

Art, Community, & Education



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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 listings.

Open Campus Planned for Sandia and Lawrence Labs

An Open Campus to provide industry easier access to the unclassified facilities and technologies at Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories is in the concept planning stages, needing only U.S. Department of Energy approval to move ahead.

The 50-acre campus would be carved out of the two lab sites on both sides of East Avenue along their Greenville Road boundary for unclassified activities, such as industrial partnering, commercial research and academic training.

Operations like Sandia's Combustion Research Facility have been available to private companies for years. However, they are "hampered by national security restrictions" that make sense for classified projects but are not needed for industrial research, said Bob Carling, Director of Transportation for Sandia-Livermore.

Similarly, the Industrial Part- (See OPEN CAMPUS, page 5)

Cities to Host Solar Workshop

The cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin will jointly host a free workshop designed to provide the citizens of all three cities with an overview of solar technology for residential use.

The workshop is scheduled on for Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the City of Pleasanton Operation Services Center, located at 3333 Busch Road (off Valley Avenue) in Pleasanton. Signage will be visibly displayed to direct visitors to adjacent parking, and the workshop and environmental fair.

A presentation by Peter Shoemaker of PG&E will include an overview about residential solar energy—how it works, average costs, how to determine if your home is best situated for its use, and how the State and Federal incentives work. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. A number of solar installers will be on hand to meet with the public, display solar panels and products, and answer questions in an informal setting. Building inspectors from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin will also be available to engage with homeowners about the inspection process for solar installations. Exhibits on water conservation and recycling will also be on display with staff who can respond to questions from the public.

Locally, in 2007, prior to the implementation of the Solar Cities program, Livermore issued 43 permits for residential solar energy systems. The number of permits rose to 91 in 2008, logging an increase of 110%. Pleasanton also identified an increase in solar energy permits during the year in which the Solar Cities program was implemented. The number of permits in 2007 was 37, jumping to 67 in 2008, marking an 81% increase.

For more information about the free Solar Cities workshop, please call (925) 931-5500, or visit www.solarcitiesnow.com/.

International Leadership Role Proposed

The Tri-Valley is uniquely positioned to become a crossroads of innovation for the nation and the world, a place where not only technologies start up, grow and interact but cultural developments do as well.

That's the message, at once both simple and grand, from Sybase Inc., the originator and sponsor of the innovation conference held last week at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore.

Put on by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, the conference featured speakers ranging

from technologists to politicians, from robotics experts to national labs executives, from the Mayor of Livermore to California's Lieutenant Governor.

The conference was inspired by Sybase CEO John Chen, speaking a year ago at a Livermore Chamber of Commerce meeting. Chen's view was that the U.S. can only prosper as an innovation economy. He argued that protectionism, first stimulated by 9/11 and strengthened more recently by the downturn in the economy, was working against our own interests.

Last week, the innovation and anti-protection theme of the conference was repeated by many but articulated most imaginatively by Marty Beard, president of Sybase 365, a Sybase subsidiary.

The Tri-Valley has the right combination of skills and depth in science, technology, business and education, plus the diversity of human resources that spurs innovation, to lead the world by interconnecting fields as diverse as robotics, software development, green technology and mobile communications, he said.

With the Livermore Chamber,

he is working on plans to form a group to map out ways to create a program to break out of traditional channels and stimulate these interconnections.

He doesn't want to predict exactly what the next steps will be. However, he believes that the conference had the right mix of people to start planning them. He was very impressed with the skills represented from business, government, science and education.

"It's natural for people to get into their silos, to work only with people in their own silos,"

he said. "With conferences like this, you see how much skill there is in the Tri-Valley" that can be interconnected.

"Interconnectivity" is in fact Sybase's business. With international revenues of \$1.1 billion last year, the Dublin-based company is an international leader in technologies needed to enable cell phones talk to one another, send instructions to banks and brokers, pull information off the internet and exchange data and ideas individually or among large groups and businesses.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Majid was among those providing information about Iran during the First Wednesday Party.

Iranian Struggle Blossoms in Pleasanton

By Ron McNicoll

The struggle for democracy in Iran, where demonstrators have been killed in the streets by the government, came to Main Street in Pleasanton last week in a decidedly more peaceful atmosphere.

Approximately 40 Iranians passed out literature and spoke to people at the First Wednesday street fair. Amid the sounds of bands playing and the casual relaxation in sampling vendors' wares, people were able to read

literature and hold discussions about the anti-government demonstrations in Iran.

The appearance by the Iranians, who live in the Tri-Valley, and who voted, or tried to vote, in the recent election, was spontaneous.

One participant, who would give only his first name as Majid, said that people were talking on the day before First Wednesday. They decided to attend and talk about their most important political

topic. They sent text messages to friends, and came up with a good turnout on short notice.

Majid, who has lived in the Bay Area for a long time, still has relatives in Iran. He didn't want to give his full name, or details about himself, for fear of government reprisals to his relatives.

"We wanted to publicize what's going on there. We put up some placards. It went pretty good," said Majid.

(See IRAN, page 3)

Summit Organized to Discuss Fiscal Reform

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and Vice Mayor John Marchand will represent the City at a summit meeting of city, county and school officials July 17-18, 2009 in Sacramento.

Attending for Pleasanton will be Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmember Jerry Thorne, along with City Manager Nelson Fialho.

The forum, *Local Government Summit on Governance and Fiscal Reform*, is where mayors, councilmembers, county supervisors and school board

members from across California will discuss and debate emerging proposals to reform state governance and fiscal systems.

California state government institutions are increasingly seen as broken. Record deficits, late and unbalanced budgets, and an inability to address critical issues including energy, water, education, health services, and more, suggest that the state governmental system is dysfunctional. The state's governance crisis is due in large measure to decisions (See REFORM, page 4)

Congressional Primary Set for September 1

The primary election to replace Ellen Tauscher as the representative of the 10th Congressional District has been set for September 1.

Candidates from all parties will appear on the same ballot in the Sept. 1 primary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes in the primary, the top vote getter from each party

will face off in a special election on Nov. 3.

Tauscher resigned her seat after being confirmed and sworn in as Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Tauscher has endorsed State Senator Mark DeSaulnier, a Democrat. His strongest com- (See PRIMARY, page 4)

TANC Power-line Partner's Drop-out Gives Hope to Foes

By Ron McNicoll

Guardians of open space preservation were happy to hear that a major player in the plan to build a power-line through the South Livermore Valley has dropped out of the project.

The Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD), which was to finance 35 percent of the plan, announced last week it has decided not to participate. SMUD is one of five members of the Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) that was participating in the plan.

Sharon Burnham, executive director of the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC), said, "I'm thrilled. We haven't heard whether they (TANC) will kill it off. (SMUD was) 35 percent of the coalition put together for it."

The conservancy oversees 55 parcels under contract in open-space easements that would be affected by the line's route.

Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, said, "I am hopeful this is the beginning of the end of TANC in the Livermore Valley."

"I don't think it has killed the project. It could be the beginning of the end. It seemed to kill the momentum. It's hard to find a substitute (for SMUD) in hard times," said Chandler.

If the project is not stopped, the winegrowers would like to see a new route for it, "not through the scenic Livermore Valley," Chandler added.

TANC members themselves have not yet discussed what SMUD's dropout means for the project. TANC received the notice from SMUD July 1. Its next regular board meeting is on July 22.

TANC spokesperson Brendan Wonnacott stated, "At this point, it's still too early to know what options are available to TANC. This month, everyone will be identifying all of our remaining options. It's too early to say what they are."

"We'll be taking a step back, to determine the next steps. A lot of different options could come into play. It's too early to say how or when. But the bottom line is that new transmission is needed," he said.

California is under its own state mandate to achieve 20 percent of its power from alternative sources by 2020. The intention is to cut greenhouse gas emissions, which play a role in global warming.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) identified an area in Lassen County as being rich in renewable sources, with wind, solar and geothermal available. The TANC project would access 85 percent of the green power available there, said Wonnacott.

"We have to improve the reliability of the (statewide) system, and solve the problem of overburdened lines. The need is there," he said.

Valley opponents have said (See POWER LINE, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Alex Williams of Mesa Painting touches up the paint on the liquefied methane gas facility.

Turning Landfill into Clean Energy

By Patricia Koning

The term "landfill" can bring to mind many images—the towering piles of garbage in the 2008 movie *Wall-E* or the *Smokey Mountain* rubbish dump in Ma-

nila where scores of people earn their living picking through trash.

But engineers at the Altamont Landfill Resource and Recovery Center are aiming to change that by channeling the landfill to pro-

duce clean, green energy.

The Altamont Landfill, located on Altamont Pass Road about four miles north of Greenville Road, opened in 1980. As (See ENERGY, page 6)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Howdy, pardner! Casie May is a down home country gal looking for a new ranch. She is a bit shy at first but she warms up once she gets used to y'all. When she really likes you, she puts her little paws on your face. To meet Casie May, mosey on down to Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Casie May wants to remind you to buy your tickets to the Great Catsby Casino Night on July 18th! Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more details.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
 The "Singing Blue Stars," a group from the USS Hornet stopped in Pleasanton last Wednesday to entertain those attending the First Wednesday Street Party. They perform swing style songs popular in the 1940s.

Vintage Hills Shopping Center Gets a Facelift

The Vintage Hills Shopping Center, once considered a blight on the neighborhood, has undergone a \$3 million facelift.

New businesses are moving into the Pleasanton center, which was built 35 years ago. Landscaping has been completed.

The center is located at the corner of Tawny Drive and Bernal Avenue.

"When it first opened, it was very successful," said Larry Buck, of Mission Street Advisors, LLC in San Francisco, the listing agent for the center. "Then developers tried to turn it into condos. It was shutdown and boarded up for six years. Now, we are breathing life back into it."

Neighbors had complained to the city council about the condition of the center. They voiced strong opposition to building housing on the site. The main concern was the increase in traffic. In addition, many wanted the neighborhood shopping center to be retained. As they pointed out, there are no shopping centers on that side of Pleasanton.

Already open for business are a dry cleaners, hair salon, jewelry

store, spa, karate studio, dance studio and sushi restaurant. Set to open soon is an ice cream store.

Buck said the missing piece is an organic or Whole Foods type grocery store. "We are actively looking for a grocery store. We would like it to be a local grocer," said Buck. In fact, all of the businesses in the center are locally owned, a goal of the developer.

One issue is the space available for a grocery store. At one time, Romley's Market was located there.

At 35,000 square feet the space is considered too small for that type of business. For example, Whole Foods likes to have at least 40,000 square feet. Safeway and other large chains are looking for 50,000 square feet.

The entire center consists of 47,000 square feet. In addition, there is an approved building pad that would allow an additional 22,000 square feet of office or retail to be built.

Buck said adding to the center is well down the road. "It would be considered a couple of years after the center is fully leased."

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Solar Cities is a joint project of the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin focused on educating consumers with information about residential solar energy. Learn more about solar technology for residential use at this free event. An informative presentation by Peter Shoemaker of PG&E will be followed by a Q&A session. Solar installers will feature displays about the solar energy process and requirements and staff from all three cities will be on hand to discuss the permitting process. Exhibits on water conservation and other environmental topics will also be included.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Funds to Reduce Pollution

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has over nine million dollars available for local grant projects that reduce harmful diesel pollution.

On April 15, 2009, \$20 million in grant funds became available through the Air District's Carl Moyer Air Quality Attainment Program, which reduces toxic and smog-forming emissions from aging heavy-duty diesel engines, such as those used in trucks, locomotives, marine vessels and agricultural and off-road equipment.

In July, the Air District will add a new Voucher Incentive Program component to the Carl Moyer Program, making an additional \$2.4 million available for on-road fleets of three or fewer vehicles to replace their old trucks with newer, cleaner vehicles.

This funding is being awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To date over \$13 million dollars has been allocated to eligible projects. This leaves approximately \$9 million dollars for emission reduction projects.

For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov/moyer or call the grants hotline at (415) 749-4994. Application forms are available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov/moyer.

Tech Companies Meet

The most innovative product and technology companies from the East Bay take center stage Wednesday, July 15 from 4-7 p.m. at the Willow Park Event Center, 17007 Redwood Rd. in Castro Valley for the East Bay Innovation Showcase.

Companies seeking capital, visibility, and access to entrepreneurial networks will present to a panel of top-tier lenders, angels and venture capital investors for a chance to raise capital and an opportunity to represent the East Bay region

at a statewide business competition.

Sponsored by the Alameda County Redevelopment Agency and East Bay Economic Development Alliance, hosted by Alameda County Supervisors Alice Lai-Bitker and Nate Miley, and produced by Golden Capital Network (GCN), this free event is intended to spotlight East Bay growth firms from multiple sectors to an audience of investors, influencers, advisors and colleagues to facilitate their success. Visit <http://www.businessascend.com/go/eastbay> to learn more and submit an entry.

Up to 10 innovative companies will participate in the program, which includes screening, coaching and presenting in a competition format to a panel of leading East Bay capital sources, including bankers, angels and venture capital investors. The video from the event will be live broadcast on the web so investors and peers from outside the region can tune in to have a look at East Bay innovation trends as well.

The companies are scored by a combination of judges and audience, and the top three competitors will be automatically invited to represent the East Bay in the California Business Ascent State Championships in San Diego on November 17-18. There are 15 other regions participating in the statewide challenge.

Business Ascent is a statewide competition being produced by GCN in association with the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) to identify and accelerate the highest potential impact innovation companies from emerging markets throughout the state.

Coffee with Cops This Weekend

The Livermore Police Department will continue with our community program called "Coffee with the Cops."

A representative from the Police Department, at times including the Chief of Police, the Downtown Resource Officer, Crime Prevention or a Patrol Officer will be available at a local coffee shop to chat with community members.

The objective is to go where people already gather and get to know them and allow them to ask questions they might have in a casual setting.

The next two sessions are as follows: Saturday, July 11th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 101 E. Vineyard; and Saturday, August 22nd 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 883 Airway Blvd.

Court Volunteers

Adult volunteers needed for the Tri-Valley Youth Court (TVYC), a youth driven justice program for first time offenders. The court meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton from 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. For additional information, visit the website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

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IRAN

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That there was election fraud in Iran in the voting this summer was obvious, said Majid. There were 3 million more votes cast than there were registered voters in one region, a statement also reported by the U.S. press.

Majid did not want to vote, feeling that even the reform candidate, Mousavi, had only a limited chance of effecting much change. "In Iran, all candidates go through a very rigorous vetting process. They just choose people who believe in the system. There is zero chance that someone chosen to run does not believe in the system, the supreme leader, the constitution, and all kinds of Islamic Republic policies," said Majid.

Majid estimated that 85 percent of Iranians living in the United States do not support that system. The Bay Area has 100,000 Iranians. There are approximately 800,000 Iranians in southern California, the biggest contingent in the United States, said Majid.

Majid decided to vote anyway, in Emeryville, the designated polling place. However, a friend called him on election day, and told him the polling place was out of ballots. That, too, was engineered by the regime, said Majid. They shorted out the number of ballots, because they knew that most Iranians abroad strongly oppose the regime.

Majid said that the urban classes, especially the professionals, and the younger Iranians oppose the regime. The Islamic Republic incumbents draw their support from the poorer, less educated people in rural areas.

CLOSING AN AMERICAN CIRCLE
Getting the word out to Americans about Iran is closing a circle. Majid said that the United States played a major role in Iranian history, and the conditions that created the Islamic Revolution, and current Middle East terrorism.

It all started when Premier Mohammed Mossadegh, who was democratically chosen by the Iranian parliament in 1951, was overthrown by a CIA-British coup in 1953. The British government requested the CIA help, because Mossadegh nationalized British oil in Iran. He wanted to keep 50 percent of the oil profits for Iran, instead of the 5 percent that the British were giving.

Although Mossadegh wanted to negotiate compensation for the take-over, the British instead shut down their oil operations, leaving Iran with little chance for its own operations, without trained personnel. The British returned after the coup.

(New York Times former Middle East correspondent Stephen Kinzer documented the overthrow in his 2002 book "All

the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror".)

Majid said, "The CIA and British intelligence hired thugs who overthrew the government. That was the beginning of the problems."

The Shah was recalled from self-imposed exile, and "instead of liberalizing it and educating the people in democracy, he brought in a corrupt and repressive regime. The discontent continued to 1979, when the revolution happened," said Majid.

Then the problem was that the educated people didn't insist on sorting out who should run the country. They were "just happy the shah was gone, and they let the technocrats run the country. They should have identified leaders then, but they had technocrats running the government," said Majid. However, the clergy allowed the technocrats to run the country for only two years, then took it over completely themselves.

With the enmity toward the Islamic Revolution, the United States backed Saddam Hussein's invasion of Iran in 1980. "There was the famous picture of Hussein with (U.S. Defense Secretary) Donald Rumsfeld," said Majid.

Other nations sided with Iraq, including the Soviet Union, Britain, and France. They boycotted

supplying Iran with military weapons. The war ended in 1988, leaving 1 million total dead.

Most of the intimidation against the democracy advocates has come from the Basij. Majid said the Basij originally were Iran-Iraq war veterans, but the organization evolved into what now is a "plainclothes paramilitary force that has been leading suppression of the people." He said that many of them are on the government's payroll.

AMERICANS CAN PUSH FOR REFORM
If Americans are sympathetic to the Iranian reform cause, they can write their government representatives. "Tell them to put Iranian human rights at the top of the agenda. We know that the nuclear issue is the biggest one they are interested in," said Majid.

"We want them to sign petitions to the U.N. and the European Union, and China and Russia and other governments, and write to embassies. Ask them not to be too friendly with the regime," he said.

With more Iranians eager to do something to support homeland change, they have scheduled a rally on July 25 in the San Francisco civic center. San Francisco supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, who is of Iranian descent, is helping to organize the event.



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EDITORIAL

Dream Is Coming True

Two important open space acquisitions in the Valley have been authorized using fee revenue from the Altamont Landfill.

One involves a site in Doolan Canyon north of Livermore; the other the Tyler Ranch near Sunol.

The Doolan acquisition will establish a permanent greenbelt buffer between Livermore and Dublin and help stabilize the North Livermore urban growth boundary. Purchase of the Tyler Ranch will bring a large expansion of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park, making that grand park even grander.

It wasn't all that long ago when urbanization was believed to be the inevitable fate of Pleasanton Ridge, Doolan Canyon and other areas. Once but a dream, the idea of a greenbelt encircling the Valley seems today within reach of coming true.

REFORM

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being made at the state level that ignore local priorities and spending requirements, according to a press release. The summit was called to exchange strategies on how California government at every level can become more responsive and effective, better reflecting the will of the people.

The press release states, as the legislature continues to grapple with the challenges of addressing the state's massive budget deficit, California cities are in jeopardy of continuing to lose critical property tax, redevelopment and street maintenance funding. For example, since 1993, the state has taken \$10 billion in city property taxes to help meet state budget obligations to schools. These and further property tax seizures by the state to meet its budget obligations cannot continue significant consequences.

The summit will provide a forum for hundreds of city, county and school leaders to discuss reforms to address these pressing problems and the way in which they can be implemented. "There is no more critical issue at the moment than addressing governance and fiscal reform so

Livermore can efficiently operate and meet our residents' needs," said Mayor Kamena.

The two-day summit is sponsored by the *Cities Counties School Partnership*, which is a collaboration of the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the California School Boards Association.

Chris McKenzie, League of California Cities Executive Director, stated, "The proposals to both seize and borrow money from local government to meet the state's obligations are an indication of the state's inability to govern itself. The League of California Cities helped convene this important event because it is imperative that local government leaders have a voice in helping reform our state system of governance to ensure a strong future for our great state and our grandchildren. Our three groups, the cities, counties and schools, are coming together because we understand we must work collaboratively to help restore a greater degree of local control and stability to our state government."

PRIMARY

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petitors in the Democratic party appear to be Lt. Gov. John Garamendi and State Assemblyperson Joan Buchanan. Other Democrats who have announced plans to run are Tiffany Atwood, Danville planning commissioner; Tony Bothwell, San Francisco attorney; Adriel Hampton, municipal investigator for the San Francisco Attorney's office; and Anthony Woods, Army veteran.

The Green candidate is Jeremy Cloward, college professor, Pleasant Hill. The Independent candidate is Gino VanGundy, attorney, Dougherty Valley.

Republican candidates include David Harmer, attorney; and Catherine Moy, Fairfield city councilwoman.

Candidates are expected to file quarterly fund-raising reports with the Federal Election Commission by July 15, if they are considering a run for the seat.

The Garamendi for Congress campaign announced last week that it has raised over \$300,000 from over 350 donors in a month and a half.

"Since early June, dozens of volunteers have walked throughout the district and knocked on thousands of doors; their commitment and energy is the driving force of our campaign,"

said Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi. "With over \$300,000 raised, our growing grassroots efforts will be well-fed and well-supported."

Garamendi has received the endorsement of the Alameda County Central Labor Council. Last week, Garamendi received the endorsement of the 700,000-member SEIU State Council, the largest labor union in California.

DeSaulnier continues to garner endorsements from a variety of groups. The latest comes from the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV). Other organizations endorsing DeSaulnier for Congress include the Contra Costa Central Labor Council and the Contra Costa Building Trades Council.

The Executive Committee of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County also voted to support Senator DeSaulnier's bid.

