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Photo - Scott Hein Lime Ridge Navarretia

Endangered Species Thriving At Lime Ridge

Lightning has struck twice in Walnut Creek at Lime Ridge Open Space, a biodiversity hot spot of just three square miles that includes roughly 35 rare spe-

David Gowen, an amateur botanist associated with the California Native Plant Society, has discovered two new plant species never before described by science, near downtown Walnut Creek. The discovery is startling because the area is easily accessible and has been studied by botanists for 150 years. Conservation efforts are underway.

The exact locations of the new species are being kept secret to protect them.

'What a gift that the people of Walnut Creek had the foresight to protect this area." said Brad Rovanpera, Public Information Officer for the City of Walnut Creek, "Walnut Creek voters approved an open space bond measure in 1974 that sought to preserve these precious lands in perpetuity."

Representatives of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), Save Mount Diablo

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Kellman Field Rededication Scheduled

In conjunction with the Livermore Youth Soccer League, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will rededicate Kellman Fields at Independence Park on July 19. The fields are named for Mike Kellman, who was 11 years old when he was killed by a drunk driver on Sept. 24, 1975.

Mike, who was killed immediately when the drunk driver hit the car, was riding in a carpool on his way to a soccer game with Veronica Dougherty and her son, John. The tragedy occurred on Mike's parents' anniversary and his sister's 16th birthday. Mike was the only one fatally injured, though Veronica Dougherty is now in a wheelchair.

LARPD named the soccer area (See KELLMAN, page 3)

VA Plans Mental Health Clinic In South County

The Veterans Administration plans to build a clinic that focuses on primary care and mental health somewhere in Hayward or Fremont. The VA will be contacting realtors and shopping for a property in the next six months

to a year. The facility, planned for 10,000 square feet, has been on the drawing boards for quite awhile. It is not the one previously discussed as a replacement for Livermore VA hospital outpatient clinic facilities.

The future clinic designed to replace Livermore would be located in Alameda or Contra Costa counties. It would be a "multispecialty clinic," and would to-tal 40,000 square feet, according to VA spokeswoman Kerri Childress. The earliest that the clinic could open would be in 2015, "if everything goes perfectly," including congressional funding cycles, she said.

Meanwhile, the nursing facility and outpatient clinic at Livermore VA will remain in place. The VA plans to lease out the Livermore facility. However, nothing has been started on that path, and won't be, until the replacement facilities are clearly at hand.

"There is no way we can look at legitimate (leasing) proposals,

(See VA, page 3)

Charter School Gets Green Light Through 2013

By Patricia KoningWith the start of the school year just six weeks away, the par-ent and staff community of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) breathed a huge sigh of relief when the California State Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the school's continued operation for another five years. The school's original three-year term ended this sum-

"The five year renewal affirms our accomplishments. The unanimous decision is a tremendous vote of confidence from the State Board of Education," said LVCS

principal Tara Aderman. "I'm looking forward to continuing to offer a choice for families in public education and being able to serve more children of Liver-

The school's status has been uncertain since the trustees of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District denied the charter renewal in January. However, the school has remained fully enrolled with a waiting list.

This spring, officials with the CDE Charter Schools Division had directed the Livermore **Charter Learning Corporation** (LCLC), which runs LVCS, to

continue hiring staff and making other preparations for the 2008/ 09 academic year.

Had the state denied the charter renewal, parents would be scrambling to find spots for their children in the Livermore School District and at private schools. Even with this possibility, parent support for the school remained strong. In June the Choice for Children Education Foundation (CCEF), which supports LVCS, donated its one-millionth dollar to the school.

"I was thrilled to hear the news regarding LVCS' approval," said Maggie Lloyd, a parent of

an LVCS second and third grader. "Although it was hard to imagine how or why the State Board would disapprove our renewal given the success of the school, we never want to take the charter process for granted. Our family is very thankful to everyone involved with the renewal process and we are so happy our children can continue their edu-

cation at LVCS. Bill Bachelor, president of the LCLC Board of Directors, said that the renewal process reaffirms that LCLC has made tremendous strides in its relationship with the oversight agency, the California

Department of Education (CDE).

"The evaluation process that we went through in order to achieve the renewal will have a meaningful impact as we shift from start-up mode toward the realization of our vision and mission, as areas needing additional emphasis were revealed in the process," he added. One of CDE's recommenda-

tions is that the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) continue as a fiscal advisor to LCLC through the coming school year or until an approved fiscal recovery plan is

(See CHARTER, page 4)



Participating in a hands-on arts and crafts project during Art Under the Oaks were (from left) Inna Ni, Li Ni, Annie Ni and Meghan Kerling.

