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Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board list

Firefighters Fill the Boot to Fight MD

Pleasanton-Livermore Firefighters hosted two "Fill the Boot" fundraisers to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) on June 22 in Livermore and June 24 in Pleasanton.

Firefighters filled the boot at the intersections of 1st and Las Positas Road and Santa Rita Road and Las Positas Road. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the community members, raising a combined total of over \$11,000.

Aaron Lacy served as Pleasanton-Livermore Fill the Boot Coordinator. Jason Solak, Union President. The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) has been a MDA supporter for over 55 years.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and

Doors Open Early at Charter Prep High School

By Patricia Koning

It's nearly six weeks until the first day of school. However, students are already attending classes at the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School (LVCP). Many students are hitting the books and meeting their new teachers and classmates at a voluntary summer school program that will last through the end of the month.

"We are thrilled and excited to be starting this new high school and offering choice to the families of Livermore. It's been a lot

of work to get here," said Bill Batchelor, executive director of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which administers both LVCP and the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), a K-8 school.

For the school's organizers, LVCP's opening day on August 24 has been a long time coming. The LVCS community began discussing the possibility of a charter high school in May 2006; the State Board of Education approved the petition for LVCP in its current form in July 2009.

LVCP is still accepting students through its rolling open enrollment process. Open enrollment closes on the fifteenth of each month; Batchelor expects that all students who apply by July 15 will have a spot. "Based on how enrollment has been progressing, we will likely be full or very close to full by August 15," he said.

In June, LVCP principal Dr. Jeffrey Watkins and the LVCP staff welcomed prospective parents and students as well as interested community members at two

Open House events. "Everyone at LVCP is going to college. That is the expectation we have," said Watkins. "How many schools can say this?"

The school has five full-time teachers: Mike Burstein, physical education; Kelly Radimer, mathematics; Justin Guerra, English; Angela Tang, academic counselor and world languages; Colin Dean, music and technology; and Rashida Haveliwala, social sciences. Susan Huebner is the office manager. Staff biographies can be found on the LVCP

website (www.lvcphs.org).

LVCP will offer three foreign languages initially: Spanish, taught by Tang as a regular class, and Mandarin and Cantonese through an online language lab with Tang as a facilitator available to practice spoken Cantonese and Mandarin with students.

At the Open House, Batchelor described LVCP's College Pathways program. "This replaces the Advanced Placement class model, where you take a class and at the end of the year take (See CHARTER, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Youngsters adjusted their headgear during the Pleasanton 4th of July festivities in Lions Wayside Park. The day included music, vocalist Ward Belding as Uncle Sam, and Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman reciting an original poem, "Boots on First." Tribute was paid to military personnel, past and present. The color guard was provided by American Legion Post 238 and VFW Post 6298 as well as members of Boy Scout Troop 908. Theme of the day was "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution." For more photos, see page 9.

Pleasanton Woman Owns the

BART Gives Green Light to Downtown, Vasco Stations

The BART board has chosen station locations in downtown Livermore and on Vasco Road for its East Alameda County extension.

The board's unanimous vote certified the program EIR for the route, selected the preferred alternative, 2b, for the tracks from among 10 options, and authorized a study of facilities for train storage and repair shop needs at the end of the line.

The 2B alternative would travel down I-580 from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to Portola Avenue where it would enter a subway under Portola Avenue and Junction Avenue to downtown Livermore. In the downtown, it would turn east, come back to the surface in the

vicinity of the First Street overpass and follow a route along the rail-lines to Vasco Road.

Also included is authorization to buy property that is "at risk in Livermore" in order to preserve the right of way, said BART senior planner Malcolm Quint.

Some acquisitions will involve only a sliver of particular properties. Other acquisitions will include entire properties. BART will pursue negotiations with property owners, and try not to have to enter into condemnation proceedings.

The board vote at the meeting July 1 was 8-0, with director John McPartland absent because of illness. McPartland, who lives

(See BART, page 9)

Livermore Police Department Gains National Recognition

The Livermore Police Depart- tion is a direct reflection of the ment (LPD) will be receiving dedication, enthusiasm, and

both Statewide and National rec- commitment of our officers. To

public health education. MDA is the largest nongovernmental sponsor of neuromuscular disease research. Neuromuscular diseases affect more than one million Americans.

MDA is the first nonprofit agency to be recognized by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award for "significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

For further information about the Pleasanton-Livermore Fill the Boots, or for more information about MDA, please contact the MDA Greater Bay Area Office at (925) 356-0114.

National Champion Lacrosse Team

What started as a passion for an exciting spectator sport has turned into almost a full-time occupation for Pleasanton's Denise Watkins: owning the national champion professional lacrosse team, the Washington Stealth.

Based in Everett, Wash., near Seattle, the team won the national championship in May by beating the Toronto Rock in a come-from-behind victory, 15-11.

Bay Area, which touches on a major reason why Denise and husband Bill moved the team north from San Jose last year.

The Stealth had played in San Jose since 2003. It was hard to get the attention of spectators or news media among all the other sports and cultural events that people in the Bay Area can enjoy. A typical Stealth game at San

Hardly anyone noticed in the Jose 's 17,000-seat HP Pavillion sold 1,000-2,000 tickets - not enough income to support salaries, equipment and travel costs, especially not without major corporate sponsors.

> Lacrosse is a little like ice hockey played on a grass field, with one team trying to put a hard rubber ball into the other team's net using webbed sticks that can (See LACROSSE, page 2)

ognition for its efforts in regard to traffic safety during the year 2009. LPD has been recognized as having the second best traffic safety program in the United States for agencies who have 76 to 100 sworn officers. This recognition comes from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and covers the year 2009.

"To be selected as one of the best traffic safety agencies in the nation by the IACP is something to be very proud of and is simply outstanding," said Police Chief Steve Sweeney. "This recognibe recognized is something we can all be proud of."

The IACP coordinates the National Law Enforcement Challenge. The National Law Enforcement Challenge provides law enforcement agencies across the nation with an opportunity to make a significant difference in the communities they serve. The Challenge is a friendly competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies that recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety (See POLICE, page 4)

Nomination **Period Opens for November Vote**

The nomination period for candidates for school, special district and municipal offices on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Election opens on Monday, July 12, 2010 and ends Friday, August 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

In the event that an incumbent officer fails to file for re-election, the nomination period for that office is extended until Wednesday, August 11, 2010.

Nomination documents for school district candidates and special district candidates are available at the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office, 1225 Fallon St., Room G-1, in Oakland.

Candidates for municipal offices should contact their respective city clerks for information on obtaining nomination documents.

For more information, call the Registrar's office, (510) 272-6933

The following offices will be on the ballot: mayor and two councilmembers, Pleasanton (Jennifer Hosterman, Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio); mayor and two councilmembers, Dublin (Tim Sbranti, Don Biddle (See ELECTION, page 12)

Rock Climbing Gym Given a Reprieve

Supporters of the Valley Rock Climbing Gym convinced the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) board to give them a chance to come up with a way to keep it open.

LARPD staff had recommended eliminating the funding for the climbing gym from the upcoming 2010-2011 budget.

However, the board voted 4 to 1 to consider continuing gym operations for another year by reviewing additional information and a business plan to be provided by a group of gym advocates working with staff. The board will review the proposal prior to its final budget vote in August.

Beth Wilson was opposed to keeping the climbing gym. She said later that she was uncomfortable with the "funny money"

approach. Wilson referred to the fact that the board increased the projected revenues from the climbing gym to produce balanced budget. The board majority pointed out that they did so because the district was required to approve a preliminary balanced budget by June 30. Depending on the proposal from the rock cllimbing advocates, changes could be made in the numbers when the board votes on the final budget in August.

The preliminary budget includes no cost of living increases or raises for staff, creation of a sick leave bank for part-time designated staff and creation of a medical flexible spending plan.

A workforce reduction plan was also approved, with layoffs of four full-time and two part-(See CLIMBING, page 4)

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Artist Darren Greenwood put the finishing touches on new murals at the Livermore Wastewater Treatment Plant. The murals are of whales to remind people that whatever happens to water in Livermore eventually happens off the Farralon Islands, where humpback whales and gray whales congregate. In addition to being an artist, Greenwood is the plant manager.



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PET OF THE WEEK

Enter the Dragon! Say hello to this handsome Siamese cat named Dragon. Don't let his intimidating name fool you, he is actually very cuddly and shy. To meet Dragon, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Call 925-426-8656 for more info. Make your pet a star. Enter your four-legged family member into Valley Humane Society's 2011 Calendar Contest. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org for more details.

LACROSSE (continued from page one)

fire a shot at speeds of 120 miles an hour. As in hockey, checking (body blocking) is allowed within limits, as is whacking an opponent's stick to knock the ball loose.

The professional game is played in an indoor hockey arena with synthetic turf instead of ice. It was promoted in Canada to make use of ice rinks during the off season. According to reports, it's a little known fact that until 1994 lacrosse was Canada 's national sport, not ice hockey. Now Canada has two national sports - lacrosse in summer, hockey in winter.

Denise and Bill Watkins learned how exciting the sport could be in 2003, after their son took up the game. Out of curiosity, they went to a Stealth game at HP Pavillion and "had a blast," Denise recalls. They bought season tickets. "We were hooked."

Like hockey, professional lacrosse is fast. A 30-second shot clock forces teams to race up and down the field and shoot or lose the ball. Play is constant. Shift changes take place on the fly.

Despite the attraction of the sport, the Stealth weren't doing well financially. Bill Watkins is a successful high tech business executive - CEO of Seagate Technology then, Bridgelux today - which meant he can afford a fling or two. Only his flings weren't fancy cars or trips to Europe. One day, he came home and proposed buying the Stealth in order to promote an exciting sport and try to turn the team's financial fortunes around.

Owning a sporting venture was not new for the Watkinses. They were both fitness advocates and wanted to encourage physical activity at all levels, from children to adult. They had created Primal Quest, a company that organizes adventure races, after Bill became interested in competing himself and wanted to put the sport on a self-sustaining business footing.

Adventure racing is a remarkably grueling competition in which co-ed teams race over hundreds of miles of difficult terrain for five to 10 days using multiple skills like running, biking, kayaking and mountain climbing.

Although Bill created and led a seriously competitive team from Seagate, Denise ended up managing Primal Quest because Bill was busy with his career. She was so effective, in fact, that one admirer referred to her as the "patron saint" of adventure racing. So when Bill suggested buying Stealth, she agreed, provided it was clear from the outset that she would be in charge and would run the team as a business.

Pleasanton's Denise Watkins with the National Lacrosse League Champions Cup, won this year by her team, the Washington Stealth

filling the most profitable audience hours for HP Pavillion, like Saturday nights.

So she started a search, looking at arenas from Stockton to eastern Canada. She soon settled on Everett, Wash., with the 8,300seat Comcast Arena.

Lacrosse was already popular in northwest Washington schools, which meant a ready supply of knowledgeable spectators. It was within 100 miles of Canadian lacrosse centers like Victoria and Vancouver, so experienced players from north of the border could work day jobs like fire fighter or high school athletic coach and drive down to Everett to play. (A professional lacrosse player is paid an average salary of \$17,300 for a 16-game regular season, so another source of income is vital.)

In any case, the welcome from the Everett area was enthusiastic. "They were ready and willing,"

Denise and her managers, and sometimes Stealth team members, made the rounds of the region's lacrosse organizations, making it clear that their support would be essential to the new team. "You can't be lukewarm!"" she recalls telling them.

She insisted that the players be part of the promotional process as well, helping with ticket sales and school visits, and lingering after games to meet fans, sign autographs and generally connect with the community.

Her efforts have paid off. Where a San Jose community appreciation party would turn out 50 fans, Everett generated 600. Newcomers though they were, their games had 3,000 spectators or more. That's double the numbers of the far more populous San Jose area. Denise would like to double that again.

Still, as in any business venture, there are no guarantees for the future. Most signs are positive, but not all.

skilled veterans who have years of experience and sharp young players who should continue to make the team competitive well into the future.

Denise wants to keep the winning combination intact, figuring that an already fine team will only improve with more experience together. "I honestly hope and think that we are developing a dynasty," she says.

Most of the good players are Canadian. However, an increasing number are from the U.S.. She thinks the growing popularity of the sport in this country bodes well for its future quality.

Despite the team's success and community turnout, the Watkins' investment is still losing money at a pace that can't be sustained forever. To turn things around, they hope to grow ticket sales and the season ticket base as well as build sponsorships in the Seattle area. Continued success in the game itself will help, and so will the energy and enthusiasm of Denise and Bill.

In the meantime, she has many other community activities in Pleasanton and Livermore. She is a director of a nonprofit organization called Sticks-2-Schools, which fights

obesity in Bay Area youngsters by encouraging fitness through lacrosse. She is president of the Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation, which supports art, science, music and other programs for Pleasanton Unified School District. In addition, she is a member of the board of directors for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Among other things, she would like to help make performances in Livermore's Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center part of the educational experience for Tri-Valley students.



Pictured are (from left to right) Joan Beason; Dr Dennis Grotrian, Lion President; Katrina Hole, LARPD; Ben Barrientos and Toni Gach.

Lions Club Donation Helps LARPD

The Livermore Lions Club has made a \$24,580 donation to the general operating fund of the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD).

Lion President Dennis Grotrian stated, "Our donation at this time recognizes the extreme economic circumstances and uncertain times in which our community finds itself. The Lions see LARPD as adding significantly to the general health, welfare and of the biggest crowds in recent history.

LARPD Special Events Coordinator, Katrina Hole, accepting the donation thanked the Lions for their continued support and added, "We truly appreciate the support we receive for programs and this donation from the Livermore Lions will enable us to continue our service to the community."

The Livermore Lions Club

on thousands of projects and donated millions of dollars throughout the Livermore community. In addition to their focus on sight issues, eye-glass recycling, supporting two local centers for the visually impaired the Lions annually challenge the local middle schools students with a community wide Peace Poster Contest and for the high school students a Student Speaker contest.

The Club has consistently

To start with, that meant finding a new home for the team. The Bay Area simply had too many other diversions. Rock concerts and other entertainment were

Denise says. "They wanted us there."

While the Bay Area news media had paid little or no attention even when the San Josebased Stealth won a divisional championship, Washington state newspapers and broadcast media gave the newcomers regular coverage after the move.

On the positive side, the community welcomes and supports them. They were the best team in the country this year, playing in an area that loves the sport and shows up to prove it. Their outstanding play has been sparked by a healthy combination of

moral of our community.

The Lion Club has had a history of participation and donation to LARPD through hundreds of projects and thousands of dollars over the past 86 years.

The presentation was made Monday following the 2010 Annual Livermore LARPD 4th of July Celebration attended by one

has 60 members and meets on strived to meet local needs, supthe 1st Thursday of each month, port community causes and raise 7 PM at Emil Villa's BBQ Grill, Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

The Club also sponsors a Lunch Branch which meets the 4th Wednesday - noon at Emil Villa's. Since being chartered in 1924, its members have worked

awareness of important issues.

For more information or to get involved with the Livermore Lions Club, please see: Website: www.livermorelions.org or contact President Dennis Grotrian 292-5368.



VALLEY KUUNDUP

Measure Aims to Keep Jobs in U.S.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has introduced legislation to stop American jobs from going overseas by eliminating tax loopholes.

H.R. 5622, the Stop Outsourcing and Create American Jobs Act of 2010, will prevent job losses by cracking down on tax loopholes that encourage corporations to ship jobs abroad and by helping to ensure that corporations with government contracts are not using the taxpayers' money to ship jobs overseas.

"It is imperative to our economic recovery that we take serious steps to prevent American jobs from being shipped overseas," stated Mc-Nerney.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service, an estimated 3.4 million service sector American jobs may be outsourced overseas by 2015, in addition to the extensive job losses that have already occurred in the manufacturing sector. Northern California has been hard hit by outsourcing, according to another study done by the Brookings Institution, which estimates that between 2004 and 2015, the San Francisco and San Jose metro areas will lose between 3.1% and 4.3% of their jobs to outsourcing. The Sacramento metro area is also estimated to suffer significantly from this problem, losing between 2.1% and 2.5% of its obs to outsourcing during the same time period. Jobs that are considered particularly vulnerable to outsourcing include middle class jobs such as manufacturing positions, as well as office support, including data entry and payroll clerks, auditors and tax preparers, computer programmers and software engineers, medical transcriptionists and paralegals, and technical writers.

The legislation authored by Congressman McNerney will address this issue by cracking down on tax loopholes that encourage corporations to ship jobs overseas. H.R. 5622 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a list of "corporate tax haven countries." The bill then increases civil and criminal penalties for corporations guilty of a variety of illegal transactions involving a tax haven country, such as fraud, false claims, and tax evasion. This provision provides an additional deterrent to corporations from using tax havens to hide assets and create jobs overseas.

According to the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) in a study conducted in late 2008, an estimated 83 out of the 100 biggest public corporations have subsidiaries in tax haven countries or similar jurisdictions. In many instances, these subsidiaries may be created by corporations to take advantage of foreign tax structures and cheap labor, replacing American jobs.

H.R. 5622 requires federal agencies to request information about corporations' outsourcing practices when applying for government contracts and allows preference for contracts to be given to companies that have not outsourced jobs in the last year. A corporation that provides false information about outsourcing jobs would be subject to a fine up to the value of the contract for which it is competing and would be disqualified from seeking new contracts for two years.

Any revenue generated by H.R. 5622 will be used to pay down the country's debt.

New Amador Principal

Pleasanton Unified has announced that, pending approval by the Board of Trustees, Jim Hansen has been selected as the next principal of Amador Valley High School, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Bill Coupe.

Hansen has been the principal of Harvest Park Middle School for the past 11 years. During that time, the school has been recognized as a California Distinguished School, National Blue Ribbon School, and a National School of Character. Prior to that, he worked in Dublin as the principal of Wells Middle School, Dublin High School, and Valley Continuation School. The process for the selection of a principal for Harvest Park is under discussion.

of eastbound Interstate 580 (I-580) in the Dublin/ Pleasanton area beginning 11p.m. on Saturday, July 10 through 9a.m. Sunday, July 11.

Off-ramps from eastbound I-580 to northbound and southbound Interstate 680 (I-680) will also be closed. These closures are necessary to accommodate construction crews as they install bridges perpendicular to the highway that will provide access to the new West Dublin/Pleasanton Station.

"We are continuing our bridge installation work very late at night on July 10 and 11 and then again on July 17 and 18 in a time frame that has the least impact to our community," BART Board Member John McPartland said. McPartland represents the Tri-Valley area. While segments of I-580 and on-ramps to I-680 are closed, drivers will need to use the designated street detours.

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

Traffic Delays in Pleasanton

This summer, drivers can expect minor traffic delays along some primary arterial roadways in Pleasanton as street improvement projects utilizing funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) get underway.

In July, night paving is scheduled to complete work that was suspended last fall as a result of weather. The project will resume as warmer temperatures approach ideal conditions for evening paving. There may be some delays during both daytime and evening hours on Stoneridge Drive between West Las Positas Avenue and Santa Rita Road, and on Stoneridge Drive between Foothill Road and Stoneridge Mall Road.

In addition, a paving project along various segments of Santa Rita Road between Mohr Avenue and Jensen Street which includes grinding, paving, pavement repair, striping and more is expected to continue from July 6 through the end of August.

For more information, please contact Huy Ho in the Community Development Department at (925) 931-5600.

Check Wireless Microphones

The Pleasanton Police Department reminds local businesses, community organizations, churches and residents that new Federal Communication Commission rules that went into effect on June 12, 2010 have a bearing on the use of wireless microphones. The new ruling also extends to similar devices such as wireless intercoms, in-ear monitors, audio instrument links, and cueing equipment.

The majority of these devices that operate in the 700 MHz Band must cease operation due to the completion of the digital television (DTV) transition. As a result of the DTV transition, television stations no longer use the frequencies between 698 and 806 MHz (the 700 MHz Band) for broadcasting. These frequencies are now limited to the use of public safety entities (such as police, fire and emergency services) and commercial providers of wireless services (such as wireless broadband services).

As a result of the re-banding of frequencies for public safety and broadband services, the use of existing 700 MHz devices may interfere and affect the ability of public safety groups to receive crucial information in responding to emergencies. Use of the devices can also interfere with broadband services.

To learn if a device falls within the 700 MHz band, check to see if it is marked with the frequency. If not, check the FCC website at www. fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/. People can also call the FCC at 888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) and staff will be able to assist consumers in determining if their equipment is affected. Those owning devices which are restricted may be able to contact the manufacturer to determine if the device can be re-banded to operate outside of the 700 MHz Band. Devices which cannot operate outside of the 700 MHz Band would have to be replaced. Wireless microphones and other electronic equipment should be recycled. Please check with the local household hazardous waste collection program for disposal information.

Local Locks Help Clean Up Gulf Oil Spill

By Ron McNicoll

People who have their hair cut at the Fusion 3 Salonspas in Pleasanton, Livermore and Brentwood have been playing a small role in cleaning up the Gulf of Mexico from the BP oil spill.

Debbie Fain and her business partner, Larry Phillips, are collecting the hair clippings at their salons and boxing them up to send away for the clean-up effort.

They send the hair to Matter of Trust, an ecology-based charity in San Francisco. There it goes into nylon tights, which are strong and porous enough to be used in the surf.

When enough tights are laid end to end, they form a boom. Although BP has quit using the hair booms, individual communities on the Gulf have been putting them into use, as weather permits.

However, coordination of volunteer efforts on the Gulf has slowed. Right now there is a backlog of hair booms at warehouses. Fain said that Fusion 3 has been told to not send more hair, but the Fain is waiting for the signal to do so.

Although people might think that the hair is absorbing the oil, technically, it isn't. In the absorbtion process, the hair would be soaking up the oil into each hair. It would work like a sponge sucking up water.

Instead, hair is adsorbent. Notice the second letter in the word "adsorbent." It is a "d", not a "b." The adsorbent surface of the hair does not absorb the oil. Instead, it stores the oil on the outside of the hair. The tiny layers of oil keep building up. One hair can hold up to 40 times its weight in oil.

Hair stylists throughout the United States have been contributing to oil clean-ups since 1989, when Phil McCory, an Alabama hair stylist, got the idea to use hair for the purpose.

McCory had been watching the Exxon Valdez oil leak on television, and saw otters soaked in oil. McCory thought that if the otter's fur can absorb so much oil, maybe human hair can, too. He was right.

Raw sheep's wool, fur, and

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feathers also pick up a large volume of oil, so Matter of Trust welcomes donations of those items, too.

Fain has been collecting hair for a couple of years. Some of it was processed into booms by Matter of Fact in 2007 after the Cosco Bay oil spill in San Francisco Bay.

Fusion 3 collects "easily a box a day" of hair, in a container

about the size of a kitchen garbage bag, said Fain.

Fain likes the fact that hair is natural, and can help clean up the Gulf in a natural way. Using hair reduces the use of "more chemicals and fire in the ocean (to burn off the oil), and decreases pollution of animals and possibly resources," said Fain.



I-580 Closures Announced

BART and Caltrans will need to close a portion

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EDITORIALS

Rancho Steps Aside

For the fourth time, Rancho Las Positas Elementary School in Livermore has been named a finalist in the Governor's Fitness Challenge. However, the school, which won the gold medal award for elementary schools in 2009, is withdrawing from the competition.

Students decided that they wanted to give other schools a chance to win this year. Rancho does plan to participate in future Governor's Challenges.

Stepping aside in favor of other schools isn't a new idea at Rancho. The school attracted nationwide attention last year when it gave away its Governor's Fitness Challenge prize of a \$100,000 fitness center to another finalist, Tuolumne Elementary School in Modesto.

In our mind, no matter what they do in the future, the students are already winners.

Vital Part of Community

The Pleasanton draft youth master plan involved both the city and school district. The new plan will supplant one adopted in 2002 in Pleasanton. Both bodies made sure that youth were fully engaged in the process.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern, one of the driving forces behind the plan, stated, "I'm impressed with the level of participation by youth and their honesty in discussing issues and looking for solutions. Youth are a vital part of this community."