CLCV is the nation's oldest grassroots environmental political organization that helps elect environmental leaders that will implement strong environmental laws in California.

California's 10th Congressional District includes portions of Contra Costa, Solano, Alameda, and Sacramento counties.

Lieutenant Governor Outlines Steps to Economic Success

Most of the keys to improving California's dismal economic picture are fundamental and have been known for many years, according to Lieutenant Governor and congressional candidate John Garamendi.

They were set forth in the mid-1980s in an economic competitiveness report issued by the state legislature's Joint Science and Technology Committee, he said. At the time, the U.S. was concerned about its ability to keep up as Japan grew into an economic powerhouse.

Garamendi was the committee chair. He remembers the report's five recommended steps well. He has added a sixth step of his own since then, and believes that taking the steps today would bring not only prosperity but justice by making opportunity available more widely.

They start with creating a high quality education system – the foundation for everything else – then moving on to innovative research and development, restoring manufacturing, improved infrastructure, turning the economy green, and the ability to change.

Garamendi spoke last week in Livermore, describing and expanding on these steps in often pessimistic, sometimes uplifting remarks as keynote speaker at the innovation conference put on by Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to serving as lieutenant governor, Garamendi is running for the vacancy created by Ellen Tauscher's resignation

as U.S. representative from the 10th Congressional District.

"First and foremost," he told the innovation conference, "the foundation for economic development is education." He said that while California once had an education system that developing states tried to equal, its funding level and quality have declined until they are an anchor on the economic ship of state.

K-12 education is funded at a rate that is 47th in the nation. The budget now being developed in Sacramento will reduce it to "last in the nation," he said. With a nod to Las Positas College President DeRionne Pollard, who had spoken earlier of financial challenges, he noted that the state's community colleges are "seriously stressed, seriously underfunded."

The University of California and state university systems are "on the road to slow starvation." In this year's education budget, he said, the University will lose \$1.4 billion from the state and gain about \$900 million in federal stimulus funds. Next year, he pointed out, the situation will be worse because there will be no stimulus funds.

He said that it will take at least a decade for the state's education systems to recover from the budgets being put forth in Sacramento today.

The second element in economic success is research, he said. "No place else on earth has been so blessed by research as the Bay Area and this valley. You're bracketed by the four great re-

search institutions. Lawrence Livermore Lab, Sandia National Lab, Lawrence Berkeley Lab, Berkeley, and across the bay, Stanford and the whole high-tech industry. No place else do we find that kind of synergy, that kind of concentration of research."

He called for ensuring manufacturing capability and expressed concern about the future of NUMMI, the joint Toyota-General Motors auto manufacturing plant in Fremont from which GM is withdrawing. He sees the need for new manufacturing evolving out of research and employing a highly educated workforce that can constantly adapt to new markets and technologies.

Next is infrastructure. He advocates BART and high speed rail to help alleviate the traffic jams on Interstate 580, noting that high speed rail has been used for at least 40 years in Japan and Europe. "Somehow, here in California, we think it's not yet ready?" He favors the Altamont Pass route rail approach to San Francisco "because you serve about 6 million more people on that route" as compared with Pacheco Pass.

Energy is also part of the infrastructure, he said, and it has "enormous potential for this area, for California, and the world." Climate change "is a whole lot worse than we imagined a decade ago and getting worse faster" because of the accumulation of heat-trapping gases, he said. He called for "a new energy infrastructure based upon renewable

to kick off yet another industrial revolution, freeing us from carbon-based fuels." The Tri-Valley, with its strengths in science and education, could lead the way in this effort, he said.

Garamendi's fifth point had to do with the importance of international commerce. California's cultural diversity gives it a powerful advantage, he believes. Provided the educational system is up to standard – a big if – the "entire world is here in California" and new "Yankee traders" whose ancestry is "Asian, African, European, whatever" can lead us in commerce with the rest of the world.

His final point had to do with the ability to change. "When we refuse to change the education system, we imperil the education system. When we refuse to change our transportation systems, we imperil our ability to move goods and services." The financial bottom line gives the private sector the motivation to change and improve efficiency at the same time, but the public sector needs to do so as well.

It's not only a matter of economic success, he told the conference. It's also a matter of justice. "If we do these six things, we can be very certain that we're going to prosper, that we're going to see economic growth and we're going to see a just society in which all people have an opportunity to put their feet on the bottom rung of the economic ladder and go just as high as they want to. That's our goal."

LEADERSHIP

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wider range of interconnections that he would like to see stimulated in the Tri-Valley. Beard cites the example of the Santa Fe Institute. In the 1980s, scientists from Los Alamos and elsewhere created the Institute with experts from different backgrounds to find common patterns and solve problems in complex fields that seem very different from one another.

The "complexity theory" that evolved has led to study centers at universities and has been applied to disciplines as wide-ranging as anthropology, economics, meteorology, neuroscience and

psychology. Beard referred to the effect as an "innovation cocktail."

He thinks an equally imaginative organization in the Tri-Valley would find fertile ground, especially in a nation that has slipped behind other countries in many measures of innovation and education.

Beard sees interconnectivity as enabling and democratizing, affecting society well beyond the simple capability offered by cell phone calling. For example, in Africa, the continent with the fastest growth of cell phone usage, someone who has never

lived near a bank and perhaps never seen one can now deposit a paycheck or transfer funds remotely. In Europe and the U.S., migrant workers can find employment in new and different places and still send money home by pressing a few cell phone keys.

In politics, Barack Obama's Presidential campaign "used text messaging brilliantly" in its drive to the White House. Then there were 1.2 billion text messages sent within one hour after his win.

As a further example, he noted that interconnected cell phones,

businesses and media outlets brought help, information and even money to the ravaged populations of Sechuan, China, last year after a powerful earthquake killed tens of thousands and left conventional infrastructure broken.

The point, Beard believes, is that the Tri-Valley can be the crossroads of interconnectivity for the world, and the "innovation cocktail" will be just as powerful.

"The elements are here already," he added. "If anything is missing, it is only connecting the elements."

Zone 7 Won't Postpone Development Fees

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 directors said they would like to delay water and flood control fees for developers in order to stimulate more home construction. However, such a delay could hurt the agency's own important building project: the Altamont Water Treatment Plant.

The Zone 7 Finance Committee met July 2 to consider a request by Livermore developer O'Brien Homes and the Home Builders Association (HBA) to delay payment of the two categories of fees until later in the development process with cities.

Deferring the fees would make it easier for developers to finance and sell the homes, said HBA executive director Bob Glover. He told the committee that Livermore and Pleasanton have made the fee postponements. Dublin is considering it, and is likely to approve it.

The postponement wouldn't be permanent, but expire in 2011, when the economy is expected to

be improved.

Director Chris Moore said that the cities are doing a laudable thing in making the postponement, to help stimulate the local economy. However, unlike Zone 7, the cities have a general fund to back up their finances. Their revenue comes from sales taxes and property taxes, which expand the more that development occurs. Zone 7 does not share in that.

Zone 7 has only the connection fees from development to pay for water facilities expansion and for the flood control improvements that new development necessitates.

It's possible the developers could provide Zone 7 a letter of credit as a sort of bond on the promise to pay. However, if a developer failed to build the project, and couldn't pay Zone 7 the money, Zone 7 might have to spend more money in court to recover the money, said Moore.

WAVING FLAGS AT A BANK

More important, deferring any fee collection would inter-

rupt the district's cash flow. That could be a red flag to the bank that concluded a deal with Zone 7 for an ISA, which is a line of credit that can be borrowed against for its Altamont Water Treatment Plant construction.

Zone 7 hopes to finish the plant in 2016. However, its cash flow shows future deficits in 2009-10 of \$30 million, and in 2012-13 of \$78 million. Instead of going for a bond measure, which would have resulted in interest payments due on a big sum of money from the outset, the line of credit will cost Zone 7 interest only on the amount borrowed.

Zone 7 assistant general manager John Yu said that the agency could show the bank it was stimulating development with the policy. "However, the bank holds money. We need it in the next 12 to 14 months."

Anything that looks like financial jeopardy to Zone 7 would allow the bank to assert a violation of the ISA, said Yu. The developers have not been able to

provide any reliable projection for how much development will occur in the period.

The developers submitted the figure of 120 homes in the Zone 7 service area each year. "The assumptions can't be validated," said Yu.

Director Steve Kalthoff said the ISA "is our lifeline. We can't give it up." Director John Greci added, "It's the planned finance for the Altamont Water Treatment Plant. It's secured. If you jeopardize that, you jeopardize the whole project."

Kalthoff and Greci left a ray of hope for the developers. They said that if the economy improves in four to six months, the board might be able to reconsider its decision. Moore told Glover, "You have a sympathetic board here. The history has been to be very conservative, and to pay our own way as we go. Sometimes we need to do just that."

There was no formal vote. However, the consensus was to recommend that the full board reject the developers' request.

MAILBOX

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Subsidized Child Care Child Care Links

Low income working families and families who are currently receiving welfare assistance (TANF) are given the opportunity to work or further their

education when supported with subsidized child care programs. Assisting families in need with their child care expenses boosts the economy, increases academic performance, and decreases the unemployment rate.

- Minimum wage in California is \$8.00 per hour which equates to \$16,640 per year before taxes for a 40 hour per week job.

- The average annual cost of child care for a 4 year old in a Licensed Family Child Care Home (FCCH) is \$7,180; a school-age child in an FCCH is \$3,077.

- Average fair market value to rent a 2 bedroom apartment in Alameda County is \$1,238

per month.

- Average cost of food per month for a family of four on a thrifty plan is \$510.00.

- A family of four with two adults working full-time minimum wage jobs will be left with \$2,050 after the child care, rent, and food expenses. This does not include the deduction of federal, state & local taxes, cost of Health Insurance, utilities, school supplies, clothes, personal hygiene products, etc... Child care assistance helps to boost the economy

Working families and families in training contribute to the local economy through taxes, use of transportation related services (gas, bus, etc), purchase of items supporting their employment and schooling (tuition, books, uniforms, food, supplies), payments for child care, and creation of jobs in order to provide services for their needs to just name a few.

It assists parents in furthering their education which provides them with the opportunity to earn more. An increase in employment is a direct benefit to the economy and decreases reliance on public benefits and other supportive services.

Child care subsidies allow low income families to choose consistent stable care and appropriate early childhood education. This type of involvement in a structured and enriched environment can assist in eliminating the social and educational gaps that exist as early as kindergarten and can set the stage for children to be successful throughout their schooling and ultimately life.

California's subsidized child care field employs an average of approximately 90,000 child care providers per month who care for over 140,000 children. This allows over 95,500 families to work and/or attend school. The

use of child care services has a trickling employment effect whereas many other industries are utilized in support of this profession. Other jobs affected by child care are: training & development educators, auto industry, public transportation, fuel, food services, local businesses, contractors, landscapers, architecture & engineering, child care regulatory agencies, public safety agencies, medical & health care, housekeeping services, child protective service positions, installation, maintenance & repair services, tax & accounting businesses, law professionals, music & arts programs, community leisure services programs and many more.

Child care subsidy is an investment in the future of our economy and our community.

Regional Theater Barbara Hickman Livermore

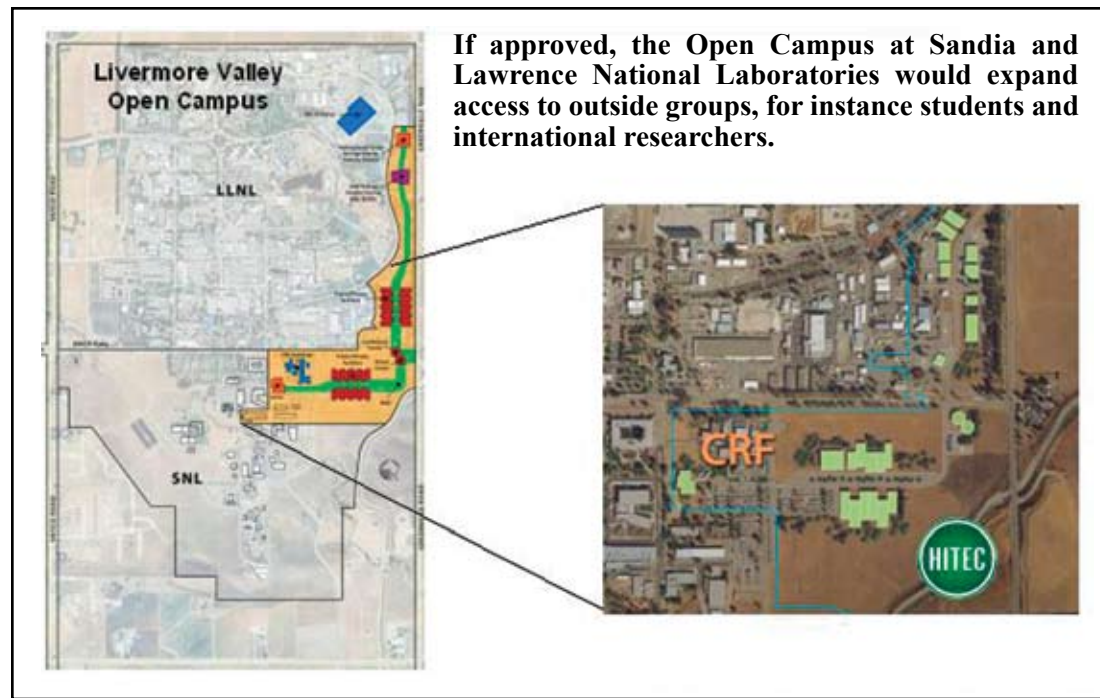
In response to my letter of June 11 (e-mailed on April 28, incidentally, 6 weeks before it appeared in *The Independent*) Len Alexander of LVPAC graciously acknowledged in a letter printed June 18 that my facts about the supposed need for a 96 foot tall fly tower on the proposed regional theater came from reliable sources and experts on the Internet. Then he boldly and audaciously declared that my conclusion based on these facts is "dead wrong," that the experts' figures are not "the accepted shorthand calculation." Well, somebody ought to tell the people at the Bob Hope Theater in Stockton that for the past five years they've been successfully hosting Broadway touring shows

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If approved, the Open Campus at Sandia and Lawrence National Laboratories would expand access to outside groups, for instance students and international researchers.

OPEN CAMPUS

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nership or technology transfer of offices of both labs are expected to be located in the Open Campus, if it goes ahead.

Carling described the Open Campus at last week's Innovation conference in Livermore, sponsored by Sybase, Sandia, Lawrence Livermore, and San Francisco Business Times. The conference was put on by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

"Several hundred technical people come here to visit and work with lab staff," Carling said. "It takes weeks for some of them to get in if they weren't born in the U.S. With an Open Campus, it might be possible for them, or for you, to come out this afternoon. Suppose hundreds became thousands. (The exchange) would help technology in both directions. More companies might come to take advantage of our skills and technologies. And it would be an important opportunity to educate future scientists and engineers, such as students from Las Positas, Berkeley and

so on."

Dale Kaye, president and CEO of the Livermore Chamber, is enthusiastic about the Open Campus idea. "For them to be bringing in scientists from around the world, and those scientists to have the ability to stay and work and maybe even develop spin-off companies and hopefully stay in the Livermore area, is a huge opportunity for us," she said.

The Open Campus concept has been developed over the past year by the staffs at both Sandia and Lawrence Livermore Lab, with personal interest on the parts of the directors of both sites, according to Bill Goldstein, Lawrence Livermore's Associate Director for Physical and Life Sciences.

The idea of opening a part of the labs' land to easier outside access is not new. However, the scope of this effort would be larger than anything previously considered. Lawrence Livermore has had a Visitors Center

and a graduate branch of the University of California at Davis Engineering Department on site for years.

Just as the Open Campus would make it far easier for outside research experts to use Sandia's advanced combustion laboratories, the Lawrence Lab hopes to greatly expand academic interactions with its research facilities, particularly the National Ignition Facility (NIF) mega-laser. NIF would be just inside the fence from the Open Campus. Since those who plan NIF experiments don't have to enter the NIF building, international visitors might use Open Campus buildings for office space and convenient meetings with NIF staff.

The Open Campus has the potential to grow in size and diversity beyond the scope of the UC-Davis branch and provide interactions with "many, many universities and faculty," Goldstein said. "This is a very exciting concept that has a huge range of advantages for the Lab and the

Study Looks at How Plutonium Moves in Soil and Groundwater

Five years from now, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists will be able to better determine how, when and why plutonium moves in soil and groundwater.

The way to predict how plutonium is transported in groundwater away from a site is by looking at the dominant geochemical processes that control plutonium's (Pu) behavior in the subsurface at environmental levels. But that isn't always so easy.

A \$6 million five-year proposal funded by the Department of Energy's Office of Science, Biological and Environmental Research (BER), will allow about a dozen LLNL scientists to study Pu transport at concentration levels the equivalent of dissolving one grain of salt in 100 Olympic-size swimming pools.

Plutonium can move on small particulates, called colloids, which are often found in ground-

water, but the conditions that control whether Pu migrates or remains immobile are not well understood.

Annie Kersting, director of the Lab's Glenn T. Seaborg Institute and manager of the study, said previous experiments of plutonium movement in the subsurface were performed at Pu concentrations orders of magnitude higher than those observed in the field. Now they will do experiments at much lower, environmental conditions.

Ultimately the research will help in the development of conceptual models for Pu transport across the Department of Energy complex. The model will provide DOE with the scientific basis to support decisions for the remediation and long-term stewardship of legacy sites, Kersting said.

Mavrik Zavarin, the lead scientist, said it's likely the team will discover that Pu behav-

ior is very much dependent on concentration. "At very low concentrations, Pu will interact with groundwater, minerals and microbes in ways we could not have predicted based on past experiments," he said.

Laboratory results will be compared to field samples taken from three DOE sites: Nevada Test Site, Rocky Flats and the Hanford Site. Pu-containing colloids will be collected and characterized in terms of their inorganic surfaces, associated organic compounds/coatings and possible microbial associations.

The Livermore team includes: Kersting, Zavarin, Susan Carroll, Robert Maxwell, Zurong Dai, Ross Williams, Scott Tumey, Pihong Zhao, Ruth Tinnacher, Patrick Huang and Ruth Kips. Collaborators include Brian Powell from Clemson University and Duane Moser from the Desert Research Institute

POWER LINE

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that instead of running the line through the Valley to the City of Santa Clara, that the city should have a comprehensive local power generation plan. It would include extensive rooftop solar panel installation.

Wonnacott said that relying on rooftop solar panels would be inadequate. The CEC conducted a study in the Sacramento area, and found that if every rooftop were covered with solar panels, it would help the city meet only 2 to 3 percent of the goals set for 2020.

SMUD made its decision to drop out of the project based on cost effectiveness compared to its option of developing green resources it already has, and might explore further. Wonnacott said it will be up to other TANC members to make their own decisions individually about what would work out best for them.

Funding won't become a big issue until 2011, at the earliest. By then, the EIR should be done, if not a little later. Then the agencies could decide whether the project would be built. If it were to go forward, the really big funding allocation would begin.

The comment period on the scoping portion of the EIR is open until July 30. Wonnacott said there has been "a wide amount of comments" from people all along the 600-mile route. They won't be collated and published until after the comment deadline.

The plan has drawn spirited opposition from many South Livermore residents, public officials and open-space organizations. A show of hands at the one belated meeting held by TANC in Livermore showed most of the 190 people present opposed the plan.

Similar outpourings occurred in Davis and other cities along the route, with county supervisors there, and in Alameda County, voicing their opposition. The Valley's supervisor, Scott Haggerty led the opposition on his board, which voted unanimously to protest the plan.

OPPOSITION DIDN'T PROMPT S.M.U.D.

However, opponents had nothing to do with SMUD's decision to withdraw, SMUD spokesperson Elisabeth Brinton told The Independent.

"Our concern was the total economics related to bringing potential renewable energy to the district, and the overall cost, and the return on renewable (power sources)," said Brinton.

SMUD already has renewable sources in nearby Solano County, so it will develop them, said Brinton.

SMUD had its consultants conduct several studies of the TANC project. There also was a study completed in the spring by TANC. The SMUD staff concluded, "There was not enough concrete evidence to override the (economic) risk," said Brinton.

For SMUD, the combination of wheeling power a long distance from northeastern California, and the reports from consultants led staff to the conclusion that the project "may not warrant this type of huge line."

SMUD's withdrawal leaves four other partners in the project. They are two central valley irrigation districts, and the public power companies of the cities of Alameda and Santa Clara.

Either the remaining participants will have to come up with SMUD's 35 percent share, or possibly obtain grants, or interest some of the 10 other members of TANC in footing the bill, if the backers want to keep the current plan.

SIERRA CLUB OPPOSES PROJECT

The TANC project picked up another opponent on Monday. The executive committee of the Tri-Valley chapter of the Sierra Club voted 4-0 to oppose the

TANC project in its current form.

The Western Agency Power Association, which is TANC's partner in the project, should look for alternatives, said the committee.

The club voted opposition because there is "significant potential for ecological damage, and because the club opposes long-distance transmission of power," said executive committee member Donna Cabanne.

"The club would like to have Santa Clara (the geographical reason for going through the Valley) consider local generation of power through solar panels on large companies, schools, and hospitals," said Cabanne.



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MAILBOX

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in a "wrongly" built facility!