Recycled Water Appropriation Raises Hopes

The first appropriation of federal funds to aid water recycling under new legislation has been announced by three Eastbay con-

gressional representatives.

Reps. Jerry McNerney, Ellen
Tauscher and George Miller said
in a press release that \$50 million was approved by the House Appropriations Committee on July 9. McNerney, a Pleasanton resident, represents the western part of the Tri-Valley. Tauscher's district includes Livermore. ready to capture the benefit of the funding. Miller lives in Martinez, and rep-

resents much of Contra Costa County.

Miller has been the leading expert on Western water in Congress since the 1970s. The \$50 million in the appropriations bill is a national figure, with \$9 million of it going to the Bay Area. Pittsburg, Antioch, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Pacifica, South Santa Clara County, Pad South Santa Clara County, Redwood City, and San Jose are

the funding.
Although no Valley agencies

are involved in the distribution of the funds this time, their officials were glad to hear about it, because it points the way to bright prospects in the future for the Valley. Developing more recycled water can help reduce the fresh water demand on the environmentally sensitive Delta.

Livermore public works director Dan McIntyre said that Livermore has no specific projects delineated right now. However, in March the city coun-

(See WATER, page 4)

Roberts Considers Run For Pleasanton Mayor

Filing for the November election officially got underway

The filing period will close on August 8, except in districts or cities in which at least one incumbent won't be running. Then the filing period will be extended

Mary Roberts picked up papers to run for mayor. She says she doesn't want to see the mayor run unopposed. Roberts stated, "I have the experience with eight years on the planning commission. I believe I am a better listener and a better negotiator than the mayor.

Roberts is currently a member of the Tri-Valley Conservancy Board of Directors.

Incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman also picked up her pa-

In Pleasanton, Howard Neely announced plans to run for city council. He says he is tired of hearing negative comments from people when it comes to having more people live in the city. His concerns include affordable housing, the Stoneridge Road extension (which he favors), a healthy business community, respecting churches, and promoting youth groups among others Neely has served on the Hous-

ing Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Human Services Commission. He is currently a member of the Kottinger Task Force looking into senior

housing.

Neely said his campaign will focus on the theme, "Pleasanton, our hometown: a glorious past, a thriving present, an innovative future.

There are two council seats open. Matt Sullivan plans to seek re-election. Cindy McGovern is

No one had returned papers (See ELECTION, page 4)

Pleasanton to Ask Supreme Court To Review Reinstatement of Lawsuit

Pleasanton will ask for a review of the decision that reinstated a lawsuit by affordable housing advocates against the

The vote to challenge the decision was taken in closed session prior to Tuesday's council

Specifically, the city will file

a petition for review with the California Supreme Court.

The original lawsuit was dismissed after a judge ruled that the statue of limitations had lapsed to contest city policies, such as the housing cap and

However, in June, the Califor-

(See LAWSUIT, page 4)

Construction to Begin On Firehouse Arts Center

around following the Pleasanton City Council's awarding of a contract to build the Firehouse Arts

There will be an official launch of the project this Thurs., July 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Railroad Avenue.

The center will include a theater with flexible seating for 240, an art gallery, two arts classrooms, a grand lobby and offices. There will be an outside reception area.

The contract was awarded to A.W. Thomas Company, Inc. for \$8.4 million. Part of the cost is for

The total cost of the project is \$12.8 million, which includes permits and fees, design services, a security system, construction management services, and a \$1.5 million contingency fund. The city's share of the cost is just over \$10 million.

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) has committed to raising the remainder of the funds.

John Loll, PCAF president, commented, "This is a very exciting moment for all of us." He (See FIREHOUSE, page 4)

There were congratulations all the installation of solar panels.

Trader Joe's, Safeway Would Not Be Displaced

The proposed Livermore regional theater would not require the removal of stores such as Trader Joe's and Safeway.

In response to questions raised at the public forum, Marc Roberts, community development director for the city, said the city wants to retain shopping opportunities in the downtown. The tunities in the downtown. The city is looking at amending the Downtown Specific Plan to increase the amount of commercial development in the area.

"People can expect to see more mixed use in the downtown. Housing would be built on top of stores such as Trader Joe's," Roberts commented. The specific plan calls for a check-in of impacts at 1400 units. There have been 2000 units allocated under growth management. He also noted that housing would be built whether or not the regional theater were to go forward. Vice Mayor John Marchand

pointed out that there is a 25 to 30 year window to build out the specific plan. Most shopping centers have only a projected 20 to 40 year life-span.

Many of Livermore's centers are older than the normal life-

Councilmember Marj Leider said she had read a story in the (See REGIONAL, page 4)

Chekhov Play Is A Little Bit About Development



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Aristocratic brother and sister are played by Livermore residents Tom Darter and Kathi Hileman pictured with her daughter, Anya.