The plan sets goals designed to help young people in Pleasanton prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. It also makes sure that young people are healthy and safe, and that they connect to their schools and community so that they can make contributions. The goals would create places and opportunities for young people to explore outside of established programs. The would help families and the community to be supportive of youths, and reach out with information so that young people and adults know about available services.

Both the council and school board will vote to approve the plan later this year. For implementation of the plan, the city council and school district are expected to provide leadership and funding.

By involving youth in the decisions on what to include in the plan, rather than relying on adults only, we believe there is a good chance the new youth master plan will be implemented and prove to be successful.

MAILBOX

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Staples Ranch Pat & Jim Kohnen Dublin

My husband Jim and I have put a 10% deposit down for a living unit in Stoneridge Creek. We are optimistic that the project will eventually happen, but we hope the process will move forward at the August 24 special Pleasanton City Council Meeting. I spoke at the Pleasanton Planning Commission Meeting when they approved the SEIR and other documents to move the Staples Ranch Project forward. My husband spoke at the June 15 Pleasanton Council Meeting urging the Council to move forward. It was a disappointment that the item was pulled from the June 15 agenda.

We have lived in Dublin since 1978 and love Dublin, but we have decided to move to Pleasanton because of the Stoneridge Creek project which is unique in the Tri-Valley. It will give us an opportunity to live independently and yet have support if needed in the future. We can still participate in our many activities since Pleasanton is so close to Dublin. We have begun to participate in more Pleasanton activities in anticipation of our move. We are members of the Museum on Main and we bought a brick for the new Firehouse Arts Center. We continue to enjoy many of

the Pleasanton restaurants. We also have a strong connection to Pleasanton because one of our granddaughters lives there.

I hope the Pleasanton Council will consider all of the advantages of the Staples Ranch Project and keep moving forward in a positive manner. The project is good for Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley.

Personal Diet Lucas Nelson Livermore

I wonder how many of the dedicated volunteers who helped saving a pelican from the deadly Gulf oil have other birds for dinner or at a local fast-food outlet.

They are not alone. Most people are appalled by the devastation of animal life by the Gulf oil spill, yet subsidize the systematic killing of other animals for their dinner table. They know that meat and dairy harm the environment and their family's health, but compartmentalize this knowledge when shopping for food.

And it goes beyond dietary flaws. We tolerate the killing of innocent people when our government and media label them terrorists; We ignore the suffering and starvation of a billion people, except when our government and media tell us to care because an earthquake or tsunami has struck.

Our society would benefit greatly from more original thinkers, and our personal diet is a great place to start.

Tax Loopholes Kenn Hamann Dublin

Most California voters do not understand that this year's California budget cannot be responsibly balanced with cuts alone. Arnold's proposed cuts are

Livermore Budget Down \$11 Million Over Last Year

The City of Livermore's \$70 million operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 is \$11 million less than the FY 2009/10 budget, and represents a 14 percent decrease. The budget reflects relative stabilization in the city's major revenue sources-property tax and retail sales tax.

"The City of Livermore staff and city council should be applauded for their commitment to managing a healthy, balanced budget," said Mayor Marshall Kamena.

Although the City did use \$5.5

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in economic uncertainty reserves to close fiscal year 2009/2010, the upcoming budget does not propose the use of any reserves for operating uses.

In addition, the City is well positioned to weather future years of economic uncertainty with its remaining reserve balance.

There is \$1.9 million left in the economic uncertainty reserve. There is \$13 million left in emergency reserves.

The FY 2010/11 and 2011/12 budget reflects the city council's goals of being business friendly, transportation, rehabilitating infrastructure, preserving open space, obtaining long-term financial stability and protecting local dollars from state takeaways.

The city reduced operational expenses, restructured departments, decreased landscape and streetlight maintenance, slowed down recruitment for replacement of police officer positions, reduced non-sworn public safety positions and closed fire station #10 located at the airport.

Calls for service in the area served by the airport fire station will be redistributed to adjacent Livermore Pleasanton Fire De-

improving regional and local nomic climate, we will continue to provide the highest level of emergency services possible to our residents," said Livermore City Manager Linda Barton.

Residences and businesses will continue to receive service from the LFPD, such as paramedics for medical emergencies and fire response; they will simply be responding from another location. City staff notes that the public should continue to access emergency services by either calling 911, or, by calling (925) 371-4987 for non-emergency services.

The city also implemented a \$194 million capital improvemuch like suggesting the family furniture be burned to stay warm through the last month of winter. They will cost taxpayers more in the long run. He says he has no choice, but ignores revenue options.

Fortunately, Democrats in the Senate and Assembly are working to stanch the cuts. The Assembly Democrats are proposing the California Jobs Budget which includes delaying corporate tax loopholes for another year, borrowing revenue from the CRV (container recycling tax) and most importantly finally instituting a fee on oil companies so we will no longer be the only state in the union not charging a severance. Alaskans get checks in the mail while California schools suffer. This revenue piece will not only save the jobs of teachers, police, and firefighters, it will create a billion dollar jobs fund to stimulate California's economy and put people back to work. The public needs to get behind this bill and demand its passage.

Not Nonpartisan Jim Gladstone Livermore

I am writing to question your characterization of Next 10 as a "nonpartisan" group in your June 24 edition. A quick check of 2008 campaign contributions at Open Secrets shows that Next 10's staff and senior advisors gave \$170,950 to Democrats and only \$1,250 to Republicans.

Amongst their senior advisors you will find two former Democratic Assemblymen, Joe Nation and Fran Pavley, and a former Democratic Congressman, Leon Panetta. There are no analogous Republican advisors. How this group can possibly be described as nonpartisan is beyond me.

They clearly lean heavily toward the Democrats, and their budget game, though an interesting exercise, should be treated as such.

Disappointed Seniors Barbara Hempill Pleasanton

Hundreds of senior citizens who have been awaiting Pleasanton City Council approval of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the development of Staples Ranch were disappointed when that item was pulled from the June 15 agenda without notice. We have been waiting for almost five years for Council approval for Continuing Life Communities (CLC) to develop Stoneridge Creek, a lifecare community with independent housing, assisted living, and a skilled nursing facility.

these often painful choices on our children.

Some of us have health problems that can only worsen with time. Since the state requires residents of CLC's to be able to care for themselves upon moving in, time is of the essence.

Each time the Council delays the approval process, some of us with failing health may be no longer eligible to move into Stoneridge Creek. Our right to choose where to live in Pleasanton is taken from us.

If you are nearing retirement, or have parents about whom you are concerned, these delays may also become your problem. You may have a friend or neighbor who hopes to live at Stoneridge Creek. Let the Council know about your concern, and urge them to approve the SEIR for development on the Staples Ranch site at their August 24 meeting.

Thank You Susan Houghton **Exceptional Needs Network**

On behalf of Exceptional Needs Network, a local non profit dedicated to helping developmentally delayed children and their families, I would like to thank the Tri-Valley community for the wonderful support of our first gala - Murder at the KO Corral – held on June 25 at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

With the help of our generous sponsors, we raised enough funds to send children to summer camp at Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo! The story in your newspaper, by Patricia Koning, helped a great deal. We are also grateful for the support of our sponsors - The Safeway Foundation, Ideal Boat and Camper Storage, Elizabeth Trutner, attorney of Fraser, Hartwell & Trutner, Pepsico Beverages & Foods, Savemart Supermarkets, Cresco Equipment Rentals, Suma Kids, Inc., Concannon, Eagle Ridge and Wood Family Vineyards, as well as Olivina LLC and Red Wing Equipment.

Oil Spillage Walter Battagello Pleasanton

RE: WWII - oil spillage thank you indeed.

Say Rich, your response to my request was above and beyond. You are a man of honor. I salute you. Your words were perspicuous - crystal clear - very knowledgeable, warm, yet with conviction.

Rich, you have a lot of heart and it shows in your words. Many thanks for your time

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programs in the United States.

The program is designed to strengthen and support traffic enforcement nationwide and targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. Participating agencies are asked to provide documentation on their agency's efforts and effectiveness in areas of officer training, public information, and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries.

The IACP receives applications from departments across the nation; then grades each application. Agencies are divided into bands of similar sized agencies and winning programs are selected from each band. In addition to selecting overall award winning agencies in each band, the IACP looks at each application to select the best program in the nation in the Special Category Award areas of Speed Enforcement, Occupant Protection, Commercial Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle Safety, Bike/Pedestrian Safety, Technology, Child Passenger Safety, and Impaired Driving.

In addition to the recognition being received from the IACP, the Livermore Police Department was selected as being the top traffic safety agency in the State of California for agencies with 86 to 105 officers in 2009. This recognition was awarded by the California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC) which is run by the California Highway Patrol. This is the second year in a row that LPD has been recognized as the best traffic safety

agency in the state. In addition to this award, LPD was selected as having the best Child Passenger Safety program and the best Motorcycle Safety program in the state for all agencies regardless of size.

"To be recognized as the top traffic safety agency in the State is an incredible feat said Lieutenant Ava Garavatti who supervises LPD's traffic unit. LPD has been a fierce advocate for traffic safety and works diligently through both education and enforcement efforts to make our roadways safe for all motorists. Beyond being recognized for our efforts, it is important to know that over the last three years we have seen significant reductions in the number of collisions occurring in town, the number of people being injured in collisions, and the number of motorists being killed as a result of a vehicle collision. These awards are something to be very proud of. We have put a lot of effort into promoting motorcycle safety and continue to educate the public on the importance of properly securing children in vehicles.

The department partners with the Office of Traffic Safety and has received numerous grants to supplement enforcement efforts.

More information about the National Law Enforcement Challenge can be found by visiting the IACP website at www.theiacp. org. More information about the California Law Enforcement Challenge can be found by visiting the CHP website at www. chp.ca.gov.

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partment (LPFD) fire stations. There are four remaining fire stations in Livermore. There are a total of nine remaining fire stations in the Livermore-Pleasanton area.

"Public safety is a top priority for the city. While we may have to adjust to the current eco-

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time designated staff members. Full-time employees faced with a layoff have three options: retire from the District (if eligible) by or around Sept. 1, demote to a lower paying full-time position according to District Rules and Regulations or take the layoff on Sept. 1 and receive severance pay.

One of the factors in the reduction in the district's income is the State of California, which continues to shift local property tax dollars through the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF), including \$6,749,657 (48 percent of the District's property taxes) this year. LARPD has lost a total of \$74,980,097 since 1992.

Director Maryalice Faltings commented, "Most of our budget goes to people. In looking at a half million dollar hole, the only way to fill it is with staff reductions. It really stinks. The state takes 48 percent of our property taxes. If we had the money back, we could have rock gyms, Scottish games and swimming pools."

The preliminary budget is balanced at \$16,003,095. Budget adjustments include reducing overhead in adult softball; eliminating cyclocross and golf events; reducing teen programs; eliminating TADD (Teen Activities for the Developmentally Disabled); eliminating Livermore Idol; ceasing participation in Earth Day, Super Football Party and the 2011 Fourth of July Celebration; transferring oversight of the volunteer program to Senior Services; reducing school nature programs and eliminating contracted nature programs; re-

ment program, which includes funding for various construction projects in the city, including the reconstruction of the Isabel/I-580 Interchange and environmental work for the BART to Livermore extension. For more information, visit www.ci.livermore.ca.us.

ducing open space programs and

patrols. The board also approved

delaying filling the finance man-

ager and park foreman vacancies

for three months; not filling an

ESS clerk position after the cur-

rent employee retires; reducing

overhead in youth camps and

youth sports; reducing over-

head in PAL for middle school

students; reducing overhead in

Community Center adult and

youth gym sports; and reducing

One additional cost to the bud-

The rock climbing gym is esti-

get is an increase in park watering

mated to cost the district \$54,000

this year. Staff projected rev-

enues from the gym next year to

be \$97,000, below the \$106,000

this year. The gym is located in

Sunrise Mountaineering in down-

town Livermore. The district is

required to provide 6 months

notice if it plans to stop operating

the gym. Faltings pointed out that

means the district is already on

the hook for six months, or half

of a year of operation. Therefore,

she saw no reason not to let the

gym advocates come up with a

Scott Kamena commented,

"The biggest argument in favor

of the rock climbing gym is its

uniqueness. You guys don't have

any place else to go. The question

is how much are we (the distrct)

willing to lose. I'm inclined to

let people see what they can do

be ready in time for the final bud-

get vote in August. If it appears

the proposal would not work, the

He stated that the plan should

proposal to save it.

to keep it open."

senior activities on Fridays.

by 17 percent.

We have chosen to spend our remaining years at Stoneridge Creek and are eagerly waiting for its construction. We want to make our own choice about our future care needs rather than inflict the burden of making

and research. We need a man like you in Congress - shake 'em up. Sincerely, with much respect, straight-ahead.

district could send the notice on Sept. 1 to Sunrise that it will stop operating the gym.

The plan should demonstrate how the program can come as close to breaking even as possible for the year. It doesn't have to make money.

Faltings declared, "I agree. It is unique. I appreciate it for what it provides, not just physical, but mental exercise. I'll say the same thing I told Camp Shelly supporters, 'put your money where your mouth is.' We gave Camp Shelly one last chance. I'm inclinced to do the same with the rock gym."

Steve Goodman said the decison on the future of the climbing gym was just one of the tough choices the directors had to make. Other programs are being cut and people are losing their jobs. Subdizing the gym means money must come from other programs. He, however, agreed that advocates should have a chance to save it.

Wilson pointed out that other programs have had to be closed, including the Friendship Center, due to lack of funds.

President David Furst stated that staff had advised the board not to take on the rock climbing gym in the first place, because it was losing money. It is still losing money. He added, "It is possible that not a lot more people will use it. Most other rock gyms have other facilities such as a cafe and weight room."

The preliminary capital improvement (CIP) budget was also approved by the board with Kamena dissenting. He has always objected to the ranger station planned for Sycamore Grove Park

Projects included in the CIP for the new fiscal year include Robertson Park soccer field turf conversion, a Robert Livermore Park pump station, Sycamore Grove Park land acquisition, construction of trails H-2 and F along Marina Drive and Wente Street between Concannon Boulevard and Arroyo Road. The budget also includes \$200,000 for the Sycamore Grove Ranger Station project this year and \$432,512 for 2011/2012. The money comes from a payment made by Chevron to place a pipeline through the park. The ranger station project is expected to go to bid this fiscal year. It has been delayed while the district negotiated with the city for out of area sewage service and with Zone 7 for water.

The Board also authorized the District to apply for a grant of about \$325,000 from the Nature Education Facility Program, part of the Proposition 84 state bond act of 2006. Funding from this grant would cover costs of adding an interpretive element to the Sycamore Grove Park entrance and the exterior of the future ranger station. This includes adding interpretive panels and signage, a deck area, an access pathway, a meeting/gathering area with shade shelter and bleacher seats to the new ranger station. If awarded, the grant would cover all costs of the interpretive features, including staff costs, with no requirement for matching funds.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

An American flag painted on a hillside along I-680 on the Sunol Grade was removed by Caltrans. The 35-foot mural was repainted in time for the 4th of July. Caltrans later apologies for removing it and agreed to meet with the original artists to discuss placing another mural at a suitable location.

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a test to earn college credit," he said. "We plan to offer junior and senior level classes that are college accredited so our students can graduate with at least a year of college credit. This will require extra work on the part of the students, but there will be support.'

All of LVCP's teachers hold masters degrees, so they have the capacity to teach college-accredited courses. By the 2012/13 school year, when the incoming freshman are juniors, LVCP will have partnership agreements with a number of colleges, meaning the students can earn college credit for those schools through high school classes. The partner schools include Las Positas Community College, California State University (East Bay, San Jose, San Francisco, and Stanislaus), University of California (Berkeley, Davis, Merced and Santa Cruz), and Stanford University.

Batchelor added that the program is not directed only at higher-achieving students, but at everyone. "We will have before and after school tutoring available," he said. "There is a lot of research behind this model that shows that it works for all students.'

He also explained the technology plan for LVCP, which he described as a cornerstone of the school. All students will have a laptop computer or similar device that will be loaded with all of their textbooks and have Internet capability and a wireless provider. "We have to understand that today's students learn in a vastly different world," he said.

LVCP's class sizes will be between 22 to 25 students and can never exceed a student/ teacher ratio of 27:1, according to the school's charter. LVCP will open with a freshman class of 110 students; in the second year, the school will expand to 270 students per grade level. At capacity, the school will serve 1,080 students in grades nine through twelve.

One misconception about the school, according to Batchelor, is that there will be no athletic programs. "We plan to participate in every sport for which we have enough student interest to form a team," he said.

A response from the Migliore family from Ideal Boat and Camper Storage.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District provided LVCP the Portola Elementary School site as its facility according to Proposition 39 guidelines, which stipulates that local school districts provide charter schools that reside within their boundaries with substantially equivalent facilities. Portola became available earlier this year when the Livermore Board of Education voted to close that elementary school, move those students to Junction Avenue Middle School, and convert that school to a K-8 facility.

"It is amazing to have a Prop 39 facility like this," said Bachelor. "It's probably the best facility of any charter school in the state.'

Bachelor said TVLC plans to purchase property in the near future, with the goal that the incoming freshman will graduate from that site. LVCS will eventually move to the new site.

For more information on LVCP, including enrollment, visit www.lvcphs.org.

Pleasanton Math Whiz Lends a Hand to Obama

By Ron McNicoll

(coach of Mark).

Eugene Chen, a Pleasanton 13-year-old, was in the White House helping President Obama with a math problem last week.

Chen, a Harvest Park Middle School graduate, was one of four California team members who placed first in the national MathCounts test this year.

President Obama honored the California team as the Math-Counts winners. He congratulated the winner and runner-up in the individual competition in the contest.

Obama extended his scheduled time with the six boys, showing a genuine interest in their achievements, and emphasizing his own record in pushing programs for science and math, said Donna Phair, the coach of the California MathCounts team.

Phair, a math teacher in Fremont, said that because the ceremony was in the Oval Office, the shape of the office itself presented an interesting math problem, as one of the boys pointed out.

If the office were round, it

would be easy to find the center of it. An oval does not have centers. It has two focus points, or foci. So the trick is to figure out just where those two points are.

Eugene Chen (Harvest Park, Pleasanton), Douglas Chen (Kennedy, Cupertino), Lewis Chen

(Hopkins Junior High, Fremont), Shyam Narayanan, (Kansas), Mark Selke (Indiana), Bob Fischer

That brought up a discussion, a lively one for the math-oriented, about the points' location. They got it solved, thanks to teamwork, said Phair.

Interviewed by phone before he flew back to Pleasanton from Dulles International Airport in Virginia, Eugene said, "It was an honor meeting him."

"The President said that he was proud of us, and that he is trying to promote science and math education throughout the country," said Eugene.

Eugene said that he is looking forward to joining the Amador Valley High School math team when he begins his freshman year in the fall.

Eugene already has a good track record, between winning a berth on the state team this year, and winning the Amador MathCounts event at Amador in 2009, beating more than a dozen finalist competitors there.

On the national level, the six honored by President Obama rose from a field of 100,000 middle school students who competed in the contest. The contest is sponsored by the MathCounts Foundation, which was begun 29 years ago.

William Chen, a graduating senior who headed the Amador Valley MathCounts, knows Eugene's achievements. William said that Eugene, who is no relation to him, "is the best Pleasanton ever had in math ability. He does astoundingly well in contests."

Other members of California's team are Douglas Chen of Cupertino, and Lewis Chen and Aaron Lin, both of Fremont. None of the Chens are related to each other, said Phair.

Phair said that the President ran overtime with the boys, ignoring aides who were trying to rush him off to the next event.

"The President has a good concept of math properties. He said the boys can inspire others to do well," said Phair.

"Expansion allows us to keep our prices competitive. Our storage facility can save families up to 1/2 the expense that other facilities charge in the Tri-Valley area.'

Steve Migliore

Fair Growth?

Livermore Locals Left Out Of Fair Pricing To Store RVs & Boats

Ideal Boat and Camper Storage, a family-owned business, is requesting a Site Dvelopment Review (SDR) for the expressed purpose of improving and expanding their current facility on Tesla Road in Livermore. Their family has been on this property since 1954 - four generations. They have donated 18 acres to open space to preserve the natural area.

Ideal Boat and Camper provides low-cost storage for boats, RV's and campers. The property provides 24-hour security cameras and two on-site caretakers.

Ideal Boat and Camper has tried for many years to gain approval for the proposed improvements and expansion of the facilitites. Previous attempts to get permission from the Alameda County Community Development Department for the right to expand on their existing property have not succeeded.

75% of Ideal Boat and Camper Storage customers are Livermore residents. The City of Livermore both tickets and tows RV's which are parked on streets or in driveways. Providing secure storage allows residents to take advantage of the local Park systems and waterways. By storing their RV's and boats locally, campers make use of area businesses providing groceries, gas and additional supplies.

Email or Call: Steve Migliore steve2564@gmail.com (925) 447-6347

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Lock A Way Storage: 510.582.5956 Castro Valley 27' Trailer \$119.00 per month

Inter State Storage: 925.264.8176 Livermore 27' Trailer \$185.00 per month

A Comment from Dr. John Shirley

There is a question about the intent of Measure D on the request to expand the Ideal Boat and Camper facility that hopefully can be resolved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors at their meeting, July 13th 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at 1221 Oak St 5th Floor in Oakland.

When Measure D was put on the ballot, neither its sponsors nor the voters of Alameda County were talking about limiting a fine community-serving facility as it expanded its established and lawful operation on Tesla Road.

Ideal Boat and Camper Storage has provided an important service at a fair and reasonable cost or to the residents of Livermore and the surrounding areas for many years. There is now a need for expansion to meet the demand.

They have made a fine effort to screen the facility with tall redwood trees and oleander plants. The screening now is impressive and will only get better as the trees continue to grow.

The facility has not prevented about a dozen wineries to locate in the nearby area where the storage area has been located for many years.

There is a difference of opinion about the laws pertaining to this request for expansion. Hopefully the Board of Supervisors will agree with the proponents of the expansion, and will approve this reasonable request that, in the opinion of the proponent's council and others, is in order.

> Very sincerely, John Shirley Former Livermore Mayor



SPORTS NOTES



Ruby Hill and Pleasanton Meadows 15-18 men dove out of the cold night and into the warm water during a swim competition.

Pleasanton Phantom Pleasanton's Phantom 12C traveling softball team scored three wins in Sunnyvale and secured a 5th place finish among 26 teams from across Northern California. Only the top five teams qualified for the California state championships. Phantom edged out summer rival San Ramon Stompers. In the first three wins the Phantom ladies scored 49 runs and only allowed 12. Clutch hitters were Emily Crimi, Megan Shackley, Carley Robertson and Erin Overland. Speedy bunters were Paige Heacox and Jenna Crawford. At catcher, Erin threw out several over confident runners and made several lunging foul tip catches. In left, Megan Shevelson made a long distance sprint to near foul territory to secure a vital pop-fly out. Coaches are Mike Crawford, Jim Camp-

bell, Dave Camarena. Players are Madison Avery, Marisa Camarena, Taylor Campbell, Kelsey Congdon, Jenna Crawford, Emily Crimi, Paige Heacox, Regan Lacy, Daniella Lyng, Erin Overland, Carley Robertson, Megan Shackley, Megan Shevelson

Crush Basketball

The two Tri-Valley Crush 9th basketball grade teams played an intra-club game in MVP flight basketball action during the holiday weekend. Effectively playing for club bragging rights, the Red team beat the White 32-28 in a defensive battle as the heat in the gym reached nearly 100 degrees.

Matt Carlo recorded a double-double for the Red. notching both 10 rebounds and 10 points. Andre Kasten was nearly his equal for the White, with eight points and nine rebounds. Jake Salinas added eight points, five rebounds and a couple of assists for the White, and Calvin Rasbold and Adam Boehrer both put up five points, with a three-pointer for each. For the Red squad, "Major" James Dayton had six points, and Curt Wigginton dished a pair of assists.