He asserts that LVPAC has been working with the same "talented team" of architects and theater designers who created the Bankhead Theater to create a suitable regional theater "based on facts and not wishful thinking." I certainly acknowledge that the Bankhead is beautiful to look at, both inside and out. However, the Bankhead was that team's first theater so, by any definition, their experience is very limited. In addition, the word on the street is that the orchestra pit was designed and built about 3 feet too deep and had to have a false floor installed before it could be usable, and many of us are familiar with how hot the theater lobby gets inside during the summer months with the Livermore sun beating down on those beautiful south-facing floor-to-vaulted-ceiling windows. So it would appear that the talent and expertise of LVPAC's chosen team is not quite as outstanding as they proclaim and that perhaps using a "shorthand calculation" is less accurate and less reliable than the wisdom of the Internet experts.

The indisputable fact remains that the 2046-seat Bob Hope Theater in Stockton hosts Broadway touring shows and it does not have a 96ft. fly tower. It is also an indisputable fact that the Bankhead Theater recently hosted a Broadway touring show, the Spelling Bee show, without a 96 ft. high tower. So the next logical questions are 1) what percentage of the Broadway touring shows actually do need the 9-story tower, and 2) how often would a show that needs a 96 ft. high tower come to Livermore? My guess is not many and not very often, maybe once a year at most.

Again, I'd be happy to see a successful regional theater in Livermore, but I don't want

a 9-story tower in downtown Livermore, especially when it isn't necessary. Anyone can check the accuracy of the data for my claims at www.BobHopeTheater.com, and on Wikipedia, keyword "fly tower."

In the meantime, a new concern has come up. The Spelling Bee show at the Bankhead Theater was a Broadway touring show, touted as an example of what would be coming to the proposed regional theater. It was a good show by all accounts, a comedy, which is the most popular of all genres. My concern arises from the fact that the Spelling Bee show had only 300 people at the performance I attended and just 350 or so at another performance. How can LVPAC expect to fill a 2000-seat theater when they can't even fill a 500-seat theater with a comedy? What level of attendance would there be for a dramatic production? This begs the question "Would a regional theater succeed in Livermore?" The LVPAC people claim that their researchers have proof that it would. But the Spelling Bee show seems to be proof that it wouldn't.

The only "wishful thinking" here is that these guys would come to their senses.

Flowers Mary McMahon Livermore

Last week a dreaded letter arrived from my college alumnae office. Another classmate had died.

At the bottom of Peggy's obituary were the words, flowers welcome. It was refreshing to see this instead of the stark command, in lieu of flowers, please send contributions to a given charity.

Flowers have a definite place at a funeral home. They represent the presence of the sender at a sad time. They soften the area

around the casket. When the funeral is over, flowers in water are donated to a church or convalescent home. Plants go home with the families.

Obituaries should omit the bit about flowers and leave it up to the families and friends. They may continue to mention the address of a charity for those who wish to send a memorial contribution.

Finally, flower shops are usually the first businesses to be solicited for local fund-raising groups or to advertise in the same newspaper. Florists are expected to give to the economy that ignores them.

Rebuttal Max Curtis Livermore

Regarding Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena's letter about the Livermore Airport.

Once again the Mayor persists in playing semantic games rather than speaking honestly to Livermore citizens. Physical expansion of Livermore Airport has not been suggested or proposed by anyone, but the Mayor continually feels compelled to point out expansion is not happening. What is obvious to everyone except the Mayor, City Council members, and some city staffers, is that rezoning and construction of the new Fixed Based Operator (FBO) will result in increases in both capacity and usage of the Livermore Airport.

The proposal from the Livermore Air Center (LAC) to construct and manage the new FBO, (which was accepted by the Council on June 26, 2007) contains a section titled "Marketing Concepts", detailing how LAC is "going to spread the news about Livermore." At the June council meeting, Mayor Kamena asked the principal partner of LAC if the FBO would bring increased traffic to the airport. The re-

sponse was a simple "yes." The consulting firm contracted by the City of Pleasanton to study the proposed changes at the airport concluded "the management of a full-service FBO and new hangers could result in an increase in average daily jet operations from 6.1 to 50.6 in 2020 or from 2,196 to 18,216 operations per year." In my opinion, anyone who believes that the very successful businessmen of LAC would invest in FBO facilities based only on maintaining current airport operations either hasn't investigated the facts or is unwilling to face reality.

Mayor Kamena states the proposed rezoning is more restrictive than the 1975 Airport Master Plan. To date, the City has not released details of what will be allowed in the new "zoning districts," making accurate comparison between the Master Plan and zoning districts by anyone impossible. Does the Mayor have specific information about the new 'zoning districts' that he can share? The Mayor also says that the addition of runways or lengthening of runways is not permitted under the 1975 Airport Master Plan, and then writes of the city's desire to eliminate the Master Plan.

While I appreciate Mayor Kamena's lesson on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process, his method of operation when it comes to decisions regarding the airport is clear. Perhaps the reason he felt compelled to write a "Letter to the Editor" was a direct result of the numerous letters the city received in response to the Notice of Preparation for the EIR? A huge turnout of concerned citizens should be expected on the evening the Council votes on rezoning the airport, the EIR, and eliminating the 1975 Airport Master Plan from the city's General Plan. We all need to remember what brought a flood of citizens to the Granada High meeting. The issues and concerns are the same; the only thing that has been altered is the city's approach about how it intends to force the increases in capacity and uses on Tri-Valley residents.

Mayor Kamena also touts the financial benefits of the airport. There is no doubt the airport is a financial benefit to the Livermore community, although I wonder about the 577 jobs he claims are sustained by the airport. Regardless, the airport has always operated with a positive cash flow, and there is no reason to assume this would change if the airport capacities are not expanded. After all, the airport is financially sound enough to recently provide \$354,000 to fund the EIR.

I recently discussed the role of the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board in the EIR process with one of the Board's staff members, and he told me, "It really doesn't matter what the EIR says, because when it comes right down to it, economic issues will always trump environmental issues with the rich and powerful." I remind Mayor Kamena that he was elected to represent ALL Livermore citizens, including those concerned about pollution, noise, quality of life, and property values, and not just the rich and powerful.

If rezoning is to be done, the zoning must include restrictions to ensure the quality of life we all desire to maintain in the Livermore Valley. Concerned citizens cannot adequately express their concerns when allowed only three minute sound bites at Council meetings and their

letters of concern merely get attached to the back of the EIR. So far, Mayor Kamena has ignored several requests to meet to discuss these issues and has denied my request to make an extended presentation to the Council.

The Mayor suggests that, somehow, the airport will no longer serve as a hub for disaster relief without rezoning. I am not suggesting the airport be closed or that limitations of use be placed on disaster relief operations. But air cargo and air charter operations are not disaster relief, and reasonable restrictions on these commercial activities are necessary to protect the quality of life enjoyed by Livermore residents.

Like the Mayor, I suggest everyone visit www.ci.livermore.ca.us/airport. Check out the "Frequently Asked Questions" and answers recently posted by the City. One answer suggests the City cannot restrict 'uses' such as air cargo. This is a change from the city's previous stance that the airport cannot discriminate against 'type of aircraft'. The city is correct in its previous stance that the FAA will not allow aircraft discrimination, but is wrong that "uses" cannot be restricted. Restricting uses is simply a matter of writing zoning rules that do not allow providing the facilities to serve those 'uses'.

I urge all Livermore and Pleasanton residents to become educated about plans for the Livermore airport and to contact their elected officials with their concerns. I demand the Livermore City Council take this rezoning opportunity to institute measures to protect the quality of life of the citizens who elected them and all other citizens throughout the valley into perpetuity.

10th District Tom O'Neill Livermore

Hardly a day passes I do not reflect that our invasion of Iraq has left that country unworkable. We have smashed a country. Smart-alecks among us may no doubt wisecrack in response that Iraq was none too hot to begin with - what with old Saddam running around and gassing people and having them executed by firing squads. Perhaps these humorists will be so enraptured by their own shrewd wit, they will follow it with a guffaw, and a bit of back-slapping and high-fiving.

The truth of the matter is a kind of accommodation had been reached between His Ugliness, Saddam and the Iraqis, in which he would not bother them so long as they would acknowledge that, theoretically, he was in charge of everything. It was a high price to pay. But in compensation for it a kind of socialist nation-state was developing in which many services were predictably available: electricity and water, safe streets and market places, jobs and education.

Late in 2002, Ellen Tauscher voted for a resolution authorizing the President to do whatever he saw fit regarding "the grave threat Iraq poses to the security of the United States." This resolution had everything to do with the smashing of Iraq - a nation of 25 million of our fellow human be-

ings, in which countless numbers have since been killed; others have become refugees; others are wounded for life; others have been orphaned; and in which all who remain live their lives on very much a moment-to-moment basis. On October 7, 2002, I sent Tauscher a fax predicting that Bush would take this resolution as freeing him from all Congressional constraints. Several years later, Tauscher said by way of defense that at the time of her vote, no one could have anticipated the broad use the President would make of it. She disregarded my letter and the letters I am sure of countless fellow citizens. I regard her as a full fledged accessory to a horrendous miscarriage of justice; and the only reason I can imagine why anyone would be praising her now ("She's been a tremendous help on transportation." "She's been a good friend to the Lab.") is because somehow those millions of suffering Iraqis, those bereaved spouses, those childless parents, those maimed children - are not quite real people to those who pile on the praises.

For the 10th District, I will not vote for any candidate whom Ellen Tauscher endorses. Further, I do not intend to vote for any candidate who praises Ellen. I would sooner see the office unoccupied than see the likes of her ever represent me again.

Shut Up or Put Up Peter Kotsinadellis Pleasanton

The seatbelt law is the biggest money maker for cities and townships. After all, if you do not wear a seat belt you only hurt yourself and if you get caught doing so townships such as Pleasanton and Livermore will gain \$132 each time you do. Yet, everyday there are dozens of drivers who completely ignore the cell phone law. This is ludicrous when you realize a person on a cell phone who is not using two hands on the steering wheel and distracted by conversation is far more likely to get into an accident that can harm others.

Several times on local streets I have seen people with a cell phone to their ear cause an accident simply because they were paying more attention to their conversation than their driving. The fine for disobeying this law and using a cell phone while driving is \$125. I suggest doubling or tripling it to \$250 or \$375 and then actually enforcing it. Instead of a "Click It or Ticket" campaign, we should run a "Shut Up or Put Up" campaign. It is one that has a real benefit of reducing accidents and potential injuries and is sure to fill the coffers of the local municipalities far faster than they ever thought possible.

ENERGY

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organic materials within the landfill decompose, they generate what is known as "landfill gas," a mixture of mostly methane and carbon dioxide, both greenhouse gases. Typically, landfill gas is flared to destroy the greenhouse gases.

"In 1989 we recognized the beneficial reuse of landfill gas," explains Ken Lewis, the director of Waste Management's Bay Area landfill operations. "This was one of the first landfill sites to take advantage of the methane generated by the landfill to produce electricity."

An elaborate network of wells and a vacuum extraction system capture that landfill gas and pump it through solar gas turbines connected to two 3.3 megawatt generators, producing enough electricity to power approximately 8,000 homes. Currently that electricity is sold to PG&E.

Starting this month, the Altamont Landfill will keep some of that electricity to power its new Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility. The facility, which has been about three years in the making, will convert methane pulled from the landfill into LNG that will in turn be used to fuel Waste Management's fleet of trucks.

Lewis describes it as a "closed-loop system with very low carbon intensity." When the facility is operating at capacity this fall, it will be the largest landfill gas to LNG conversion facility in the world.

"Garbage will be fueling Waste Management's collection vehicles in Alameda County and beyond," says Karen Stern, a spokesperson for Waste Management. "This represents a significant step towards helping meet Governor Schwarzenegger's low-carbon fuel standard." After the landfill gas is pumped out of the ground, it runs through an extensive filtration system that removes sulfur, organic compounds, contaminants, and carbon dioxide. "It's like that water filtration system on your refrigerator times a million," explains Lewis.

The fuel is cooled to -275°F to knock out the nitrogen and turn it into a low pressure liquid and pumped into storage tanks and eventually into tankers.

The facility will fuel Waste Management's 700 or so trucks that run on LNG (out of approximately 3,500 total). "As we take older vehicles out of commission each year, we replace them with ones that run on LNG," explains Chuck White, Waste Management's director of regulatory affairs west. "In about 10 to 15 years, we'll be running entirely on LNG."

LNG created from landfill gas has nearly zero carbon emissions, so the approximately 4 million gallons produced annually by the Altamont facility will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 30,000 tons a year.

While the LNG facility should pay for itself over its lifetime, the motivation was not solely economic. "We strongly believe that closed loop is the wave of the future. It won't be as profitable as the power production already happening at this site, but there are so many other benefits such as diversion of diesel fuel on the highway, a lower carbon footprint, and creating a new technology that can be replicated elsewhere to help in our sustainability initiatives," says Lewis. "What can be better than producing the fuel for the trash collection vehicles from the trash that they collect?"

While less organic material makes its way into the landfill, thanks in large part to curbside diversion programs, there is still enough deep inside the Altamont Landfill to power the LNG facility for the next 30 years. In fact the size, age, and location of the Altamont Landfill make it an ideal candidate to pilot the LNG facility. Plans are already underway to duplicate the facility at other landfill sites in the United States. Linde is commissioning a similar plant outside of London this summer.

The facility is a joint venture between Waste Management and Linde North America, a world

leading gases and engineering company. The facility cost approximately \$15.5 million, about 10% of which came from grants from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the California Air Resources Board, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Already, Lewis is looking towards the next step for the LNG facility—installing a compost digester in the landfill to turn food waste into purer methane. The digester is basically a big pit with a plastic liner in which the organic matter decomposes without oxygen, resulting in gas that is about 55% methane, versus the 46-52% methane content of landfill gas. Lewis explains that a small percentage change in methane content has a big impact on the efficiency of the whole system.

The digester would be fed by food scraps, probably sourced from local restaurants and grocery stores, and would produce high-quality compost in addition to methane. Waste Management is working on the permitting in conjunction with several other projects and hopes to bring the digester on-line in the next one to two years.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the LNG facility will be held in September.

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About the speaker:
Ed Moses is principal associate director for NIF and Photon Science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He first joined Lawrence Livermore in 1980, eventually becoming the deputy associate director for lasers and then assistant associate director for program development in the Physics and Advanced Technologies Directorate, where he led a team that developed a new method of radiation therapy for cancer that was approved by the FDA and licensed for commercial use. Ed was named NIF project manager in 1999 and associate director for the NIF Programs Directorate in July 2005. He received a BS in 1972 and PhD in 1977, both in electrical engineering, from Cornell University. He holds seven patents in laser technology and computational physics.

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OBITUARIES

Phillip G. Crumpler

Phillip Crumpler passed away peacefully at home on June 30, 2009. He was a long time resident of Pleasanton, where he lived with wife Shirley for the past 30 years.

He is survived by daughters Alicia Crumpler and Andrea Tyler, grandchildren, Katie and Colton Tyler and Chelsea and Rachael Crumpler; son-in-law Barry Tyler, daughter-in-law Donna Bailey, and brothers Hank, Bob and Jerry. He was preceded in death by his son, Philip Gray Crumpler II, a loss from which his heart never mended.

Phil was born in Honeycutt Township, North Carolina and moved to San Francisco at the age of three, where he lived until joining the Air Force at the age of seventeen. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on April 20, 1961.

While stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, he met the love of his life and future wife, Shirley. Phil and Shirley were married in 1957 and remained happily together for fifty one years.

Phil was retired from the California Horseracing Association and a member of SEIU Local 280. He loved to read, play on the computer, and his "honey-do" list. Phil was regarded by friends and family as a wonderful, gentle, caring man with a great sense of humor. Known as Papa by his grandchildren, he will be greatly missed but never out of our thoughts.

Graveside services were held July 3 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Baldwin L. Troutman

Colonel, USAF, Retired
Colonel Troutman passed away at his home in Newnan, Georgia on June 15, 2009 from congestive heart failure.



Colonel Troutman

He was born and brought up on a plantation near the Okefenokee Swamp in Southeast Georgia. At the age of 12 he was given a rifle for the sole purpose of hunting food for the family and this he did. He said that his mother would cook anything that he caught, including alligator and rattlesnake.

He attended high school in Albany, Georgia, graduating at sixteen. During these school years he worked as bookkeeper for an ice and coal company, at times substituting as delivery person. After high school, he worked as a salesman/driver for Dr Pepper Company and his future with that company was promising.

However, WWII began and he enlisted in December, 1941. In the two year interval between 1941 and 1943, he was promoted through six grades, from Private to Master Sergeant. In 1943 he was sent to Officers Candidate School and graduated a 2d Lieutenant. He was then assigned to duty in Brazil where he was attached to the U.S. Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. The war ended and he chose to remain in the Air Force as a career. At this time he accepted the opportunity from the Air Force to further his education. While a Captain, he attended the University of Michigan for three years graduating with both a Bachelor and Masters' degree in nuclear physics and engineering. He then served as a military liaison between the Armed Services and various research laboratories in the U.S., including LLNL in Livermore, CA.

After 24 years in the USAF, he retired to work in civilian industry. He joined Mitre Corporation, a private company serving the U. S. Military. While at Mi-

tre, in the early 70's, during the Cold War, he was made director of a project building the largest and most complex, most secure military telecommunication system of a magnitude that had never been built. The network covered North and South America, Europe and parts of Asia. After the system was installed he continued to supervise the operation from offices located around the world. He believed this project to be his greatest achievement. Also, while at Mitre he was a part of the first delegation of American scientists to visit China. Later he became Director of Mitre's Training College.

He was a Mason, advancing to Grand Master. He was the President of the Lutheran Church in Bedford, Mass and also in Newnan, Georgia. He was a Southern gentleman of the old school, a scholar, a scientist and one of the great story-tellers. He was known for his hospitality wherever he went and was much respected and loved by all who knew him.

He retired in 1984 to his 40 acres in Newnan, Georgia and delighted in building his dream home and living the simple life he had always dreamed of. He did volunteer work for the local hospitals becoming a "pink lady." He was the only male among the volunteers. Although nearly blind, he used the Internet daily and kept up with world happenings, including his great interest in advances in quantum physics and medicine.

He was predeceased by his son, Mark Adam Troutman. Surviving is his son David Karl Troutman, his first wife, Favorita and three grandsons. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on September 2, 2009.

Rae Borriello

Rae Borriello, 95 years old, passed away Tuesday, 6/30/2009.

He is survived by a daughter, Lorraine Callahan, grandson, Larry Callahan, grandson, Gerard Callahan and his fiancé Nicole.

A funeral mass was celebrated July 8 at St. Elizabeth Seton in Pleasanton.

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Alf N. Larsen, Jr.

Alf N. Larsen passed away at his Livermore home on June 24, 2009 at the age of 87. Alf was born in Ogden, Utah on December 4, 1921, son of Alf and Vera Larsen.

Alf's early passion in life was flying. He took his first solo flight at age 18 in a J2 Cub at Mines Field in Los Angeles. After graduating from Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, he joined the Army Air Corps in October 1942. During WWII, Alf served with the 96th Fighter Squadron, 82nd Fighter Group in North Africa and Italy, flying an amazing 50 missions in his Lockheed P-38 Lightning. After successfully completing active duty with the rank of Captain, Alf remained in the Air Force reserves until October 1966, retiring with the rank of Major.

His love of flying continued to drive his professional career as he joined Southwest Airways as a first officer in April 1952 and was checked out as a Captain in December 1958. When he retired, 29 years later from Republic Airlines, (formerly Hughes Airwest), he had logged over 22,000 hours of flight time always getting his many passengers to their destinations safely.

Previously of Hayward, CA, Alf was a resident of Livermore, for 24 years. He was an avid golfer, tennis player and bicyclist and enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends. He will be remembered for his constant and consistent service to others, always willing to help and generous to all. He was a man of integrity and honor with a quiet courage to always do right by others.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Hatch (Mark) of Livermore, CA, Robert Larsen (Denise) of Atherton, CA, and Paul Larsen (Steve) of San Francisco, CA, seven grandchildren, Paige Clarkson, Erin Brown, Ryan Hatch, Steven Hatch, David Hatch, Jared Hatch, John Hatch and 16 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Curtis Larsen of Arizona, Jack Larsen of Fullerton, CA and his sister Beth McBride of Brea, CA and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary and a son, David.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Avenue in Livermore on Friday, July 10 at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

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Patrick William Hansen

Patrick William Hansen was born at the U.S. San Diego Naval Hospital on January 26, 1954. He was the third eldest of seven children born to Richard and Kathleen Hansen. After his 11 year battle with Parkinson's Disease, he died of complications on June 16, 2009 at Hospice of San Joaquin in Stockton.

Patrick was a long time resident of Livermore. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1972. He is survived by his mother, Kathleen Hansen of Livermore, aunt/godmother, Jane Claffy of Red Hook, NY; sisters Colleen O'Neal and Mary Heaton, both of Livermore; Kathleen McGehee of Manteca; and brothers Christopher Hansen of Pensacola, FL; and Mark Hansen of Sparks, NV. He was also a loving and devoted uncle to his fifteen nieces and nephews and two great nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Hansen and a sister Peggy Hansen/Hoover. He loved family gatherings and had a passion for music and playing the guitar.

There will be a private family memorial celebrating his life. The family requests that any donations be made in his name to Hospice of San Joaquin in Stockton, CA, or the Parkinson's Institute & Clinical Center, (408) 732-2800.