By Ron McNicoll

When Wendy Wisely looked out from the Las Positas College campus after returning from a vacation period, she saw that the hills around the campus had changed. The drama instructor was looking at a sprinkling of homes under construction, where cattle had grazed a few months

Development was crowding out agriculture on two sides of the campus. Wisely knew the perfect play to deal with that change, a light to shine on the subject. It is a play that shows some people are able to meet change by working with it to stay on the land. Others must leave the land, because they live in the past, and fail to adopt new standards that would enable them to work out the compromises needed to remain there.

The play is Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard." There are no cherry orchards in the rolling hills of North Livermore near the Las Positas campus. However, their stand-ins are the miles of pasture, and the dark green rows of grapevines that climb the golden hills.

Chekhov, one of the world's great dramatists, wrote the play in 1903. It was a time of social unrest in Russia. Anarchists and socialists were agitating with the growing number of industrial workers. It was only 14 years before the Bolsheviks would over-

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PET OF THE WEEK

Sahara the cat is nothing like the unfriendly landscape she is named after. She is sociable and pleasant with people, and loves to snuggle up on the sofa. She is still young (about 1 year) and already had a litter of kittens! now she is spayed, and happily so. To visit with Sahara, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. VHS is open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656 for more info.

SHORT NOTES

Silly Stories

The Livermore Public Library will present ventriloquism & silly stories with Randel McGee & Groark the

Dragon on July 23 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library."

Randel McGee is a seasoned storytelling performer who entertains children and adults alike with his lively and the season of the state of the season tales, quick sense of humor, and thoughtful insights. McGee's partner in fun is Groark, a lovable, mischievous, guitar-playing dragon. The internationally-renowned comedy duo have been performing together for over 27 years, and have been immor-talized on CD, DVD and of course, You

Randel McGee & Groark will appear Wednesday, July 23 at the Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch, 725 Rincon Avenue. The free performance will begin at 2:30pm.

The Livermore Public Library's

The Livermore Public Library's The Livermore Public Library's "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. The Summer Reading Game ends August 16, 2008. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us.or.call httn://www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504 for more information.

Guide Dog Graduate

Laura Millar of Livermore graduated recently with a Yellow Labrador/ Golden Retriever Cross Breed Guide Dog named Merica at her side. The duo completed a month of intensive training at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. Graduation took place on Sat-urday, June 21, 2008 at the 11-acre campus, located 20 miles north of San Francisco.

Laura is earning her master's de-gree in public health at San Francisco State University and is currently working on her thesis. She has an eightmonth-old son, Aiden, and enjoys the outdoors. "I have Retinitis Pigmentosa (tunnel vision) and people get so confused because it is clear that I can see something. I would love to educate people that being legally blind does not

mean you can't have some vision and that Merica does help me to travel safely," said Millar.

During the course of training, skilled Guide Dogs and their new partners learn to negotiate stairways, elevators overhead electroles crowded sidetors, overhead obstacles, crowded side-walks and busy streets. The dogs are trained to avoid distractions and disobey commands to cross a street if traffic is approaching. Guide Dogs for the Blind has pro-

duced more than 10,000 trained guides for graduates across the United States and Canada since 1942. There are currently more than 2,000 people with vision loss enjoying the comfort, companionship and safety of these excep-

tional dogs.

Guide Dogs for the Blind is a nonprofit organization supported entirely by private, charitable donations and the time and talents of dedicated staff members, puppy raisers and other vol-unteers working together toward a common mission. For more informa-tion, contact Guide Dogs for the Blind via the internet at www.guidedogs.comand/or toll-free at (800) 295-4050.

Nature Program

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff offers programs during the month.

The topic for Sat., July 19 is "Every-

body Poops."
Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 10
a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. For rangers and other nature lovers those smelly little piles tell us who's been walking the trails after dark. Join Amy on a one- to two-mile walk as participants see who's been doing "their business" in Svcamore Grove Park. Walking will be on dirt trails, so no strollers, please.