Ruby Hill vs. **Pleasanton Meadows** The Ruby Hill Killer Whales hosted the

Pleasanton Meadows Sharks last Wednesday for the 3rd round of the Tri-Valley Swim League season. It was a cold, windy evening

at Ruby Hill, but the 220 swimmers from both teams soon turned up the heat in a very exciting, closely contested meet. The Killer Whales kept the Sharks at bay throughout, finally coming out on top with 508 points to the Sharks 479.

Top swimmers for the Killer Whales: Lauren Jhong (6), Andrew Maddalon (6), Latien Jhong (0), Andrew Maddadon (0), Emily Harris (7), Christopher Yang (7), Tyler Lu (9), Kirsty Brown (10), Lexi Ewanich (12), Brie Nicolas (14), Evan Lee (14), Lind-sey Baxter (17) and Nick Perry (17). Top swimmers for the Sharks: Sydney Simmone (6). Alveon Issaec (12). Nick

Simmons (6), Alyson Isaacs (12), Nick Tucker (12), Shelby Craig (14), Annie Geasa (14), Chris Bush (14), Kaala Cheney (15) and Alicia Brown (17). 1st place finishers were as follows:

Medley Relay: Girls 6& Under 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Weckwerth, Kate 6, Jhong, Lauren 6, Williams, Nicole 6, Limkakeng, Payton 6), 2:03.74. Mixed 6& Under 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Maddalon, Andrew M6, Cohen, Jacob

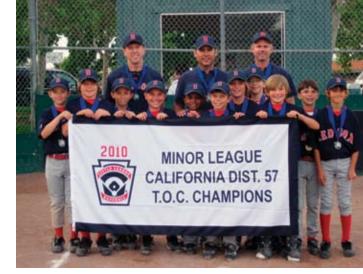
Sowers, Lauren 7), 1:36.37. Mixed 7-8 100

Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Neely Luke M7, Werder, Brent M8, Herz, Joey M8, Pozzi, Trent M8), 1:40.40. Girls 9-10 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Brown, Jenna 9, Vasquez, Alicia 9, Brown, Kirsty 10, Jensen, Jesse 9), 1:15.23. Mixed 9-10100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC'A' (Lu, Tyler M9, Hunt, Ethan M9, Aziz, Raza M9, Vasquez, Joey M10), 1:18.47. Girls 11-12 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Harris, Adriana 12, Isaacs, Haley 12, Florio, Talia 11, Isaacs, Alyson 12), 2:26.39. Mixed 11-12 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Herz, Patrick M11, Lem, Matthew M12, Rhoads, Tyler M11, Fisher, Jake M12), Rhoads, Tyler M11, Fisher, Jake M12), 2:55.82. Girls 13-14 200 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Sannajust, Kimberley 14, Schnierer, Kaitlyn 13, Nicholas, Brie 14, O'Brien, Sarah 14), 2:24.68. Mixed 13-14 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Burke, Colin M13, Burke, Sean M13, Miller, Colin M12 CHeur, Derry M12), 2:24 20, Women Cohn M15, Burke, Sean M15, Miller, Cohn M13, Cheney, Perry M13), 2:13.38. Women 15-18 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Cheney, Kaala 15, Aquilina, Maddie E 16, Brown, Alicia 17, Schwaninger, Elsa 16), 2:19.18. Mixed 15-18 200 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC'A' (Sornsen, Ben M16, Chang, Comran M16, Parry, Nick M17 Chang, Camren M16, Perry, Nick M17, Mooney, Mason M18), 1:57.66.

Brown, Kirsty, RHST-CC, 33.23. Boys 9-10 50 Yard: Lu, Tyler, RHST-CC, 34.03. Girls 11-12 50 Yard: Isaacs, Alyson, SHRK-CC, 29.29. Boys 11-12 50 Yard: Tucker, Nick, SHRK-CC, 26.87. Girls 13-14 50 Yard: Nicholas, Brie, RHST-CC, 29.89. Boys 13-14 50 Yard: Cheney, Perry, SHRK-CC, 26.63, Women 15-18 50 Yard: Baxter, Lindsey, RHST-CC, 27.40. Men 15-18 50 Yard: Silva, Joey, SHRK-CC, 24.13.

Joey, SHKN-CC, 24.15. Butterfly: Girls 6 & Under 25 Yard: Lu, Sydney, RHST-CC, 33.33. Boys 6 & Under 25 Yard: Park, Haison, SHRK-CC, 35.05. Girls 7-8 25 Yard: Harris, Emily, RHST-CC, 22.38. Boys 7-8 25 Yard: Yang, Christopher, RHST-CC, 24.11. Girls 9-1025 Yard: Brown, Vierty, PHST-CC, 17 & 6 Paoro, 1025 Yard: Kirsty, RHST-CC, 17.86. Boys 9-1025 Yard: Harris, Caleb, SHRK-CC, 18.93. Girls 11-12 Harris, Caleb, SHRK-CC, 18.93. Girls 11-12 50 Yard: Ewanich, Lexi, RHST-CC, 35.54. Boys 11-12 50 Yard: Tucker, Nick, SHRK-CC, 31.05. Girls 13-14 50 Yard: Nicholas, Brie, RHST-CC, 33.16. Boys 13-14 50 Yard: Miller, Colin, SHRK-CC, 31.51. Women 15-18 50 Yard: Brown, Alicia, SHRK-CC, 31.47. Men 15-18 50 Yard: Perry, Nick, RHST-CC, 27.63. Presectatedor: Girls 6 & Under 25 Yard:

Breaststroke: Girls 6 & Under 25 Yard: Jhong, Lauren, RHST-CC, 32.98. Boys 6 & Judier 25 Yard: Maddalon, Andrew, RHST-CC, 43.39, Girls 7-8 25 Yard: Schroeder, Lindsey, RHST-CC, 27.88. Boys 7-8 25 Yard: Yang, Christopher, RHST-CC, 27.16. Girls 9-10 25 Yard: Coching, Lauren, RHST-CC, 21.91. Boys 9-10 25 Yard: Geasa, Joseph, SHBK CC, 23.08, Girls, 11 2, 50 Yard; SHRK-CČ, 23.08. Girls 11-12 50 Yard:



AAA Red Sox captured the District 57 Tournament of Champions. Pictured are (left to right) Nick Barnett, Drew Zubek, Jake Jackson, Nick Brdar, Kenyan Branscomb, Mark Molz, Riley Shields, Jon Flynn, Tanner Strangmeyer, Sam Steele, Nate Braun. Coach Greg Steele, Manager Art Shields and Coach Paul Strangmeyer. After being down 5-0 after the 1st inning, the Red Sox rallied for 14 unanswered runs to beat Danville Little league in the championship game.

Isaacs, Haley, SHRK-CC, 40.28. Boys 11-12 50 Yard: Rhoads, Tyler, SHRK-CC, 44.85. Girls 13-14 50 Yard: O'Brien, Sarah, RHST-CC, 40.62. Boys 13-14 50 Yard: Bush, Chris, SHRK-CC, 38.78. Women 15-18 50 Yard: Hickok, Erin, RHST-CC, 41.64. Men 15-18 50 Yard: Chang, Camren, RHST-CC, 33.62. IM: Girls 9-10 100 Yard: Brown, Kirsty,

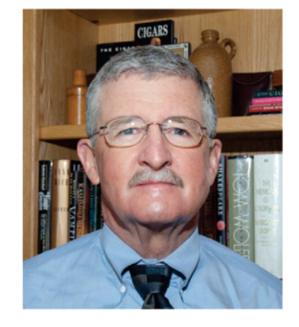
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Backstroke: Girls 6 & Under 25 Yard: Simmons, Sydney, SHRK-CC, 27.96. Boys 6 & Under 25 Yard: DuBos, Jack, SHRK-CC, 31.32. Girls 7-8 25 Yard: Harris, Emily, RHST-CC, 22.66. Boys 7-8 25 Yard: Yang, Christopher, RHST-CC, 23.18. Girls 9-10 25 Yard: Brown, Jenna, RHST-CC, 20.23. Boys 9-10 25 Yard: Lu, Tyler, RHST-CC,

19.13. Girls 11-12 50 Yard: Harris, Adriana, SHRK-CC, 39.76. Boys 11-12 50 Yard: Tucker, Nick, SHRK-CC, 36.72. Girls 13-14 50 Yard: Geasa, Annie, SHRK-CC, 35.82. Boys 13-14 50 Yard: Lee, Evan, RHST-CC, 34 39 Women 15-18 50 Yard: Baxter Lindsey, RHST-CC, 33.11. Men 15-18 50 Yard Sweetnam, Grant, SHRK-CC, 33.03

Freestyle Relay: Girls 6 & Under 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Lu, Sydney 5, Harris, Kate 5, Randhawa, Sarina 6, Costanzo, Kristina 6), 2:16.21. Mixed 6 & Under 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Shah, Brandon M6, Nicholas, Jason M6, A (Shah, Brandon Mo, Nicholas, Jason Mo, Judge, Avie M6, Brown, Ross M6), 2:26.79. Girls 7-8 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Judge, Sophie 7, Miller, Isabella 8, Achanta, Divya 8, Maddalon, Lindsey 8), 1:32.03. Mixed 7-8 100 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Williams, Jack M8, Cabas, Christensher M9, Co. Beruder M9 Cohen, Christopher M8, Co, Brayden M8, Sannajust, Llewelyn M8), 1:36.22. Girls 9-10 200 Yard: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Brown, Jenna 9, Coching, Lauren 10, Jensen, Jesse 9, Sowers, Taylor 9), 2:37.95. Mixed 9-10 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Harris, Caleb M10, Geasa, Joseph M10,

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Tucker, Blake M10, Azuma, David M9), 2:29.89. Girls 11-12 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Florio, Talia 11, Isaacs, Haley 12, Isaacs, Alyson 12, Harris, Adriana 12), 2:12.51. Mixed 11-12 200 Yard: Pleas-anton Meadows-CC 'A' (Geasa, Jack M12, Tucker, Nick M12, Fisher, Jake M12, Miller, Jack M11), 2:07.98. Girls 13-14 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Schwaninger, Kyra 14, Geasa, Annie 14, Craig, Shelby 14, Long, Dana 14), 2:10.29. Mixed 13-14 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Bush, Chris M14, Burke, Colin M13, Miller, Colin M13, Cheney, Perry M13), 1:54.43. Women 15-18 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Brown, Alicia 17, Bush, Madeline 16, Schwaninger, Elsa 16, Carino, Cassie 15). 1:59.85. Mixed 15-18 200 Yard: Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Silva, Joey M17, Sweet-nam, Grant M16, Iniguez, Chirs M15, Silva, Aaron M15), 1:47.25.

Briarhill vs. Del Prado

The Briarhill Barracudas bought a strong team to the Del Prado Stingray Pool. The Barracudas turned in a top effort, but come up short, as the Stingrays prevailed, by a score of 518 to 464 in Tri-Valley Swim League competition.

The Barracudas team posted top perfor-mances by Callan Jackman (10), Brittney Achziger (13), Kristin Horrillo (14), Whitney Dishman (8), and Crystal Fisher (16), for the girls. The boys were led by Joey Grywczynski (9), Andrew Voit (10), Matthew Grywczynski (11), Sherman Vuong (14), and Ryan Hair (10). Top Stingray girls performances were turned in by Stella Kruschke (7), Lacey Hicks (9), Isla Griston (7), Nicole White (11), and Stephanie Doi. Top Stingray boys were Taylor Smith (11), Andrew McMasters (5), Jack Payan (11), Andrew McMasters (5), Jack Payan (18), Eric Gates (17), and Andrew Goard (14). Also posting strong performances for Briarhill were Kannon Phipps (8), Savannah Wieser (13), Isabella Mairs (10), Delaney Phips (11), and Easton Plummer (11), for the girls and for the boys, David Groves (7), Riley McGuire (8), Cavan Page (17), Cody McMurdie (17), and Christopher Leahy (14).

Rounding out the top ten swimmers for the Del Prado girls were Niki Doi (18), Meghan Hogue (10), Hannah Loeffler (6), Megan Doi (12), and Amy Heath (6), and for the boys, Tommy Sabatini (12), Jake Newman (12), Timmy Lester (6), Michael Mc-Masters (8), and Cameron Kurotori (14). Girls Results:

Medley Relay: girls 6-U 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Munos, Ava 5, Heath, Amy R 6, Loeffler, Hannah 6, Rule, Isabella 6), 2:05.96. Girls 7-8 100 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Whiting, Georgia 7, Baalman, Anna 7, Burdusis, Alyssa 7, Coburn, Isabelle 7), 2:07.41. Girls 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC'A' (Burke, Paris 10, Griston, Molly 9, Hogue, Meghan 10, Jeffrey, Sara 9), 1:14.02. Girls 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 11, Gates, Caroline 12, Doi, Megan 12, White, Nicole 11), 2:29.20. Girls 13-14 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Horrillo, Kristin 14, Wieser, Savannah 13, Achziger, Brittney 13, O'Callaghan Jones, Paige 14), 2:11.74. Women 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Alyssa 17, Doi, Niki 18, Doi, Stephanie 15, Gates, Elaina 15), 2:03.55.

Freestyle: 6-U 25 yd. Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.79. 7-8 25 yd. Phipps, Kannon, Briarhill, 18.00. 9-10 50 yd. Jackman, Callan, Briarhill, 32.21. 11-12 50 yd. Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.73. 13-14 50 yd. Wieser, Savannah, Briarhill, 28.23. 15-18 50 yd. Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.53. Butterfly: 6-U 25 yd. Loeffler, Han-nah, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.46. 7-8 25 yd. Dishman, Whitney, Briarhill, 23.27. 9-10 25 yd. Jackman, Callan, Briarhill, 15.69. 11-12 50 yd. White, Nicole, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.36. 13-14 50 yd. Achziger, Brittney, Briarhill, 30.65. 15-18 50 yd. Fisher, Crystal, Briarhill, 28.97.

Breaststroke: 6-U 25 yd. Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.22. 7-8 25 yd. Phipps, Kannon, Briarhill, 26.05.9-1025 yd. Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.17. 11-12 50 yd. Plummer, Easton, Briarhill, 41.95. 13-14 50 yd. Achziger, Brittney, Briarhill, 13-14 50 yd. Achziger, Brittney, Briarnili, 36.81. 15-18 50 yd. Fisher, Crystal, Briarnill, 35.03. IM: 9-10 100 yd. Jackman, Callan, Briarhill, 1:25.57. 11-12 100 yd. Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:15.46. 13-14 100 yd. Horrillo, Kristin, Briarhill, 1:12.61. 15-18 100 yd. Leahy, Lauren, Briarhill, 1:11.83 Backstroke: 6-U 25 yd. Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.93. 7-8 25 yd. Dishman, Whitney, Briarhill, 24.80. 9-1025 yd. Mairs,

CC. 32.19.

Freestyle Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Simpson, Aubrey 5, Brans, Sarah 6, Johnson, Kaylin 6, Plummer, Taryn 6), 2:38.81. 7-8 100 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Dunbar, Zoey 7, Van Lare, Meghan 8, Dishman, Whitney 8, Phipps, Kannon 8), 1:22.00. 9-10 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Hicks, Lacey 9, Griston, Molly 9, Foster, Madeline 9, Jeffrey, Sara Molly 9, Foster, Madeline 9, Jettrey, Sara 9), 2:43.50. 11-12 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team'A' (Khandel, Negeen 12, Dyer, Jenny 11, Plummer, Easton 11, Phipps, Delaney 11), 2:15.23. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kitayama, Kathryn 13, Smith, Lacey 14, Waldear, Nikki 13, Jef-Fay, Strohonia 13) 2:04 51 15 18 200 yd. frey, Stephanie 13), 2:04-51, 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Doi, Niki 18, Gates, Elaina 15, Fowler-Kimsey, Zoe 18, Doi, Stephanie 15), 1:45.96. Boys Results

Medley Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (McMasters, Andrew M5, Jorgenson, Sam M6, Foster, John M6, Banke, Caden M6), 2:28.14. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Renton, Kyle M7, Suto, Patrick M7, Hungerford, Jack M7, Jetter, Aidan M7), 2:13.75. 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC'A' (Reimer, Steven M9, Juarez, Tommy M10, Bessiere, Jack M9, Glenn, Alex M10), 1:16.33. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Smith, Taylor Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Smith, Taylor M11, Sabatini, Tommy M12, Newman, Jake M12, Glenn, Seth M12), 2:29.39. 13-14 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Malek, Christopher M13, Vuong, Sherman M14, Leahy, Christopher M14, Dickson, Corey M13), 2:10.25. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Payan, Jack M18, Nespor, Christopher M16, Gates, Eric M17, Drury, Colin M17), 1:51 88 Colin M17), 1:51.88.

Freestyle: 6-U 25 yd. McMasters, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.12. 7-8 25 yd. McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 18.13. 9-10 50 yd. Grywczynski, Joey, Briarhill, 34.85. 11-12 50 yd. Grywczynski, Matthew, Briarhill, 33.15. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DPStingrays-CC, 24.55. 15-18 50 yd. Payan, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.17. Butterfly: 6-U 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.98. 7-8 25 yd. Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.93. 9-10 25 yd. Grywczynski, Joey, Briarhill, 17.92. 11-12 50 yd. Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.09. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.70. 15-18 50 yd. Payan,

Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.73. Breaststroke: 6-U 25 yd. Lester, Timmy, DP Stingrays-CC, 40.82. 7-8 25 yd. McMas-ters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.94. 9-10 25 yd. Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.68. 11-12 50 yd. Sabatini, Tommy, DP 20.8. 11-12 30 yd: Sabathil, Toffnill, DF
Stingrays-CC, 40.36. 13-14 50 yd. Goard,
Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.38. 15-18
50 yd. McMurdie, Cody, Briarhill, 31.67.
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1:32.88. 11-12 100 yd. Sabatini, Tommy,
DP Stingrays-CC, 1:24.40. 13-14 100 yd.
Coard Andrew, DR Stingrays CC, 1:100 yd. Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:10.00. 15-18 100 yd. Gates, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:00.59. Backstroke: 6-U 25 yd. Lester, Timmy, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.41. 7-8 25 yd. McGuire, Riley, Briarhill, 26.87. 9-10 25 yd. Voit, Andrew, Briarhill, 19.63. 11-12 50 yd. Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.14. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP

Stingrays-CC, 30.90. 15-18 50 yd. Gates, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.75. Freestyle Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Foster, John M6, Jorgenson, Sam M6, Stedman, Cole M6, Banke, Caden M6), 1:58.10. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Lester, John M7, Jorgenson, Max M8, Reimer, David M7, McMasters, Michael M8), 1:22.10.9-10 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Groves, Michael M9, Hair, Ryan M10, Grywczynski, Joey M9, Voit, Andrew M10), 2:25.90. 11-12 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Haggin, Kyle M12, Pacholuk, Alexei M11, Bookbinder, Jacob M11, Grywczynski, Matthew M11), 2:30.43. 13-14 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Sher, Ben M14, Melloch, Cole M13, Johansson, Karl M13, Jackman, Clark M14), 2:10.35.15-18200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Somerville, Jamie M17, Ugarte, Joey M17, Melloch, Brett M15, Page, Cavan M17), 1:38.62.

Livermore Aquacowboys

Sixteen of the Livermore Aquacowboys swim team members competed at the Bear Swim Meet, 6/26-6/27/10. A new Western Zone Cut was achieved by Nina Hayes in the 200 IM and a new Farwestern Time by Nathan Boas in the 100 Breast. Best Times were recorded by Shahini

Ananth, Nathan Boas, Paige Da Costa, Taber Da Costa, Cat Elliott, Alex Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Hannah Roddy, Morgan Roddy, Brendan Schierloh, and Trent Trump. Christopher Gonzalez,

Andrew Hayes, and Natalie Wong also competed with great success.

Bowling News

Rich Harris, Monday Primetimers, bowled 158 pins over series avarge with games of 203-226-182. The action was at the Granada Bowl in Livermore.

Doug Parker recorded a great series of 676 with games of 246 and 237 in the mix.

Aaron Fick, Getaway Fours, bowled a 241 game. James Davis, Summer Fun Time, rolled 86 over average with a 205 game, Dave Jones turned in a 234, Tom Madden 229 and Scott Lowe a 211. Rich Canada shot 268 in the Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trios league, Jimmy Griffin a 255 and Andrew Proscia a 237. In the Practice League on Thursday night, Geri Joyce bowled 67 over her 141 average with a 208 game. Craig Truscott shot a 246, Mike Smit 220, Wil-liam Elmer 221, Candice Moschetti 209 and Barbara Sample a 194 game. Chuck Anderson knocked down pins for a 279 in the Fri Family Affair league, Bob Elson rolled a 222 game.

Linda Helbacka bowled 96 over average with a 245 game in the Friday Primetime Seniors league. Marge Davidson recorded a 174 game. Bo Wong bowled 188 (52 over) in the Sirs & Sirettes league. Charlie Henderson hada 222 game. Dick Braden bowled 230 in the Donna's Mixers league. Dwayne Childress rolled 120 over series average with a 223 game in the set, Charles Henderson rolled 52 over with a 213 game in the Monday Primetime Seniors league.

Basketball Camp Las Positas College Girls Basketball Camp is set for July 26-30, 4 to 6 p.m. Early fee payment \$50 by July 2; \$75 late fee. Mail checks to: Las Positas Women's Basketball Office, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. Make Checks Pavable to: Las Positas Women's Basketball. Access the Registration form on: www.laspositascollege.edu/athletics. Contact Lindsay Wisely with questions: lindsavwiselv@vahoo.com All proceeds benefit Las Positas College Women's Basketball

Golf Tournament

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

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

tunities, contact either Captain Scott Trudeau 371-4717 or Dave Bedford 980-8143.

Golf Classic

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

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

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

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

Over four million Americans now have diabetes, many of them children. Sadly, the numbers are growing. Every thirty seconds, another person in the United States is diagnosed with diabetes, "My teenage daughter has Type-1 diabetes," said Jim Horalek, of Alamo, East Bay President of JDRF, "She is getting the medical help emotional support and hope for the future because of events like this.'

Once again, the title sponsor this year is Chevron. and Wente Vineyards is a generous supporter, along with Service Champions



District 57 Big League AllStars (U-18) captured the Northern California Section 3 AllStars tournament undefeated (3-0) on June 29, 2010. In its first game, District 57 outscored District 52, 7-3; in its second game, outscored District 14, 8-2; and in its third game, outscored District 45, 3-2. Great pitching, defense and offense were the key to each of the wins. Members of the AllStar Team consists of Cody Hohl, Justin Hollar, Nick Johnson, Quinn Kaehler, Alex Kravitz, Matthew Krisman, Ryan Leathley, Dave Manuel, Marcus Mastrobuoni, Michael Miller, Zach Preuss, Kaelin Ragan, Stephen Shabazian, Josh Volponi, Andrew Wells and Noah Zwarg. The 3-0 win gives District 57 a birth in the U-18 Sectionals being held in Stockton on July 8. The team consists of Allstar athletes from the Tri-Valley region; Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville.

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

Roller Derby Returns

World Champion San Francisco Bay Bombers will face the ARSDAll-Stars in this mid season classic "Under the Stars" at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Sat., July 24. The game starts at 8 p.m. Jim Fitzpatrick's Defending World Champion SF Bay Bombers will battle the leagues top players, combined to form this years All-Stars. Professional, banked track Roller Derby action is packing in huge crowds so get your tickets early. New skat-

ers, fresh out of the Roller Derby boot camp have been signed by both teams. For more information, go to www. arsdbombers.com

CYO Basketball

St. Michael/St. Charles CYO Basketball is now accepting registration for the 2010/2011 season. Register on-line at www.smsccyo.org for player's 1st-8th grade, coaches and referees. Sign-ups on-line conclude August 22nd. Try-outs will be held August 30th to September 2nd and September 7th to September 11th. Please check the SMSC CYO website at www. smsccyo.org for the try-out schedule. Visit the website for more information or email cyoregistration@yahoo.com. Open to Livermore residents.