Dr. E. John Ainsworth

Surrounded by his loving family, John Ainsworth - world-renowned scientist, tennis player and fan, photography buff, family man and eternal optimist - gently passed away July 5, 2009, at his home in Pleasanton after nine months with esophageal cancer. He was 76.

Carolyn, his wife of 49 years, was so pleased that her husband's illness brought the family even closer and comforted him in his final days. Their daughters, Sue Ellen Calcagno of Aptos and Lee Ann Caldwell of Pleasanton, joined their son Brent Ainsworth of Novato at their father's side.

John and Carolyn lived in San Bruno from 1961-69, in Moraga from 1977-88, in Walnut Creek in 1989 and in Pleasanton since 2002. In his retirement, John was an advocate for parks & rec tennis, played with the Fairlands tennis group and was a regular guest speaker and science fair judge at his grandchildren's schools.

A native of Indiana, Dr. Earl John Ainsworth Jr. enjoyed 39-year career as a research scientist and laboratory administrator, focusing on the fields of radiation biology, nuclear physics and biochemistry. He worked at the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco (including much time

doing large-animal experiments at Camp Parks in Dublin), Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Ill., Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley and the Armed Forces Radiation Research Institute in Bethesda, Md. He retired in 1998 after an honor-filled career that included milestone experiments on the medical benefits and fallout dangers of radiation on living things, yet he remained so humble.

John continued to contribute to science posthumously by gifting his remains to the University of California-San Francisco Willied Body Program so medical students can learn about many things, including esophageal cancer, one of the more rare and most lethal forms of cancer.

In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by sons-in-law William Caldwell and James Calcagno; daughter-in-law Edie Ainsworth; granddaughters Melanie Caldwell, Lauren Caldwell, Kyla Ainsworth, Shannon Ainsworth and Serena Calcagno; and grandsons Jared Caldwell and J. Dante Calcagno.

A private family ceremony was held in one of his favorite places, by his rose garden and hummingbird feeder, in recognition of his tremendous joy of nature. The family wishes to thank the team at Hope Hospice of Dublin for its exceptional support.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you perform a simple act of kindness in his memory.

Henry R. Cavagnolo

Henry R. Cavagnolo passed away July 1, 2009 in Pleasanton. He was 89.

Henry was born February 21, 1960 in San Francisco to Emilio and Mary Cavagnolo. For 32 years of his professional career he was a senior research technician at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he worked on such projects as astron and laser beams.

His passionate interests included astronomy, photography, animals and a love of nature. He loved to hike and fish.

He will be remembered for his kind, loving nature and gentle spirit. He is deeply loved and will be greatly missed. A special thank you to all his doctors and caregivers.

He is survived by a son Robert (Janet), daughter Lynne (Michael), grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Nettie Vestina Cavagnolo, a son Richard Henry Cavagnolo, a stepson Ernest Mendicki and his brothers, Louis and Achille Cavagnolo.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thurs., July 16 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568, or St. Augustine Catholic Church, Pleasanton.

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Higher Temperatures Won't Necessarily Mean More Fires

Rising temperatures may lead to more tinder-dry vegetation. However, that doesn't mean there will be a higher risk for wildfires in a particular area.

It all depends on the type of vegetation. Although changing temperatures and moisture content set the stage for changes in wildfire frequency, they often can be trumped by changes in the distribution and abundance of plants. Research implies that the impacts of climate change on modern-day fire frequencies could be strongly mediated by changes in vegetation.

A new study on the cover of the May issue of Ecological Monographs shows that, in some cases, the types of plants growing in an area could override the effects of climate change on wildfire occurrence.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientist Tom Brown, along with Philip Higuera of Montana State University and colleagues, looked at the direct and indirect impacts of millennial-scale climate change on fire occurrence in the south-central Brooks Range in Alaska.

The team looked at historical fire occurrence by analyzing sediments found in the bottom of lakes.

Using the Lab's Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, the researchers carbon dated the deposits in the sediment and reconstructed fire occurrences from 15,000 B.C. to the present. Then they measured the

amount of plant parts, such as fossil pollen, to figure out what type of vegetation dominated the area during the different time periods.

The conclusion was that fire frequencies coincided with changes in the type of vegetation in the area, more so than rising temperatures alone.

"If all we did was look at rising temperatures and ignore the vegetation in the area, that wouldn't be a good predictor of the likelihood of wildfires in a particular region," Brown said. "You have to look at the whole picture."

Earlier studies have shown that the area burned across arctic and boreal regions will increase over the next century as climate change lengthens the fire season, decreases moisture and increases ignition rates. However, vegetation can alter the direct link between climate and fire by influencing the abundance, structure and moisture content of fuels across space and time, Brown said.

Despite a transition from a cool, dry climate to a warm, dry climate about 10,500 years ago, the researchers found a sharp decline in the frequency of fires. Their sediment cores from that time period revealed a vegetation change from flammable shrubs to fire-resistant deciduous trees.

Other contributors include the University of Washington and the University of Illinois-Urbana.

Heritage Guild Looking for Help with Historymobile

The Livermore Heritage Guild is in the process of upgrading its historymobile.

Nancy Mulligan, who is spearheading the effort, is looking for expertise to help in planning what will go into the traveling history museum and how to arrange it. "We need someone to work with the Guild to help make a decision on the size of vehicle we might need," said Mulligan. "We are collecting funds now. However, we may be able to obtain a vehicle and outfit it with the funds we have. We need help in determining that."

She added that there are plenty of volunteers to undertake the work once decisions are made. "We need designers, people to call schools to determine interest in the historymobile, and how to

proceed. The commitment would be short term."

The goal is to have the historymobile ready to roll next May. Anyone who is interested in helping, can call Nancy at 443-3076.

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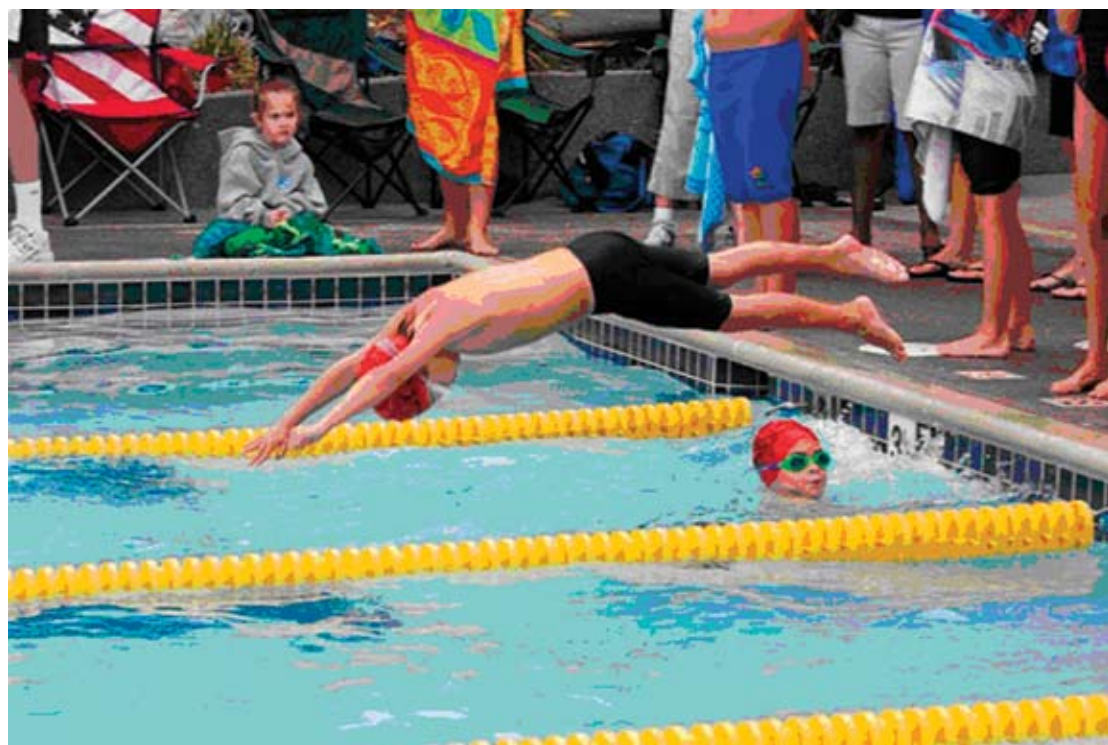
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SPORTS NOTES



Max O'Connor is shown diving, while Ryan Lortie is finishing butterfly leg in the Mixed 7-8 Medley Relay for Sunset Swim Club.

Club Sport vs. Del Prado

The 2008 Tri-Valley Swim League champions Club Sport Tidal Waves fell to the 2008 runners up Del Prado Stingrays 412 to 568 at Club Sport in the second week of the Tri-Valley Swim season.

The top female swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Alyse Bateman (11pt), Saige Aronson (10pt), Mackenzie Lee (9pt), Jessica Clouse (7pt), Bailey Craig (7pt), Kayleigh Dennen (7pt), Makena Densmore (7pt), Arin Miller (6pt), Kayla Terry (6pt) and Meagan Tang (5pt).

The top male swimmers for the Tidal Waves were TJ Meagher (15pt), Scotty Arellano (13pt), Jack Derham (11pt), Brett Derham (10pt), Cole Reznick (10pt), Joseph Louderback (7pt), Rocky Anderson (6pt), Jeff Horne (6pt), Justin Lee (6pt) and William Rose (5pt).

The top female swimmers for the Stingrays were Niki Doi (15pt), Stephanie Doi (15pt), Megan Doi (10pt), Nicole White (10pt), Sara Jeffrey (9), Alyssa Bardakos (8pt), Courtney DeWilde (8pt), Lindsey DeWilde (8pt), Meghan Hogue (8pt) and Macy Hicks (7pt).

The top male swimmers for the Stingrays were Eric Crispell (15pt), Eric Gates (11), John Lester (10pt), Gabriel Roque (9pt), Jacob Banke (8pt), Tommy Sabatini (7pt), Sean Sullivan (7pt), Peter Balas (6pt) and Joey Lindley (6pt).

1st place finishers for Club Sport Girls were 6&U 25Y Free, Aronson Saige, 21:41; 6&U 25Y Fly, Kayleigh Dennen, 28:63; 7-8 25Y Fly, Makena Densmore, 23:26; 9-10 25Y Fly, Bailey Craig, 17:15; Women's 15-18 50Y Fly, Alyse Bateman, 29:33; 6&U 25Y Breast, Saige Aronson, 31:69; 7-8 25Y Breast, Carli Lopez, 26:41; 13-14 50Y Breast, Jessica Clouse, 37:40; 11-12 50Y Back, Meagan Tang, 38:39; 6&U 100 Free Relay, Aronson, Saige Lourance, Anna Dennen, Kayleigh Carroll, Kate, 1:48:45; 9-10 200Y Free Relay, Terry, Kayla; Wood, Julia; Dennen, Lauren; Craig, Bailey 2:28:55.

1st place finishers for Club Sport Boys were 6&U 100Y Medley Relay, Anderson, Rocky Caufield, Erik Meagher, TJ 6 Payne, Jayden, 2:10:29; 6&U 25Y Free, TJ Meagher, 20:67; 7-8 25Y Free, Jack Derham, 16:73; 9-10 50Y Free, Brett Derham, 36:79; Men's 15-18 50Y Free, Scotty Arellano, 22:54; 6&U 25Y Fly, TJ Meagher, 27:84; 7-8 25Y Fly, Joseph Louderback, 21:29; 9-10 25Y Fly, Brett Derham, 18:81; 7-8 25Y Breast, Cole Reznick, 22:57; Men's 15-18 100Y IM, Scotty Arellano, 59:92; 6&U 25Y Back, TJ Meagher, 24:54; 7-8 25Y Back, Cole Reznick, 20:43; 6&U 100Y Free Relay, Renton, Kyle; Caufield, Erik; Kost, Devon; Payne, Jayden, 2:13:64; 7-8 100Y Free Relay, Torres, Robert; McCuen, Ethan; McCuen, Logan; Louderback, Joseph, 1:18:24.

1st place finishers for the Del Prado Girls were 6&U 100Y Medley Relay, Renton, Kyle; Caufield, Erik; Kost, Devon; Payne, Jayden, 3:23:18; 7-8 100Y Medley Relay, Griston, Molly; Jeffrey, Sara; Foster, Madeline; Hicks, Lacey, 1:30:96; 9-10 100Y Medley Relay, Bardakos, Alyssa; Hogue, Meghan; White, Nicole; Waldear, Heather, 1:14:53; 11-12 200Y Medley Relay, Kitayama, Kathryn 12; Sullivan, Danielle; Doi, Megan; Jeffrey, Stephanie, 2:22:39; 13-14 200Y Medley Relay, Klein, Laura; Cohen, Sara; Doi, Stephanie; DeWilde, Lindsey, 2:10:97; Women's 15-18 200Y Medley Relay, Klein, Laura; Cohen, Sara; Doi, Stephanie; DeWilde, Lindsey, 2:10:97; 7-8 25Y Free, Lacey Hicks, 18:93; 9-10 50Y Free, Nicole White, 33:86; 11-12 50Y Free, Megan Doi, 30:64; 13-14 100Y Free, Stephanie Doi, 26:69; Women's 15-18 100Y Free, Niki Doi, 26:53; 11-12 50Y Fly, Courtney DeWilde, 36:35; 13-14 50Y Fly, Stephanie Doi, 29:55; 9-10 25Y Breast, Meghan Hogue, 21:68; 11-12 50Y Breast, Danielle Sullivan, 39:21; Women's 15-18 50Y Breast, Niki Doi, 33:47; 9-10 100Y IM, Nicole White, 1:26:10; 11-12 100Y IM, Megan Doi, 1:19:95; 13-14 100Y IM, Stephanie Doi, 1:08:80; Women's 15-18 100Y IM, Niki Doi, 1:10:54; 6&U 25Y Back, Isla Griston, 25:96; 7-8 25Y Back, Sara Jeffrey, 21:96; 9-10 25Y Back, Alyssa Bardakos, 19:86; 13-14 50Y Back, Lindsey DeWilde, 36:01; Women's 50Y Back, Colleen Mayes, 32:48; 7-8 100Y Free Relay, Griston, Molly; Sullivan, Mary; Lester, Elise; Hicks, Lacey, 1:18:02; 11-12 200Y Free Relay, Kitayama, Kathryn; Bell, Lucy; Sullivan, Danielle; Jeffrey, Stephanie, 2:08:35; 13-14 200Y Free Relay, Klein, Laura; Cohen, Sara; Waldear, Kristine; Beatty, Madison, 1:56:32; Women's 15-18 200Y Free Relay, Bantz, Victoria; Klein, Emily; Fowler-Kimsey, Zoe; Boughton, Kari, 1:53:00.

1st place finishers for Del Prado Boys were 9-10 100Y Medley Relay, Sullivan, Sean; Juarez, Tommy; Banke, Jacob; DeWilde, Luke, 1:16:61; 11-12 200Y Medley

Relay, Newman, Jake; Sabatini, Tommy; Hogue, Ryan; Balas, Peter, 2:26:62; 13-14 200Y Medley Relay, Goad, Andrew; Crispell, Eric; Kuratori, Cameron; Lindley, Joey, 2:11:62; Women's 15-18 200Y Medley Relay, Payan, Jack; Landas, Trevor; Gates, Eric; Costa, Josef, 1:52:87; 11-12 50Y Free, Gabriel Burke, 31:20; 13-14 50Y Free, Cameron Kuutori, 27:54; 11-12 50Y Fly, Ryan Hogue, 36:89; 13-14 50Y Fly, Cameron Kuutori 31:00; Men's 50Y Fly, Eric Gates, 25:91; 6&U 25Y Breast, John Lester, 32:07; 9-10 25Y Breast, Tommy Juarez, 21:40; 11-12 50Y Breast, Tommy Sabatini, 41:48; 13-14 50Y Breast, Eric Crispell, 37:72; Men's 15-18 50Y Breast, Trevor Landas, 32:06; 9-10 100Y IM, Jacob Banke, 1:37:84; 11-12 100Y IM, Jake Newman, 1:20:10; 13-14 100Y IM, Eric Crispell, 1:08:22; 9-10 25Y Back, Sean Sullivan, 21:53; 9-10 11-12 50Y Back, Jake Newman, 36:29; 13-14 50Y Back, Eric Crispell, 31:57; Men's 15-18 50Y Back, Eric Gates, 27:66; 9-10 200Y Free Relay, Sullivan, Sean; Proud, Will; DeWilde, Luke; Banke, Jacob, 2:34:27; 11-12 200Y Free Relay, Balas, Peter; Hogue, Ryan; Burke, Gabriel; Newman, Jake, 2:08:24; 13-14 200Y Free Relay, Kuratori, Cameron; Goad, Andrew; Borchers, Nate; Lindley, Joey, 1:58:47; Men's 15-18 200Y Free Relay, Drury, Colin; Hall, Stefan; Costa, Josef; Payan, Jack, 1:38:21.

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be hosting a lacrosse clinic for new players on Saturday, Aug 15, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Robertson Park. The clinic will introduce the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 8 to 14. The program includes instruction on passing, catching, cradling, shooting and dodging and is an excellent introduction into the fast moving and ever growing game of lacrosse. Demonstrations will be given by local coaches, high school and college players, and maybe a surprise guest. Cost for the clinic is \$50 which includes quality lacrosse stick, ball, club t-shirt, and instruction. For updated information and registration info on this event and our 2010 season, please visit www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Mezuel at 925-425-9901.

LALL All-Stars

Livermore American Little League 11/12 All-Stars played three solid games in competition.

In the first game, they were shut-out by Granada 4 to 0. Pitching by Granada's, Jacob Storti kept LALL scoreless. LALL defense was able to keep the score down 4-to-0. The next day, Livermore lost to Canyon Creek 8 to 5. Canyon Creek jumped out to a 6-to-0 lead. LALL pulled together as a team and battled back to 6-to-4. The battle continued with some great hits and some awesome defense by our outfielders.

The 9/10 LALL All-Stars lost to Danville 8 to 5. Danville showed up with their bats warmed up and pounded the ball to an early 8-0 lead. Livermore American never gave up and fought back hard with great defense and a powerful three run Home Run by Will Mohler. Livermore chipped away at Danville's 8 run lead but ran out of inning's before ending up with an 8 to 5 loss.

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Seahawks Heat Things

As the scorching temperature soared, the Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) blazed through the water at the Orinda Aquatics Swim Meet June 27 - 28. Three new team records were achieved in addition to multiple additions to the Top Ten list.

Pre-Senior Highlights include the following: 11-12 Girls - Eva Chung - 7/8 LTB, new Pacific Recognition Time (PRT) 100/200 breast; Maggie Kauffeld - 7/8 LTB, new Junior Olympic (JO) 50/100 Fly; Rachel Knowles - 7/8 LTB, new Team Records 100/200 free/100 Fly; Cate MacGregor - 5/7 LTB, new Far Western (FW) 100 fly, new JO 100 back; Lillian Sun - 7/8 LTB, new FW 200 free; Katie Woods - 4 LTB, new FW 100 free; Moriah Simonds - 100% LTB; 11-12 boys - Maxime Rooney - new FW 100/200 free; 13-14 girls - Bridget Booe - 7/7 LTB,

new "A" 100 breast; Elise Cox - LTB 100 free/100 fly; 13-14 boys - Nick Johnston - 7/7 LTB, new PRT 100 back, new FW 100 free; Brian Lee - 6/8 LTB.

The Junior, Pre-Junior and Novice groups were also ablaze at Orinda. RJ Scott, Maya Gilchrist, Aaron Li, Wolf Lachance, Kayla Lindsay, Analese Chinn, Alex Gilchrist, Anna Parker and Robert Shi all had outstanding swims, resulting in many huge drops in time. Resha Panda established LTB in 8 & Under Girls 100 free/50 back. Audrick Antonio achieved a new "A" time in 8 & Under boys 50 free.

Sunset vs. LVTC

Sunset Cabana Club spent the July 4 holiday competing against Livermore Valley Tennis Club (LVTC). The final score was Sunset Cabana Club 940, LVTC 797. The following Sunset swimmers put forth strong efforts swimming some of their best times of the season: Kieran Campbell, Rebecca Anderson, Anya Massoud, Simon Jue, Sarah Franklin, Kelsey Girardelli, Nickolas Winter, Krista Bronson, Ava Powers, Kylie Girardelli, Tori Diehl, Gavin Powers, Adriana Harker, Christopher Sanchez, Shelby White, Jovana Solis, Charlotte Schrodri, Caellan Roberts, Audrey Roberts, and Jordan Phelps.