The parks require a \$3 parking fee,

plus the park district requests a \$2 donation per person to help support the programs. Those interested in participating may call 925-960-2400 for more

LPC Student Broadcast

Student leaders of Las Positas College media outlets will field questions during an in-class panel discussion broadcast live on-line at 11 a.m. Mon-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen The annual "Ribs and Rims" event at Cornerstone Church included hot rods, rock and roll and barbecued ribs.

day, July 21, offering a behind-the-scenes look at student-driven newspaper, magazine and radio production. The program will be hosted by LPC Instructor Nolan O'Brien and the stu-

ADVENTURE TIME

dents currently enrolled in Introduction to Mass Communications. The panel of media managers will field

questions from both students in class and from listeners chatting on-line at

"We're blessed to have a very tal-ented team of student leaders already in place for the fall semester," O'Brien

said. "They've been meeting this summer to plan for the live broadcasts and

publications when production classes

Cassie Kolinas, editor in chief of the Express newspaper Caitlyn Durkin, station manager of Radio Las Positas

The live broadcast will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, July 21, and can be heard on radiolaspositas.com and in

the College Radio Stations radio category of iTunes. Downloadable podcasts will be made available at

radiolaspositas.com. Questions for the panel can be communicated in real time

via the AOL Instant Messenger link on

radiolaspositas.com. Editorial control of LPC's student

magazine, newspaper and radio station is restricted to students enrolled in the college's Mass Communications media

Ages 18 months

to 5 years

Panel members Alton Richardson, editor in chief of Naked magazine

radiolaspositas.com.

resume in the fall"

Jewish Culture School

Registration is now open for Jewish Culture School, a non-religious Jewish Sunday School sponsored by the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews. Jewish Culture Schools meets two Sundays a month and is open to students from 5 - 13. Students from nontraditional and

mixed-culture families are welcome. The school concentrates on a sense of community based on family, history, culture and progressive social action. In a hands-on interactive curriculum, students learn songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, folk dance,

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production courses. Seats are still available for the fall semester, and everyone is encouraged to enroll. Visit laspositascollege.edu or the LPC cam-pus: 3033 Campus Hill Drive, Liver-

and cook Jewish food from various countries and times in history. The coming year will concentrate on Jews in America with attention to the fight for civil rights in colonial times, the westward movement, the labor movement and the flowering of Jewish culture in America. Students also engage in community service and discuss ethi-

cal issues.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews offers non-religious Jewish holiday celebrations and educational programs for adults, as well as children. It is an affiliate of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations and the Coalition of Bay Area Cultural Jews.

To register for Jewish Culture School or obtain more information about TVCJ, please call (925) 485-1049 or e-mail JCS@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Historic Garage Open

The 1915 Duarte Garage located on the old "Lincoln Highway" will be open on Sunday, July 20, from 10am – 2 pm. The garage is located on the corner of Portola and L Streets in

The Lincoln Highway was the first Transcontinental Highway in the United States, stretching 3,389 miles from New York to San Francisco.

Displays in the garage include a 10 Ft. long Lincoln Highway wall map, collection of Old California license collection of Old California license plates, old photos, 1920's office equipment and shop area that includes a grease pit. In addition there are 3 vintage fire trucks - Ford Model "T" (just won 2nd place in the Livermore Rodeo Paradel), 1920 Seagrave and a restored 1944 Mack 1944 Mack.

The Lincoln Highway Book, "The Great American Road Trip," by authors, Michael Wallis and Michael Williamson will be available for purchase. The Livermore Heritage Guild operates the Duarte Garage. No charges for admission, donations are appreciated. For more information call (925)

Summer Picnic

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The Tri-Valley Indian Association is inviting the public to attend the 2008

Summer Picnic to be held on Sunday July 27, from 11 am to 3 pm. There will music, food, games and crafts for

children. The event will take place at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin at the group picnic area off of Camino Tassajara and Glynnis Rose.

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

Ticket sales end on July 20.
For further information, contact TriValleyIndianAssociation@gmail.com or call Vijay at (925) 234-3373 or Sandi at (925) 200-9540

Ice Cream Social

The City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Historic Foundation is hosting its annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 18 from 6:00 to 8pm at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard.

Live entertainment will feature the Hot Rods playing rocking hits from the 1950's. The Tri-Valley Chevy Classic Club will display restored 1955-1957 Chevys. In addition, there will be children's crafts and games, sheep dog demonstrations, tractor rides, tours of the farm and of course, free ice cream. Cost at the gate is \$5.00. For more information, call Forest Home Farms at (925) 973-3284.

New Location

Vino Cellars and Accesssories has moved to a new location.