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Livermore Youth Football and Cheer (LYFC) is seeking 12-14 year old football players that want to train and play youth championship football. Athletes will train with doctors, personal speed and fitness trainers, former NFL players and coaches. This is a program that will prepare athletes to be leaders in the high school program they select. Athletes will compete against high comp teams in neighboring cities and regions to gain experience in the diverse skill sets that their programs contain. This is an intense 3 1/2 month program

that focuses on nutrition, fitness and condition and skills development. The athletes will receive specific instruction on eating and conditioning.

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

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This program is supported by the Oak-land Raiders, Valley Christian, Granada and Livermore High Schools.

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

ers participate. The athletes compete against nearby cities and teams made up of the athletes they will compete against at a high school level. Financial assistance is available.

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Football Program

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

cities and teams made up of the athletes they will compete against at a high school level. This is the only football program offering this diverse and complete skills training systems. Special fund-raising programs are in place for athletes and their families

Financial assistance is available. There are discounts on fees for families with multiple athletes. Payment plans and scholarships are available on a limited basis. Visit the program website at Livermorekids.com or call The Athletic Director Eric with questions at (925) 200-1556 or e mail Livermorekids@ gmail.com.

Meet representatives at the Farmers Market on July 8 at the corner of J Street and Third.

This program is supported by the Oak-land Raiders, Valley Christian, Granada and Livermore High Schools.

Aqua Challenge

An open-water swim event will be offered for all levels, as well as a swim/run duathlon at On Your Mark Events' 12th Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge and Del Valle Du, on Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Lake Del Valle, 7000 Del Valle Road (right off Mines Rd.), Livermore. The start and finish area is located at the lake's East Swim Beach—south of the boat ramp.

The Aqua Challenge features a choice: 2-mile, 1-mile, and ½-mile distance events in the beautiful Lake Del Valle. All three courses are accurately set via GPS and are marked by buoys. Certified lifeguards will closely monitor participants in all three courses. Water temperature is expected to be 72+ degrees. With three separate distances, this open-water swim is great for swimmers of all levels, as well as first time open water competitors

The Del Valle Du: consists of a 1-Mile open water swim, followed by a 5-K run (out and back trail course).

The entry fee to any of the three Lake Valle Aqua Challenge competitions Del is \$35.00 advance registration and \$40.00 race-day registration; for those who chose to compete in the 1/2-mile race along with the 1- or 2-mile races may do so for an additional \$5.00. The Duathlon will be \$50.00 advance and \$55.00 race day. Entry fee includes refreshments, snacks, T-shirt, awards, and

entry into an exciting raffle. On Your Mark Events' Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with the 1/2 mile race. Both the 2-mile and 1-mile open-water races, and the Duathlon will start soon after the $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile race com-pletes (to accommodate those who chose to compete in the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile race along with the 1-or 2-mile swims, or the Duathlon). Check-in and registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. For more Aqua Challenge information and/or an application contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832, or visit their website.

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

SHORT NOTES

Wildcats at Library The Livermore Civic Center Library will be visited by some big, real-life wildcats on Wednesday, July 14, as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Make a Splash @ Your Library.'

Wildlife educators from the Wild Cat Education and Conservation Fund will be accompanied by a foursome of furry "animal ambassadors." The possible guests include cheetah, cougar, lynx, leopard, serval, ocelot or caracal. Information will be shared about the cats' habits, habitats and survival issues. The goal of the wildlife educators is to educate the public about the decreasing population of wild cat species around the world, provide funding for worldwide wild cat conservation projects, and offer safe refuge for captive wild cats.

This free event begins at 10:30 a.m. and takes place outside the library at 1188 South Livermore Avenue. Please note the audience will be seated on tarps and attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities. Please bring appropriate sun gear.

This program is part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Make a Splash @ Your Library"—a program with games and prizes for all age groups-even adults. The Summer Reading Game begins Friday, June 11th and ends Saturday, August 14th.

This event is made possible through a donation from the Friends of the Livermore Library. For more information, click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504.

Citizens Police Academy

The Livermore Police Department is now accepting applications for its 18th Citizens Police Academy. The academy will run from September 1, 2010 through December 15, 2010 with a graduation ceremony on December 16, 2010. The academy sessions will be held every Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Department. There will be one day long session held on a Saturday or Sunday during the academy.

Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age, live or work in the City of Livermore, not have any prior

felony convictions, and not have had any misdemeanor convictions within the last three years. There are no physical requirements, and no costs involved for the participants.

The Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to educate members of our community about the various roles of the Police Department, introduce them to the law enforcement community, and give them an inside look at how the department operates on a daily basis. Participants will be presented with a variety of topics including; patrol operations, communications, evidence collection, hiring and recruitment, traffic, animal control, laws of arrest, search and seizure, investigations, crime analysis, ethics, and many others. Each session will be taught by a member of the Livermore Police Department with expertise in the field. The sessions are designed so that participants get involved asking questions and doing hands on activities. A tour of the Department is included in the first session.

In addition to the Wednesday evening sessions, participants will be able to go on a ride-a-long with a patrol officer spending several hours working the streets of Livermore. Participants will have an opportunity to spend several hours with a dispatcher listening in as emergency calls are received and dispatched. The Saturday or Sunday all day session will include time spent on the firing range where the participants will get to shoot a variety of weapons deployed by patrol and SWAT team members. The SWAT team and K-9 program will each put on extensive demonstrations, and the participants will be allowed to do role-playing with the SWAT team to see what a SWAT team member might experience during a critical incident.

Anyone interested in attending the spring Citizen Police Academy must turn in a completed application by August 5, 2010. Applications can be obtained from the kiosk at the Livermore Police Department, from the community section of the department's website www.ci.livermore. ca.us, or by contacting Sergeant John Hurd at (925) 371-4857 or jhurd@ ci.livermore.ca.us.

Redbox Opens

Redbox, the red fully-automated DVD rental kiosk, announces the opening of a new location at Circle K,

4904 Southfront Rd., in Livermore. Consumers can now rent DVDs from the redbox® kiosk at Circle K in Livermore and return them to any of the more than 21,000 redbox locations nationwide.

Redbox rents movies for a low nightly cost. New users are invited to register their email address at www.redbox.com to receive a free one-night rental code. Also, as part of the Free Movie Monday promotion, every redbox consumer can register his or her mobile phone at www.redbox.com to receive a free one-night rental the first Monday of every month.

Each redbox kiosk holds 630 DVDs, representing up to 200 of the newest movie releases. Consumers use a touch screen to select movies, swipe a valid credit or debit card and go. Redbox users have the flexibility to keep the DVD for as long as they like and are charged a low fee for each night they keep the movie.

Medical Seminar

Family

Career

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is presenting a free community seminar on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in the hospital's South Conference Room in the South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon.

Gynecologist Mark Lollar, M.D., will speak on Minimally Invasive, Robotic-Assisted Gynecologic Surgery. He performs hysterectomies and other procedures using the da Vinci® Si Surgical System with computerized robotics. He will discuss the benefits of minimally-invasive, robotic-assisted surgery, such as tiny incisions, reduced hospitalization, reduced recovery time, and that many

patients return to work and regular activities in a week. Learn who is a candidate for these surgeries, what to expect, and the recovery process.

Reservations are requested. For reservations, please call 800.284.2878 or visit www.OurSanRamonHospital. com.

HomeAid Funds

HomeAid Northern California has received a \$20,000 grant from Wells Fargo. These funds will be used to facilitate the development of the Shepherd's Gate Life Center in Livermore that will support battered women and their children, and the next phase of the Bridge to Life Center in Fairfield, which will provide shelter for homeless families and individuals in Solano County. Dave Sanson of DeNova Homes

and 2010 HomeAid Board President states, "HomeAid is grateful for the support of the Wells Fargo Foundation. With the numbers of homeless families and children ever-increasing, we are needed now more than ever.'

The Shepherd's Gate Life Center is the third project HomeAid has adopted for this organization. Shepherd's Gate Executive Director Steve McRee says, "HomeAid has supported Shepherd's Gate and its ministry for the last ten years. With this partnership, we can provide the necessary life-changing skills to get women and children back on their feet and not spend critical financial resources on construction. It is a true partnership that works.'

Of the Bridge to Life Center, Builder Captain John Ryan of Brookfield Homes says this, "When completed, this project will provide up to 200 homeless men, women and children at one time .. The Bridge to

Life Center will be a model of the kind of place these residents deserve to live and thrive in.

Congressional Page

Congressman Jerry McNerney's office is accepting applications for the fall 2010 Congressional Page program. The Congressional Page program provides high school juniors the opportunity to work for the U.S. House of Representatives while attending school and living in Washington, D.C.

Members of Congress are chosen on a rotating basis to sponsor a student from their district to participate in the Congressional Page program. Congressman McNerney will nominate one student from the 11th Congressional District to participate in the program this fall.

The Congressional Page program is open to all students entering their junior year of high school who reside in the 11th Congressional District. Additional requirements for the program include: Must be at least 16 years old but no older than 17 by September 6, 2010; Minimum 3.0 GPA in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language.

The application is due by Wednesday, July 21, 2010 and can be submitted at either of Congressman McNerney's district offices. Interviews will take place on Saturday, July 24, 2010 for all applicants. To obtain a copy of the application, or for more information about the program,

contact Rep. McNerney's Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727.

Kaiser Grant

Axis Community Health has received a \$25,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente. The purpose of the grant is to improve access to health care for uninsured Tri-Valley residents.

'We are grateful for Kaiser Permanente's continuing support, especially now, at a time when the demand for our services is growing at a rate of more than 300 new patients each month," says Axis Community Health CEO Sue Compton. "This grant will allow Axis to provide additional enrollment services for low income Tri-Valley residents to assist them in enrolling in publicly supported health care plans that will give them access to medical care.3

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 14,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. The agency operates facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.



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Silent 'Window-cleaner' and Friends Leaving Pleasanton

By Ron McNicoll

A motorist pulled up in front of the old Kolln Hardware building on Main Street in Pleasanton, remained in his car, and asked someone in white coveralls for directions.

The "man" he was asking just stood there like a statue. That was appropriate, because it really was a statue. The coveralls were made of bronze, just like the rest of the statue. The figure was leaning toward the front window, ready to put squeegee to glass.

The man who stopped to ask directions wasn't the only one who was fooled by the realistic sculptures of Seward Johnson, said Pleasanton visual arts coordinator Julie Finegan.

Having a dozen or so realistic statues downtown depicting people in everyday activities established a playful mood for some people, who decided to freeze themselves in a pose to see whether they could deceive people. Judging by feedback, those pranksters were successful, said Finegan.

The temporary display of the small band of statues will be leaving Pleasanton on July 8 via moving van, back to their creator. Johnson, who was born in 1930, has many dozens of statues in a wide variety of poses and costuming, as seen on his web page, sewardjohnson.org.

According to Wikipedia, one of Johnson's sculptures, "The Awakening," sold for \$750,000 in 1980. It was installed in Washington, D.C. and depicts a 100foot giant largely submerged in earth.

(Also according to Wikipedia,



Window washer at work.

Johnson comes from the Johnson & Johnson medical supply family, and is a first cousin to actor Michael Douglas.)

In Pleasanton, Johnson's most popular work appeared to be the soldier and the young girl embracing in front of a Main Street

front of a Main Street men," said Finegan.

pizza parlor. Named "Coming

Home," the sculpture moved

poems, and left them on the

'Coming Home' sculpture as an

impromptu memorial for service-

"People wrote letters and

many people.



fishing pole was bumped out of position. An art conservator was brought in to make it whole again. The exhibit cost Pleasanton \$18,000 for three months. It was worth the price, considering that just one piece would have cost between \$89,000 and \$118,000,

There was one mishap with

the statue of the fisherman at the

Arroyo Del Valle bridge. The

statue was knocked over. The

said Finegan. It was worth the money to have interactive art downtown, because people enjoyed it so much, said Finegan. "People have called me from the Peninsula, Carmichael, Fremont, Union City. They came from all over the Bay Area," she said.

Finegan doesn't know how many people saw the art closeup, but she printed at least 2000 copies of a simple guide for a walking tour.

The merchants in shops behind the sculptures reported their business went up, because people were so fascinated by the statutes, said Finegan.

Asked whether the city will do it again next year, Finegan said she would love to do it sometime, but it's good to bring in other temporary public art, because people want variety.

Pleasanton Adds Two Bus Routes For Seniors

Pleasanton paratransit has added two new routes to its downtown route service. The new schedule will go into effect July 12.

The downtown route is different from the usual door-to-door paratransit service. It costs less, with a fare of \$1.50 for an entire day, not just one ride.

The route has many fixed stops, including the major senior apartment complexes.

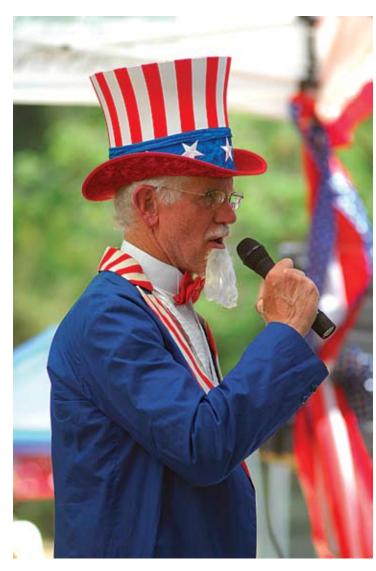
The service is operated Mondays through Fridays, except for city holidays. It stops on all five days at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Riders must be 65 and must register with Pleasanton paratransit. However, unlike some other cities, Pleasanton does not limit its paratransit only to handicapped people.

One new route will run on Thursdays. It will visit popular businesses along the northern section of Santa Rita Road.

"Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution"

The Pleasanton 4th of July picnic photos were taken by Doug Jorgensen. They include:



Ward Belding as Uncle Sam.







The businesses are Trader Joe's, 99 Ranch Market, and CVS in the Rose Pavilion. That route will include Walmart, which it will also visit on Mondays. Walmart previously was visited only one day each week, but many seniors wanted more days for that stop.

The other new route, on Wednesdays, will take riders west on Valley Avenue and north on Hopyard Road. Stops along that route include Gene's Fine Foods and the Rite Aid drug store, Lucky Market and the DMV office, Sweet Tomatoes, Chili's, Stoneridge Mall, and Kaiser Medical Center. Stoneridge Mall and Kaiser also will be visited on Mondays.

The stops that are on the current schedule four days each week will be reduced to Tuesdays and Fridays only. Those stops include Safeway, the post office, Museum on Main, and Raley's. There is also a stop at the Wheels bus stop on Neal Street. At least one Wheels stop is available to riders every day, so they can go to destinations beyond the paratransit service.

Stopping at ValleyCare Medical Center has been switched from Wednesdays to Mondays.

For more information, call 931-5376, or visit the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.



Color Guard presentation



Playing with a red, white and blue pinwheel.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen The Alameda County Fair closes July 11. Last weekend found visitors enjoying the many activities at the event held in Pleasanton. New piglets, shown in the top photo, were a popular attraction. In the bottom photo, fairgoers check out the antiques building. They are watching a weaver demonstrate the use of a loom.

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Safeway Offers Whooping Cough Adult Shots

With the increase in the number of whooping cough cases in California, Safeway Pharmacies are offering vaccinations for people from ages 11 to 64.

The vaccine is different from that used for infants. Children under 11 need to see a physician about vaccination for pertussis, which is the formal name for whooping cough. Infants require a series of vaccinations, from ages two months to six months.

Safeway pharmacies are at 4495 First St., Livermore, and 4440 Tassajara Road and 7499 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin.

The vaccination fee is \$59.99. Medical insurance companies can be billed for the fee in plans

BART

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in Castro Valley, represents the Valley on the BART board.

Several BART directors said that although McPartland could not make it to the meeting, they talked to him before voting on the track alignment. He favored the 2b option.

Directors agreed with Quint that the chosen route "serves our best interests."

The route increases BART ridership the most (30,000 new passengers per day vs. 20,000 for a station in the Interstate 580 median at Isabel Avenue); the EIR findings are the best for the project's environmental impact; and it has the best potential for transit-oriented development (TOD).

The two stations intersect the ACE train line, which is a reason that they are supported by regional transportation agencies and the Tri-Valley Regional Rail Working Policy Group. Supervisor Scott Haggerty who represents Livermore, an organizer of the rail policy group, gave his personal endorsement to the chosen alternative.

The alignment also sets the stage for providing the Valley access to high-speed rail, when that plan materializes, said BART director Tom Radulovich of San Francisco.

PUBLIC SUPPORT IMPRESSES BOARD

The public support at various meetings for the 2b alternative registered strongly with directors. Livermore conducted three public meetings; there were two in Pleasanton. More than 100 turned out at the Livermore meetings, with 76 percent of those surveyed at one meeting that cover it, said Safeway public information officer Susan Houghton. Adecel is the name of the

vaccine. It is available during regular pharmacy hours without an appointment.

"This vaccine is mostly for people who have contact with children. For anyone who might have had the vaccine as a child, it is more of a booster shot. There is not lifetime immunity," said Houghton.

Contact with children applies especially to infant care workers and parents, as well as siblings in families, if they have not been vaccinated, or need a booster shot. As of June 15, California had 910 cases of whooping cough. An additional 600 cases were being investigated, said Ken August, spokesperson for the California Department of Public Health.

The figures represent a fourfold increase in the number of cases to June 15 last year, said August. There have been five infant deaths since Jan. 1.

The adult vaccine was not available until 2005, so it's likely that many adults have not had booster shots, said August. Whooping cough is cyclical. It comes around every three to five years, he said. The last major outbreak in California was in 2005. In Alameda County this year, there have been 43 cases as of July 3, said Sherri Willis, public information officer for the county health department.

Thirty-one cases remain under investigation, and 31 cases have been ruled out. There have been no deaths in the county. Statistics for the Valley are not broken out separately from county data.

People who are uninsured or underinsured and are looking for a place to go for vaccinations may contact the county public health department's immunization assistance project. The phone number is 510-267-3230. At first, nanoshocks may seem like something to describe the millions of aftershocks of a large earthquake.

Small Shocks Provide

Clues to Larger Shocks

However, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory physicists are using an ultra-fast laserbased technique they dubbed "nanoshocks" for something entirely different. In fact, the "nanoshocks" have such a small spatial scale that scientists can use them to study shock behavior in tiny samples such as thin films or other systems with microscopic dimensions (a few tens of micrometers). In particular they have used the technique to shock materials under high static pressure in a diamond anvil cell (DAC).

Using a DAC, which probes the behavior of materials under ultra-high pressures (and which requires small samples), the team statically compressed a sample of argon up to 78,000 atmospheres of pressure and then further shock compressed it up to a total of 280,000 atmospheres. They analyzed the propagating shock waves using an ultra-fast interferometric technique. They achieved combinations of pressures, temperatures and time scales that are otherwise inaccessible.

"It can be used to study fundamental physical and chemical processes as well as improve our understanding of a wide range of real-world problems ranging from detonation phenomena to the interiors of planets," said LLNL physicist Jonathan Crowhurst, a co-author of a paper, which will appear in the July 15 edition of the Journal of Applied Physics.

The time scale is short enough to permit direct comparison with molecular dynamics simulations, which usually run for less than a nanosecond (one billionth of a second).

Shocked behavior in microscopic samples can consist of the behavior of shocked explosives before chemistry begins or the high density, low temperature states of light materials such as those that are found in giant gas planets, according to LLNL lead author Michael Armstrong.

"Essentially, this allows us to examine a very broad range of thermodynamic states, including states corresponding to planetary interiors and high density, lowtemperature states that have been predicted to exhibit unobserved exotic behavior," Armstrong said.

For decades, compression experiments have been used to determine the thermodynamic states of materials at high pressures and temperatures.

The results are necessary to correctly interpret seismic data, understand planetary composition and the evolution of the early solar system, shock-wave induced chemistry and fundamental issues in condensed matter physics.

Armstrong said their technique for launching and analyzing nanoshocks was so fast they were able to see behavior in microscopic samples that is inaccessible in experiments using static or single-shock wave compression.

Other LLNL team members include Sorin Bastea and Joseph Zaug.

Study Looks at Ways To Identify Victims

In a large natural disaster, such as the Haitian earthquake earlier this year, or in an unsolved homicide case, knowing the birth date of an individual can guide forensic investigators to the correct identity among a large number of possible victims.

Livermore researcher Bruce Buchholz and colleagues at the Karolinska Institute are looking at victim's teeth to determine how old they were at the time of death.

Using the Lawrence Livermore's Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, Buchholz determined that the radioactive carbon-14 produced by aboveground nuclear testing in the 1950s and 1960s remains in the dental enamel, the hardest substance in the body. The radiocarbon analysis showed that dating the teeth with the carbon-14 method would estimate the hirth date within one year. Age determination of unknown human bodies is important in the setting of a crime investigation or a mass disaster, because the age at death, birth date, and year of death, as well as gender, can guide investigators to the correct identity among a large number of possible matches. 'Traditional structural recreation methods used by anthropologists to determine age are often imprecise," Buchholz said. "Radiocarbon dating gives a clear idea of the individual's birth date.' Above ground testing of nuclear weapons during the Cold War (1955-1963) caused a surge in global levels of carbon-14 (14C), which has been carefully recorded over time. The radiocarbon technique determines the amount of 14C in tooth enamel. Scientists can relate the extensive atmospheric record for 14C to when the tooth was formed and calculate the age of the tooth and its owner.

"We show how combining these two methods also can assist in estimating the date of death of an unidentified victim," Buchholz said. "This strategy can be of significant assistance in forensic casework involving identification of dead victims."

In the study, 44 teeth from 41 individuals were analyzed using racemization (a chemical process in which one amino acid is converted to its counterpart) analysis of tooth crown dentin or radiocarbon analysis of enamel, and 10 of these were split and subjected to both radiocarbon and racemization analysis. Combined analysis showed that the two methods correlated well.

Carbon-14, or radiocarbon. is naturally produced by cosmic ray interactions with air and is present at low levels in the atmosphere and food. Although nuclear weapons testing was conducted at only a few locations, excess levels of 14C in the atmosphere rapidly dispersed and equalized around the globe. Since 1963, as a result of a worldwide test ban treaty, 14C levels in the atmosphere have been decreasing exponentially with a mean half-life of 16 years. Carbon-14 levels have not decreased because of radioactive decay (14C has a half-life of 5,730 years), but rather 14C has moved out of the atmosphere due to mixing with large marine and terrestrial carbon reservoirs. "Because radiocarbon is incorporated into all living things, this bomb curve forms a chronometer of the past 60 years," Buchholz said. The research appeared in the May issue of the journal Molecular & Cellular Proteomics.

focused on what the downtown station will do to help the arts and downtown business, the link it will have with a new science and technology business park, as well as the open campus near the two national laboratories. It would also contribute to the fight against climate change.

Opponents focused on the high cost of two stations, the effect on 81 properties along the Portola Avenue route to downtown, and what they saw as the desirability to have a freeway alignment to catch morning commuters coming from Tracy and other eastern points.

FUNDING MAGNET MAKES 2B ALTERNATIVE CHEAPER

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena repeated some of the BART staff report reasons for alternative 2b.

Kamena further said that because 2b puts the BART extension in line with federal and state policies, it will bring more funding, so it "really is the least expensive alternative."

Former Livermore Mayor Don Miller, speaking for Citizens for Balanced Growth, said that since the 1960s Livermore residents have contributed more funds than people in other counties, which have never paid taxes to BART, but now have BART extensions (San Mateo County) or will have them (Santa Clara County).

Putting the BART station on Interstate 580 "would make it convenient for people who come from other counties, which have never paid taxes to BART," added Miller.

Bob Baltzer, chairman of Friends of Livermore, said that building a station on the freeway San Francisco residents should be able to come to our town," said Bankhead.

Jean King, chair of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, said the council, with 23 member organizations, voted for a resolution to support 2b. "They knew it would support cultural activities in our town," declared King.

Maryann Brent said that downtown Livermore "morphed from a cowboy town to a regional center for the arts and viticulture. The downtown station will help" develop that trend. "Also, 2b will not violate our growth boundaries," said Brent.