Top Sunset Finishers in the Medley Relay: 6&U girls: Andrea Lee, Camille Wigginton, Anna Leary, Lauren Young 2:49:78; 6&U Mixed: Vijay Memula, Aidan Solis, Dylan Baxter, Joshua Bailey 2:18:19; 7-8 Girls: Tami Lee, Madison Wright, Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Emily Trask 1:37:97; 7-8 Mixed: Reid Heffron, Isaiah Smith, Christopher Sanchez, Jason Wigginton 1:41:75; 9-10 Girls: Emily Allendorf, Christine Danforth, Sophia Krafcik, Emily Chong 1:15:18; 9-10 Mixed: Jack Walker, Andrew Walker, Wesley Katz, Max Wigginton 1:13:10; 11-12 Girls: Avery Harker, Shelby Diehl, Caroline Danforth, Nicole Glover 2:27:95; 11-12 Mixed: Gideon Firl, Justin Walker, Kyle Chong, Kyle Moylan 2:48:56; 13-14 Girls: Lauren Darling, Kelsey Thompson, Ryley Landreth, Elise Falgout 2:22:47; 13-14 Mixed: Chris Harker, Jeff Katzen, Logan Glover, Ryan McCallum 2:03:44; 15-18 Girls: Cassi McDiarmid, Michelle Phelps, Krista Bronson, Jelena Cyr 2:10:25; 15-18 Mixed: Ryan Linhart, William Hughes, Jared Benge, James Burstedt 2:03:62.

Top Finishers in Freestyle: Anna Leary, Lauren Young, Haley Wright, Dylan Baxter, Vijay Memula, Aidan Solis, Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Katie Campbell, Rebecca Anderson, Jason Wigginton, Christopher Sanchez, Reid Heffron, Hannah Borjon, Sophia Krafcik, Emily Allendorf, Wesley Katz, Chris Machi, Tanner Wright, Caroline Danforth, Avery Harker, Jenna Thompson, Gideon Firl, Kyle Moylan, Kevin Girardelli, Elise Falgout, Ashley Moylan, Kelsey Thompson, Chris Harker, Brian Lee, Ryan McCallum, Jelen Cyr, Alex Harker, Michelle Phelps, William Hughes, Ryan Linhart, Jared Benge.

Top Butterfly Finishers: Anna Leary, Andrea Lee, Camille Wigginton, Aidan Solis, Ben O'Connor, Vijay Memula, Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Emily Trask, Madison Wright, Jason Wigginton, Isaiah Smith, Christine Danforth, Christine Danforth, Sophia Krafcik, Emily Chong, Wesley Katz, Jack Walker, Tanner Wright, Nicole Glover, Avery Harker, Shelby Diehl, Kyle Chong, Justin Walker, Kyle Moylan, Elise Falgout, Ashley Moylan, Elizabeth Allendorf, Logan Glover, Chris Harker, Logan Glover, Cassi McDiarmid, Alex Harker, Emma Hughes, William Hughes, Ryan Linhart, Jared Benge.

Top Breaststroke Finishers: Haley Wright, Katie Darling, Camille Wigginton, Aidan Solis, Dylan Baxter, Vijay Memula, Olivia Powers, Emily Trask, Tami Lee, Joey Katzen, Reid Heffron, Isaiah Smith, Christine Danforth, Jovana Solis, Emily Allendorf, Max Wigginton, Jack Walker, Chris Machi, Caroline Danforth, Shelby Diehl, Jenna Thompson, Justin Walker, Gideon Firl, Kevin Girardelli, Kelsey Thompson, Elizabeth Allendorf, Amanda Anderson, Jeff Katzen, Chris Harker, Logan Glover, Michelle Phelps, Krista Bronson, Jelen Cyr, William Hughes, Jared Benge, David Bierwirth.

Top IM Finishers: Sophia Krafcik, Emily Allendorf, Riley Heffron, Jack Walker, Max Wigginton, Tanner Wright, Caroline Danforth, Nicole Glover, Avery Harker, Kyle Chong, Gideon Firl, Kyle Moylan, Elise Falgout, Kelsey Thompson, Ashley Moylan, Logan Glover, Brian Lee, Brian Garcia, Cassi McDiarmid, Emma Hughes, Mikki Glover, Ryan Linhart, Jared Benge, David Bierwirth.

Top Backstroke finishers: Camille Wigginton, Lauren Young, Haley Wright, Dylan Baxter, Vijay Memula, Ben O'Connor, Madi-

son Wright, Mia Smith, Olivia Powers, Isaiah Smith, Reid Heffron, Ryan Lortie, Christine Danforth, Riley Heffron, Emily Chong, Wesley Katz, Max Wigginton, Chris Machi, Victoria Winter, Annika Landreth, Rachel Campbell, Kyle Chong, Justin Walker, Joseph Massoud, Lauren Darling, Ashley Moylan, Elizabeth Allendorf, Josh Snyder, Jeff Katzen, Brian Garcia, Cassi McDiarmid, Alex Harker, Emma Hughes, Ryan Linhart, Jared Benge, William Hughes.

Free Style Relay Finishers: 6&U Girls: Camille Wigginton, Katie Darling, Anna Leary, Lauren Young 2:42:74; Dylan Baxter, Ben O'Connor, Vijay Memula, Aidan Solis 2:00:12; 7-8 Girls: Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Tami Lee, Alisa Inokuchi, Emily Trask 1:28:13; 7-8 Mixed: Christopher Sanchez, Isaiah Smith, Reid Heffron, Jason Wigginton 1:22:46; 9-10 Girls: Emily Allendorf, Hannah Borjon, Sophia Krafcik, Christine Danforth 2:32:56; 9-10 Mixed: Max Wigginton, Simon Jue, Jack Walker, Wesley Katz, 2:39:10; 11-12 Girls: Caroline Danforth, Shelby Diehl, Avery Harker, Nicole Glover 2:13:15; 11-12 Mixed: Kyle Chong, Kyle Moylan, Joseph Massoud, Gideon Firl, 2:24:91; 13-14 Girls: Ryley Landreth, Ashley Moylan, Kelsey Thompson, Lauren Darling 2:07:06; 13-14 Mixed: Logan Glover, Jeff Katzen, Ryan McCallum, Chris Harker 1:52:06; 15-18 Girls: Jelena Cyr, Cassi McDiarmid, Emma Hughes, Michelle Phelps 1:53:65; 15-18 Mixed: William Hughes, David Bierwirth, Jared Benge, Ryan Linhart.

Dublin vs Del Prado

On Wednesday night, the Del Prado Stingrays swam away from the bite of the Dublin Green Gators, by the score of 556 to 419.

Del Prado's Stephanie Doi bettered her own 13-14 fly record with a time of 29:36. The 6&U medley relay team of Isla Griston, Stella Kruschke, Lauren Graham, and Shelby Hicks, broke a nine-year-old team record.

Stingray girls top finishers also included, Niki Doi, Megan Doi, Lindsey Dewilde, Nicole White, Stella Kruschke, Heather Waldear, Elaina Gates, Meghan Hogue, Colleen Mayes, and Madeline Foster. For the boys, the top finishers include, Steven Reimer, Jake Newman, Eric Crispell, John Lester, Eric Gates, Cameron Kuratori, Chris Couzens, Jack Payan, Matt Loeffler, and Michael McMasters.

The Dublin Green Gators also had outstanding performances from Makenna Tony, Sofia Gluck, Alexandra Torrez, Crystal Hung, Olivia Cano, Abigail Maguire, Madeline Maguire, Alison Jones, Cassidy Hearne, and Stephanie Chiu, for the girls. The Gator boys two performers were, Matthew Zamudio, Reece Toney, Andrew Wang, Jorell Toney, Cole Ryken, Kagan Wilkinson, Christopher Feaminy, Tristan Keyser, Sean Coakley, and Jeff Van Dorn.

1st Place Girls Results: Girls 6 & Under: 25 yard free Toney, Makenna, Dub Green Gators-CC, 21:46. 25 yard back Toney, Makenna, Dub Green Gators-CC, 24:35. 25 yard breast Toney, Makenna, Dub Green Gators-CC, 29:25. 25 yard fly Kruschke, Stella, DP Stingrays-CC, 29:27. Girls 7-8 25 yard free Foster, Madeline, DP Stingrays-CC, 19:67. 25 yard back Gluck, Sofia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 21:04. 25 yard breast Gluck, Sofia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 24:79. 25 yard fly Gluck, Sofia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 20:76. Girls 9-10 50 yard free White, Nicole, DP Stingrays-CC, 34:59. 25 yard back Huber, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 20:70. 25 yard breast Cano, Olivia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 20:70. 25 yard fly White, Nicole, DP Stingrays-CC, 18:62. 100 yard IM Waldear, Heather, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:37:53.

Girls 11-12 50 yard free Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 29:94. 50 yard back Torrez, Alexandra, Dub Green Gators-CC, 38:07. 50 yard breast Maguire, Madeline, Dub Green Gators-CC, 43:05. 50 yard fly Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 34:89. 100 yard IM Doi,

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Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:19.46. Girls 13-14 50 yard free, DeWilde, Lindsey, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.55. 50 yard back DeWilde, Lindsey, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.41. 50 yard breast Gates, Elaine, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.73. 50 yard fly Doi, Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 29.36. 100 yard IM Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:07.92. Women 15-18 50 yard free Boughton, Kari, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.56. 50 yard back Mayes, Colleen, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.96. 50 yard breast Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.17. 50 yard fly Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.87. 100 yard IM Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:06.11.

Girls 6 & Under 100 yard free Relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Garcia, Melissa; Heath, Amy; Harris, Jacqueline; Hicks, Shelby) 2:07.61. 100 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Griston, Isla 6; Kruschke, Stella 6; Graham, Lauren; Hicks, Shelby) 1:53.02. Girls 7-8 100 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Griston, Molly; Juarez, Reagan; Foster, Madeline; Hicks, Lacey) 1:21.53. 100 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Jeffrey, Sara; Hicks, Lacey; Juarez, Reagan; Lester, Elise) 1:25.99. Girls 9-10 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Waldear, Heather; Marotto, Katherine; Bardakos, Alyssa; White, Nicole) 2:33.84. 100 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron; Hogue, Meghan; White, Nicole; Waldear, Heather) 1:14.52.

Girls 11-12 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (DeWilde, Courtney; Kitayama, Kathryn; Marotto, Madeline; Jeffrey, Stephanie) 2:10.66. 200 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kitayama, Kathryn; Bantz, Megan; Doi, Megan; Jeffrey, Stephanie) 2:26.27. Girls 13-14 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Klein, Laura; Cohen, Sara; Waldear, Kristine; Gates, Elaine) 1:55.24. 200 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (DeWilde, Lindsey; Cohen, Sara; Doi, Stephanie; Klein, Laura) 2:08.57. Women 15-18 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Alyssa; Fowler-Kimsey, Zoe; Boughton, Kari; Doi, Niki) 1:51.10. 200 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Mayes, Colleen; Blandino, Jillian; Strom, Jaclyn; Marotto, Mary) 2:09.53.

1st Place Boys: 6 & Under 25 yard free Wang, Andrew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 21.30. 25 yard back Wang, Andrew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 27.07. 25 yard breast Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.57. 25 yard fly Wang, Andrew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 25.89. Boys 7-8 25 yard free Reimer, Steven, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.63. 25 yard back Reimer, Steven, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.38. 25 yard breast Reimer, Steven, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.00. 25 yard fly Loeffler, Matt, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.82. Boys 9-10 50 yard free Toney, Reece, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.04. 25 yard back Ryken, Cole, Dub Green Gators-CC, 19.79. 25 yard breast Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.06. 25 yard fly Toney, Reece, Dub Green Gators-CC, 18.85. 100 yard IM Toney, Reece, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:30.90.

Boys 11-12 50 yard free Toney, Jorell, Dub Green Gators-CC, 28.80. 50 yard back Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.80. 50 yard breast Sabatini, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 40.27. 50 yard fly Toney, Jorell, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.07. 100 yard IM Toney, Jorell, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:13.75. Boys 13-14 50 yard free Zamudio, Matthew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 25.32. 50 yard back Crispell, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.41. 50 yard breast Fernainy, Christopher, Dub Green Gators-CC, 37.35. 50 yard fly Zamudio, Matthew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 27.53. 100 yard IM Zamudio, Matthew, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:05.67. Men 15-18 50 yard free Payan, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.42. 50 yard back Cousins, Chris, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.74. 50 yard breast Wilkinson, Kagan, Dub Green Gators-CC, 30.70. 50 yard fly Van Dorn, Jeff, Dub Green Gators-CC, 25.63. 100 yard IM Gates, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:00.64.

Boys 6 & Under 100 yard free Relay Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Stickler, Jack; Coloma, Ben; Dimaulo, Matthew; Keyser, Tristan) 2:19.05. 100 yard Medley Relay Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Wang, Andrew; Stickler, Jack; Keyser, Tristan; Coloma, Ben) 2:13.04. Boys 7-8 100 yard free Relay Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Fitzpatrick, Frankie; Warren, Brenden; Dimaulo, Andrew; Costa, Dominic) 1:39.22. 100 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bessiere, Matthew; McMasters, Michael; Bessiere, Jack; Reimer, Steven) 1:33.12. Boys 9-10 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Sullivan, Sean; Proud, Will; DeWilde, Luke; Smith, Taylor) 2:30.98. 100 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Sullivan, Sean; Juarez, Tommy; Smith, Taylor; DeWilde, Luke) 1:14.50.

Boys 11-12 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Balas, Peter; Hryciwicz, Theo; Hogue, Ryan; Sabatini, Tommy) 2:16.37. 200 yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Newman, Jake; Sabatini, Tommy; Hogue, Ryan; Balas, Peter) 2:24.85. 200 yard free Relay Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Bowen, James; Bird, Arun; Merz, William; Fernainy, Christopher) 1:57.33. Boys 13-14 200 yard Medley Relay Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Zamudio, Matthew; Fernainy, Christopher; Bird, Arun; Bowen, James) 2:05.98. Men 15-18 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Drury, Colin; Payan, Jack; Cousins, Chris; Gates, Eric) 1:36.41. 200 yard Medley Relay Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Brillante, Jonathan; Wilkinson, Kagan; Van Dorn, Jeff; Young, Benjamin) 1:51.61.

Pleasanton Meadows vs. FAST

The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks swim past the Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) Dolphins 567 to 372 in a swim meet on Wednesday July 1.

The Pleasanton Meadow Sharks broke another club record, the Boys 11-12 Freestyle Relay team of Sean Burke, Perry Cheney, Jack Geasa, and Nicholas Tucker replaced the 1994 record with a time of 2:04.60.

1st place finishers:

Girls 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free, Ainsley Hasty (PM), 26.17. 25 Yard Fly, Peyton Pozzi (PM), 30.09. 25 Yard Breast, Katie Maloney (FAST), 35.50. 25 Yard Back McKenna Harris (PM), 31.11.

Girls 7 & 8: 25 Yard Free: Brooke Promes (FAST), 20.27. 25 Yard Fly, Meredith Kelly (PM), 22.48. 25 Yard Breast, Jennifer Eichhorn (FAST), 29.55. 25 Yard Back, Alison Smith (FAST), 27.26.

Girls 9 & 10: 50 Yard Free: Katie Eichhorn (FAST), 37.23. 25 Yard Fly, McKenna Moura (FAST), 17.48. 25 Yard Breast, Tricia Ritter (FAST), 21.02. 100 Yard IM, McKenna Moura (FAST), 1:31.82. 25 Yard Back, Sabrina Tabaracci (FAST), 23.59.

Girls 11 & 12: 50 Yard Free, Adriana Harris (PM), 35.77. 50 Yard Fly, Alyson Isaacs (PM), 35.22. 50 Yard Breast, Monique Davidson (PM), 42.67. 100 Yard IM, Alyson Isaacs (PM), 1:25.22. 50 Yard Back, Adriana Harris (PM), 42.71.

Girls 13 & 14: 50 Yard Free, Kayla Moberg (PM) 31.18. 50 Yard Fly, Kaala Cheney (PM), 31.61. 50 Yard Breast, Alexandra Brown (FAST), 40.98. 100 Yard IM, Kaala Cheney (PM), 1:18.09. 50 Yard

Back, Annie Geasa (PM), 36.11. Women 15-18: 50 Yard Free, Audrey Wagner (FAST), 33.90. 50 Yard Fly, Elsa Schwanager (PM), 33.83. 50 Yard Breast, Madeline Bush (PM), 44.15. 100 Yard IM, Elsa Schwanager (PM), 1:16.32. 50 Yard Back, Madeline Bush (PM), 38.85.

Boys 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free, Max McGee (FAST), 31.54. 25 Yard Fly, Luke Scanlon (PM), 32.72. 25 Yard Breast, Luke Scanlon (PM), 40.34. 25 Yard Back, Max McGee (FAST), 40.11.

Boys 7 & 8: 25 Yard Free, Luke Szymczak (FAST), 15.95. 25 Yard Fly, Luke Szymczak (FAST), 20.45. 25 Yard Breast, Cody Vaeth (PM), 29.10. 25 Yard Back, David Azuma (PM), 25.07.

Boys 9 & 10: 50 Yard Free, Blake Tucker (PM), 39.12. 25 Yard Fly, Noor Gill (PM), 18.72. 25 Yard Breast, Daniel Newman (PM), 24.26. 100 Yard IM, Noor Gill (PM), 1:33.67. 25 Yard Back, Blake Tucker (PM), 22.34.

Boys 11 & 12: 50 Yard Free, Perry Cheney (PM), 27.03. 50 Yard Fly, Nick Tucker (PM), 34.22. 50 Yard Breast, Jack Geasa (PM), 41.55. 100 Yard IM, Nick Tucker (PM), 1:17.39. 50 Yard Back, Colin Burke (PM), 40.78.

Boys 13 & 14: 50 Yard Free, Chris Bush (PM), 30.48. 50 Yard Fly, Parker Brown (PM), 35.70. 50 Yard Breast, Chris Bush (PM), 41.39. 100 Yard IM, Conner Greene (PM), 1:25.33. 50 Yard Back, Parker Brown (PM), 36.17.

Men 15-18: 50 Yard Free, Joey Silva (PM), 24.15. 50 Yard Fly, Scott FitzGerald (FAST), 27.51. 50 Yard Breast, Trevor Ross (FAST), 39.76. 100 Yard IM, Trevor Ross (FAST), 1:06.46. 50 Yard Back, Snail Mukherjee (PM), 34.09.

Every 15 Minutes Benefit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Open Water Swim Group

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

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

Drive for the Cure

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

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

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

"I have three family members with type 1 diabetes. What this day means to us is the gathering of friends, family and sponsors, who have become very close over the last few years, to play golf, party and raise a heck of a lot of money toward a cure. We always leave the day overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone involved, and the amazing job that Active Charity does to make this day so very warm and wonderful."

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

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

For more information or to register, visit www.curetyp1.org/drivefortheCure.

Chicks with Sticks

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

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

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

For more information, visit www.shepherdsGate.org; for sponsorship information

or to donate raffle items, please contact Lyn Kiernan at (925)443-4283 ext.217 or lkierman@shepherdsGate.org

Football/Cheer Signup

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

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

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

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

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

Jail Break Run

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

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

The 5K course is a flat and fast loop. The 10K run is primarily flat and fast, with one hill—the very same hill you must master to join the Alameda County S.W.A.T. team; members of the S.W.A.T. team will be on hand to run the 10K course with the participants. Both USA Track & Field certified courses will run along the walls of the jail (all prisoners will be tucked away, out-of-view, indoors). For those who are little bit more casual with their "get away," participants are welcome to walk the 5K. Both kids' run courses (children under 8-years old) will be held at the Sheriff Training Center's running track.

Each "escapee" will receive the very popular Jail Break Run T-shirt, refreshments, and entry into the Jail Break raffle, which features a lot of great loot. Every child participating in either the ½-mile or 1-mile runs will earn a special award medal. Trophies will be awarded to the first overall male and female participant in each event, as well as the top Masters male and female in each race. Medals will also be given three-deep to the finishers in each male and female age category, in 10-year increments, beginning 13-years and under. In addition, all participants will certainly enjoy the opportunity to run, or walk, with a number of local Special Olympic athletes who will be competing as well.

Entry fees for either the 10K Run or 5K Walk/Run are \$25.00 pre-registered, \$30.00 race-day registration. The Kids' ½-Mile and Mile event fees are both \$5.00. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 6:30 a.m., with both 10K and 5K events starting at 8:00 a.m. The Kid's ½-Mile and Mile, which takes place on the Sheriff's training center track, will begin around 10:00 a.m.

The post-race awards, raffle, and prize give-away ceremony is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m.

Special Olympics of Northern California and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office have been making a major push to get more high school and college athletic programs to participate. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has opened its Regional Training Center for this event, which has seen a strong family presence at the Jail Break Run. The Sheriff's Office believes that by utilizing different methods of community outreach to schools, colleges, health clubs, and media we can partnership with our communities to support Special Olympics Programs. Together, we can enhance the quality of life for our athletes by raising funds and public awareness of Special Olympics.

For more Jail Break Run information and/or an application, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Coaches Sought

Lady Hustle Fastpitch is looking for coaches for all age levels for the Fall Season. Please go to www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com for more information. You may also contact Teresa Borchardt at ronbo4@pacbell.net / 925-785-0846.

Summer Baseball Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting another summer camp on July 20-22. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and an acamp shirt. The 5-12 year old camp costs \$75 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb

Aqua Challenge

An open-water swim event will be offered for all levels, as well as an exciting swim/run duathlon at On Your Mark Events' 11th Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge and Del Valle Du, Saturday, July 25, 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 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 entry fee to Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge competitions is \$35 advance registration and \$40 race-day registration; for those who chose to compete in the ½-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 ½-mile race. Both the 2-mile and 1-mile open-water races, and the Duathlon will start soon after the ½-mile race completes (to accommodate those who chose to compete in the ½-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 go to On Your Mark Events Website at www.onyourmarkevents.com or call them at 209-795-7832.