The new showroom location is 2241 First St., downtown Livermore. For information, call 447-8000 or go to

Youth Court Volunteers

High school summer volunteers are needed for Tri-Valley Youth Court (TVYC) to serve as Jurors and Advo-

TVYC meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Gale/ Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton from 5:30 - 7:45 pm. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

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only \$29 (plus tax and gratuity). The Children's Package for kids 12 and under includes a beverage, choice of two entrees, and a sundae for only \$15 (plus tax and gratuity). The Restaurant opens at 5pm. Venue seating and out-door café open at 6:30pm. Movie be-gins at twilight. A suggested donation of \$9 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). Purchase tickets by calling the Wente Vineyards box office at (925) 456-2400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com; 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Pakistan Culture

Moazzam Sheikh, author of "The Idol Lover and Other Stories of Pakistan," will present a slide show and talk about the culture of Pakistan at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday,

July 20, at 2pm. Sheikh will also read from his new book "The Idol Lover and Other Stories of Pakistan." Sheikh is the author of "Stories of Intizar Husain" and has edited a collection of stories, "A Letter from India: contemporary Pakistani Short Stories". The Lahore-born Sheikh teaches at the City College of San Francisco. He is a librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. He is a founding member of the web site Another Subcontinent, an online journal and discussion forum.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.





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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Health Care Luncheon Topic

Health care trend expert Wright Lassiter III will tell attendees at the Livermore Chamber July 24th Wine Country luncheon how health care trends will change the future of businesses and individuals.

The Wine Country Luncheon will be held at the Martinelli Center, 3885 Greenville Rd., Livermore. This is the second in the series of summer luncheons featuring experts on some of the major issues impacting our lives. Wright Lassiter III is the CEO of the Alameda County Medical

The luncheo,n held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will also showcase food and wine. Space is limited and advance reservations are required. For further information or to make reservations call the Chamber at (925) 447 1606.

Chili Cook-Off and BBQ

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will host his 12th annual barbecue and chili cook-off on July 25 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Among the confirmed cook-off participants are local police and firefighters.

The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting with a social hour. Dinner will include steak, chicken, garlic bread, corn, salad, and dessert. Soft drinks, beer and wine are included with the price. The Mango Kings will provide

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$10 for seniors and children under 12 years of ago. All tickets

will be held at the event.

For more information regarding the chili cook-off and barbecue, call Chris Gray at 510-714-6967.

Murder Investigation

Livermore Police have arrested Aaron Biag Capili of Tracy on suspicion of murder.

The police received a 911 call regarding a male victim who had been assaulted in the parking lot of FormFactor (7545 Longard Rd., Livermore). Officers and medical personnel arrived and found the victim deceased in the parking

Officers learned that the victim's death occurred during an altercation with another per-

Corrections

The Army band pictured on the front page of the July 10 edition of the Independent is the "91st Division Band," not the "1st Division Band" as indicated.

The story, "New API Report Lists Statewide, Similar School Rankings" incorrectly stated that Joe Michell Elementary School is in Program Improvement (PI). Marilyn Avenue and Portola Elementary Schools are in PI.

A letter written by Valerie Raymond and published in last week's Independent stated that she lived in Pleasanton. Valerie is a Livermore resi-

SPECIES

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(SMD), the Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation (WCOSF), the City of Walnut Creek (city), and U.C. Berkeley's Jepson Herbarium (Jepson Herbarium), announced the discovery of the two new plants. They are described as two pretty and related wildflowers in the phlox family that resemble star shaped flower-studded pin cushions.

The plants, the Lime Ridge Navarretia (Navarretia gowenii) and the Lime Ridge Woollystar (Eriastrum sp. nov.) survived a hundred years of quarrying and other activities until their habitat was protected as the cities of Walnut Creek and Concord's jointly owned Lime Ridge Open Space. Both have been confirmed as new species by genetic and other testing. Both are critically and globally endangered given tiny habitats and small numbers.

"This isn't in some foreign country or in the boonies," said David Gowen, both plants' discoverer. "It's the heart of an urbanized environment where many famous botanists have worked. It was a surprise that the plants had been missed. We still have a lot to learn right here in our own backyard. Discovering one new plant is incredible; that there are

two new species in the same general location is a miracle. This same three square mile area has more than thirty other rare plant and animal species."

"It grows in open sun," said Gowen. "It seems like it can't take much competition, so it appears that it could easily be forced out by exotics. Last year was really poor; there were fewer plants than this year. Over five years there just haven't been many plants. They live in four small spots, each area having 50-100 plants. Put it in perspective, in other parts of the state there might be acres and acres of Navarretias. Here in the worst year there might be 150 plants total and in the best vear there are fewer than a thou-

"These two new species were hiding right under our noses,' said Seth Adams, Director of Land Programs for Save Mount Diablo, a conservation organization that helped to create Lime Ridge Open Space. "Mt. Diablo and Lime Ridge are an incredible gold mine for an enormous number of rare plant species. This is a very big deal, not just one but two new species in a tiny area on the edge of development."