'WAY WE WANT TO CONNECT TO S.F., OAKLAND'

Livermore resident Tom O'Neill saw BART as a "new organism, which looks to the heart of the city. We think BART is a very good thing. It will connect us to San Francisco and Oakland in a way we want to connect. It will be beneficial to all."

Michael Fredrich said he favored 2b because "it supports Livermore, not people driving up and down the freeway. It has the greatest effect on suppressing vehicle miles, and it has strong community support."

Beth Palukis, manager of planning at the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, said that the agency supports 2b. It connects to existing rail service. There is \$116 million earmarked by Livermore and other agencies for property acquisition for right of way.

Palukis noted that now is a good time for property acquisition from willing sellers, because prices are low in today's real

It's possible there might not be funding for the two stations, and BART should have a fallback ready, said Sailors.

BART director Gail Murray picked up on Sailors' suggestion, and asked staff about it. Quint told the board that its approval of the 2b alternative's program EIR that day would not preclude conducting a study of the Isabel site, if that were called for at some future date.

Livermore resident Bob Allen, who was the Valley's first BART director in 1968, provided directors with a three-page letter in which he ranked the alternatives.

Allen liked the Isabel Avenue proposal, which had the lowest cost. The land for it was acquired in 1978, and made construction of the Isabel interchange possible, said Allen.

Most Livermore commuters travel west past the Isabel location, Allen stated, so locating a station anywhere else will "require most Livermore people to go out of direction." If that occurs, "we pay a penalty in higher fare and more congestion. Many would continue to drive to the Dublin/ Pleasanton station."

Allen said that he collected 336 pages of letters that people wrote about the Livermore extension. He said that 202 letters oppose a downtown station, and 67 letters favor it. "The people of Livermore don't want BART downtown," said Allen. **DIRECTOR CONVINCED**

U.G.B. WON'T END

Director Tom Blaylock of Fremont said that he was glad to hear that the Isabel site would not be precluded from future

backing the downtown and Vasco stations.

The Livermore City Council and Planning Commission, as well as the regional rail policy group all voted unanimously to support the 2b option.

Not only will the preferred stations add more passengers to the BART system but also, according to studies, they will reduce total vehicle miles traveled. This will help California meet its clean air goals. "The savings in energy is where 2b really shines," said Quint.

Cost of the various two station options and the tracks to reach them, plus the construction of maintenance shops and train yards will range from \$3 billion to \$3.8 billion. The one-station alternative at Isabel and I-580 would cost about an additional \$1.6 billion. BART already owns the land for the Isabel option, so its cost is not included.

"Costs are significant," said Quint. However, ACTIA is working on an extension of its county transportation sales tax measure, which may come as early as 2012, he said. Federal and state dollars also will be available. A BART line enabling TOD will attract those dollars, said Quint.

Strong public support at the BART meeting also impressed the board. Sixteen of the 18 audience speakers favored the route, with the other two preferring the Isabel location.

The supportive comments

"would be the antithesis of smart growth, but 2b is the epitome (of smart growth). We have a burgeoning wine country, a successful downtown redevelopment, and (a research park) centered on laboratories. Don't let a vocal minority stampede this board into a (poor) decision," said Baltzer.

Dick Schneider, a Sierra Club leader, said the club strongly supports 2b. The club was instrumental in passing the county Measure D urban growth boundary in 2000, and was involved in design and passage of Livermore's urban growth boundary, and in opposing the Pardee developer attempt to "break the growth boundary."

"Putting stations out there (on I-580) would encourage development that could break the urban growth boundary. (Option 2b) will allow TOD to happen without any threat to the growth boundary," said Schneider.

Lynn Seppala, a scientist at LLNL for 34 years, emphasized the benefit of a BART station next to Livermore's future research park.

STATION CONSIDERED STIMULUS FOR ARTS

Other speakers talked about BART bolstering Livermore arts.

Nancy Bankhead stated, "When we have the bigger regional theater, we will need a way to get people downtown. I watch shows in San Francisco.

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y estate market.

Troy Bristol, a land conservation associate for Save Mount Diablo, said the group's main concern was to avoid any alternative that included going to Greenville Road.

The grasslands east of Livermore and in the Altamont are an important wildlife corridor, he said. "Our friends in the Greenbelt Alliance support the 2b alternative as well," said Bristol.

OPPONENTS TALK OF COST, RAZED HOMES

Linda Jeffery Sailors, who is a painter, said that she, too, is interested in the arts, "but you don't have to have BART in the downtown to support the arts."

Livermore families will have their homes taken by eminent domain. "You can avoid that by staying on the freeway," she said.

Sailors set the number of homes that would be impacted at 81. Staff later clarified the number by saying that only a sliver of some properties will be taken. Others will be acquired through negotiation. Eminent domain would be a last resort.

Sailors said that she could see which way the board's vote would go. She asked directors to keep the Isabel station in future project EIR studies, which are more specific than the broader program EIR approved for the route.

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study, if necessary. Santa Clara County went "full speed ahead on a choice," but later "had to back off to a minimum segment," because of a lack of funding, said Blaylock.

During the board's discussion of the issue, Murray, a former Walnut Creek mayor, said that she read letters favoring the freeway alternative.

"They were passionate. But (that route) was doomed when MTC required 3800 units around a station. That won't happen with growth boundaries. I read the newspapers. I'm convinced that would never change," said Murray.

"That led me to the 2b alternative. It's very important that we adopt it today," said Murray.



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OBITUARIES

James Menard LeBlanc

James Menard LeBlanc, a longtime Livermore resident, died Wednesday, June 30, 2010, at the age of 85.

He was born February 27, 1925, in Paducah, Kentucky, to George Remi and Marguerite Calloway LeBlanc, and grew up in Monroe, Louisiana. His interest in science led him to finish high school and begin a higher education at the age of 16. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a transport pilot in the Pacific. After the war, he enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he received his Ph.D. in physics in 1954. Most of his professional career was spent at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, where the focus of his work shifted from experimental physics to theoretical physics and numerical astrophysics.

Over the years, he enjoyed sharing his love of gardening and fruit tree growing with friends. After his retirement, he also devoted more time to drawing and painting. He volunteered in the art therapy program and as a friendly visitor at the VA hospital. Through the vicissitudes of life, he was firm in the conviction that "His yoke is easy and His burden is light."

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Brice LeBlanc, children Mary, Anne, James, and Elizabeth, and grandchildren Charles, Sonja, and Samuel Frayne. He was preceded in death by his brother, George, and daughter Clare.

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Doralee Marie Cardoza

Doralee Cardoza was born on February 18, 1935 in Livermore and passed away on June 27, 2010 at the age of 75. As a lifetime



Doralee attended 5th Street Elementary School followed by graduation from Liver-

more High School in

1952. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Doralee worked as an usher at The Vine Theatre as well as a telephone operator at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She most recently worked as a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service in Pleasanton, CA. Doralee was an avid reader and greatly enjoyed

floral arrangements as well as jewelry.

Doralee was preceded in death by her husband Paul who passed away in 2006. She is also preceded in death by her parents Jack and Venita, as well as brothers Phil and Bob Sanders.

Doralee is survived by her son Paul "Joey" Cardoza of Chester, CA, daughter Janet (J.J) Miller of Manteca, CA, and son Glen (Ginamarie) Cardoza of Livermore. She is also survived by her sister Jean Robinson of Sutherlin, OR, sister-in-law Carol Murray of Livermore, brother-in-law Russell Cardoza of Oakdale, Ca, as well as numerous nieces, nephews.

Memorial services were held on July 6 in Livermore. In lieu of flowers Doralee's family request that donations be made in Doralee's name to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street Alexandria, VA 22311.

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Mildred Lucille Davis

Pleasanton resident Mildred Lucille Davis passed away on June 29, 2010 after a general deterioration of her health. She was an inspiration to all that had the privilege to know her. To know her was to love her.

Mildred was born in Murry, Iowa on Nov. 6, 1916, and moved to Crookston, Minnesota where she grew up on a farm. In 1940 she moved to Berkeley, California where she worked in retail and lived with her roommates and had lots of fun. She had one child David Lawson. In 1950 she married Jack Davis. They had a loving marriage until his passing in 1987. From then on she had a very Special relationship with her son David. She was very active in the Mormon Church, which she dearly loved.

Mildred is survived by her son David Lawson of Livermore; grandchildren Amanda Dalnoki of Livermore and Chris Lawson of Houston, as well as her great grandchildren, Gracie, Ryan and Isabelle.

Friends and family attended her funeral July 6 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Los Gatos Cemetery in San Jose.

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Earl Peter Basso

Earl Basso was born on Dec. 20, 1928 in Livermore, CA and passed away on June 30, 2010 at the age of 81. The lifelong Livermore resident was a rancher all of his life. He enjoyed watching baseball and spending time with his family. Earl is preceded

2006.

He is survived by his sons Earl P. Basso Jr. (Joanne), Ronald A. Basso (Sandy), Gary D. Basso and one daughter Arlene Basso Smith; brother Tuffy Basso; grandchildren Eddie, Luke, Josh, Emmy, Jamie, Kasey, Konnor Basso, Angel Doom, and Katelin Smith, thirteen great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Thurs., July 8, 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church Hall, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial to follow mass at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington DC 20090-6011 or to a charity of choice.

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Harriet I. Morehead

Harriet Morehead, a resident of Livermore for 18 years, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 28, 2010. Her life was all about her family; she was a loving wife, devoted mother and doting grandmother.

Harriet was born to Harrison and Elsie Shigley on March 20, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. She met her husband and lifelong sweetheart, Richard (Dick), at Hoffman Lake in the summer of 1951. They were married the following November. It was love at first sight. They were married less than 6 months when Dick was drafted in May of 1952. At the tender age of 21, Harriet drove from Chicago to Oklahoma to be with him during basic training. After Dick returned from war, Harriet worked at Time Life Magazine as a keypunch operator, taking the "L" train to work. Later, she and Dick lived in Lansing, Michigan; Allentown, Pennsylvania; and finally Pleasanton, California where she worked as a media aide at Fairlands School and afterward for Farmers Insurance and Scales Unlimited.

Harriet will be deeply missed by her loving children, Lori Cortez of Fremont, Kathy Morehead of Lathrop and Tracy and Robert Stoner of Livermore; as well as her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Donald Newman. She will also be remembered by her grandchildren Nicole Lorenz of Tracy, Kim and Lorenzo Souza of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Tara and Jeff Cayton of San Francisco, Rachel Cortez and Eric Romero of Fremont, and Jenny Stoner of Livermore, as well as greatgrandchildren Garren Harris of Tracy, and Cyana and Lorenzo Souza of Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

husband Dick, brother Harry Shigley, and sister Janis Ireland in God's hands.

Services to be held at Graham Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton at 11:00am Thursday, July 8, 2010, followed by burial at Pleasanton Memorial Gardens.

Edith Charline Williams-Brown

Edith Charline Williams-Brown (Charline) passed to the next stage of life on Monday, June 28, 2010 at Kaiser Medical Center in Walnut Creek, CA, just 3 days short of her 83rd birthday. She was born in Greeley, CO on July 1, 1927 to Charles Mason and Ina Claire Knapp. As a young girl, she moved with her family to Oakland, CA, where her father opened a small, successful grocery store, Knapp's Market. Charline was instrumental in raising her two younger brothers, Charles Jr., and Kenneth, who called her "Sissy." Charline graduated from University High School, took her Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University and Antioch College, and did postgraduate work at Rosebridge Graduate School of Integrative Psychology.

She met Donald Joseph Williams in 1946 after he was honorably discharged from the US Marines, having served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. They married in 1947. Five children were born to the couple. Dr. Williams served Murray School District, Dublin, as the Superintendent of Schools in the 1960s and 1970s. He predeceased Charline in 1977.

Charline enjoyed travel. She visited many different parts of the world, from Mexico to Israel to Hawaii to New Zealand and many other places. With her family, she spent nearly a year and a half in American Samoa, where Dr. Williams was 8Superintendent of Elementary Education. Charline taught at Samoana High School, in addition to working with her husband and taking care of their children. She spent many summers camping in the California Redwoods with her family. She was always excited to discover new and interesting experiences, sharing them with her family and her Church.

She is survived by her second husband, Don Brown, her five children (Sharon Lee, Cynthia Lynne, Chava, Brian Donn, and Lauren Sue), eleven grandchildren (Zev Avraham, Jessica Ann, and Samantha Dawn Trubowitch, Christopher Dain, Amanda Kinshasa, Heather Claer, Brittany Morgan, Griffin Nicholas and Gideon Gray Williams, and Matthew Joseph and Chloe

grandchildren (Blake Mason and Rhett Austin Williams). She is also mourned by Don's son, Don Jr., and his three children, Jordan Allegra, Aidan Paz, and DeLaney Rose.

Throughout her life, Charline was passionately involved with young children and education. She was the Director of the State Preschool Program for the Fremont Unified School District for 15 years. She was instrumental in creating the Early Childhood Education Program and the Native American Education Program, for which she received one of her many honors. She taught adult classes at Ohlone College for many years.

Charline was a longtime member and a pillar of Tri-Valley Unity church. She was loved by all for her kindness, generosity, spirit, and joy. She participated in almost every activity of the church.

She will be deeply missed by her family and all of her friends. See you later, Mom. We love you.

Memorial services will be held at Tri-Valley Unity Church Sunday, July 11, at 12:00 p.m. Please join us. Call for directions at (925)846-5235.

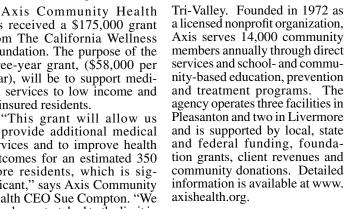
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as follows: Present name a. DUNG T. MANN to Proposed name TAMY I F NGUYEN MANN. 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, 7/8/10 why the petition for change of CNS-1894515# name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described 2015 above must file a written ANIMALS objection that includes the reasons for the objection at 2) CATS/DOGS least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: July 20, 2010 Time: 2:00pm Dept: 707 b. The address of the court is Gale/Schenone Hall of Justice 5672 Stoneridge Dr Pleasanton, CA 94588 3.a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county THE INDEPENDENT. Dated: June 9, 2010 C. Don Clay Judge of the Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2796. Publish June 17, 24, NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will 6)LOST be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 907, Oakland, CA 94612 NET-WORKING/SOUTH COUNTY **BIDDERS CONFERENCE** RFP #900771 for Labor Relations Consulting Services, Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 2:00 P.M. – Dublin Public Library, Program Room, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA NET-WORKING/NORTH COUNTY BIDDERS CONFERENCE RFP #900771 for Labor Relations Consulting Services, Friday, July 16, 2010, 10:00 A.M. - General Services Agency, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Room 1107, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA Responses Due by 2:00 pm on August 24, 2010 County Contact : Tudor S. Mosu (510) 208-

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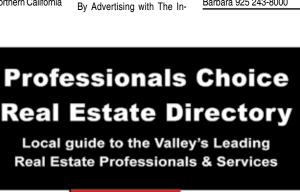
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Why Is Home Ownership Part of the **American Dream?**

By Cher Wollard

"A nation of homeowners, of people who own a real share in their own land, is unconquerable," Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said.

Every president since then has spoken of the integral role home ownership has in the American Dream.

Even in tough times, 77 percent of Americans view homeownership as a part of their own personal American Dream, according to a survey conducted by Harris Polls for Trulia.com last spring.

But why? What makes home ownership so important to us?

Perhaps it started with our Founding Fathers. When the earliest European settlers immigrated here, they left stratified societies, in which barely 20 percent of its citizenry owned property. Property owners held most of the power and influence in society.

'The desire for homeownership is deeply rooted in the American psyche," according to a 1995 report issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. "Owning a home embodies the promise of individual autonomy, and of material and spiritual wellbeing that many people sought in coming to this country.

Within a short time, 50 percent of households in the British colonists owned their own homes, a percentage that continued until after World War II. (Today, 67.1 percent of American families own their homes, down from the high point of more than 69 percent in 2004-2006.)

Property ownership meant more than just having a place for your family to live. It was an easily understood, and very visible, form of wealth. Plus, property owners were considered to be more stable and more invested in the community.

Early leaders tended to be landowners. In fact, our Constitution originally granted the right to vote only to property owners. (Voters also had to be white, male and free – but that is another subject.)

As the young nation grew, pioneers heading west to seeking land for farms and ranches led the way. California was originally settled as a series of Spanish land grants.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, which ultimately granted deeds to 1.6 million American families who claimed land in territory outside the original 13 colonies. The last Homestead land - in Alaska — was sold off in 1986.

Homeownership was, as F.D.R. said, the surest path to the middle class. Today, organizations like Habitat for Humanity, as well as city and state sponsored programs, provide the means for millions of families to realize this dream.

In difficult times, the hardest-hit families struggle to sustain the dream, but for most of us, homeownership remains the best means for creating stability and intergenerational wealth.

Centuries after our founding, and despite the devastation of the last few years, Americans continue to see homeownership as an important goal

The personal and economic advantages of owning your home are well known:

• Freedom – You can pretty much do what you want with your property, as long as you don't violate any federal, state or local codes.

• Stability – No one can force you to uproot your family because he/she wants to do something else with the property.

• Tax benefits - Federal and state tax law continues to provide significant benefits to homeowners.

• Potential for equity growth - Nothing is certain, and the past few years have certainly not contributed to equity growth in real estate but historically real property remains a good investment



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In addition to the personal advantages, there are benefits to the community when its citizens own their homes.

The Joint Centers for Housing Studies of Harvard University, in 2006, published "The Impact of Housing on Community," in conjunction with the National Association of Realtors. This study found that communities with high rates of homeownership enjoy:

• Higher educational performance and better behavior of children

- Lower community crime rates
- · Lessened welfare dependency among households
- More participation in civic affairs
- Better household health

How much of these benefits is "cause" and how much is "effect" is hard to say, but it is well known that homeownership contributes to stability, and that benefits neighborhoods.

The National Association of Realtors puts it this way:

"Homeownership benefits not only the owners themselves, but the community and society at large. Is there an ideal more deeply ingrained in American culture? Probably not."

Tax Credit Closing Deadline Extended

President Obama last Friday signed an extension of the Home-buyer Tax Credit closing deadline, the Homebuyer Assistance and Improvement Act (H.R. 5623).

This means that eligible homebuyers who entered into ratified contracts before April 30, now have until Sept. 30 to close the transaction and be eligible for federal tax credits of up to \$8,000. The previous deadline was June 30.

Transactions must meet specific guidelines.

Without this extension, thousands of otherwise eligible homebuyers would have missed the deadline because they were waiting for bank approval on short sales or other delays caused by third parties.

NAR worked closely with Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle to enact this legislation.

N.A.R. Launches New Consumer Web Site

N.A.R.'s new consumer Web site, HouseLogic.com, offers information for home owners on how to increase, maintain and protect the value of their home. The site provides free information and tools to help home owners with home improvements, maintenance projects, taxes, finances, insurance, and even community involvement.

New On-Line Property Tax Appeal System On July 1, the Alameda County Assessor launched a new on-line

system for property tax assessment appeals. The new system will make it more convenient for property owners to ask the County to change the value upon which property taxes are assessed.

For information on how to obtain and complete an application call (510) 272-6352 or visit the Clerk's website at http://www. acgov.org/clerk/assessment.htm. The appeal application must be filed between July 2 and Sept. 15.

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



Contributions Keep Music Program in Livermore Fifth Grade Classes

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) presented a check for \$90,636 to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) on June 22, 2010.

This donation will fund one full time equivalent (FTE) teacher's position for fifth grade elementary music for the 2010/2011 school year.

At the last school board meeting of this school year, LVEF President Vicki Schellenberger presented the check and introduced several community members who were instrumental in aiding LVEF to reach this goal of funding elementary school music instruction. Among the recognized were: Robert Gundrey, Wente Vineyards; Nancy Bankhead, Livermore Cultural Arts Council; and Mike Morgan, Gene Morgan Insurance Agency. Many members of Livermore's business community who could not attend were also recognized, including ABC Music Source and Academy, whose large contributions included producing a benefit performance at the Bankhead Theater last winter. ABC Music recently announced plans for producing an additional benefit performance scheduled to take place at the Bankhead Theater next November.

In its presentation to the school board and staff, the LVEF recognized the support provided by Wente's Summer Concert Series Auctions to students enrolled in music programs in the District. All concert auction proceeds were dedicated to helping LVEF achieve its current goal to provide the district with funding to continue elementary school music education for fifth graders.

The LVEF also acknowledged the early support given by Gene Morgan to LVEF's Straight A's for Livermore Students Campaign. At the meeting, Schellenberger stated that, at the time that Morgan made his large donation to fund music education, the LVEF was unsure about being capable of raising the full amount needed to retain a music teacher and keep the core of the program afloat. Alongside Wente's donations, Morgan's contributions helped to bring LVEF sites into range to be able to achieve its goal-ultimately spurring on a multitude of additional donations from businesses and individual supporters throughout our community.

In addition, Schellenburger recognized the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) for its eleventh-hour \$6,000 grant that essentially made LVEF's large donation to the LVJUSD a reality. At only \$6,000 under the final amount needed to retain a full time teacher, the LVEF made an appeal in May to the LCAC for last minute funding.

Schellenberger also mentioned the many other donations that made this possible, from the \$5 donations collected at school music concerts to four-figure checks and online donations made through the website www. firstgiving.com/lvef.

"It's important to realize that it's taken us two full years to raise this money for music and if we hope to repeat the effort for the following school year, we'll have to ramp it up immediately. While this donation targets the arts, this is only one of the three goals targeted in LVEF's goals in our Straight A's Campaign. The LVEF also raises funds to support athletics and academics in the district. The LVEF needs the strong support of the entire community in order to tackle the enormous challenges handed down to the district by the budget crisis in the State of California. Our organization encourages everyone in the community to become involved in assisting the district to solve funding shortages at a more local level. We hope that our current success proves that we are serious about getting the job done to enrich the educational experience for all of Livermore's youth," Schellenberger stated.

Founded in 1991, the Livermore Valley Education Foundation is dedicated to restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The LVEF Straight A's for Livermore Students Campaign supports supports programs in academics, arts and athletics offered by the LVJUSD. LVEF is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization run by a dedicated local board of directors. In the last five years alone, LVEF has provided



Photo - Genevieve Getman-Sowa

Pictured are (from left) Robert Gundrey, Wente Vineyards; Nancy Bankhead, Livermore Cultural Arts Council; Vicki Schellenberger, LVEF President and Mike Morgan, Gene Morgan Insurance Agency.

over \$1.3 million in financial support to the LVJUSD.

For more information about the LVEF Straight A's Campaign or to make a donation by mail or automatic account debit, visit LVEF on the web at www.lvef. org. To sign up for LVEF's free monthly enewsletters, email livermorevalleyedfound@gmail.

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and Kate Ann Scholz); two seats Dublin San Ramon Services District (Jeff Hansen and Georgeann Vonheeder Leopold); East Bay Regional Park District, local representative (Ayn Wieskamp); three seats, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (David Furst, Maryalice Faltings, Scott Kamena); two seats, Dublin Joint Unified School District (David Haubert and Jennifer Henry); three seats, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (Bill Dunlop, Kate Runyon and Anne White); three seats, Pleasanton Unified School District (Chris Grant, Pat Kernan, Jim Ott); and two seats, Sunol Glen Unified School District (Graham Barnes and Guin Van Dyke).

ENDORSEMENTS

Local Republican leaders Mayor Mike Doyle of Danville, Councilmember Steve Abercrombie of Tracy and former Mayor and Councilmember Jack Snyder of Manteca today offered their support to Congressman



Jerry McNerney (CA-11).

Mayor Mike Doyle has served on the Danville Town Council for 20 years, including 4 times as Mayor. He has lived in the area for 58 years. An Air Force veteran, Mayor Doyle participated in the Berlin Airlift and is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

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Joseph Salazar as Romeo and Ashley Wicket as Juliet rehearse for their performances in the Livermore Shakespeare Festival 2010 Production of Romeo and Juliet. Costumes designed by Jonathan Singer.