Bay Bombers

Jim Fitzpatrick's World Champion San Francisco Bay Bombers of the American Roller Skating Derby return to Pleasanton on Saturday night, August 1st to skate against Mizzy Georgia Hase's wild Brooklyn Red Devils. Competition will take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Starts is 8 p.m. Information at www.arsdbombers.com.

Softball Tournament

The Pleasanton Girls Softball League will host its annual Summer Classic Tournament this Friday, July 10 - Sunday, July 12 at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Approximately 60 teams will be participating (over 700 players). The Pleasanton Phantom has 7 teams competing this weekend (1-10B, 1-10C, 2-12C, 2-14B and 1-16B). Most Phantom teams will play their first game on Friday evening. The complete game schedule should be available and posted on at www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Tracks to Trail Set For This Saturday

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. To celebrate the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is partnering with BART for an Iron Horse Trail "Tracks to Trail" Event on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 10 am until 2 pm on the segment that connects the Pleasant Hill BART to the Dublin BART. This event is designed to showcase how tracks connect to trails and provide wonderful opportunities to leave cars at home and commute to work, school, parks, sports fields, shopping centers, and restaurants. This is a free event, no registration required.

Participants are encouraged to start at either station and ride bikes to a central meeting point in Danville at Railroad and West Prospect Avenues (across from the Museum of San Ramon Valley). EBRPD Director, Beverly Lane and BART Director, Gail Murray will host a special presentation at noon in this location. Iron Horse Trail neighbors who live close can simply walk, rollerblade, or bike along the trail to the Danville celebration. This is a great way to explore the Iron Horse Trail or encourage family and friends from out of town to take the BART.

Local businesses are sponsoring six energizer stations, with beverages and snacks, along the trail from at the sites located below: Dublin/Pleasanton BART at the entrance to Iron Horse Trail, sponsored by BART; San Ramon at Bollinger Canyon Road, sponsored by Whole Foods; Danville, Railroad Avenue at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, sponsored by the East Bay Regional Park District Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol and Kaiser Permanente; Alamo, Stone Valley Boulevard sponsored by EBRPD; Walnut Creek, Newell Avenue, sponsored by Whole Foods; and Pleasant Hill BART, in the greenbelt across from BART station, sponsored by BART.

This Danville location is the approximate mid-point -- about 7.5 miles one way -- between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART and the Pleasant Hill BART stations.

For more information or an Iron Horse Trail Map, visit www.ebparks.org or for BART station locations, go to www.BART.gov.

Over 26 miles in length, this multi-use path runs between the cities of Martinez and Pleasanton. It follows the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way established in 1891. The right-of-way was abandoned in 1978 and the tracks were removed in 1978-79. Although railroad artifacts are long gone, the Museum of the San Ramon Valley is housed in the restored 1891 Southern Pacific Depot on West Prospect and Railroad Avenues in Danville. The museum provides a unique tribute to the rich history of California's San Ramon Valley. Over one million visitors use the trail each year, many of them for commuting purposes.

SHORT NOTES

Citizens Police Academy

The Livermore Police Department is now accepting applications for its 16th Citizens Police Academy. The academy will run from September 2 through December 16, 2009 with a graduation ceremony on December 17, 2009. The academy sessions will be held every Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM 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 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, terrorism, 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 complete an application by August 1st 2009. Applications can be obtained from the kiosk at the Livermore Police Department, from the community section of the department's website www.livermorepolice.org, or by contacting Sergeant John Hurd at (925) 371-4843.

Each Citizen Police Academy is limited to 30 students. The department puts on two academies per year, spring and fall.

Pleasanton Schools

I Love Pleasanton Schools - Save Our Schools Now has collected more than \$187,000 in donations as of last Wednesday.

Some upcoming events: Online auction - Visit <http://ilovepleasantonschools.blogspot.com>

Pizza - Papa Murphy's Pizza in Pleasanton (1991 Santa Rita Road, 417-7511) has offered four nights

of fundraising. Purchase pizza on any of the following dates, and 35% of their proceeds will go to ILPS: Tuesday, July 21; Wednesday, July 22; Tuesday, August 11; and Wednesday, August 12.

Community members and business can support/sponsor families by donating as well. Goto www.ilovepleasantonschools.com for the latest information on upcoming events.

History Lecture

Forest Home Farms presents a Historic Lecture Series. The next presentation will be Friday, July 17, 7:00 - 8:30pm. Wells Twombly is an entertaining and engaging speaker. He is the Director of Public History Programs for the Peralta Hacienda in Oakland.

This presentation will be held in the Forest Home Farms Tractor Barn. To register for this event, please call 925-973-3200 or register online for Activity #63030 at www.sanramonrecguide.com. Cost is \$10.00 for all ages.



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Forest Home Farms is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon. Call 925-973-3284 for more info.

History Talk

The Livermore Heritage Guild will present a talk by Chris George on Wed., July 15 as part of its History Lecture series.

George is a student at Las Positas College. He is taking a course in Radio Broadcasting. The Heritage Guild hopes to sponsor his interest in broadcasting. In turn, George does ad spots for the Guild. His talk will be about radio and its influence on the country when families sat around the radio to listen to news and entertainment. The theme of the talk is "Remembering a Bygone Era, Old Time Music and Patter."

The lecture will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m., lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. Come early for conversation and refreshments. All are invited. A \$2 donating is suggested. For information, call 443-9740.

Mt. Diablo Programs

Save Mount Diablo offers the following programs in July:

Saturday July 18, 9am to 2:30pm. Mount Olympia Summit / Bruce Lee Spring Trail Loop 2C Hike (Mount Diablo Group). Leader: Helene Crowley, (415) 974-2209, or crowh_8558@yahoo.com. Meet: 9am at the end of Regency Dr. off Marsh Creek Rd, Clayton. Experienced hikers only. Rain cancels. Bring: Trekking poles, fluids, lunch/snack, layers, sunscreen

Thursday July 30, 2009 7-10pm. Working the Night Shift: Bat Monitoring (East Bay Regional Park District). Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. MP #42 Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve - Somersville Townsite, end of Somersville Rd., south of Antioch on Highway 4. Registration Required: 1-888-EB-PARKS option 2, 3; course #22001 (7/30); course #22002 (8/20)

For more information, call 1-888-EBPAKS.

Illegal Equipment

During the month of July, the Livermore Police Department will be focusing its efforts on vehicle safety as it pertains to illegal equipment and mechanical safety issues. One of the more common violations relates to illegal equipment and modified vehicles.

The Livermore Police has noticed an increase of vehicles that are equipped with illegal after market equipment. Some of this equipment is not only illegal but unsafe to use.

Below is a list of some of the more common after market equipment that is illegal for use on California highways and why it's unsafe.

- License plate covers- It is illegal to apply a clear or smoked license plate cover because it can distort the view of a license plate.

- Modified lights- Many aftermarket brake light assemblies do not have the required, reflectively, luminence, and square inch size. This can make the vehicle less visible to other motorists, especially at night.

- Tinted windows- The windshield and front passenger and driver's windows can not be tinted. You can only tint your vehicle windows from the driver seat back as long as you have two side mirrors. Tinting the front window decreases visibility. Also other motorist, bicycle and pedestrian traffic may have a hard time making direct eye contact with a driver.

- Brake light covers- Full or partial brake light covers are illegal. Brake lights must be seen from a distance of 200 feet for sufficient visibility.

- Seat belt adjusters- These devices help adjust the seat belt fit by pulling down on the shoulder belt and up on the lap belt. By pulling up on the lap belt, this places the seat belt over the stomach area and not on the strong hip and thigh bones. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conducted testing with these products and found they degrade the seat belt performance. If a child cannot fit in the seat belt correctly the child needs to ride in a booster seat.

- Global Positioning System GPS- Not illegal to use but they must be placed on the windshield within 5" lower right hand side and 7" upper right hand side. GPS can take the motorist's eyes of the road and if not placed in the correct areas on the windshield it can decrease the driver's view of the road.

Many labels indicate NHTSA approved. NHTSA does not regulate or approve products, they only set the standards for products.

Questions regarding illegal equipment can be answered by contacting the Livermore Police Department Traffic Division at 925 371-4850.

Nature Programs

Summer Sunset is a program offered Sat., July 11 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 7:45 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The park normally closes at sunset, but for this evening visitors are invited to join a walk into the hills for a wonderful western view of the sunset. Please bring good walking shoes and some extra layers to wear if it cools off more than expected.

There will be a Nature Scavenger Hunt on Sun., July 12. Meet Ranger

Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park.

This program offers a nature-themed scavenger hunt. Participants will be given clues and a bag and sent on their way. Once everyone has finished their hunting, they will gather together to talk about the items that were found. Prizes will be awarded. Reserve a spot by calling 925-960-2400.

There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Educational Wine Tours

ViciVino.com (pronounced vee-chee vee-noh) has launched its Educational Wine Tours, providing itinerary services, self-guided and all-inclusive overnight tours for couples to small groups. ViciVino.com, a website dedicated to provide data, wine education and resources, was launched just over one year ago with the goal of focusing on helping travelers optimize their wine tasting and travel experiences in California.

"When researching for a wine getaway or vacation the choices of wineries, restaurants, lodging and other activities can be overwhelming. There is a huge amount of data to sort through," said Lori Lapidus, founder of ViciVino.com. "ViciVino.com does the hard work and turns all that data into useful information. With our Educational Wine Tours we provide the perfect wine vacation to match your time, budget and wine interests."

The Educational Wine Tours include three options including Seeker, Explorer and Ultimate Adventurer. The ViciVino.com philosophy is to have the wine traveler learn about the process of making wine from vine to bottle to table. Each tour is designed to the customers' interests, which regions they want to visit and the time and budget they have for the trip. Each tour includes four educational components: vineyards, wineries, varietals, and wine and food pairings. The result is a personalized tour, combining wine, education and pure enjoyment.

The ViciVino.com tours focus on learning through hands-on experiences in the vineyards, wineries, tasting rooms, and dining rooms of the California Wine Regions.

Lark in the Park

Lark in the Park," a program led by a museum docent and sponsored by Pleasanton's Museum On Main, is held one Saturday each month in one of Pleasanton's local parks. The program provides information about the history of the park. Participants begin each event at the designated park where the activities will take place.

This month is a visit to Veteran's Plaza, 550 Peters Avenue on July 25. All events are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An information sheet on each park will be handed out. Photos of the parks will be available for purchase, \$5 for one quality photo; \$1 for one photocopy. An activity related to that park's history will be presented. Yearly membership in the Lark in the Park is \$25 per person and includes passport, binder, and one photo of each park's special history.

Donations are accepted. A portion will go toward the Museum's Educational Scholarship Fund. The

goal this year is to raise \$1,000 for a competitive scholarship between the two high schools. Next year plans are to provide scholarship programs for both schools.

General admission to the museum is a \$2 per person requested donation. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Contact (925) 462-2766, office@museummain.org or visit www.museummain.org.

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health will hold free summer immunization clinics for children on Saturday mornings, July

11, August 1 and September 12, 2009, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only, located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

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

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Stephanie Roberts (left) and Emily Curcico were in downtown Livermore last Thursday performing to "unofficially" raise money for the Livermore school music programs. They said that they had played in the downtown last Christmas to raise money for themselves, and felt that it would be a good idea to help the schools this summer. The two will be seniors at Livermore High School this fall.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425709

The following person(s) doing business as: Smerly Software, 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Picazo, 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Paul Picazo

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425366

The following person(s) doing business as: Accessible Home Solutions, 3256 Arbor Drive, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lani Kay Hernandez, 3256 Arbor Drive, Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Lani K. Hernandez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425780

The following person(s) doing business as: M Construction, 639 Emerald Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Braswell Construction LLC, 639 Emerald Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Larry Braswell

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426113

The following person(s) doing business as: K.A.R. Service, 2730 Old First Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bradley Scott Kurtzer, 316 Cedar Dr., Livermore Ca

94550 Debra Kurtzer, 316 Cedar Dr., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: Husband and wife

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 20, 2004.

FILE NO. 425534

The following person(s) doing business as: Little Caesars, 1092 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Satgur Enterprises Inc., 1092 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on June 04, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Gurvinder Singh

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425843-425848

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)AGI Club, 2)National REOs, 3)Nationwide REOs, 4)Advanced Group Realty, 5)Advanced Group Property Management, 6)REO Traders, 39 California Ave. Ste 208, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Advanced Group Investment, Inc., 30 California Ave Ste 208, Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 11, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Mike Sarwari

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426206

The following person(s) doing business as: BizWorks Partners, 3517 Kings Canyon Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Celso J. Viegas, 3517 Kings Canyon Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 15, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Celso J. Viegas

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426113

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Bradley Scott Kurtzer, 316 Cedar Dr., Livermore Ca

94550 Debra Kurtzer, 316 Cedar Dr., Livermore Ca

94550 This business is conducted by: Husband and wife

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425686

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Associates Realty, 1223 Barolo Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Constantinos Karkalemis, 1223 Barolo Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Constantinos Karkalemis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426127

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)American Sign and Awning Co, 2)American Sign and Awning, 383 South I Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Daniel Hugh Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr., Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on June 1, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Daniel H. Twomey

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2009. Expires June 19, 2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426215

The following person(s) doing business as: Dog Gone Digital, 995 Kottlinger Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Rachael Lauricella Shaffer, 995 Kottlinger Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by: Husband and wife

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

/s/ Rachael Lauricella Shaffer

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426521

The following person(s) doing business as: Elegance Solutions Nutrition, 3385 Dublin Blvd. #106, Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

John Michael Zukoski, 3385 Dublin Blvd #106, Dublin Ca 94568

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ John M. Zukoski

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: June 10, 2009

To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: COOJOY LLC

The Applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1524 N VASCO RD LIVERMORE, CA 94551-9217

Type of license(s) Applied for: 41 - ON SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, Ca 94612 (510) 622-4970

The Independent Legal No. 2517. Publish June 25, July 2, 9, 2009.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: June 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: SWIRL ON THE SQUARE INC

The Applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 21 S LIVERMORE AVE STE 105 LIVERMORE, CA 94550-3196

Type of license(s) Applied for: 41 - ON SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, Ca 94612 (510) 622-4970

The Independent Legal No. 2519. Publish June 25, July 2, 9, 2009.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: June 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: SWIRL ON THE SQUARE INC

The Applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 21 S LIVERMORE AVE STE 105 LIVERMORE, CA 94550-3196

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What Home Sellers Must Disclose

By Cher Wollard
Home owners often ask their Realtors "How much should I tell potential buyers about my property?"

The short answer: Everything you know. Of course, the full answer is somewhat more complicated. The state of California has strict real estate disclosure laws designed to protect consumers – both buyers and sellers – from misunderstandings that can arise in the course of even the most well-intended transaction.

Realtors – licensed real estate agents who are members of the National Association of Realtors – also have stringent requirements regarding their own responsibility toward buyers.

Required disclosures fall broadly into three categories:
1. Rights of buyers
2. Relevant facts about the property
3. Relevant facts about the neighborhood

Let's begin with disclosure of rights. The first thing a Realtor does when meeting with a prospective client – buyer or seller – is provide disclosures regarding Real Estate Agency and Representation of More Than One Buyer or Seller.

These forms define the duties of buyer's agents and seller's agents, explain what dual agency means and notify clients that the Realtor may be assisting other clients to purchase or seller similar properties.

Buyers may also be given a Market Conditions Advisory. This document explains that real estate markets are volatile and the value of property may increase or decrease without warning.

This disclosure was especially important in the recent so-called sellers' market, when there seemed to be no end to inflation of home values. Of course, there was a sudden and dramatic end, which we are experiencing now in the form of lower home prices.

Other rights buyers must be notified about include the right to order inspections, health and safety measures required of the sellers and the right to honest and relevant information from the sellers.

So what constitutes relevant information sellers are obligated to disclose? Basically it is anything the seller is aware of that impacts the usefulness or desirability of the home or neighborhood.

Some such items are specific to the property. For example, sellers must notify buyers about problems in the home such as:
• Plumbing leaks
• Cracks, rips or unevenness in flooring
• Electrical problems
• Inoperable or broken appliances
• Inoperable or broken sprinkler systems

Sellers also must inform buyers about inspection reports on the property and repairs that have been made.

For example, when Bruce sold his remodeled three-bedroom home last year, he was obliged to inform the buyer of a serious mold problem in the master bathroom five years earlier. The problem had been addressed by skilled professionals hired by Bruce's insurance company. Once the mold was removed, several walls, a substantial amount of floor and some ceiling material had been replaced.

Knowing this, the buyer, Ralph, had the option to have the house tested for recurrence of mold. Ralph's Realtor did, in fact, help him find a licensed mold inspector to test the home. It passed with flying colors.

Ralph also had to ascertain if his insurance company would cover property with this history (it would).

When Ralph and his children moved into their new home last October, they did so with peace of mind. By disclosing this information, Bruce also saved himself serious potential problems when Ralph later heard from his new neighbors about the mold incident.

The need to disclose these types of material facts may seem obvious. Other required disclosures are less so.

Among the information sellers have to disclose are:
• Known structural irregularities
• Pets or livestock on the property
• Hazardous substances on or near the property
• A death on the premises, under certain conditions
• Easements on the property
• Insurance settlements
• Disaster relief

• Neighborhood nuisances, such as vicious dogs, proximity to railroad tracks or known child-molesters living nearby
• Status of the home owners' association, if any
• Covenants, conditions and restrictions on the deed

Sellers do not, of course, know everything about their homes, even if they purchased them new.

For information about property restrictions, such as easements, sellers usually depend on reports from a title company.

So for many other items, the seller may provide a standard disclosure form notifying the buyer that certain hazards may be possible.

For example, homes built before 1978 often contain lead-based paint, which is dangerous if ingested.

If the seller is aware of the presence of such paint on his property, he must disclose that fact. He is not, however, under any obligation to have the home tested for lead-based paint.

Instead, the seller – through his Realtor – would give prospective buyers a standard lead-based paint advisory notifying them of their rights to investigate the property for this toxin. Prospective buyers may, if they wish, order such testing themselves as part of their pre-purchase inspections.

Other similar disclosures about the possibility and dangers of mold, asbestos and other environmental hazards are also provided in standardized forms.

Sellers also are required to notify buyers of certain environmental hazards, of which they likely have little knowledge. Most sellers utilize the services of a survey company that provides a Natural Hazards Disclosure Report. This report has neighborhood-specific information about hazards such as:

• Earthquake fault zones
• Flood, landslide or soil liquefaction zones
• Areas of high fire danger areas
• Relative danger from radon
• Naturally occurring asbestos
• Landslide zones
• Wildlife preserves

• Proximity to airports or military ordnance and defense sites
• Commercial or industrial use
• Presence of current or abandoned mines, oil fields or industrial waste.

Sellers who have never lived in the home – such as banks selling foreclosed property – have fewer obligations to disclose problems. Remember, sellers are only required to disclose what they know.

If all these disclosures seem like a lot of paperwork – they are. Buyers and sellers will sign each document, indicating that they have seen it and received copies.

Buyers are well advised to look carefully at disclosures provided to them. Then talk to your Realtor about anything you don't understand or need more information about.

Your Realtor can help you investigate further before you sign on the dotted line.

Do you have questions about local real estate matters you would like to see covered in this space? E-mail your questions to cherw@windermere.com

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Valley Humane Society Cuts Back on Staffing

The Valley Humane Society Board of Directors, after extended deliberations, has decided to reduce staff and eliminate the executive director position currently held by David Stegman. This decision reflects the goal of the Valley Humane Society Board to reduce operating costs and work within a balanced budget, thereby ensuring that maximum fundraising dollars are focused on important programs serving the community.

Valley Humane Society writes in a press release that it is grateful to David for his valuable help in accomplishing major goals during the past six years and putting VHS on a clear path to community service and a sound financial footing.

With David's leadership VHS has relocated to a modular facility on Nevada Street in Pleasanton, completed a strategic realignment and created a new mission, branding and communication plans around supporting people and pets.

Valley Humane Society is committed to ongoing programs the community depends on including AniMeals which provides free food and pet supplies to low-income families Pet Adoption; Pet Surrender; Keeler's Kids emphasizing the commitment of pet ownership; Critter Camp teaching the responsibility and rewards of pet ownership; Pet Therapy bringing animals and owners to hospitals and care

facilities; Just Like New Fund to help cover one-time pet emergency costs; Paws To Read with the Pleasanton Public Library to promote literacy and a love of animals; Hope Hospice partnership offering guidance for patients' pet issues and volunteers to care for pets in-home; and Daisey's Gift of Life pet resuscitation kits for local fire districts.

General Manager Wendy McNelley will oversee the leadership of operations, programs and events. Additional duties at Valley Humane Society will be absorbed by the staff and volunteers.

Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. The phone number is 925-426-8656. Visit www.valleyhumane.org

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National Drowning Prevention Month

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



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

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

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

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

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

* Statistics from the Drowning Prevention Foundation

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Art, Community, & Education



Shakespeare Goes Green

'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
Opens in Livermore

In these economic times, all performing arts groups are careful to “reduce, reuse and recycle.” But Livermore Shakespeare Festival will transform necessity into art this summer in its production of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* at Concannon Vineyard.

The play’s famous fairy kingdom has gone green, thanks to costume designer Cathie McClellan, prop designer Swetha Dixit, and dramaturg Peggy Riley.