Adam went on to say that it's incredible that there are still unexplored areas so close to an urban area, with eight million people within an hour's drive. "This is one of the most exciting discoveries of my life, right up there with the rediscovery of the Mt. Diablo buckwheat and possible sightings of the Ivory-billed woodpeckers," he said, referring to a plant long thought extinct and considered the 'Holy Grail' of East Bay botanists until its 2005 rediscovery just after the bird, also

thought extinct, was sighted. "I think it looks like a Dr. Seuss plant—a thin stalk topped with a green puffball, studded with star shaped, purple spotted flowers," said Adams, "or a green snowflake Christmas tree ornament."

"These discoveries may be just the tip of the iceberg," said Ron Brown, Executive Director of Save Mount Diablo. "Mt. Diablo harbors one of the healthiest and most important ecosystems in the San Francisco Bay Area. "It's the crown jewel of the East Bay. The discoveries underscore the need to conserve and buffer the mountain's biological richness,' he concluded.

VA

(continued from page one) because we have no time frame,' said Childress.

The south county facility with mental health care is designed to meet the needs of all veterans, as are all VA facilities. However, the need for mental health facilities has increased dramatically during the Iraq war. Childress said that she heard a talk by VA Secretary James Peake. which illustrated the tremendous impact that combat in the war has had on the VA's mental health

care system. Peake is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He noted that only one in ten of the troops in the Vietnam War saw combat. In Iraq, one in two Marine and Army soldiers have seen combat. Some 80 percent of them have seen two or more tours of duty. It has put tremendous strain on them, said Childress.

Altamont Track Wins OK For Major NASCAR Race

The Altamont Motorsports Park won approval for staging its first Super NASCAR event, which will be held Sept. 13.

Alameda County Supervisors voted 3-0 at their meeting July 8 to reverse a planning commission decision, which held firm to the current conditional use permit's ban on night racing and excessive noise levels. Supervisors Keith Carson and Gail Steele were absent.

Supervisors saw creation of the one-day exception to the use permit as the best way to deal with a new point raised by track ownership about noise. Representatives of the ownership said the county has been judging any noise violations as the collective noise from all cars. However, the ownership said that the March permit conditions limit the noise from each car to 86 decibels in the pit and 83 decibels at the

The county is judging the noise by the wrong standards, they said. This is an important point, because the ownership has applied for permanent zoning for the track. An EIR is underway.

Supervisors agreed that obtaining more information about the noise levels, as they apply to each car, would be valuable to have for the EIR. Therefore, the Super NASCAR race not only will entertain racing fans, but also will serve as a data collection device for the county's future decision on the permanent zoning request.

The track's neighbors said at the supervisors' hearing that noise levels should not be exceeded. Night racing should not be allowed, even for one day. The conditions set by supervisors in March have helped make living with the track tolerable, they said.

KELLMAN

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Kellman Fields to honor Mike's memory and warn against the dangers of drunk driving. A sign has been in place at Independence Park. However, time and weather have worn it into disrepair. The soccer league has paid to produce a new plaque, which will be mounted on a rock and put on display at the park.

The new plaque will be unveiled at a rededication at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes St., Livermore. The event will be held in between games of a jamboree tournament at Kellman Fields. Mike's brother, Russ, and his family, who still live in Livermore, will attend the rededication along with their parents and other members of the Kellman family and the Dougherty family. Russ Kellman also played soccer for the LYSL and currently coaches a team for participants under the age of 9.

The Kellman family hopes the plaque will send out a positive message to the community along with a reminder to not drink and

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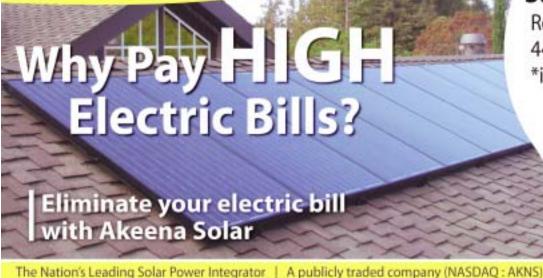
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EDITORIALS

ArtWalk, Bothwell Join Forces

It looked for awhile as if Livermore's popular downtown ArtWalk would become a victim of its own suc-

As the walk grew, it required more time than its organizers, the Livermore Valley Artists Guild (LVAG), were able to give, forcing them to put the event on hold.

"I never planned to do another ArtWalk — it takes one heck of a lot of work," said Linda Ryan, ArtWalk founder/manager.

Happily, the Bothwell Arts Center has stepped forth to rescue the event. Bothwell — which is connected with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) — has become a fine little arts group of its own, providing facilities for local artists. Needing an additional fund-raiser, Bothwell is taking over the ArtWalk. Linda Ryan will remain at the helm, but this time with the help she needs. Through its LVPAC connection, Bothwell will bring a wealth of resources in the way of marketing, fund-raising and volunteer help.