Star Trek Actor Directs at Livermore Shakes

Ask Trekkies about "The Big Goodbye," an award-winning episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation, and they will tell you about a 1940s San Francisco setting that looks a lot like Raymond Chandler's Maltese Falcon with Patrick Stewart (aka Captain Picard) taking on the role made famous by Humphrey Bogart.

Ask Livermore Shakespeare Festival guest director Gary Armagnac about that episode and he will tell you stories about taping it: he appears on the episode as Lieutenant McNary. "I'd known Patrick [Stewart] for a while. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to work with him on Star Trek: The Next Generation. By that time, of course, Patrick, had already made his mark as an Shakespeare Company."

How does one go from acting on one of the more famous episodes of a beloved Sci-Fi series to directing the famous star-crossed lovers in Livermore at Concannon Vineyard?

Armagnac's career spans the stage and screen over the last few decades, including numerous television and film appearances. He also starred as some of the Bard's most famous characters at Shakespeare Santa Cruz and the Tony Award® winning Utah Shakespearean Festival. At the Utah Shakespearean Festival, he played the title roles in Richard III and Pericles, Iago in Othello, and Sir Toby in Twelfth Night. "It has been my great good fortune

actor on the stages of the Royal to work on some of the greatest plays ever written with some of the greatest theatre companies of our times. Working here with Livermore Shakespeare reminds me of the early days of Shakespeare Santa Cruz, when that company

was doing some of its finest work. Livermore Shakespeare is very fortunate to have Lisa Tromovitch at the helm during these exciting times. The Utah Shakespearean Festival received the Tony Award R a few years ago because of the

Romeo and Juliet Opens 'Summer of Love' at Concannon

Livermore Shakespeare Festival's "Summer of Love" begins this week with the opening of "Romeo & Juliet"

Performances are July 8-11, 18, 24 and August 1, 6, and 7. Opening night, Fri., July 9 is a benefit and auction.

The well known play by William Shakespeare is directed by Gary Armagnac

It is a tale of rapturous young love entangled in a tragic web. There are those who fan the flames of hatred, and those who dive headlong into love and peace. Shakespeare focuses it all in one story of two (continued on page 3) wonderful work being done on stage there in Cedar City, UT. I can see a time in the not too distant future when Livermore Shakespeare Festival will be on everyone's list for a Tony.'

Romeo and Juliet will be Armagnac's first production with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival though he has been personally and professionally involved for years through the Festival's association with the University of the Pacific, Stockton Theatre Arts Department, where he is a tenured professor in Theatre Arts.

Livermore Shakes Producing Artistic Director, Lisa Tromovitch, a full-time professor in Theatre Arts at University of the Pacific, is a friend and colleague. "Gary and I

Livermore Teen Tyler Heppe Advocates For His Sister in Washington, DC



Tyler and Tara Heppe

By Patricia Koning

Tyler Heppe, a junior at Livermore High School, spent an intense day in Washington, D.C., on June 24, talking with staffers for U.S. Senators and Representatives from California on behalf of his younger sister Tara who has cystic fibrosis (CF). "It felt great, one of the best things I've ever done," he said. "I feel like a made a big first step towards making a difference for her. Sometimes I feel so helpless, watching her suffer."

Tyler and two other teen advocates from California met with staffers representing Senators

Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and five of California's U.S. Representatives: Lois Capps (D-23rd), Anna Eshoo (D-14th), John Garamendi (D-10th), Jerry Lewis (R-41st), and Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34th). The teens talked with them about CF and asked for their support for the Improving Access to Clinical Trials (I-ACT) Act (S.1674 and H.R.2866), a bill that would allow patients with rare diseases to participate in clinical trials without losing their eligibility for public assistance. They also met with Congressmen Ed Markey (D-MA) and Cliff Stearns (R-FL), co-chairs of the bi-partisan CF

Caucus.

Patients are compensated for participating in clinical trials, but that compensation can push them over income limits for public assistance such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid. The patients cannot refuse (continued on next page) the compensation. I-ACT would allow patients to disregard the first \$2,000 of compensation for participating in a clinical trial in their SSI or Medicare income calculations.

"For many suffering from rare diseases, access to clinical trials are their best hope for treatment," said U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), sponsor of the Senate version. "This legislation will make sure the small financial incentives these people receive will not be counted against them if they are on SSI or Medicaid. Patients suffering from rare diseases should not have to choose between their best hope for treatment or losing benefits, nor be denied the access more financially fortunate patients receive."

The co-sponsors are U.S. Senators Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) and Richard Shelby (R-Ala.). U.S. Representative Edward Markey (D-Mass.) introduced the House version, which has 128 co-sponsors, including Garamendi who signed on after meeting with Heppe and the other teen advocates.

CF, as defined by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, is an inherited chronic disease caused by a defective gene and its protein product. They cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections, and obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food.

Tara was diagnosed with CF when she was 18 months old, after several serious bouts of pneumonia. Tyler was 7. "From the moment we took her home from the hospital after she was diagnosed, I knew I had to grow up," he said. "I knew I could no longer ask for so many things and demand so much attention."

CF is an "orphan disease," meaning that it does not attract very much public attention, research, or funding. Currently there are fewer than 30,000 people nationwide with CF and less than 70,000 worldwide. CF is most commonly found in Caucasians, but it affects all races.

About one in every 31 Americans—more than 10 million people—carry the defective CF gene, but do not have the disease. If both parents are carriers of the gene, their child will have a 25% chance of inheriting both defec-

tive copies and having CF, a 50% chance of inheriting one defective copy and being a carrier, and a 25% chance of not having CF or carrying the gene.

The CF numbers are low, in part, because people with the disease die young, although life expectancy is rising with new treatments. In 2000, the median predicted age of survival was 32, according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Patient Registry. In 2008, it was 37.4.

"It's not as scary as it used to be when we first found out, but her cystic fibrosis is always in the back of my mind," he said. "It's gotten easier to live with, especially with the new drugs available now. When she was first diagnosed she had a 50% chance of living past age 18."

Tyler wakes up early most mornings and helps Tara with the first of her three morning breathing treatments. For an example of how committed he is to her health, consider a frequent nightmare he used to have. "I can never smoke, not that I would ever want to, because it would put Tara's health in jeopardy," Tyler said. "When I was younger I'd have nightmares that I would become addicted to cigarettes and kill my sister."

For more information on CF, visit www.cff.org.

WINE FOR A CURE

The third annual Wine for a Cure, a benefit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, will be held on Sept. 25 at John Madden's Goal Line Productions at 5959 Coronado Lane in Pleasanton.

The night will showcase wines from the Livermore Valley paired with culinary dishes from a special menu created for the evening.

For more information, call 415.989.6500 or visit http://nca. cff.org/wineforacure

SUMMER OF LOVE (continued from front page)

families and the famous young lovers who thought, or didn't think, but believed love was possible.

The second production will feature Tom Stoppard's "The Real Thing." The play is performed July 15-17, 23, 25, 30, 31

From the author of Shakespeare in Love, Stoppard explores love among adults. How do we know 'the real thing' in love, in life, in art? This exploration is played out in the theatrical world of writers and actors ... can they tell reality from fantasy?

Shakespeare's Associates, producers of Livermore Shakespeare Festival has renewed a relationship with the A.C.T. Conservatory in San Francisco and will be featuring 3rd-year MFA candidate Wickett as Juliet and 2nd-year Ben Kahre as the fiery Tybalt. Salazar, who won the hearts of audiences last year as Lysander in A Midsummer

DIRECTOR (continued from front page)

have been having long discussions about Shakespeare, training, and art in general since we met at a Shakespeare conference in 1998," commented Tromovitch. "We've taught and trained together – he shares our company ethos regarding specific, clear interpretations of the text, and being both a professional actor and director he brings a level of expertise that excites the actors he is working with. The show, even in the rehearsal room, is already exciting and moving to witness."

Romeo and Juliet is performed outdoors at Concannon Vineyard July 8 – August 7th, in partial repertory with The Real Thing by Tom Stoppard. For a calendar and information visit the website at LivermoreShakes.org.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$39, day-dependent, with discounts for



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Night's Dream, will play Romeo; his training was done at the famed Conservatory in Los Angeles.

SA associate artist Michael Wayne Rice, with an MFA from the UMKC program, returns as Mercutio. Jones and Le Blank, playing the leads Henry and Annie in The Real Thing.

Lisa Tromovitch, producing artistic director, declares, "Love. Can't live reasonably with it; can't live at all without it. This summer we look at love – a passionate allconsuming love sprung from the innocence of youth pitted against a bitter hatred seasoned with age and ego. Romeo and Juliet – a classic because it is all still true. When we are young, we love because it is right to love. But as we get older ... In The Real Thing, one of the great minds of our time explores the phenomena of love and passion. Join us for our eighth season of Shakespeare in the Vineyard, a classic tragedy and a contemporary comedic musing on a subject we all know at least a little something about: Love."

Performances are outdoors at award-winning Concannon Vineyard July 8 – August 7th; the two shows perform in partial repertory.

Concannon will have the new Underdog Café open by the summer. Patrons have the choice of bringing a picnic or purchasing food on-site for the first time.

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Olive Oil: Better than Butter?

By Laura Ness

Unless you are a vampire, olive oil and wine are the two most nutritious, antioxidant rich and sustainably produced – and potentially lifesaving fluids - you can consume, besides water.

And water, quite frankly, can be dicey. Olive oil is not just a vessel to cook things in: it's a complex seasoning and a vital ingredient all its own. Oh, and it's good for you. Can you say that about butter?

Susan Hermanson, who owns and manages the Victorine Valley olive oil tasting room in Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore, which opened last November, is a farmer who hails from Wisconsin. She got it honest. She grew up on a dairy farm, milking cows twice a day, rain or shine.

She and her husband decided olive trees would be ideal as landscaping: they look good all year round and you don't have to deal with them twice daily, whether you like it or not. Their small estate olive farm is located between Livermore and Danville and is currently producing four Tuscan varieties which they blend into a classic Tuscan style oil that is quite delicious. At the tasting room, Susan sells not only their estate oils, but a variety of extra virgin olive oils, both domestic and imported, along with a large collection of unique balsamic vinegars and flavored olive oils

Eager to learn more about this fascinating and versatile fruit, a group of about 30 foodies converged at Blacksmith Square last weekend in the former Retzlaff tasting room space to attend an olive oil seminar featuring Susan's friend and noted cookbook author Fran Gage. (www.frangage.com) Fran used to have a French bakery in San Francisco where she used butter by the truckload, until a fire put a swift end to that phase of her career. One thing led to another, as it usually does, and she found herself next writing cookbooks, first on chocolate and most recently on olive oil. A noted chef, Fran is also an esteemed olive oil judge. The two women met while taking an olive oil blending seminar and consequently cooked up the idea of a workshop where Fran could share the process of olive oil evaluation as well as demonstrate some recipes from her latest cookbook,



"The New American Olive Oil." The book is available at the Victorine Valley Farms tasting room at Blacksmith Square, as well as online.

Fran is a delightful presenter: down-to-earth and filled with great anecdotes that help weave the whole olive oil, gourmet cooking and wine experience together. We all learned much more than we probably imagined, and came away not only with some great recipes, but a greater appreciation for all the variety there is in the olive oil world: a world eerily parallel to wine. Speaking of wine, a highlight of the seminar was the wine pairing component provided by the equally down-to-earth and non-self-promoting Tom Covne. who always looks like he just stepped out of a Jimmy Stewart look-alike casting call. He's got that deadpan delivery so down, you're convinced he doesn't even know he's doing it. The wines were as carefully and lovingly made as were all Fran's delicious dishes, and they were a wonderful complement to one another.

One key thing I took away is how versatile olive oil can be not just in cooking but in baking as well. Must admit I was somewhat of a skeptic, but having tried olive oil lemon cake, I'm now a believer. While I haven't gone so far as my friend Len Brutocao who owns Brutocao Cellars in Hopland, and who puts olive oil on his toast as well as on his oatmeal. I'm more willing than ever to liberally apply the stuff to vegetables as a much more interesting flavor enhancer than butter. May the cows forgive

me.

Ok, so here are some olive oil basics.

1. When evaluating an olive oil, six basic properties are considered, and are classified as either delicate, medium or robust: Aroma, Taste Intensity, Bitterness, Pungency, Complexity. Balance

2. For green olive-based oils, which are picked early in the ripeness cycle, typical aroma and taste descriptors include: grass, artichoke, herbaceous, green apple, green banana, mint, tomato leaf, green tea, almond, spice, wood, hay and straw. It is not uncommon for a complex oil to exhibit multiple descriptors.

3. Oils made from ripe olive fruit tend to exhibit aromas and flavors including nutty, floral, buttery, ripe bananas, apricot and spice.

4. Bitterness is actually a positive quality in extra virgin oil indicating both freshness and the presence of antioxidants. Tuscan varieties are prized for their natural bitterness, or "bite."

5. In some parts of Spain and Chile, they grow Arbequina and Arbesanna olives in vast dwarftreed orchards that are literally trellised like grapevines and are over-head harvested by machines.

Tasting at the Los Angeles County

Fair came away with medals, one

Mission and Arbequina. There

were 137 growers represented

The two types were California

a gold, the other a silver.

These olives are used in creating super high density oils.

6. Contrary to widespread myth, olive oil is actually the most stable fat when exposed to heat. In fact, you can do any type of deep-frying, sautéing or baking with olive oil. Additionally it does not lose its health benefits when exposed to heat.

7. Extra virgin olive oil is especially high in monounsaturated fatty acids and contains a great variety of antioxidants. The FDA has found a reduction in the risk of coronary heart disease when people replace saturated fats with monounsaturated extra virgin olive oil as it lowers LDL (bad) cholesterol. An Oxford University study found extra virgin olive oil to be as good for the body as fresh fruits and vegetables.

And here are some cooking tips:

1. Olive oil is 100% fat, while butter is 80% fat: follow conversion rules of 1 tsp butter = 3/4 tsp olive oil; 1 cup butter = 3/4 cup olive oil

2. Substitute delicate olive oil for butter in flourless chocolate cake

3. Make ganache and truffles with orange or blood orange olive

oil

4. Use a mild or delicate olive oil in making your own classic mayonnaise

5. Use both delicate or robust olive oil in mashed potatoes to suit your taste

6. Use a delicate or medium oil to poach fish

7. Medium oils like the Tuscan Victorine blend are excellent on salads. Fran made a chopped celery, tomato, Vidalia onion, mint and white corn salad that was divine.

8. Use intense or robust olive oils to season beans like cannelli or cranberry runner beans

9. Use an intense oil in a Romesco sauce

10. Season rib-eye steak with pungent oils and artisan salt before grilling

11. Try lemon olive oil in pound cake

Susan plans to hold more seminars featuring her olive oils and balsamic vinegars, so get on her mailing list to learn more: susan@ victorinevalley.com

Visit the tasting room at Blacksmith Square, Thurs. thru Sunday, 11am to 5pm., 21 South Livermore Ave. Suite 101, Livermore; 925-454-8777.

Olivina Olive Oils Earn Awards at International Tasting

Both Olivina olive oils entered from 17 nations in the competiin the 2010 International Olive Oil tion.

For more information about Olivina products go to www.theo-livina.com.

The olive oil will be available for tasting at Taste of Terroir wine and food experience at the Palm

Event Center on July 22. Tickets to the event are available www. lvwine.org. The event is presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

Other olive oil producers bringing home medals were Wente Vineyards and Wood Family, each

Wineries Bring Home Gold from State Fair; Wente family to be honored

The California State Fair will honor the best winemakers, vineyards and wineries in the state at the 15th Annual California's Grape & Gourmet, the state's premier California wine event.

The California's Grape & Gourmet was created to celebrate and acknowledge excellence in the California wine industry, as determined by the 2010 State Fair Commercial Wine Competition, the oldest and most prestigiously judged wine competition in North America. The 2010 Wine Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to the Wente family. This award recognizes a person, family or industry as pioneers in the wine industry based on their lifetime contributions to the promotion, advancement and growth of the California wine industry.

At this year's Wine Competition, 2,786 wine entries were received from more than 600 participating wineries. Seventy-two professional wine judges awarded 1,915 medals, including 37 Double Gold, 195 Gold, 1,073 Silver and 610 Bronze awards. Award winners include:

BEST OF REGION AWARDS: BEST OF GREATER BAY RED: DOUBLE GOLD 98, Syrah, Mitchell Katz Winery, Livermore;

BEST OF CALIFORNIA: BEST RED GENERIC (tie) GOLD 94, Fenestra Winery California True Red, Lot 24; BEST SYRAH: DOUBLE GOLD 98: Mitchell Katz Winery, Livermore;

Wine and Food **Experience Tickets Available**

Top wine critics Leslie Sbrocco, Jessica Yadegaran and W. Blake Gray will judge food and wine pairings at "Taste of Ter-roir," Livermore Valley's Wine & Food Experience on July 22. The panel of distinguished judges will sample pairings presented by 16 of the region's wineries and their restaurant partners before awarding prizes in various categories. Guests will have opportunity to taste all of the pairings, cast a vote in the People's Choice competition and bid on silent auction items.

Taste of Terroir 2010 also will feature a book signing of the acclaimed new travel guide, The Wine Seeker's Guide to Livermore Valley by author Thomas C. Wilmer. Books can be purchased at the event for \$18.95.

Silent auction items include several wine country gift baskets, a wine-themed art piece by New Orleans artist Sylvia Thompson and a pamper pack-age for six offered by Aventine Med Spa.

The event will take place at Palm Event Center in Pleasanton, 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 22. Tickets are \$75 per person and include a tasting of each of the 16 food and wine pairings live music and a decadent dessert spread paired with Livermore Valley ports. Funds raised at this event benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For tickets and more information, please visit www.LVwine.

org. Teams for Taste of Terroir 2010 include:

Charles R Vineyards & Eddie Papa's American Hangout; Concannon Vineyard & Underdog Wine Bar; Deer Ridge Vineyards & Pasta's Trattoria; Garré Vineyard & Winery & Garré Café;

McGrail Vineyards & Winery & Campo di Bocce; Mitchell Katz Winery & Palm Event Center in the Vineyard; Murrieta's Well & Hap's Original Steaks & Seafood; Nottingham Cellars &

The Peasant & The Pear; Occasio Winery & Izzy's Steaks & Chops; Page Mill Winery & Zephyr Grill & Bar; Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery & Castlewood Country Club; Ruby Hill Winery & Casa Real at Ruby;

Hill, Tamás Estates & Giuseppe's Pasta & Grill; Wente Vineyards & The Restaurant at Wente; Vineyards, The Steven Kent Winery & Terra Mia; and White Crane Winery & Porter's Restaurant at Poppy Ridge.

Inspire Music Academy Students to Attend Prestigious Universities

Ann Palowitch and Jessie Cheng have been accepted into the college of their dreams, Penn State University and Carnegie Mellon University respectively, to study piano performance in the fall. Under the masterful direction of Tamriko Siprashvili, founder and owner of Inspire Music Academy (IMA), these high school seniors have fulfilled their life-long ambition of studying music at top-rated universities.

When asked what they learned while studying under Siprashvili, Ann stated, "With Tamriko's guidance, I was accepted to my top choice music school. It took a lot of work outside of lessons, yet it would not have happened without her excellent teaching and belief in my ability." Ann is the recipient of a music performance scholarship. "One thing I learned from Tamriko's lessons - do everything full-out," replied Jessie. "Also, music means nothing when you just play notes - you have to put everything from the moment into your playing." Jessie was also awarded a generous scholarship to Carnegie Mellon.

As a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory of Music, Siprashvili has impeccable credentials with nearly 30 years' teaching experience including advanced conservatory education in music pedagogy. In 1985 she took first place in the prestigious Robert Schumann International Piano Competition and has performed extensively throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union, including her native Georgia, as an internationally acclaimed pianist. Her piano performances can also be heard on several C.D labels including Nimbus and XCP.

Siprashvili and the Inspire Music Academy faculty have a passionate desire to share their time and musical talent with the local community. Teaching complementary master classes to high school orchestras and free IMA student recitals for seniors are just a few examples of their commitment to the Tri-Valley arts. Siprashvili believes, "It's very important to donate time and knowledge in support of the neighborhood arts. I'm very fortunate to have an extremely supportive faculty who embrace my philosophy.³

Classes include AP Music Theory, Guitar, Piano, Violin and

Frisky Frolics Performance at Pleasanton Library

The Frisky Frolics brings Jazz Age ditties to the Pleasanton Library, with Tin Pan Alley-era classics as "Cake Eatin' Man" and "My Canary Has Circles Under His Eyes."

The performance is at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 11.

These dapper dressers and syncopating songsters play ever so sweetly or with the hottest of rhythms. The Frisky Frolics are "hotcha," up-todate in the latest 20's style. Travel back in time to an era when the harsh realities of the Depression were temporarily softened by snappy tunes, droll lyrics, and the occasional ferocious kazoo solo.

Those attending are invited to wear vintage clothing to further enhance the magic of the long-lost musical treasures.

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

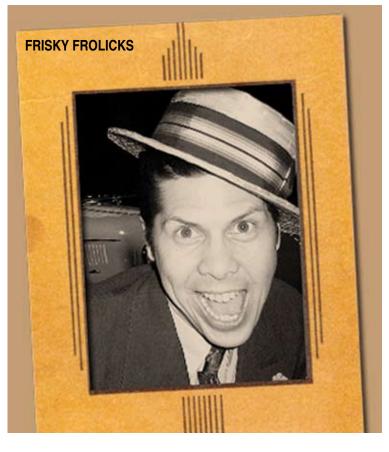
Library programs are free and open to all. Please arrive early to find parking. Seating is limited. No registration is required.

For more information call Penny at 925/931-3405 or the library at 925/931-3400. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

HEALTH Photo - Victoria Whyte Ball Pictured (left to right) are students Jessie Cheng and Ann Palowitch and Inspire Music Academy founder/owner, Tamriko Siprashvili Voice. Group and private lessons

are available including the highly popular and interactive "Little Mozart" piano program (4 years +). The Academy also offers a custom ensemble music program where IMA composer, Ruthann Heinrich, creates custom music to match the age, playing ability and interests of each student.

For more information about classes, contact Inspire Music Academy: (925) 461-3266, 3240 Santa Rita Rd., Suite 7, Pleasanton, or go to www.inspiremusicacademy.com



Out for A Pleasant Summer's Eve Wine Stroll Pleasanton, Thursday, July 15, 6pm til 9pm

By Laura Ness

Dust off your summertime stroll attire and get ready to hit the streets of Pleasanton for the Summer Wine Stroll, the perfect way to experience the diverse businesses and services at your disposal in downtown Pleasanton. Over 35 locations will be open for your patronage, many of them "off Main," and most of them serving local wines from our own Livermore Valley. In addition, there are three "dry" locations, as well as alternative beverage stations.

Hurry and get your tickets without delay, as this event sells out.

Don't forget to pick up your passport at the starting location! You could win a \$100 downtown gift card that can be used in over 100 downtown locations. Completion of the passport also enters you into a drawing to win four (4) wine stroll tickets to the February Wine Stroll.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$25 per person. Cash or check only. Ticket price includes a commemorative wine glass and tasting map. Visit these locations to purchase tickets: Clover Creek 670 Main St., Towne Center Books 555 Main St., The Rose Hotel 807 Main St., Berry Patch 350-A Main Street and Studio 7 Fine Arts 400 Main Street, and the Pleasanton Downtown Association office 830 Main St. Suite A.

If, and that's a really big IF, there are tickets available the day of the event, they will be \$30 and can be purchased between 5:45 and 7:30 p.m. in front of the Museum on Main (look for the Pleasanton Arch). Tickets must be redeemed by 7:30 p.m, or you're outa luck.

Caveat: bring your own water bottle, as it was very warm at last year's event, and keeping hydrated is a prerequisite for making it through the evening. In fact, a little tip for those of you who sip and don't spit: for every drink of wine you take, consume an equivalent amount of water. You'll be glad you did, especially the next day.

Participating Locations & Wineries

Plan your itinerary ahead if you have certain businesses or wineries

you want to visit. A Touch of Health, 377 St.

