilets, including dual-flush toilets, that use 1.28 gallons of water or less per flush. That's at least 20 percent less water than Ultra Low-Flush Toilets (ULFTs), for which rebates have been offered in the past. And the new rebates are for more money.

Rebates of up to \$150 per HET are being offered by Zone 7 in cooperation with the Livermore-Amador Valley's water retailers - the City of Livermore, California Water Service Company, the City of Pleasanton and **Dublin San Ramon Services Dis**trict. Ultra-Low Flush Toilets purchased after July 1 will no longer qualify for rebates (up to \$75 each). People who buy ULFTs prior to July 1 and want a rebate must apply by Sept. 30,

Zone 7 has been urging customers to cut usage by at least 10 percent for the second summer in a row. Through wise water management, the agency has enough stored groundwater and other reserve supplies to meet projected demands during 2008. Nevertheless, it has been urging conservation because drought conditions may persist and because court-ordered water-supply reductions relating to pumping from the Delta are likely to carry forward into future years.

High-efficiency toilets aren't the only water-saving appliance for which residents can get rebates. Zone 7 and Pacific Gas & Electric Co. are together offering a streamlined rebate process to customers who buy qualified water- and energy-efficient clothes washers. A single machine can save 5,100 gallons of water a year, or about 3 percent of a home's average water use. Rebates of up to \$200 are available (the water portion of the rebate is up to \$125, a portion of which is being covered by a grant from the state Department of Water Resources).

There are even more ways to conserve water — especially during summer when it comes to outdoor water use and when substantial amounts of water can be

"One of the biggest ways people can save water is in their landscaping," said Zone 7 General Manager Jill Duerig. "Many people have landscaping, such as grass, that requires a lot of water. By changing plant types, watering less frequently, or watering for shorter periods of time, a lot of savings can be realized.'

Converting to drought-tolerant trees and plants, which require less water once established, is an important way to conserve.

For other water-saving tips, go to the conservation page of 7's web Zone www.zone7water.com; or check with your local water retailer.

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such things as Social Security
checks and VA payments, which
the callers didn't want to air on

the conference call.

McNerney's staff took down the questions, and funneled them to Stone, who acted as emcee on the call. At one point, Stone asked listeners to hit 1 if they were enjoying the meeting, and 2 if they were not. Some 92 percent hit the 1 button.

The questions and answers didn't bring any news to reporters listening in silently, but were typical of the two-way exchanges at congressional forums. People called from Dublin, Pleasanton, Brentwood, Tracy, and San Ramon.

Josh from Tracy asked what McNerney is doing about gasoline prices. "I know how painful they are. I drive around the entire district. We gave the President authority to lower short-term gas prices. If he quit shipments to the strategic petroleum reserve, we could save 24 cents per gallon. It would discourage speculation on the market. The reserve is 97 percent full. The President can also stand up to price manipulation. We authorized him to do it."

# McNerney Wants Probe Over VA Mental Health Care

Rep. Jerry McNerney, (D-Pleasanton), said that he will challenge a lawsuit dismissal, not in court, but from his seat on the House Veterans Affairs Committee

U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Conti dismissed a suit last week in which veterans groups alleged serious flaws in the VA mental health care system. Conti's ruling said he could find "no systemic violations systemwide that would compel district court intervention." He said that Congress has the jurisdiction over issues raised in the suit.

McNerney said in a press release issued recently, "If Judge Conti is unwilling to order the VA to overhaul its delivery of mental health care, I am." He said that as a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, he will "continue working to see that our veterans are taken care of when they return from service, and that we begin a thorough and complete investigation of the VA's care delivery system."

McNerney added, "Our returning heroes have sacrificed for our country. They deserve far better from the agency charged with their care. "He said that the veterans' suit was trying to "compel the VA to clean up its act."

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McNerney's public information officer, Åndy Stone, told the Independent that McNerney wants to investigate such things as a cover-up on veterans' suicides, which had been discovered as the result of the suit the judge dismissed. He was referring to an allegation that the VA waited three months after the FDA issued a warning on an experimental drug to veterans. Some of them suffered from PTSD. One side effect of the drug is suicidal behavior. "It's dangerous for anyone, but especially for those with PTSD," said Stone.

Stone said that McNerney has spoken with Veterans Affairs Committee chairman Bob Filner, a San Diego Democrat, who reportedly agrees with McNerney's wish to launch an investigation.

McNerney said that opening up new drilling won't help. Drilling has been increased by 66 percent since 2000. Yet prices have increased. Some "80 percent of economically recoverable oil is already in permits to firms. It's up to the president to lower prices with the tools we have given him."

Cindy in Pleasanton asked whether there were discussion about the growing deficit in the dialogue you have in Congress. McNerney replied, "There is significant dialogue in Congress. A group called the Blue Dogs won't vote on any measure that is not funded. We passed a measure so that every spending bill has to be paid by new revenues,

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or taken from existing programs." He said that paying down the deficit will benefit the economy

and security.

Sharon in Tracy asked about raising teachers salaries to encourage more people to enter teaching. McNerney stated, "Teacher pay is critical. In many societies, teachers are among the best paid individuals. It shows the respect they have in those societies."

McNerney, who has a Ph.D in math, said, "I am concerned where we are about education. In China, they are graduating more English speaking engineers than we do in the United States. That's a national economy and security risk for the United States."

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Mary in Danville asked about the status of the Livermore VA hospital. McNerney said that the VA plans to close it, and lease it out to private interests. "If that takes place it won't happen until another nursing home is in the vicinity. It would be at least four or five years, so the hospital will stay open in the meantime. My intention is to keep it in VA hands, and help vets with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and other issues," he said.

A caller named Debra asked McNerney what his three top priorities were. "You have to have a top education to create jobs. Job creation is another priority. Another is veterans. The Issues are in no particular order. They are all important," he said.

Neil in Tracy said he had con-

Neil in Tracy said he had concerns about civil liberties in a bill that allows spying by phone companies. McNerney said that the bill is needed to track down terrorists "who are trying to hurt us. We can't be lax about that. We have to make sure security services can go after them, and prevent attacks. The bill we did vote on strengthens civil liberty protection, and provides the tools needed to go after terrorists. The bill will allow surveillance on non-Americans overseas, but when it comes to Americans in this country, they have to obtain a court order. It puts authority into the courts, where it should be. That's the proper area to investigate when laws are broken."













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By Appointment 4bd/3ba, 3,000+/-sf home in desirable Tapestry neighborhood FR plus a bonus room. Lots of upgrades. Park like backyard/pool.

LIVERMORE \$499,000

By Appointment 3bd/2ba, 1,484+/-sf home. New carpet, freshly painted interior Bright open kitchen. Large living room with formal dining room.



All prices plus government fees and taxes, any finance charge, any dealer document preparation charge

any emission testing charge. All rebetes are in lieu of special financing or any other offer. Sale ends 7/7/08.

3055 Staples Ranch Dr. Open Sun 2-4 4bd/2 5ba, upstairs bonus room, updated kitchen with granite counters, Brazilian cherry wood floors, cherry cabinets, and pool.



By Appointment 3bd/2ba, updated kitchen, laminate flooring, covered patio, spa, koi pond garden area, tool shed, side yard access, grapes, ready for new owner



By Appointment
3-Units on Generous Lot. SFR
has 3bd/2ba, 2 car garage
1,050+/-sf. Back duplex each unit
1bd/1ba. Each has 1 car garage



By Appointment 2bd/1ba, 903 +/-sf. Kitchen with granite and stainless. Breakfast bar, new cabinets, hardware & lighting Bamboo hardwood floors.