ArtWalk survives, much strengthened. Bothwell gains a great fund-raiser. This is one of those mergers where it can be truthfully said: everyone wins.

When Transit Works

City of Pleasanton has expanded the downtown route of its paratransit service, adding stops at Wal-Mart, Stoneridge Shopping Center, ValleyCare Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente.

In January, the city launched a pilot downtown route. The line has exceeded expectations, with ridership climbing from 527 in the first quarter to 846 in the sec-

The riders are full of praise. "I love the downtown route," said Sue Schnite, a resident at Ridgeview Commons. "For just \$1.25, I have the freedom and convenience of travel right at my doorstep."

And the drivers are great; Sue Schnite said they are "a big part of what makes this a fabulous program."

Pleasanton is showing that if you make the rides convenient, and if the service is affordable, with friendly considerate drivers, transit works.

The expansion of the downtown route is good news. May paratransit continue to grow.

'Green Drinks' Is A Potion For Sustainable Businesses

By Ron McNicoll

With Green Drinks Tri-Valley business owners can find out how to make their businesses greener. Instead of hearing a guest speaker in an office conference room, or at a restaurant luncheon, Green Drinks people meet after work in the more relaxed atmosphere of

a tavern or pub.

In the Tri-Valley, the location is the Livermore Alehouse, which is on First Street. The big attraction isn't the access to beer, since sandwiches and non-alcoholic beverages are also available. The keys are the after-work hours and the casual atmosphere that enables people to feel freer to talk to one another across the table.

At the get-togethers, people swap e-mail addresses and phone numbers to pursue topics later. They also have the opportunity to meet green business experts, who hand out brochures and an-

Normally, one would expect

someone like the coordinator of the Bay Area Green Business Program to be heard from behind a podium. However, she was glad to carry on her work in this new, casual way, said Livermore Green Drinks founder Steve Melgoza.

The monthly meetings are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Usually they are on the back patio at the alehouse, although the July heat drove the group into an air-conditioned room.

The first meeting on May drew 15 people from the Tri-Valley and a little beyond. They included realtors, investment analysts, construction contractors, and a chocolate factory representative. Some already have greencertified businesses; others want to learn what it's all about. E-mail and word of mouth brought them there, just as it has throughout the world in 300 cities.

The Livermore group is a chapter of the international or-

ganization, which got its name from its beginnings in a London pub in 1989. People at one table at that pub were talking about green business. So was a group at a nearby table, who overheard them. The two groups put their tables together, and a worldwide movement was born.

The movement has been snowballing rapidly in the past several years. Just last year, the nations that joined included France, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Singapore, China, Mexico and Brazil. So far the biggest meeting has been in Melbourne, Australia. It was attended by 1800 people. A holiday Green Drinks in New York City drew 900

Big numbers are not on Melgoza's mind, though. He'll be happy if more local merchants take up the sustainable business approach. "We chose downtown (Livermore) to offer businesses a chance to pique their interest in what they may be able to do. It is aimed at the small business person. We welcome large and medium groups. We had someone from Roche pharmaceuticals," said Melgoza.

Melgoza operates a wholesale firm, which provides custommade silk screen T-shirts, sweat shirts, tank tops, embroidered hats and other apparel. All the designs on apparel are created in silk screen using non-toxic inks. The materials are organically raised. Much of it is organically

The business, Goza Gear, is certified in the Alameda County Green Business Program. "We operate ecologically. We changed to energy efficient flourescents. We filter water through a filtration system before it goes down a drain. We watch our waste stream, and recycle as much as possible," said Melgoza.

Process Starts For Purchasing Land For Livermore BART Extension

The drop in housing and property prices caused by the mortgage payments crisis has a silver lining for advocates of the Livermore BART extension.

With property values down, or at least not escalating, it's a good time to buy land for the BART extension right of way down the Interstate 580 median, said Dennis Fay, executive director of the **Alameda County Congestion**

Management Authority (CMA). Fay credited County Supervisor Scott Haggerty for lobbying to obtain \$110 million in Bay Bridge toll money, which was authorized for transportation improvements by regional measures approved by voters. Another \$8.7 million will come from Measure

B, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority measure approved by voters

It will take six months to complete an EIR before land pur-chases can begin. After that the property acquisition will probably take about five years, said Fay. "You have to negotiate with the land owner, who sometimes is a willing seller, and sometimes is not," said Fay.

Asked whether the passage of Proposition 99, which affects property condemnation of single family homes, Fay said there likely is little such occupied property in the right of way. However, where there is, Prop. 99 "just sets up a few more hoops to go

through," he said.