“Fairies in Shakespeare’s day were notorious thieves,” Riley noted—just the sort of creatures who might reuse and recycle “found” objects filched from unwary humans.

That mischievous fairy trait dovetailed with McClellan’s interest in “found object art,” using objects others have abandoned or lost, as well as Dixit’s genius in fashioning props at once original and familiar. Cobweb the fairy, for instance, wears a layered dress fashioned from tablecloths and doilies she probably pilfered from a village housewife. Flowers in fairyland have petals of pantyhose, textured with turmeric and other spices.

“I love the idea of the fairies sneaking out into the mortal world, finding the things we throw away or leave behind, and recycling them into art in fairyland,” commented director Lisa Tromovitch.

McClellan has contrived a “steampunk” fashion fairyland, harking back to the turn of the century when steam engines, hot air balloons and technology were just becoming an integral part of our lives. The fashion accessories usually include certain iconic elements: goggles, gears, buckles, and bits of our new technological world.

This other worldly realm is usually invisible to us poor mortals, but all will be revealed during midsummer nights on the outdoor stage at Concannon Vineyard.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream plays in repertory with Anton Chekhov’s masterpiece of tragicomedy, *The Seagull* July 9 – August 9, outdoors at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. The Livermore Shakespeare Festival is produced by Shakespeare’s Associates. Information at www.LivermoreShakes.org or 925-443-BARD (2273) Tickets at 800-838-3006.

Performances: Preview of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* on July 9th, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* Opening Night Benefit on July 10th. *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* performances are 7/11, 7/23, 7/25,

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Shakespeare Festival Opens 'The Comedy of Errors' in Pleasanton

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of *The Comedy of Errors* will play in Pleasanton for three weekends beginning Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. Performances will take place Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 2, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road, in Pleasanton.

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the presentation

The Comedy of Errors is a farcical story of mistaken identity as Antipholus and his servant, Dromio, journey from their hometown, Syracuse, in search of their long-lost twin brothers. Their arrival in the foreign city of Ephesus sets off a chain of mishaps caused by mistaken identity. A chaotic climax results.

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival Resident Director Kenneth Kelleher returns for his seventh season with the company. His striking visual style and use of music and dance have generated rave reviews of past productions, including *Pericles* in 2008, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in 2007 and *The Tempest* in 2006.

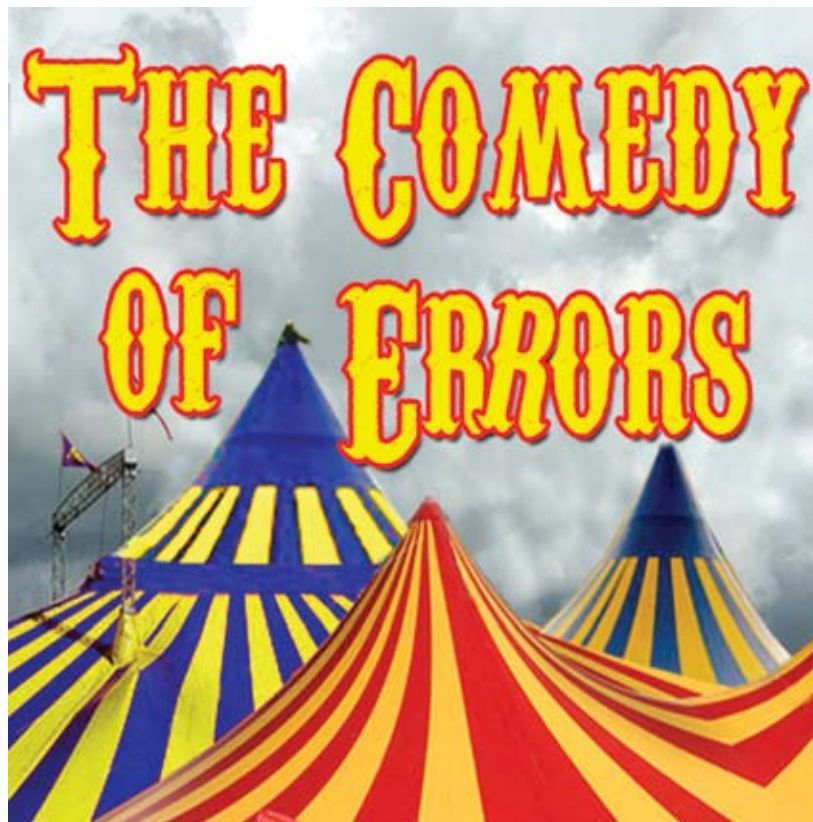
Some familiar faces will be seen in this summer's 12-actor cast, such as Pleasanton native Valerie Weak who plays Emilia and the jailer. She last appeared in Pleasanton's Free Shakespeare in the Park as Beatrice and Ursula in *Much Ado About Nothing* in 2005.

The Comedy of Errors cast also includes Sofia Ahmad (Luciana), Cassidy Brown (Antipholus of Syracuse), John Cox (merchants), Daveed Diggs (Duke Solinus and Dr. Pinch), Brian Herndon (Dromio of Syracuse) Anna Ishida (Adriana) Rami margron (courtesan) Gary S. Martinez (Egeon and Luce), Mick Mize (Angelo), Bill Olson (Antipholus of Ephesus), Jeremy Vik (Dromio of Ephesus).

"This 27th anniversary production of Free Shakespeare in the Park will be a colorful circus-inspired carnival of juggling, slapstick, and visual and verbal puns," says Toby Leavitt, executive director of San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. "The show's madness and romance are perfect for enjoyment on a summer evening under the stars."

"San Francisco Shakespeare Festival always offers a special experience with its professional actors and excellent costuming and scenery design," adds Pleasanton Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen. "This year, when we're all watching our expenditures particularly closely, Free Shakespeare in the Park is the perfect 'staycation' activity. We invite all our friends and neighbors to bring their blankets, low lawn chairs and a picnic supper and join us for a memorable "Shakespeare evening" of fine theater and fun."

Admission is free. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.



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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Hannah Knapp plays the role of Tatiana in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

SHAKESPEARE

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7/31, 8/2, 8/6, 8/7, 8/8, 8/9 with Family Night performances on 7/12 and 7/19. Preview of *The Seagull* on July 16, *The Seagull* Opening Night on July 17th. The *Seagull* performances are 7/18, 7/24, 7/26, 7/30, 8/1

All Performances start at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are as follows: An Extraordinary Evening: Festival Opening Night Benefit, July 10th, includes catered dinner under the arbor and visits from strolling musicians prior to the 7:30 PM opening night performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, \$100; family Sundays in Fairyland: July 12th and 19th, adult tickets \$30, kids ages 12 and under \$5; discount previews Thursday July 9th (*Dream*) and Thursday July 16th (*Seagull*) - all tickets \$20. Date Night Saturdays, and closing weekend: adult tickets are \$35. Seniors 65+, full-time educators and full-time students receive \$5 discount on regular adult tickets. (No compounding of discounts.)

Art Under the Oaks Offers Art and Music

Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery present the 23rd annual Art Under the Oaks fair, the weekend of July 11 and 12. The event combines art, food, live music, and family fun under the oak canopy of Alden Lane.

Over 40 local artists will be on hand exhibiting their work as well as painting current pieces and demonstrating their skills. Oil and watercolor artists will be featured, as well as craftsmen and women displaying sculptures, fiber art, seaweed baskets, and much more. Local wineries will be on hand to provide wine tasting.

Live music will entertain visitors both days. Joey Altman and the Black Burner Blues Band will perform on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also playing Saturday will be The Cool Tones from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. followed by the Stony Ridge Ramblers from 2:30 to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Jack Pollard's Party for Two performs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Sycamore Strings Academy from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and the Pleasanton Community Concert Band from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For the kids, there will be a special art activity. Each hour during the show, a drawing will be held for a \$25 gift certificate goods towards Nursery products. The grand prize, a piece of artwork donated by the Livermore Art Association, will be awarded on Sunday afternoon. The work is valued at over \$200.

Admission is free. The show is open from 11:00 am - 4:00 both days. Alden Lane Nursery is at the corner of Holmes and Alden Lane in Livermore. Overflow parking will be available at Sunset Plaza, at the corner of Concannon & Holmes. There is a free shuttle to the nursery. For more information go to www.aldenlane.com or call 925-449-9927.



Attached is a photo from the 2008 event, with artist Larry Gipson's booth in the foreground.



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LARPD Accepting Applications for Arts Commission

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors invites applications through 5 p.m. Friday, July 24, for a position as LARPD's representative on the City of Livermore Commission for the Arts. The spot is open due to the passing of Gloria Retzlaff Taylor, who served as LARPD's liaison from the Commission's inception. Commissioners are appointed by the City Council to a four-year volunteer term.

The role of the nine-member Commission is to encourage programs for the cultural enrichment of the City; make recommendations to the City Council regarding local cultural arts needs, activities, facilities and programs. Tasks include assessing needs for visual and performing arts facilities; receiving input from the community on issues relevant to arts policies; developing and recommending to the City Council a five- to 10-year cultural arts plan for the City that includes goals, implementation strategies and financing methods; and reviewing and approving public art. The Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and a completed application by 5 p.m. Friday, July 24, to LARPD General Manager Timothy J. Barry, LARPD, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, 94550. Interviews with the LARPD Personnel Committee will be arranged.

Applications can be downloaded from the LARPD Web site's "Find it Fast" section at www.larpd.dst.ca.us. To learn more about the Commission, visit the City of Livermore's Web site at http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/boards/cac_info.html. For additional information, contact Gretchen Sommers at 925-373-5725 or by email gsommers@larpd.dst.ca.us.



Black & white photo by Jill Tishman

Artist to Show Latest Photographs

Alexander's Fine Art will host an exhibit of photography by local artist Jill Tishman, "Connections: Faces in the Gym."

The opening reception will be Fri., July 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be open for viewing Sat., July 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tishman says of the exhibit, "As an artist I don't go many places. My life revolves around my work and my internal musings. If it weren't for the gym I think I could go days, maybe even weeks, without the company of others. Since moving to Pleasanton I joined a local gym. Almost on a daily basis I have felt joy there. I think during a time when the internet allows us to live such separate lives having a physical outlet, one supported by like-minded people, is essential."

"While I look for beauty and mystery in nature, when I take portraits, I look for the same mysterious connection, the emotions often hidden beneath the surface, something I sense in a person, or the sheer expressions of joy. I invite you to look at my portraits. These are some of the wonderful people I've met at Club Sport."

Alexander's is located at 608 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Dublin Concert Series Opens With the Groove Kings

Dublin has set the lineup for its 2009 Summer Concert Series.

The concerts are held Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fountain Plaza at the Dublin Civic Center.

The Groove Kings open the series on July 10. The group's musical repertoire ranges from popular rock n' roll to R&B. They perform songs by groups such as Creedence Clearwater Revival, Tower of Power, and the Doobie Brothers.

Threshold, a six piece band, performs July 17. They play classic rock and blues music from the fifties through the eighties. Group performs songs from the likes of Elvis Presley, Sam & Dave, Elvin Bishop, The Mamas and the Papas, Bruce Springsteen, and dozens of others.

July 24, Tom Rigney & Flambeau will take the stage perform-

ing Cajun and Zydeco music. They were voted best Cajun/Zydeco band of 2004 by the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame.

Fred McCarty, who performs music with deep roots in bluegrass and country, will perform July 31. McCarty's earliest influences were Marty Robbins, Roy Orbison and Merle Haggard among others. He has appeared with performers such as Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Loretta Lynn, and Charlie Daniels.

The final concert, August 7, features LAVA. The group plays Latin Jazz, cha-cha-cha, Latin Rock, Latin Funk and Salsa. Artists covered include the sounds of Santana, Malo, Poncho Sanchez, and War.

There is no admission charge. For more information, call 556-4500 or go to www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

Jazz Is the Topic of Talk and Exhibit



California Poet Laureate Al Young and jazz photographer Charles L. Robinson will speak at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2pm on Sunday, July 12, as part of the *Jazz in July 2009* series. There is no charge for this event.

Al Young and Charles L. Robinson are co-authors of *Jazz Idiom: Blueprints, Still and Frames; The Jazz Photography of Charles L. Robinson; Poetic Takes and Riffs* by Al Young. Thirty-nine jazz luminaries are captured in this book, including Julian "Cannonball" Adderley, Louis Bellson, Ray Brown, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Johnny Hodges, Carmen McRae, Thelonious Monk, Nina Simone, and Anita O'Day. Poet Laureate of California Al Young riffs, bobs, and croons his way across the page, providing poetry, anecdotes, and insight into the players captured on film by photographer Charles L. Robinson. Robinson was a friend to many of the musicians photographed and, as a result, often

caught them in moments of candor and intimacy.

Al Young is the author of more than twenty books of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction and has taught writing and literature at Stanford University, UC Santa Cruz, and the University of Michigan. The recipient of Guggenheim, NEA, and Fulbright fellowships, he lives in Berkeley and was Poet Laureate of California.

Charles L. Robinson earned a BA in biological science as well as an MS in vocational rehabilitation counseling from California State University, San Francisco. At the invitation of Ralph J. Gleason, Robinson became staff photographer of the Monterey Jazz Festival for several years.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the *Jazz in July* series, a month-long series of free jazz events. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

PAL Offers Art Workshop for Children

The Pleasanton Art League will present its sixth annual Children's Summer Art Workshop. This year's program will offer a two-day portrait workshop for children 9 years and older at the Pleasanton Arts Center at Ave. in Pleasanton on Tuesday, July 28 and Wednesday, July 29, 2008, from 4 to 6 pm. Cost for the two day workshop, which includes all materials, is \$35 per child.

In this two-day workshop students will learn the proportions of the head and face. They will learn how to draw facial features and use shading to add dimension and gain a likeness.

Flyers with registration forms can be picked up at the Pleasanton Library. One can also register by calling (925) 462-7964 or by emailing mtellis@pacbell.net. Early registration is encouraged. This workshop is sponsored by a grant from the Alameda County Arts Commission.



Jazz and the Great American Songbook Program Set



Pianist Dennis Edwards and bassist Steve Webber present "Jazz and the Great American Songbook," part of the *Jazz in July 2009* series at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 19. There is no charge for this event.

Pianist Dennis Edwards and bassist Steve Webber narrate the lives and play the music of America's greatest "pop" composers including George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and Henry Mancini in this very special CD release celebration program.

Dennis Edwards is recognized as both a pianist and composer/arranger whose work includes contemporary orchestral and modern jazz styles. He has played in

Camp Parks Topic of History Talk

Tommie Simpson, director of the Camp Parks History Center in Dublin, will speak about "Fleet City" at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The lecture is part of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series presented by the Museum On Main Street in Pleasanton.

Camp Parks, named in honor of Rear Admiral Charles W. Parks, CEC, USN, was a Navy Base during World War II, having been commissioned in 1943 as a home to the Navy Seabees. Nearby Camp Shoemaker and the U.S. Naval Hospital Shoemaker were built during the war and the three Navy bases were called "Fleet City."

No reservations are necessary. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for teachers with valid ID and \$3 for students with valid ID. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

Contact (925) 462-2766 or office@museumonmain.org Visit www.museumonmain.org.

symphonies, jazz orchestras and pop groups from Seattle to LA, and has studied under pianist Barry Barnum and Dr. Leroy Ostransky, who wrote *The History of Modern Jazz*. Mr. Edwards was Production Coordinator for A&M Records in Hollywood and has collaborated with a wide variety of artists in the recording, entertainment and television industries. He has recorded eight CDs of his own on the Omega Records label. The Sacramento Bee described one of Dennis's performances as "Absolutely awesome!" and Music Review states that his concerts are "...a great blend of excitement, warm elegance and musical fun!" More about Dennis Edwards, including sound samples, can be found at www.dennisedwardsmusic.com.

Bassist Steve Webber studied music at The San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University. He plays and records regularly in bands and orchestras throughout the greater Bay Area, including Bennet Friedman's woodwind ensemble, KCSM radio host/pianist Dick Conte's quartet, and the award-winning Santa Rosa Junior College big band.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Jazz in July series, a month-long series of free jazz events. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

California Symphony Announces Season

The California Symphony has announced its upcoming season. Join Maestro Barry Jekowsky and many of the Bay Area's finest musicians for a new season filled with the unexpected, along with enduring masterpieces by Sibelius, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Dvorák, and Beethoven.

On October 11 and 13, 2009, the California Symphony presents world-renowned visual motion artist Michael Moschen in his first live symphonic performance. The performance represents a fusion of movement and music, choreographed to Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite* and Mason Bates' *Mercury Interlude*.

On January 24 and 26, 2010, the California Symphony presents prominent satirist Will Durst, who will narrate Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. The five-time Emmy nominee, according to the *New York Times*, is "quite possibly the best political satirist working in the country today."

March 7 and 9, 2010, Jekowsky will present the first of two prodigies this season: 14-year-old Chad Hoopes playing Bruch's *Violin Concerto*. In April 2008, this young violinist won first prize in the Young Artists Division of the prestigious Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition. He has performed with numerous ensembles throughout the world, including the Brussels Chamber Orchestra and Menuhin Festival in Switzerland, the Cleveland Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony, and Orchestra of the Welsh National Opera.

For its season finale in May, the California Symphony will present the world premiere of a new

work by its critically-acclaimed Young American Composer-in-Residence, Mason Bates, as well as an opportunity to hear a guest artist perform solos with the orchestra on two different instruments – especially one as young as 14-year-old Sarina Zhang. For the occasion, she will play Liszt's *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E flat*, as well as Tchaikovsky's *Pezzo Capriccioso for Cello and Orchestra*. Amazingly, Zhang was only eight when she first appeared on NPR's "From the Top," and has since been featured on PBS' "From the Top: Live from Carnegie Hall."

Season passes are now available by calling the Symphony office at (925) 280-2490 or visiting www.CaliforniaSymphony.org. Starting in September, tickets for individual concerts (\$44-64; students \$20) can be purchased online at www.LesherArtsCenter.org or by calling (925) 943-SHOW. All performances of the California Symphony are held at the Hofmann Theater in the Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Sunday matinee concerts begin at 4 p.m.; Tuesday night concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Special Faire Offers Cats And Dogs for Adoption

An Adoption Faire sponsored by Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 from noon to 3 p.m.

The faire will be held at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin.

The Faire will provide expert advice in choosing the right cat, dog, or bunny to adopt.

Free soft drinks will be provided.

Free with adoption for dogs will be three private sessions with a professional dog trainer (\$180+ value), dog bed, leash & collar, plus bag of Science Diet dog food. Those adopting cats will receive a goodie bag filled with blankets, toys, and more.

For additional information visit www.tvlar.org or call Sue at 408-202-6708



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**FUN
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Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Alameda County Fair is in full swing in Pleasanton. Rides are a big attraction for the younger set. Over the weekend, visitors to the fairgrounds in Pleasanton saw a fireworks spectacular, tried out the rides, and enjoyed a variety of entertainment as shown in the photos on both pages. There was also live horse racing. Professional entertainment is on stage each day. There are two shows each day, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.: the Gregg Rolie Band; July 9, Salvador; July 10, Bowling for Soup; July 11, En Vogue; Bucky Covington performs Sun., July 12; BJ Thomas on Wed., July 15; Evolution - Tribute to Journey, July 14; Ozomatli will be on stage Thurs., July 16; Solange Knowles, July 17, Con Funk Shun, July 18; and Aaron Tippon, July 19. . The fair runs through July 19. It is closed on Mon., July 13.



ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 1255 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and maintains a video library of art tapes, art and craft books and art magazines and newsletters; hosts art events and workshops. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

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

The Wild Vine, Derek Hobbs, also known as "the coffee ground artist," is the featured artist for July. His paintings are created through a series of transparent coffee and acrylic layers that act as a woven veil to view the images through. Reception is on Thursday, July 9, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Wild Vine Art Gallery and Wine Lounge, at 2187 First St., Livermore.

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

The Arts Forum of the Commonwealth Club of California will present works by photographer Bill Owens. They will be displayed July 10 to September 10. A reception will be held Mon., July 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Owens will talk about his 50 years in photography, with an emphasis on his classic photo book, *Suburbia* which he created while working a photographer for *The Independent*. He will also sign his retrospective book, "Bill Owens." Admission is free to Club member; \$15 to the public and \$7 students. The Club is located at 595 Market Street (next to Montgomery BART Station).

WINERY EVENTS

Tamás Estates July Cannoli Festival, Sat., July 18, 6 to 8 p.m. A selection of Italian Cannoli's paired with Tamás Estates wines. \$30 for public, \$25 for Saluté Club Members. Reservations required. Reservations can be made via phone at: 925-456-2380 or by email tastingroom@tamasesstates.com. 5489 Tesla Rd., Livermore

Cuda Ridge Wines, 2nd Annual Vintage Tasting is July 18th and 19th from 12:00 - 4:30 at the New Winery located at 5385 East Avenue. New Releases, 2007 Merlot, 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007 Petit Verdot, and 2001 Cuda Amis. These new releases will be available for purchase. There will be live music by Trusting Calliope (Sat) and Roger Kardinal (Sun). BBQ sandwiches will be available for purchase by Q-squared; and Italian Coffees and Sodas by Dantina. On display, and available for purchase, are Jennie's Photos. Vintage cars ("the Cuda" and more) will be on display as well. The event is free. For more information go to www.CudaRidgeWines.com or call 510-304-0914.