Mary St., Fenestra Winery Alexander's Fine Art. 608 Main

Street, White Crane Winery Amador Valley Chiropractic, 148 Ray Street #A, Eagle Ridge Vineyard

Berry Patch, 350-A Main Street, Cuda Ridge Wines

Body Balance Fitness & Massage, 164 Ray Street, Occasio Winery

Cazinha Portrait Design, 551 Main Street, McGrail Vineyards & Winery

Clover Creek, 670 Main Street, Occasio Winery

Comerica Bank, 600 Main Street, Deer Ridge Vineyards

Divine Skin & Body, 87 W. Neal Street, Stony Ridge

First Republic Bank, 249 Main

Street, Wente Vineyards Gourmet Works, 420 Main Street, Palomares Winery

It's Only Natural, 555 Peters Avenue, Steven Kent & La Rochelle Wineries

Jewelers Gallery, 614 Main Street, Nottingham Cellars

Little Valley Winery, 739 Main Street, Suite J, Little Valley Winery

MD Laser Spa, 531 Main Street, Westover Vineyards & Winery

Me and My Friends, 4713 First Street #150, Ryhan Estate Vineyards

Milfleur, 200 Ray Street, Tamas Estates

Murphy's Paw, 410 Main Street, Retzlaff Winerv

Pans on Fire, 310-B Main Street, Bent Creek Winery

Pleasantans, 4325 First Street, Suite 150, Red Feather Winery

Residential Pacific Mortgage, 30 W. Neal St., Suite 105, Palomares Winery

Resurrection, 125 West Neal Street, Suite A, White Crane Winery

Rick's Picks, 719 Main Street, Fenestra Winery

Savvy Seconds, 560 Main Street, Rodrigue Molyneaux

Serenity Stoneworks, 252 Main Street, Crooked Vine

Sincerely Yours Cards & Gifts, 711 Main Street, Mitchell Katz

Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main

Street, Satyr's Pond Winery

The Cycle Pros, 728 Main Street, Garre Vineyards & Winery

Touch of Elegance Hair Salon, 148 Ray Street E/F, Charles R Vineyards

Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Murrietta's Well

Twirly Girls, 660 Main Street, **BoaVentura Winery**

Valley Plumbing Home Center, 272 Rose Avenue, Westover Vineyards

Vision One Optometry, 63 West

Angela Street, Elliston Vineyards Your Stage Toys, 77 W. Angela

Street, Little Valley Winery "Dry" Locations

• Museum on Main, 603 Main Street

• World School Massage, 699 Peters Ave.

• Annie's Corner, 818 Main Street #C

Why not make plans to patronize the local downtown restaurants, before or after The Stroll? When was the last time you treated yourself to a down-home meal or

cobbler at The Farmer, or some authentic Italian at Amarone's? Or maybe some Senro Sushi, India Garden for some tandoori, or yummy Greek fare at Agora's? Spanish tapas or paella at Casa Madrid could hit the spot, and there's always The Oasis. Or you could make it very special occasion and hit Hap's Original for some Angus beef. And there's always Fontina's for some Pollo Carbonera...yum. That's the problem with Pleasanton: so many choices! A good problem to have.

What Our Readers Are Saying...



In 1981 & 1982, when Valley Campus, now Las Positas College, needed equipment to layout its earliest literary anthologies, Janet Armantrout generously offered students the use of Independent facilities. Without Janet's support, I don't think the college "student-community publication" would have survived: However, it does so beautifully--after almost 30 years now. And, fortunately, Janet is still with the Independent.

Today's Independent champions the arts and cultural events. Its "Art and Entertainment Section" is rich and varied. It presents clearly and succinctly what is upcoming in the arts, whether literary, visual, musical, or dramatic. Also, the reportage is well balanced among the communities it serves.

Over the years, many arts groups in our communities owe a significant portion of their success to the Independent: Its ongoing support--in the Magazine and Art and Entertainment sections--is a mainstay for Tri-Valley arts. We are, indeed, fortunate: We have a voice in the Valley with heart.

David A Wright Pleasanton Resident

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Community



GibsonHouse Mystery Performers present "Par 4 For Murder" ...a deadly shot on the 18th hole, an interactive mystery dinner theatre in The Farmer Restaurant located in the Pleasanton Hotel. The event is Fri., July 23. Golf attire welcome. Solve the crime and have a change to win a prize. Cost \$64 per sleuth includes meal and mystery play. Seating begins at 7 p.m. 855 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Reservations required at (925) 399-6690, ext. 17.

Livermore Family Participates in 'Wife Swap;' Airs July 9

A family who believes the Mayan prophesy that the world will end in 2012 may be a true swap with a family dedicated to ensuring a bright and successful future for their kids — especially their daughter, a golf prodigy — on "Wife Swap," Friday, July 9 airing 8 to 9 p.m. on the ABC Television Network.

Each week two very contradictory families from across the country participate in a two-week-long challenge: The wives exchange husbands, children and lives (but not bedrooms) to discover daily life in another woman's shoes.

After their eldest daughter saw a TV show about the 2012 Mayan prophecies, the Stewart family moved to a remote area of the

Midwest, fearing that doomsday may be near. While Dawn and Grover don't talk about the end of the world in front of the younger kids, they do their best to ensure Kimberly (13), Odin (8), Freya (7) and Ian (5) are prepared for any eventuality. They have weekly survival training. The kids take survival kits with them wherever they go. There are no extra-curricular activities for the kids, as their parents want them home in case of disaster. From hazmat suits to gas masks, this home is stocked with survival gear, and there's a countdown board to TEOTWAW-KI – The End Of The World As We Know It - 21 December, 2012. But it's not all doom and gloom; they cheerfully point out they've taken advantage of interest free credit till 2012 to furnish their home, as there will be no one around to collect.

The optimistic Cathrea family of Livermore believe their daughter, Casie (14), will become the world's next great golfer. In addition to golf prodigy Casie, Harry and Railene Cathrea have a son, Cory (12), who excels in school. But in order to give the kids the best attention they can, the family are divided, with Harry spending all his time with Casie, and Railene spending all her time with Cory. Railene works six different jobs to support the family and is also responsible for the cleaning, cooking and yard work at home, as Harry believes men and women have dif-ferent skills – "I'm good at buying the vacuum cleaner - they're good at using the vacuum cleaner.'

In the first week, Dawn arrives at the Cathrea home and is concerned the family have no plans or training in case of disaster. Harry is bemused that Dawn carries a survival pack with her everywhere and laughs in her face when she tells him about theories related to 2012. Dawn is troubled that Harry doesn't contribute to the home in any way and spends all his time with Casie. At the Stewarts, Grover tries to explain their concerns about 2012 to a skeptical Railene. After lessons in survival training and researching 2012, Railene worries that they may be naïve and misinformed.

In week two of the swap, as the wives change the rules. Dawn gives the Cathrea clan survival training, complete with hazmat suits. At the Stewarts, Railene bans survival gear and training and enlists a professor to educate Grover about the Mayans. After two weeks in another home, can Dawn Stewart convince the Cathreas that they should be prepared for 2012? Can Railene Cathrea show the Stewarts that they need to live life to the fullest, and that 21 December, 2012 is just another day on the calendar?

"Wife Swap" is an RDF USA production. It was created by Stephen Lambert and is executiveproduced by Mike Gamson and Michael Davies of Embassy Row ("Who Wants to be a Millionaire"). Stephen Pettinger, Neil Regan, Julie Cooper and Will Nothacker are co-executive producers. This program carries a TV-PG parental guideline.



The black and white photo was taken by Walt Davies; the California Poppies by William Hackett.

Photo Exhibit Opens at Bankhead Theater

The Bankhead Theater will host an exhibition of 29 photographic "Images of the American West" by local Livermore photographers Walter Davies and William Hackett. The show opens Thurs., July 8.

The prints are in color, black-andwhite, silver, sepia and platinum/palladium. The complementary styles of the two photographers reflect upon their common love of the American West.

Davies commented, "I am intrigued by the beauty and mystery

trigued by the beauty and mystery of light and its effect on the world around us. The dance and play of light and shadow, the balance of light and dark, the music within color, the contrast of hard versus soft, and the tensions between all of these, make up the elements of an artistic journey that I undertake through the eye of a camera. That journey of exploration is incomplete however, until experienced through the eyes of a viewer. Please join us and share our vision, while viewing these images of the Western Landscape."

The exposition will continue until August 31. Most artworks are for sale. The event will be open during the Bankhead Theater's regularly scheduled events. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 1st Street, Livermore.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



This month, the Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gallery is featuring the diverse works of Lenore Kreit. Lenore paints abstracts, landscapes and also the human form. Her color palette is both nuanced and rich. Lenore declares, "My favorite work is impressionism, the way color and light play to convey a moment. Acrylics and pastels are my favorite media. Life drawing and portraits have had the most meaning for me. The last few years I have expanded my work to include still life and the rural California landscapes I grew up in." The LAA Gallery is open 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun, and is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St. Livermore. For more info call the Gallery at 925-449-9927.

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

- Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in Carnegie Park, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.
- The Contra Costa JCC will open three new exhibits featuring work by Michael Yashar, a collection of Ketubot, and Traditions: From Generation to Generation, an eclectic collection of Judaica from the local community. The exhibits will be housed at the Contra Costa JCC's Friedkin Art Gallery, Gallery 925, and Tice Valley Gallery from May 12 through September 17, 2010. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 p.m and Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy the exhibits. Admission is free. The Contra Costa JCC is located at 2071 Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek.
- Call for Artists, Art in the Park, Danville, 12th Annual Fine Arts Festival, October 2 & 3, On the Town Green, Front Street Park, by the Library. Categories: Paintings in All Media, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Graphics and limited openings in Fine Jewelry (no crafts). Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville, this event is a Fund Raiser for Art in the Schools of the San Ramon School District. Art in the Park includes a Judged Inside Art Show and food, wine and live entertainment. Booth spaces are 10' x 10' and the fees are \$85 for nonADAS members. Artist's applications available: e-mail ormawebb@comcast. net or call 925 828-9170.

Art Under the Oaks, July 24 and 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Free admission. Information, contact, Gail Ruvalcaba at 925-846-8960or go to www.livermoreartassociation.org.

- **Our Best Shot**, July 1-31, Livermore Library Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Display of photographs, hosted by Livermore Art Association.
- Kevin Milligan Gallery in downtown Danville presents the "Women's Contemporary Art Exhibition, Focus 2010" from June 26th through August 7th. The focus of this group show is: "What are women artists doing?" Tricia Grame of the California Institute of Integral Studies was juror for the exhibit. Selected artists are shown with invited artists: Michele Krup, Karen Sjoholm, Cindy Shearer, Carrie Lederer, Carrie Brewster, Cynthia Pelvin, Stefany Benson, Ruth Waters, Karen Gutfreund, and Katherine Sherwood. The gallery also features a wine bar and is located at 408 Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville. Gallery telephone number: 925-309-4648.
- Scene on the Strait 2010, Sat., Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Martinez Regional Shoreline, Martinez. Showcases plein air or landscape painting. Sponsored by Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center. All proceeds go to environmental and youth programs at the center. Art auctions, jazz trio and fine food. Parking and admission free. 510-787-9772 or go to www.SceneOnTheStrait.org.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Karen Frey Watercolor Workshop, Oct. 20-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Firehouse Arts

Center, Pleasanton. Presented in conjunction with the National Watercolor Society exhibit. Deposit of \$100 due by July 1. The fee for this workshop is \$295. Space is limited to 16 people. Phone 925-449-4226 or e-mail lsbeach@comcast.net.

- Bothwell Arts Center summer camps and classes for kids to adults in Basic Drawing of the Human Head, JazzLabb, cool projects in Sculpey, studio arts, Shakespearean Acting Camp, Theatrical Camp and even a PeeWee Arts class in addition to the center's regular programs. info@bothwellartscenter.org for more information.
- Painting Class. Charles White will teach the techniques of landscape painting. Beginners will learn brush techniques and the basics of laying out a palette, mixing colors, and using painting medium. All students will study the principles of composition, tonal value, and color light. Intermediate painters will be challenged to grow and expand their perception in oil painting. This class is ongoing. \$150 is due at registration for the first 5 sessions. Subsequent sessions are \$30 each. The class meets Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Alexander's Fine Art in Pleasanton beginning July 16, 2010. Classes will take place on the patio if weather permits. Registration is limited to 10 participants. After the class, students will be invited to participate in Alexander's Fine Art's open studio event in November. 608 Main St., Suite G. Pleasanton 846-6015 www alexandersfineart.com
- Alexander's Fine Art Gallery, series of summer and fall art workshops. Instruction will be in acrylic, oil, pastel and watercolor. Classes will be held at the 608 Main Street. Visit www.alexandersfineart.com for complete workshop information, or call Rosalinda Herrera at (925) 846-6015.
- Pastel classes, Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, features artist Debbie Wardrope teaching painting classes for beginners and advanced students theme "Painting the Garden in Pastel." Sessions are Tuesdays, July 13-Aug. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, located in downtown Pleasanton. The cost is \$85. Register in advance by calling Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery at (925) 846-4322 or by emailing Jan Mahood - jan@studio7finearts.com. Debbie Wardrope is a signature member of the Pastel Society of the West Coast who works in oil and acrylics
- Transparent Watercolor Workshop with Karen Honaker, learn basic principals of design – the rules of composition, value, color, and shape – and how to apply them to still life set-ups by using digital photography. July 27 to August 24: The class meets five times on consecutive Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$300 is due at registration. Classes will take place on the patio if weather permits. Registration is limited to 10 participants. For details and registration contact Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St., Ste. G, Pleasanton, Information 846-6015. www.alexandersfineart.com

WINERY EVENTS

Wente Wednesdays, starting June 16th throughout the summer months, Wente Vineyards invites visitors to buy a glass of wine, enjoy live music, meet new friends and watch the sunset. Light snacks will also be available for purchase. 5 to 8 p.m. Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565

Tesla Rd., Livermore.

- Lavish Laines Winery, July 9-11, Honey Fest, different varieties of honey paired with wines. Tasting room at The Good Brewer, 2960 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Open Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Charles R Vineyards, Sat., July 17: wine,
- music and BBQ. Music by Hurricane, wine by Charles R, and BBQ by Chef Ron. Aug. 28: Annual Moon Dinner: five course dinner along with wine pairings and finishing off with a Death by Chocolate Mouse Torte featuring a blend of five chocolates. \$45/person. Seating limited. RSVP: bonnie@charlesrvineyards.com. Charles R Winery, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. www.charlesrvineyards.com
- Cuda Ridge Winery, at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore, celebrates its third anniversary. The 3rd Annual Vintage Tasting will be held July 10 and 11 from noon to 4:30 p.m. 7 new wines along with live music, food, wine tasting, a variety of vendors and a classic car display. On Saturday, July 10, Georgi and the Rough Week will be playing their signature rock wrenching blues. Sunday, The Catfish Boys serve up their version of roots oriented rock and country. Music starts at 1:00 each day. Scotty's Catering will offer a home style BBQ available for purchase. Cuda Ridge Winery is at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore, and is open Friday thru Sunday from noon to 4:30 pm. Contact the winery at 510-304-0914, info@cudaridgewines. com and at www.cudaridgewines.com.
- LaLuna at Murrieta's Well, Sat., July 10, 6 to 9 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Tapas and Murrieta's Well wines! Reservations Required \$45. Silver Spur Wine Club Members, \$55 non members. www. murrietaswell.com
- Cedar Mountain Winery, BYOM (bring your own meal) and Bluegrass Music. Sat., July 17, 6 to 9 p.m. 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. \$5. Night of Bluegrass music by the "Forget Me Nots" and a "BYOM" (bring your own meal) BBQ. Grill with hot coals supplied. Wine by the glass/bottle and beverages will be available for purchase. Call tasting room for more information. \$5/person. www. cedarmountainwinery.com
- Tamas Estates, Canolli Festival, Sat., July 17,6 to 8 p.m. 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. A selection of Italian Canolli's paired with Tamás Estates wines. \$30 general public, \$25 Saluté Wine Club members. Reserve by July 9 www.tamasestates. com. Buon Appetito, Tues., July 27, 4 to 7 p.m. complimentary for club members, \$10 for guests, reserve by July 22. www. tamasestates.com.
- Taste of Terroir, July 22, 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Livermore Valley Winemakers and Bay Area Chefs teamed up to create innovative wine and food pairings for guests to enjoy. In a blind tasting, our media judges, Leslie Sbrocco, W. Blake Gray, and Jessica Yadegaren will present awards for taste top pairings while guests vote for people's choice awards. In addition to the pairings, there will be a silent auction, a dessert room filled with sweets, ports, and more. The Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. To view participating wineries and restaurants or to purchase tickets, visit www.LVwine.org.
- Wood Family Vineyards 7th annual release party, Saturday, August 7 and Sunday August 8. Releasing our '09 Chardonnay;

'08 Grenache; 08 Cabernet Franc; 07 Syrah, Madden Ranch and the '08 Petite Sirah. Along with tasting additional Wood Family favorites. Live music: Patty & Abigail on Saturday and The Mundaze on Sunday. \$10 per person (waived for "Extended Family" club members) and keep your logo crystal wine glass. www. woodfamilyvineyards.com.

Nottingham Cellars, 2245C South Vasco Rd., Livermore. End of summer art and wine meltdown, Sept. 18 and 19, noon to 5 p.m. Featuring local artists, musicians and restaurants. Information at 925.294.8647, nottinghamcellars.com.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

- Concerts on the Green, Summer Series, Tuesdays through Sept. 24. Music 5 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Valley Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Hummingbirdz, high octane blues. July 13: Mud Daddy, classic rock 'n roll and blues; July 20, Cool Tones Big Band; July 27, LunaFish, 60s and 70s FM rock. No admission charge. Each week, two Livermore wineries featured; also beer selected by downtown bartenders. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Restaurants will offer food for purchase. The Livermore Downtown Inc. website lists the restaurants, wine shops and tasting rooms at www.livermoredowntown.com.
- Blacksmith Square Saturday Concerts, Thomas Coyne Winery, John Christopher Cellars, Swirl Tapas Bar and Victorian Olive Oil present live music in the Square, 3 to 6 p.m. on the following Saturdays: 7/10 Why not?, 7/17 Papa's Garage, 7/24 Highway 4, 7/31 Ground. Wine tasting (fee waived with purchase), food at menu prices. No outside food or adult beverages. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.
- Jazz in July 2010, Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Free. Sun., July 11 at 2 p.m. the Dave Rocha Jazz Group presents, "Brazil." The Tangria Jazz Group performs Sun., July 18 at 2 p.m. The Oakland Audioletiks Jazz Group ends the series on Sun., July 25 at 2 p.m. The performances are underwritten by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505 or go to www. ci.livermore.ca.us.
- Ottmar Liebert, (Sold Out) Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 7:30 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. LVPAC Presents An Evening with Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra. 925-Sold Out. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.
- **Everything's Groovy**!, July 15 and 16, A musical tribute to the 60's performed by the City of Pleasanton's Drama Camp. 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Information and tickets: 925-931-4444.
- **2010** Concert at Wente Vineyards, July 20, Barenaked Ladies. Ticketmaster.com or by calling the Wente Vineyards Box Office at 925.456.2424. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

ON THE STAGE

Livermore Shakespeare Festival, "Romeo and Juliet" directed by Gary Armagnac; "The Real Thing" by Tom Stoppard, directed by Lisa Tromovitch. Concannon Vineyard July 8 through August 8. Romeo and Juliet is performed July 8-11, 24, 30 and August 1, 6 and 7. Opening night benefit and auction is set for Fri., July 9.

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The Real Thing is on stage July 15-18, 23, 25, and 31. Tickets at \$25-\$39 go on sale in the spring. Call 1-800-838-3006, or buy on-line at www.LivermoreShakes.org.

- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Aug. 1, 6, 7, 8. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Information at 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.
- Two Gentlemen of Verona, Free Shakespeare in the Park presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts and San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. Opens Saturday, July 24, continues Saturdays and Sundays through August 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Special Family Day activities for children of all ages will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. All performances will at take place at a new location, the recently dedicated Bernal Community Park, which is located off Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. Two Gentlemen of Verona, is a comedic story of youthful love. Julia conspires to win back Proteus (who has left her for his best friend's girlfriend, Silvia) by dressing up like a boy. With three outrageous outlaws, a misbehaving dog, and fun 1960s tunes in the mix, Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona is presented as a comic caper that is appropriate for all age groups. Admission is free. The audience is invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic suppers to the performance. For more information, contact the Pleasanton Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.
- **Underground Improv**, Presented by Creatures of Impulse, Teen Improv Troupe. Teens only. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, downtown Pleasanton. Tickets \$5 at the door.

COMEDY

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

DANCE

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

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Spelling Bee Auditions, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a hilarious tale of overachievers' angst chronicling the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. The cast calls for 5 men and 4 women. One man (Douglas Panch) sings ensemble only. August 9th and 10th at

7:30pm and callbacks by invitation only on August 12th. Auditions are held at our dance studio, 315 Wrights Bros. Avenue, Livermore. Auditioners are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song in the style of the show. Please bring sheet music; a capella auditions are discouraged. Be prepared to sing your audition piece as a middle school child and as an adult. There will be piano accompaniment. During the dance auditions, the choreographer will go over a few simple steps. Dress prepared to move. Acting auditions will involve reading from the script. Physical age is less important than the ability to portray a middle schooler convincingly. "Spelling Bee" runs at the Bankhead Theater weekends October 22nd - November 7th, 2010. Directed by Carol Hovey. All Roles open/ no pay or AEA. Visit www.trivalleyrep.

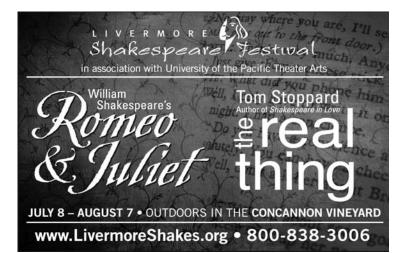
- com for more information. My Way Auditions, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production, Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra, auditions will be held July 10th (12-4pm) and July 11th (6pm auditions-call backs to follow immediately after new performers audition). Auditions will be at the studio theatre at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. All roles open. Minimum cast is 2 men and 2 women (adults only)-No Pay, No AEA. Be prepared to sing 32 bars of music - accompanist will be provided (you must supply sheet music) and read from the script. My Way runs at the TVRT Studio Theatre September 17th through October 10th, 2010. Directed by Robert Sholty and Musical Direction by Sierra Dee. Produced by Kathleen Breedveld. Visit www.trivalleyrep.com for more information.
- Auditions, Much Ado About Nothing, Las Positas College production. August 23 and 24 from 7-9:30 pm in the Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. For more information about the show or auditions, contact Ken Ross at kross@laspositascollege.edu.

MOVIES

- Movies in the Park, Pleasanton, Thursdays, July 22-August 26, Delucchi Park. Movies begin at dusk. Free. Schedule: July 22: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs; July 29: Hotel for Dogs; August 5: Casablanca; August 12: Hairspray; August 19: Star Trek; and August 26: The Princess and the Frog. Information www. ci.pleasanton.ca.us.
- **Opera on the Silver Screen**, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, Fri., July 9, 7:45 p.m. pre-show lecture, 8:15 p.m. show-

ing. San Francisco Opera's live, fullystaged production of Madame Butterfly. Sung in the original Italian with English subtitles. Ohlone College Smith Center Amphitheater, 43600 Mission Boulevard in Fremont. Wine and cheese service available 30 minutes prior to the showing for an additional cost. Ticket start at \$10. or 510-659-6031 www.smithcenter.com.