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

Murrieta's Well La Luna Fridays. 6pm to 9pm on the Friday closest to the full moon of each month, May through October. Spanish-inspired tapas and Murrieta's Well wines will be served on the terrace under the light of the full moon, accom-



panied by a new live musical performance every month. Dates and music are: July 17, Blue Bottle Band; Aug. 7, Spanish Guitar; Sept. 4, Steel Drums; and Oct. 2, Top Secret Band. Reservations required. \$45 for club and \$55 for public. For reservations, directions, or more information, please call (925) 456-2395 or visit www.murrietaswell.com.

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

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

Tesla Vintners Salmon and Wine Pairing, Sat. July 25th from 6-9pm. Live music by The Singing Winemaker and Mudd Daddy. Salmon by Smoked Sensations. Salmon will also be available for purchase. Other dinner options will be available for purchase as well by Q2. Price is \$5 per person. Other wines available for purchase from The Singing Winemaker, Marr Cellars and Miramont Estate Vineyards. RSVP recommended. 925-606-9463.

6th annual Wood Family Vineyards release party, Sat., July 25 and Sun., July 26: Releasing '08 Chardonnay, '07 Grenache, '07 Cabernet Franc, '07 Cabernet Sauvignon, McGrail Vineyards, '07 Zinfandel, Hansen Ranch and '07 Petite Sirah! Each wine will be paired with gourmet cheeses. Live music: Patty & Abigail on Saturday and The Mundaze on Sunday. www.woodfamilyvineyards.com

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Concerts in the Park, Pleasanton Downtown Association, The concerts are at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Concerts are 7 to 8:30 p.m. Rock Explosion, July 10. Komodojazz, July 17. La Ventana, July 24. The Houserockers,

July 31. The Cocktail Monkeys, August 7. Finding Stella, August 14. Magic Moments, August 21. D-Lucca, August 28. Public Eye, Sept. 4. For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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

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

Acoustic musicians, "Houston Jones," will perform at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., July 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. The program is free and open to all. No registration is required. The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is sponsoring the program. For more information, call Janice Bauman, 931-3411.

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

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

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

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

ON THE STAGE

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

Musical Theater Experience for Kids, featuring Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy. Performers, ages 7-14, bring the magic of Dr. Seuss alive by performing the musical *Seussical, Jr.* Performances are July 10, 6:30 p.m.; July 11 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon (5 minutes from Pleasanton). Fee: \$12 for 1st child, \$10 for each sibling. Ages 6 and up includes theatre games, *Seussical Jr.*, show discussion and meet & greet with cast and directors with continued adult supervision. Fee does not include intermission refreshments, priced at \$1 each.

The Comedy of Errors, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare

in the Park production for three weekends beginning Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 2, 2009, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The Comedy of Errors is a farcical story of mistaken identity as Antipholus and his servant, Dromio, search for their long-lost twin brothers. The production will be a colorful carnival, a circus-inspired mixture of juggling, slapstick, and visual and verbal puns for maximum madness and romance. Admission is free. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

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

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

Pirates of Penzance, SmARTSunlimited's ActSmARTS Children's Theater presents - Theater By Children - For Children! August 15, 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m., August 16, 8 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Each child with a ticket receives "Pirate Booty" - the one with the pirate necklace receives a prize! Set Designs by Andrea Bechert - ScorpionDesigns.net. For tickets go to www.LivermorePerformingArts.org

DANCE

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

Carnival of the Animals, Valley Dance Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, on Saturday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$18; Students (17 and under): \$8. www.livermoreperformingarts.org, by phone at 925-373-6800, or in person at the theater box office, Tuesday-Saturday, 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. All seats are reserved.

MOVIES

Movie nights in Pleasanton, free admission, All films will be shown at twilight (approximately 8:30 p.m.) at Delucchi Park on First Street in downtown Pleasanton. The park will open to the public at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn. Schedule: July 9: King Fu Panda; July 23: The Wizard of Oz; Aug. 6: School of Rock; and Aug. 20: Raiders of the Lost Ark. For more information, please contact the City of Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

Wente Vineyards Summer Cinema Series: Monday, July 13: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; and, Monday, August 10: Mama Mia! (Sing-along). Movies complimentary. Three dining options prior available (fee). Venue seating opens at 6:30 p.m.. Each feature will commence at twilight on The Terrace

Lawn. Reservations for The Restaurant can be made on-line at <http://www.wentevineyards.com/restaurant/> or by calling (925) 456-2450.

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

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed, The Livermore Shakespeare Festival is looking for volunteers to help in their productions of *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Seagull* beginning July 9th. Volunteers of all ages, levels of interest and skill are welcome. Positions are open in several departments; ushers and concessioners are especially needed. For more information, check out the "Support SA" tab on the website, www.livermoreshakes.org, send an email to volunteers@livermoreshakes.org, or call at (925) 443-2273.

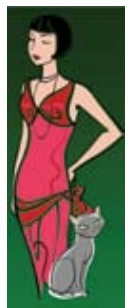
Auditions, Cantabella Children's Chorus are now accepting new singers for the CCC Training Chorus and the two Performing Chorus. Cantabella teaches children the wonderful art of singing through educational programs using the effective Kodaly Approach. Children learn confidence and team work while working together onstage in two annual concerts. The Performing Chorus are auditioning singers for the Children's Chorus, open to 5th through 8th grades, and the Chamber Choir open to 7th through 10th grades. They have the wonderful privilege of participating in festivals, international competitions and workshops where they meet other children's choirs and learn from renowned directors. Please visit our website at cantabella.org for more information and registration forms and call (925) 292-2663 to schedule an audition.

CHORAL

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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



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Arts of Siam & Burma, 1775-1950, a program for older adults will be offered at the Dublin Library on Thurs., July 23 at 1:30 p.m. A docent from the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, which is one of the largest museums in the Western world devoted exclusively to Asian art, will give an overview of the upcoming museum exhibition* on the historical, cultural and artistic background of the objects. This exhibition of more than 140 decorative and religious artworks explores Thailand and Burma's shared aesthetic despite their contrasting histories. This free presentation will include illustrations with images of the exhibition objects. No reservation is required. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. For sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please contact branch library at least 7 working days prior to event. The Dublin Library is a branch of the Alameda County Library system. The Library is located at 200 Civic Plaza, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact the Dublin Library at 925-828-1315 or the Alameda County Library's Older Adult Services at 510-745-1499.



Wendy and John Darling (Deanna Ott and Grant Lowenstein) dance as their family looks on. Mr. and Mrs. Darling are Robert Moorhead and Alexis Papedo. Anthony Ferguson plays Michael Darling, and Todd Schlader is Nana the family dog. "Peter Pan" opens the 43rd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals in Joaquin Miller Park, and runs July 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketweb or on www.woodminster.com, or by calling 510-531-9597. Grant, who is playing John Darling, is a Livermore resident. He will be a sixth grader at Junction Avenue Middle School this fall.

Purchase a Violin and Help Pleasanton Schools

Pleasanton School District is running out of funds for band and string programs in the elementary schools due to California State's budget crisis. Schwan Violin has joined the fund-raising campaign of Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment foundation ("PSEE"). The proceeds from the sale of Schwab & Sons violins will go to PSEE for saving band and strings program of Pleasanton School district. Both violins are handmade using selected, aged, beautiful tone spruce and maple wood. They are hand varnished, and professionally set up with strings from Thomastik Infield Vienna of Austria and Pirastro of Germany. The 4/4 violin no. 780 listed is for sale at \$1,600 and the 3/4 no. 550 is listed \$800. For those who are not in need of the two specific size violins, Schwan Violin has given two \$250 fund-raising coupons



to PSEE. The coupon can be used to purchase a cello or other size of violin. Schwan Violin owner Bill states, "We are part of Pleasanton community. We have kids and we know how important it is to keep band and strings program for children. We will give donors who join the above campaign with one year free R&R (repair and replacement) service." For information, go to www.schwanviolins.com. The campaign concludes August 14, 2009.

Milestones

Education

LHS Junior Taking Part in UC Scholars Program

Abdullah Sediqi, a Livermore High School student, is among a select group of students attending the UC Davis Young Scholars Program this summer. The advanced science program, hosted by the School of Education, introduces up to 40 high achieving high school juniors and seniors to the world of original research in the biological and natural sciences.

Participants work one-on-one with research faculty in state of the art laboratories for six weeks. Each student works on an individual project and prepares a professional level research paper and presentation about his or her work.

The program, which kicked off this year on June 21, immerses students in the entire college experience. During the first two weeks, participants attended lectures in the morning focusing on recent developments in biology and natural sciences. They conducted lab science every afternoon. During the final four weeks, students work full time in labs. They live in campus dormitories and take field trips every weekend.

To qualify for the program, students must have a strong academic record, have taken biology and two years of college preparatory mathematics and receive recommendations from teachers. In addition, applicants must write a personal essay.

The program ends on August 1.

For his project, Abdullah, is working with Zelus Renardii, more commonly known as the Assassin bug. He hopes to be able to understand why they use a sticky coating on the outside of their eggs. "Once this is discovered, we will have understood insect instincts on a higher level and we would know more about the functions of the egg," Abdullah wrote in his application.

He will be a junior at Livermore High School this fall.

Gold Award Project Concludes with Workshop

The Gold Award is the highest level award in Girl Scouts. The girl who receives the award must complete several patches, along with creating a project that benefits the community and spending seventy hours on that project.

Maris Kanouff's Gold Award project is a three-day series of workshops at the Livermore Library Civic Center. The first day of these workshops was Wednesday, July 1. Although she planned on having ten or so people, the number of people who showed up was twenty five—five boys and twenty girls. This exceeded her expectations and gave her hope for the later days of her project, for many of the people who went said they would like to come back, including guest speaker Tim Ferreira.

At the workshop, the teens talked about their favorite anime and manga as well as many things they could do that were anime and manga related. Everyone expressed interest in the anime conventions Tim talked about.



Ally Durant (left), Kelyn Hawk (middle), and Maris Kanouff (right) dressed in their costumes at FanimeCon.

They also thought it was cool that he had created his own manga and was selling it at these conventions. It inspired many of them to start thinking about creating their own manga or webcomics.

One participant, Anastasia, told Maris, "I hope you do this for 15 billion years." Although Maris knows she won't be able to do it for that long, she plans on working with the library again to create

another series of workshops.

The final workshop is July 15 from 2-4 pm at the Civic Center Library. It is open to any teen age 13-18 who wishes to come. The last day is a movie, showing Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children. Although the library is supplying the popcorn, it is advised that those attending bring their own beverages.

Community Steps in to Make Wedding a Reality

By Victoria Kamerzell

On August 22, 2009 Sergeant Cristian Valle' will remarry his wife in a traditional Catholic ceremony partially funded by people from the Livermore community. Shortly after their first ceremony (which was a civil ceremony) he was wounded in Iraq. The August 2 wedding will include their extended families and friends along with some locals residents who helped them relocate to Livermore and whom Blanca Valle', Cristian's wife, describes as an adoptive family.

Cristian and Blanca met when she was fifteen-years-old. Their moms were friends. Cristian became part of the court of honor for her Quinceañera, which is a Latin American ceremony held on a young woman's fifteenth birthday to celebrate her arrival into womanhood. (It can also have religious significance in Roman Catholic families.) Blanca says that after they met they stayed

friends. Eventually Cristian joined the Army. He was stationed in Georgia from 2002-2004. During this time they only saw each for two weeks but they kept in contact by the phone. When he returned to California in June 2004 they began dating. Although he had finished his commitment with the Army, Cristian had signed up with the Reserves. Shortly after returning to California he was assigned to go to Hawaii for training before being shipped off to Iraq.

"He proposed one day when we were talking on the phone. It just felt like it was the right time. I just can't explain it," said Blanca of their whirlwind courtship. "When we became a couple it was just meant to be."

They were married on December 22, 2004. Cristian was scheduled to ship out in January 2005. Due to the timing, they were never able to have a religious ceremony.

Marilyn Carter founded the

non-profit Livermore Veterans Foundation that brought the Valle' family to Livermore. Marilyn said that Blanca and Cristian would never ask for anything but one day when he remarked that they were unable to have the religious portion of their wedding ceremony she knew it was something that must be planned.

Ten months after they were married, when Blanca was three months pregnant, Cristian lost both of his legs when he was hit by an IED. Blanca went to see him at Walter Reed Hospital. She later gave birth at an adjacent facility.

Bianca recalled, "It was really hard for me. I knew that I had to be strong for him so that I can help him heal and to not feel depressed. I think that he was actually the one that helped me because he was really strong and was not depressed at all. I just really thanked God that he was alive and I didn't care about anything else."

Cristian now works for Law-

rence Livermore National Lab. He is a dispatcher for the fire department. Their son, Marshall, is three-years-old. Blanca says she likes living in Livermore because it's quiet and less stressful than Hayward where they used to live.

For their second ceremony Blanca choose a classic color scheme of black and champagne. They invited 125 people to the wedding. Their son will serve as ring bearer.

"Our first wedding was very, very beautiful and simple. It was just perfect for us because we had all of our family and friends with us. This one will be different in just that we are getting married by the church, which is the most important difference."

Blanca credits Marilyn with helping her plan the details of the ceremony and for helping to arrange it. The Livermore Veteran's Foundation is a non-partisan organization started in April 2003. Their mission statement is, "to

support our troops by facilitating access to resources, both private and public, through partnering with business, government and civic organizations."

Two years ago Marilyn brought two young families, the other veteran was also an amputee, to Livermore and helped arrange for their living arrangements. She has helped arrange a series of donations for the Valle' wedding. A popular local restaurant is donating all the food and a number of other businesses have donated all or part of their services. Blanca emphasized her gratitude for what the organization has done.

"We are very thankful of all their hard work," said Blanca.

The Livermore Veteran's Foundation has a website: www.livermoreveteransfoundation.org. They can also be reached by e-mail at info@LivermoreVeteransFoundation.org. Donations can be made out to the Livermore Veterans Foundation with the notation "for

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Champagne brunch in San Ramon, July 12, 11:45 a.m., RSVP by July 9 to Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch in Livermore, July 15, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by July 10 to Barbara at 426-8876. Happy hour in Pleasanton July 17, 5 p.m., RSVP by July 15 to Lorraine, 846-5695. Friendly bridge/optional lunch in Livermore, July 18, 1 p.m., RSVP by July 15 to Ruth, 447-5837. Table topics in Pleasanton, July 19, 1 p.m., RSVP by July 16 to Hilda, 398-8808. Lunch in Dublin, July 23, 1 p.m., RSVP by July 20 to Janet, 443-3317.

Livermore Heritage Guild; Need volunteers to help with a new Livermore History mobile. Looking for people interested in making sure the children of Livermore have an opportunity to experience Livermore history - up close and personal. Need volunteers with some automotive experience to help with the purchase of a new vehicle. Also need help designing the interior, creating displays, teaching, research, contacting schools and teachers, setting up tours, etc. Please call 925-443-3076 if you can help in any way. Our goal is to have the new History mobile up and running by next May.

Livermore High School Class of 1994 15-Year Reunion: August 8, 2009, 6 to 11 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 2801 Constitution Dr., Livermore. \$67.50 per person. Deadline for RSVPs: July 29, 2009. Contact info: lhasalumni.classof94@gmail.com. A casual buffet will be served from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and a no host bar will be open from 6:00 - 11 p.m.

The Brain Book Club, July selection is AdaptAbility by M.J. Ryan. We'll meet Wednesday, July 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton. Everyone is welcome. The book is available from Towne Center Books, 925.846.8826.

Northern California Human Resources Association presents: Essentials of Human Resource Management, July 14-15, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; both days. Four Points Hotel by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. NCHRA Members: \$515 / General: \$665. <http://www.nchra.org>. 415-291-1992. 15 CPE Credits.

East Bay Innovation Group presents: What Every Startup Needs to Know about Public Relations, Monday, July 13, 6:30pm-9:00pm. Four Points Hotel by Sheraton, 5121 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Free for eBing Members, \$15 for Preregistered Guests or \$20 at the door. <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=jqybf>. Rebekah Hilger, Executive Director.

Tri-Valley Vegetarian Potluck, Saturday, July 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event will allow Tri-Valley residents to sample plant-based foods and listen to Randy and Nancy Wilson of "Long Live You!" speak about Taking Responsibility for Your Health. Participation is open to everyone. The San Ramon Library is located at 100 Montgomery St. in San Ramon. For further information, persons can call 925-989-1811 and/or view www.ThriveHolistic.com/vegociety.html for potluck guidelines.

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

Semiannual Glass, China and Pottery Show and Sale, Aug. 1 and 2, Sacramento Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., Sacramento. Hosted by the International Depression Glass Club. Portions of the paid entry proceeds go to the Sacramento Alzheimer's Association and Sacramento public libraries. gblglass@comcast.net.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 11, 65 miles Half Moon Bay ride, meet 8:45 a.m. at the community center, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Sun., July 12, 52 miles over Reliez Valley to Martinez and over Carquinez Scenic Drive to Crockett and Pinole, meet 9 a.m. at Acalanes High School, Marcus van Raalte, 437-5353. Wed., July 15, 35 miles from Budweiser Factory in Fairfield to Wooden

Valley, meet 10 a.m. Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Instructors, Livermore Adult Education is looking for an instructor to teach an eBay, Skype and/or Craig's List class. If you are familiar with these programs and would be willing to share your knowledge, please call 925.606-4722.

Summer Day Camp continues. Tri-Valley YMCA, sign up by the week, children ages K-8. Each week includes a theme, a field trip and a swim outing. Camp held at St. Elizabeth Seton Activity Center, Pleasanton. Information, call Jeff Atwood, 475-6112; register on-line at www.trivalleyymca.org.

Free computer training classes. Searching the Internet class. Monday, July 13th from 6:15 - 8:15 pm. Learn the basics of word processing and create and edit a simple document in Introduction to Microsoft Word on Monday, July 20th from 6:15 - 8:15 pm. Classes are hands on, first come, first served, and take place in Community Room B. Stop by the Livermore Civic Center Library adult information services desk or call 373-5505 for further information.

Volunteers sought. If you can read this, you can help someone else who can't. Become a volunteer literacy tutor! A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Monday, July 13, from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public Library.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meeting Tuesday, July 14 at 7:30pm. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. There will be a special presentation by Stephen P. Morse of "A Hodgepodge of Lesser-known Research Tools, and How to Use Them to Increase Your Research Success." No fee. All welcome. Marie Ross 925-447-1806.

Profitable Exporting for Small Businesses, Las Positas College class Wed., July 15, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 925-424-1467; www.laspositascollege.edu. \$39. www.laspositascollege.edu/community/index.php

Lock & Key Singles Dance, Friday, July 24, 8pm-Midnight, at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton. The cost of the party is \$20 at the door. This event is co-sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization; and by LockandKeyMatch.com. Anyone wishing more information about this and other singles parties may call 415/507-9962 or visit www.ThePartyHotline.com.

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

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

California's First People--From Mission on into The Future. Imagine if you lived in the same place and in the same way for hundreds if not thousands of years, and then it all changed. This program will focus on the experiences of California's first people after contact with Europeans and the missions, what life was like

for them in the 19th Century to present times. A California native speaker will comment on the program as it goes along. Sat., July 25 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Code 46726. Alviso Adobe Community Park, Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. Sponsored by Pleasanton Parks & Community Services. \$20 residents or \$23 non-residents. Instructor: Patricia Belding. Enroll by FAX (925) 484-5078 or online at <http://online.activecommunities.com/pleasanton> or walk in office.

OSHA 500 trainer course for construction industry and OSHA 501 trainer course for general industry. The courses brief participants on effective instructional approaches and address topics required by the 10- and 30-hour OSHA programs focusing on those considered to be most hazardous. A qualifying written exam will be administered at the end of the class. To participate, students must have completed the OSHA 510 construction safety or the OSHA 511 general industry standards course, and must have at least five years of health and safety work experience. OSHA 500 - Aug. 3-6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and OSHA 501, July 13-16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CLPCCD OSHA Training Center, 5020 Franklin Drive, Pleasanton. For more information and to register for the course visit www.osha4you.com, or call (866) 936-OSHA. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District operates the only OSHA Training Center in Northern California.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RELIGION
United Christian Church, 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 community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mochos St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, "Unequivocally teaching for today the whole counsel of

God's Word" Sunday Services 10:30 am and 6:00 p.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

Kids Night Out, 1st through 6th graders, Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. June 17-July 15. Each week features a special theme such as water fun, games, sports and a scavenger hunt. (\$5 per night). Register, contact Valerie Fleming, 484-2482 ext. 106 at Children@harvestvalley.org. Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton.

The Ministerial Roles of Women, series Out of the Shadows, Into the Light presented by Betty Levin, sessions are a part of her thesis work, focusing on women's roles in the church. July 16: Old Testament Women Prophets; July 23: Anna the Prophetess; July 30: The Early Church; Aug. 6: Phoebe the Deaconess; Aug. 13: Women's Ministry Today. Thursdays, 1

to 3 p.m. St. Charles Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Information, contact Julie Gallagher, Lifelong Learning Coordinator, upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ext. 114.

Financial Peace University, 13-week program taught by Dave Ramsey. Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore. Classes begin Tues., July 14, 6:15 p.m. Contact Shelly Harris at 447-3465 or shellyh@cornerstoneweb.org for information or to register.

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