- The Most Dangerous Man in America Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers, exclusive screening at the Pleasanton Library, 7 p.m. on Thurs., July 15. The film received an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary Feature. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Library programs are free and open to all. No registration os required. For more information, please call Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.
- The New American Century, will be shown at 7 p.m. on July 17 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film provides solid evidence for the true reasons behind the Afghanistan & Iraq wars, whose unfolding is described in chilling detail in a document called "Project for the New American Century," published in 2000. This link will take you to the film's trailer - http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=CBEiLKFPb9Q. Meet & greet refreshments/potluck begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. This event is open to the public, is free (although, a \$3.00 donation is appreciated), and is wheelchair accessible. For further information, you can call 925-462-3459.
- Summer Cinema at Wente Vineyards, venue opens 6:30 p.m. Showing Ghost Busters, Tuesday, July 27, 2010; Twilight, Tuesday, August 17, 2010. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For more information, visit http://wentevineyards.com/
- **Outdoor Movie Night**: 7:30 p.m. Back to the Future, Fri., July 16. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Friday, August 6. The Blind Side, Friday, August 27. Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. (925) 556-4500.
- **Opera on the Silver Screen**, Don Giovanni by Mozart. Fri., July 16, 7:45 p.m. preshow lecture, 8:15 p.m. showing. San Francisco Opera's live, fully-staged production of Don Giovanni; sung in Italian with English subtitles. Ohlone College Smith Center, 43600 Mission Boulevard in Fremont Wine and cheese service available 30 minutes prior to the showing for an additional cost. Ticket prices start at \$10. Information Ohlone College, www. smithcenter.com or 510-659-6031.



OPERA

- **Opera screening**, Metropolitan Opera at Dublin's Regal Cinema will show each "live" performance recording Wednesday evenings at 6:30 on the following dates: "La Boheme" July 14, "Turandot" July 21, and "Carmen" July 28. More performances may be shown later in the summer, but no further schedule is currently available. For later dates inquire at the theater.
- Children's Opera, Cantabella Children's Chorus will present three performances of The Piper of Hamelin, a fully staged opera by renowned composer John Rutter. Saturday, July 24, 3:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, July 25, 3:30pm, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Characters in this classic opera include the piper, the mayor and the corporation, the lame child, the shopkeeper, the townspeople and the rats. Proceeds from the Sunday matinee will be donated to music programs of the Livermore and Pleasanton public schools. Tickets \$10 student, \$15 adult. More information: 925-292-2663/Cantabella.org.
- **Opera in the Vineyard**, 5-8 pm, August 1, Retzlaff Vineyards. A relaxed summer evening of music and wine. Silent Auction. Bring your own picnic. Wines available. More info and reserve online at www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com or call (925) 960-9210.

MISCELLANEOUS Pet Photos, Submit photos of pets through July 22, 2010 to enter them in the Valley Humane Society 2011 Calendar Contest. Photos may be submitted to Melissa Bonnel at VHS via email at the following address. vhs animalcare assistant@ vahoo.com or mail them to VHS Calendar Contest, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton, CA94566Each submission is \$15. (please note: not all photos submitted make it into the top 50 for voting.) No cell phone photos and no people in photos, please. All companion animal photos are welcome dogs, cats, birds, pigs, reptiles, etc. Online public voting for the Top 50 photos will begin at midnight on August 17, 2010 and end at midnight on August 31, 2010. Calendars will be available for purchase in November. All proceeds from the calendar benefit the homeless pets of Valley Humane Society. For more information, call 925.426.8656.

Lake Del Valle scenic boat tour, Del Valle Regional Park, 7000 Del Valle Rd., Livermore. 1-2:30 pm, every Sat & Sun in July & August. Boat tour to the dam. During the presentation learn about the lake, the wildlife, the history, and the many activities available here. Bring a jacket, sunscreen and binoculars if you have them. Purchase tickets at the eastside concession beginning at 6:00 am; age 13 and up/\$5; age 1-12 and Seniors/\$3; under 1 year/free if in parent's arms. All children under 13 (including infants) and all non-swimming adults will be required to wear a provided flotation device. Programs may be cancelled if there are five



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"With his engaging mix of subdued flamenco guitar and South American percussion, rock, jazz, and pop influences Lieberrk" "dtitledef actually suppresses the more challenging and "dangeror species of flamenco in favor of the romantic and the stylish...he has helped to bring flamenco to the mainstream." –All Music Guide Wed., July 14, 7:30pm • Adults \$33 - \$56, Students \$12

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubblegum pop and rock 'n' roll.

July 23 – August 8 Adults \$34.50 - \$36.50, Students \$26.50

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

SF's Lamplighters Theatre presents Gilbert & Sullivan's swashbuckling classic – wacky, irreverent, and as entertaining today as it was when it first opened in 1878!

August 27 - 29 Adults \$38 - \$43, Students \$19.50 - \$21.50

Tickets: 925-373-6800 • 2400 First St., Livermore www.bankheadtheater.org

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(continued from page 9) or fewer participants.

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

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

- A Day at the Races, Saturday, July 10, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. during the annual Alameda County Fair. Foundation for Axis Community Health. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets to the event are \$50 per person and include admission to the Alameda County Fair, a catered buffet luncheon, a lesson on placing bets, the afternoon of horse racing, a "Best Race Day Hat" contest, prize drawings, and a no-host bar. Tickets may be purchased at www.axishealth.org. All proceeds benefit Axis Community Health, provider of medical care and behavioral health services to the community.
- From Brothels & Bar Rooms to Planned Progress, Thursday, July 15, Born and raised in Pleasanton, Gene Pons recalls the history and memories of growing up in the city. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. 7 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$5 members and seniors, \$10 nonmembers, \$3 students and teachers with ID. Reservations are

suggested. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call the Museum on Main at 462-2766.

Children's Poetry Around the World: A Writing & Art Workshop for Kids, July 19, workshop led by award-winning poet Sherry Weaver Smith of San Ramon, children will write and illustrate two poems. A combination of writing, geography, world literature, and fun activities for children who will enter grades 2 to 4 in the fall. From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Register by phone to the Children's Desk: 925-931-3400 ext 8. Ranchers of the Amador-Livermore

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



Taylor Moriarty (left) and Kendall Bernadi with signs.

Livermore Students Help Raise Funds to Fight Cancer

Jared Jamison, a Livermore firefighter, is battling cancer.

Sheila Bernardi, Jamison's mother-in-law, writes, "I did not know if it was too late to let you know what my 14 year old daughter did for Jared. Her name is Kendall Bernardi. She is a Sophomore at Livermore High. She got the idea on Friday night before the recent Relay for Life."

Kendall made an A-frame sign and went downtown with her 13 year old friend, Taylor Moriarty. They stood at the stop sign in front of the Bankhead Theater asking for donations to the American Cancer Society in honor of her brother in law Jared. She returned on Saturday night as well. Many, many citizens donated money to her.

Kendall cut out a previous article that the Independent published about Jared. She copied it onto a sheet of paper to give to people that asked about her cause.

Sheila declared, "I was amazed at how many wonderful people donated."

On Saturday, Kendall was at the relay with Jared all day. She went back out Saturday evening to seek more donations.

The total amount they collected was \$526.53 in donations. They presented the money to Jared and Matt at around 6 a.m. on Sunday morning during the relay.



Sheep are among the animals to be auctioned.

Residents Asked to Support Youth at Junior Livestock Auction July 11

4-H and FFA members in Alameda County have been working hard over the past year raising their livestock projects to show and sell at the Alameda County Fair. Each year junior livestock exhibitors raise steers, hogs, goats, lambs, and rabbits to showcase during the Alameda County Fair Junior Livestock Show.

Youth in 4-H and FFA raise their animals on their ranches and farms, the Livermore High School Farm, or even their own backyards in urban areas. The exhibitors care for their animals daily to produce "Farm Fresh and Hand Fed" animals.

The animals are judged and placed in order of their quality depending on confirmation, muscle quality, and overall market appeal. The exhibitors are also judged on their ability to show their animals in the show ring.

On July 11, the livestock will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for a dollar price per pound. The profit made on each animal goes directly to the exhibitors, who use the profit to continue future livestock projects or future education plans, like attending a 4-year college.

4-H and FFA members range in age from 9-19. They raise large animals for the Alameda County Fair Junior Livestock Auction and use the skills that they acquire in these wonderful programs to become tomorrow's leaders today.

There are several options for buyers who purchase livestock at the auction. More than one buyer can split an animal in both price and cuts of meat. The dollar amount spent up to market price of the animal is tax deductible. If a buyer does not wish to keep the meat, there is a resale option, which means that the meat is resold to a commercial distributor.

The Alameda County Fair Junior Livestock Auction on July 11 begins at 8 a.m. Area residents are invited to support the youth who produce by purchasing the best raised meat for your freezers.

Those interested in becoming a buyer at the Junior Livestock Auction should contact Kevin Hatheway, Junior Livestock Auction Coordinator at (925) 426 7606.

Milestones

Education

Lindsay Fogarty of Pleasanton has earned Highest Honors for the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year at the University of New Hampshire. Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.7 or better out of a possible 4.0.

Danika Briggs of Livermore, was among 500 students from California Lutheran University who made the Dean's Honor List for spring semester. Briggs is a sophomore majoring in communication. Students qualify for the Dean's List by maintaining a 3.6 grade point average in their academic subjects

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Spring term have been announced by Oregon State University. A total of 603 students earned straight-A (4.0). Students on the Honor Roll included: Dublin: 3.5 or Better: Lisa M. Baptiste, Sophomore, Animal Sciences.

The United States Achievement Academy has recognized Tess Arrighi of Livermore as a student of excellence in history. Tess attends the Athenian School in Danville. She was nominated for the recognition by her teacher. Kal Balavenkatesan. The USAA further nominated Tess as a Scholar at Large, which honors those students in the top 10 percent of nominees for overall scholastic achievement. Tess is the daughter of Bill Arrighi and Gail Bachman.

U.S. Navy Ensign Juliet M. Dias, daughter of Clifford and Patrice Dias of Livermore, graduated from the U.S. Naval



years of intensive academic, physical and professional training resulting in a

bachelor of science degree with a major in international relations. As a graduate of the Naval Academy, she completed a four-year, total immersion program where a strong, balanced academic program, focused on the educational needs of the Navy and Marine Corps, is superimposed on a strict, professional military training environmental emphasizing the development of leadership skills. Following graduation, Ens. Dias was assigned to aviation, where she will continue training as a naval flight officer. Dias is a 2006 graduate of Livermore High School.

Casey Joe Dias, son of Clifford and Patrice Dias of Livermore, graduated from Sonoma State University in Roh-



is currently employed as a property manager for Allegro Properties in Rohnert Park. He has applied to the masters program in business management at Sonoma State University to begin this fall. Casey is a 2006 graduate of Livermore High School

Court of Honor for **New Eagle**

Tyler Badger was awarded Boy Scout's highest rank at a Court of Honor ceremony on May 30, 2010. Tyler is a member of LDS Boy Scout Troop 919 in Livermore.

Tyler earned 21 merit badges and served in various roles of responsibilities through his scouting years. He started Cub Scouts when he was 8 years old as a Wolf Scout and has continued on. He served as the Senior Patrol Leader prior to earning his Eagle. For his Eagle Project he organized and supervised the installation of over 500 backpack hooks at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School in Livermore. This project means a lot to Tyler as that is where he and his younger siblings went to school.

Tyler is 16 years old and will be a junior at Livermore High School in the fall. He would like to attend BYU when he graduates. He plays the piano and the trumpet, and looks forward to help his brother finish his path on the Eagle trail.

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Tyler Badger

Union Awards Scholarship to Pleasanton Student

Pleasanton resident Caroline Federighi, a 2010 graduate of Amador Valley High School, has won a \$6,000 college scholarship from Operating Engineers Local 3.

Federighi, the daughter of Local 3 member Robert John Federighi, was chosen for her outstanding academic achievements and involvement in numerous extracurricular activities within her school. She has been a

member of the California Scholarship Foundation (CSF) for all four

school and belongs to Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together (GETSET). She is the captain of her school's varsity lacrosse team and earned the Scholar Athlete

Award for lacrosse in 2007, 2008

years of high

Federighi was accepted to the University of Oregon, where she will play lacrosse and study human physiology/pre-med. She hopes to become an anesthesiologist or pediatrician.

Belonging to Local 3 is a "family affair" for Federighi, who said: "My dad is newly retired, and my two uncles, two brothers, nephews and cousins all belong to this union. Even though I am not a member, I am protected by Operating Engineers and reap the benefits of dependent membership."

Operating Engineers Local 3 represents about 42,000 heavy equipment operators and other workers in construction, public works and law enforcement and will award 24 college scholarships this year. Two academic scholarships of \$6,000 each are awarded to the first-place female and male applicants. Two academic scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded to the second-place female and male applicants. Random scholarships of \$500 each are also awarded. Federighi was the firstplace female academic winner. A Local 3 representative will present her with an award at a luncheon

and 2009.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Soci-ety, general meeting Tues., July 13, 7:30 p.m. ety, general meeting fues, sury 13, 7:50 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. The speaker will be Jim DeMers-man whose topic is "What Can Be Found in Cemeteries and Why They Are So Important to Preserve." He will present real-world examples of how these websites can be used to solve extremely difficult genealogical problems. Visitors welcome, no charge. Map to the site: www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html Marie Ross 925-447-1806

Diabetes Self-Management classes, free, to help understand and learn to manage Type 2 Diabetes. 7 week series teaches what to eat, how and why to check blood sugar, the effects of exercise and emotions on blood sugar, medications and more. Morning and evening classes starting in July and August in Pleasanton and morning class starting in August in Livermore. Class size is limited. Minimum 6. Call 510-383-5185 for more information and to register.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club potluck BBQ on Sat., Aug. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kolb Park in Dublin. TVDC will supply the main dishes & set up, you bring the rest. Last name A-F brings side dishes and salads, G-R brings desserts or appetizers, S-Z brings non-alcoholic beverages. Free Admission. Please forward this invitation & RSVP so we know how much to buy

Tri-Valley Republican Women Feder-ated kicks off the Election 2010 campaign season with its 6th Annual BBQ from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, August 14, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Enjoy food, fun and patriotic festivities with your fellow conservatives. Guest speakers will include candidates running in federal, state and local races in the November general election. \$20 per person. Reserve tickets by July 31. Call Phyllis

at 925-462-4931. Visit www.trivalleyrepubli-canwomen.org for more information. Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets Sat-urday, July 10, at 1:30 pm at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in the culture, history and artistry of quiltmaking. Guest speaker will be Sherry Werum from Woodland. She is an award-winthe Quilter. Her topic will be "Mosaics and the Quilts they Inspire." — The Ins and Outs of a Successful

Transfer To College- Are you frustrated by just trying to register for classes? Not sure what to major in or what college to transfer to? Feeling overwhelmed by the transfer process? Far too few community college students manage to transfer to a university and spend years longer to graduate than necessary. Save yourself thousands of dollars in tuition and years of hard work by enrolling in this short 1-day counseling seminar designed to help the community college transfer student. Parents welcome. Wed., Aug. 11, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. To register go to www.laspositascollege. edu/communityed or call 925-424-1467 PT654

\$39.00 per person Northern California Human Resources Association presents: NCHRA Tri-Valley Third Thursday, July 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Summer social. Appetizers provided, must pay for own drinks. http://www.nchra.org, nchra@ nchra.org, 415-291-1992. Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring

Club, Sat., July 10, 20 miles Danville Farmers' Market, meet 10 a.m. at Heather Farms, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., July 11, 25-35 miles Mt. Diablo, meet 7 a.m. at San Ramon Central Park, Alaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Tues., July 13, 8–13 miles mountain bike trails, Lake Chabot loop, meet 7 p.m. at regional park, Janie Page, 408-598-0247. Wed., July 14, 30 miles Five Canyons, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin, Alaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Thurs., July 15, 25 miles, meet 6 p.m. Shannon Center in Dublin, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring. French classes for children after school,

EFBA will be offering French classes to stu-dents K-5 after school this fall. There are different levels available ranging from beginners to children who speak French with their families. Children will learn the language and the culture through high-quality instruction and engaging activities. Visit the website more information:

http://:efba.us or call 922-0270. **The New American Century**, will be shown at 7 p.m. on July 17 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film provides solid evidence for the true reasons behind the Afghanistan & Iraq wars, whose unfolding is described in chilling detail in a document called "Project for the New American Century," published in 2000. This link will take you to the film's trailer - www.youtube. com/watch?v=CBEiLKFPb9Q. Meet & greet refreshments/potluck begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. This event is open to the public, is free (although, a \$3.00 donation is appreciated), and is wheelchair accessible. For further information, you can call 925-462-3450

Farmer's Market Tour and Organic **Cooking**, Sat., July 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m Tour Pleasanton Farmer's Market and utilize local organic produce in practical healthy dishes. Suzanne Aziz, a certified nutritional educator and holistic chef will lead the tour and cooking class. Offered by The City of Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Department. Cooking class will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton. Cost: \$40R/\$45N. Adults age 18 and up. Call 931-5365 for more information.

San Leandro High School 40-year class **reunion** for the class of 1970. July 17, 2010 at the Marriott in Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton, 5:30-midnight. Dress casual to glitz. Go to www.SanLeandro70.com and update information. This will prompt access to tickets.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton July 14, Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Participants 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. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 28 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Please join us if you can. Questions? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. Please see our New P4P web site www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org FreeAdult Relaxation Workshops at the

Pleasanton Public Library, Aug. 10, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day; and July 14 and Aug. 11 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Deep breathing and relaxation are proven to stimulate brain health, increase energy and improve sleep. At six -- free -- workshops an Art of Living instructor will help you reduce stress, enjoy life and step into a worry-free tomorrow. Men and women are welcome to join. No registration, drop-ins welcome. All library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405. Livermore READ Project, Adult Literacy

Program of the Livermore Public Library. If you can read this message, you can help someone else who can't. Become a volunteer literacy tutor. Over 75 students are waiting for tutors. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Monday, July 12, from 7-9PM and on Saturday, July 17, from 9AM-4PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Once trained, tutoring can be done any day or any time. 373-5507.

Grief Journeys, summer support groups. Spousal loss: July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free to family members of former Hope Hospice patients.

Community member subsidized fee \$40 for all 8 weeks. Enrollment limited. Parent loss: July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free to family members of former Hope Hospice patients. Community member subsidized fee \$40 for all 8 weeks. Hope Hos-pice, Inc. 925-829-8770 or (800) HOSPICE, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin. www. hopehospice.com

Pee Wee Playtime, share a hour with your 2 to 4 year olds. Interactive songs and games during "circle time." Each week includes an art activity, exploration and storytime. An adult must accompany child. Tuesdays, 10:00–11:00 am July 13, 20, 27, August 3 \$80, includes supplies. Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore. Information: Ava Chinn: peeweeclasses@ gmail.com or (925) 452-5915 or http://sites. google.com/site/peeweeplaytime/ Pee Wee Art Time, each week features an

art/craft project followed by lots of time for exploration of other art mediums including spin art, clay, stencils, stamping, recyclable material sculptures, paper, collage, paint, glitter, glue and much more Class closes with sharing of each other's masterpieces and a story. An adult must accompany child. For ages 2–5. Thursdays, 10:00 am–11:15 am July 15, 22, 29, August 5 \$80, includes supplies. Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore. Information: Ava Chinn: peeweeclasses@gmail.com or (925) 452-5915or. http://sites.google.com/site/peeweeplaytime/

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue needs volunteers August 5-8, 2010, with the following skills: veterinarian, veterinary technician, and dog and cat grooming. Volunteers will participate with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue in the East Bay Stand Down, a 4-day event in Pleasanton. Volunteers can participate during any or all of the four days. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Leslie Haas at 925-216-2569, or at tvarleslie@prodigy.net For more information about TVAR, please visit www.tvar.org.

The 13th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 in downtown Pleasanton. This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 6 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First Street and Neal. Enter your pooch, any size, in any of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. For complete details and registration, go to www. trivalleyguidedogs.org San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club

invites new & long-time residents to its monthly luncheon on July 15 at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore, 11:30 - 2pm, Hear the history of the winery & then enjoy a game of Bocce Ball. Cost is \$19. Call Susan, 925-718-5214 for more info & reservations or visit www. SRVNC.com.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee on the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, bunco, Mah Jongg, bridge, walking and hiking groups, family activities and monthly adult socials. Information, call 215-8405 or visit www. PleasantonNewcomers.com.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is holding an orientation for new volunteers. Come & learn about volunteer opportunities like fostering dogs/cats, socializing shelter animals, helping at adoption events & fund-raisers, & many other roles available for you to participate in

Age 18+. Orientation is July 10, 1:00-2:30 PM at East Count Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Bring \$10 cash or check to help cover the cost of material. Information at www.tvar.org

Learn Scottish Country dancing at the Livermore class of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, San Francisco Branch. Lively reels and jigs, graceful strathspeys. All ages. Adults Mondays 8 to 9:30 p.m. Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore; youth or adult Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Valley Dance Theatre School, 2247 Second St., Suite B, Livermore. Call Margaret Ward, 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen, 447-1833. Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mis-

sion to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals. assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help sup-port group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings in Room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our one of the volunteers: 925-200-1943, or go to www.ClutterLess.org. Sunday Bingo, All regular game pay-outs

\$250. Free game guarantees payout of \$350. Flash games for a chance to win up to \$1,199. One session of speed. Free bagels and coffee. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Session begins at 4:00pm. Must be 18 years old. Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. 606-7777. Proceeds go to LVCS/CCEF

The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, Weanesday, Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Christensen, Arroyo Seco and East Ave Schools, and Excep-tional Needs Network and All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in Livermore 606-777

Ravenswood Historic Site, operated the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sun-days of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Special events each year include the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the second Sunday in August and Victorian Yuletide the second Sunday in December. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us. RELIGION

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 925-447-5462, Pastor: John L. Bechtel. Saturday: Bible Study: 9:30 am / Worship Service: 10:50 am; Wednesday: Bible Study: 7:00 pm; Pot Luck 4th and 5th Sabbaths. ww.livermoresda.org/

St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at

9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. fol-lowed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

United Christian Church, celebrating ears in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The com-munity is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for

more information. Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468. Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

Principle 37 Onlyma Ave., Elvernore. Services on Sunday at 8:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Bible study for adults and activities for all ages on Wednesdays at 6:45 cm 447 1844 6:45 p.m. 447-1848

kids Night Out, 1st-6th graders invited Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. June 23-July 23. Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopvard Rd., Pleasanton, Each week features a special theme. \$25 (\$5 per night). Register, contact Valerie Fleming, 484-2841 ext. 106 or children@harvestvalley.org. Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concan-

non Blvd., Livermore. Services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Tuesday Bible study, 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome 1-888-805-7151.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Class for children, ages 1-10, during service. Ongoing classes and small groups. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733. www. trivalleyunity.com

Congregation Beth Emek is holding outdoor services on Fri., July 16, led by Rabbi Richard Winer, at Harvest Park. 5:30 p.m. Tot service geared toward young children and their families; 6 p.m. Community dinner: Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and kosher style picnic 7:30 p.m. Musical family service, followed by Oneg at dusk (dessert and cold beverages provided by CBE host families). Everyone is welcome to attend this evening: members, unaffiliated Jews, friends and neighbors of any faith. The entire Tri-Valley community is invited to join Congregation Beth Emek as it moves its weekly Shabbat observance to a public park near downtown Pleasanton. Revel in the summertime weather, relax with worr CPE found. your CBE friends, reconnect with your Jewish riends, make new friends, invite neighborhood friends...it's all about friends, community, and cultivating Jewish connections. 1401 Harvest Road, Pleasanton (at the foot of Hopyard Rd., where it becomes Del Valle Parkway). Street parking is available and Trinity Lutheran Church, at the corners of Del Valle, Golden, and Hopyard, has graciously allowed us use of its parking lots. Contact Rick Altman at ricka@ altman.com • 925.398.6210 or Congregation Beth Emek at 925.931-1055 • bethemek@

bethemek.org High Seas Expedition at Asbury United Methodist Church's VBS. Bible adventures, cool crafts, great games, awesome music, and swashbuckling snacks. July 26 to July 30, 9:00 to noon. \$15/student and \$30/family. Financial aid available. 447-1950 ext. 5 or

www.AsburyLive.org. **Ti-Valley Unity Church**, offers new Sunday school classes for children ages 1-10 during the church service, 10 to 11:15 am, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Ongoing adult classes and small groups. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com