Generally, the acquisition will mean just taking slivers of land. BART already owns the sites for the two proposed stations, one at Isabel Avenue, and the other at Greenville Road.

The CMA is acting in partnership with BART in undertaking the land acquisition. However, BART has its own EIR to complete on the extension itself. That is expected to take longer.

Also, no decision has been made on the exact route for the extension. It may be possible that the BART route would go along Stanley Boulevard in Livermore over to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. However, any property to be acquired by CMĂ

would be along the part of the BART route that would not be affected by that decision, said

Fay.
The EIR that CMA will be conducting for the state is relatively simple, said Fay. However, BART has a more complicated, separate, programmatic EIR, "whose purpose is to decide, once and for all, is it in the 580 corridor, or off toward Isabel and Stanley," said Fay.

"We'll be six months to a year ahead of BART's EIR. So if we find common land, BART still would have to go down the freeway for a mile or two. We would not go beyond that, until after BART makes a decision," said Fay. "This will jump-start (the project)."

CHARTER

(continued from page one) implemented. About a year ago, the CDE raised concerns about LCLC's heavy loan balances and projected negative balance sheet. CDE directed the corporation to engage the services of FCMAT to aid in fiscal recovery.

In the analysis presented at the meeting, CDE staff reported, 'LVCS has made significant progress towards ensuring continuing fiscal viability of the school by adopting a new Financial Operations Manual and implementing new internal coniroi procedures.

Bachelor and the rest of the LCLC leadership are now shifting their attention towards completing the approval process for the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) high school. Bachelor says they still plan to open the school, which will serve grades 9-12, in the fall of 2009.

The Livermore School Board rejected the LVCP petition in

by the close of busienss Tuesday.

ermore Area Recreation and Park

District board, incumbent Steve

Goodman picked up papers. The

other incumbent, Beth Wilson

Livermore school board in-

cumbent Tom McLaughlin and

former Livermore-Pleasanton

Fire Department Chief Stewart

Gary have taken out papers for

said earlier this month that they

would be filing for the office. The

terms of McLaughlin and Bill

Morrison will expire in November. Morrison said earlier that he

has not made up his mind about

Jeffery Sailors, a former mayor of

Dublin, has taken out papers for

the District 5 BART seat. It is

occupied by Zoyd Luce of Dub-

lin. The one-term incumbent has

Chris Grant, who returned from

vacation earlier this week, said

that he will run for a full term on

that board. He was appointed two

years ago to replace Steve

Pulido, who became a judge at

to run for this election by board

president Jim Ott, trustee Pat

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Grant said that he was asked

Pleasanton school trustee

said that he will not run again.

Livermore resident Linda

running.

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Both McLaughlin and Gary

the Livermore school board.

For the two seats on the Liv-

ELECTION

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has said she will run.

January, at the same time that it reviewed the LVCS renewal. LCLC has appealed the petition to the Alameda County Board of Education, which will conduct a review at a public hearing next

Other top priorities include hiring a new executive director and developing a long-term solution to meet the LVCS's facility needs. Batchelor said that the Sonoma site, as it is currently situated, is inadequate to accommodate LVCS student population at its tull capacity of 932 students. The school's population will be 885 in the coming school year.

'Short term solutions at the Sonoma site can be found. However, in the long-term, alternative locations and facilities will be necessary. Recent lease negotiations with LVJUSD have also further emphasized our need for a long term solution," he added.

teachers and members of the

community. Grant said that his

backers felt that his experience,

both on the board, and as a Kai-

ser Permanente financial plan-

ning official, will continue to

help the district during these

tough times with the state bud-

ber of the district's excellence

committee, Grant said that he

wants to continue to improve the

district's educational quality. "It's

important not to settle where we

are today. I want us to truly have

the best schools in the state. We

can continue to improve in a

better ratio of counselor to stu-

dents and would like to continu-

ing work on class sizes in fourth

and fifth grades, middle school,

high school English and math

Results of the June primary

became official as of July 12.

Abram Wilson was selected to

run as the Republican nominee

for the 15th State Assembly Dis-

trict. He edged out Robert Rao by a vote of 11,984 to 11,703.

Wilson's victory came in Contra

Costa County, where he captured

9,979 of the vote, 2000 more

than Rao received. The district

includes portions of Contra

Costa, Alameda, San Joaquin and

Sacramento counties.

and science classes.

JUNE PRIMARY

For example, Grant wants a

number of areas," said Grant.

Further, as a founding mem-

WATER

(continued from page one) cil set its priorities for the next

two years. In the second tier is a goal to provide recycled water for irrigation for new agriculture in North Livermore. Nothing would happen overnight about any future recycled water grant for Livermore.

Some of the projects announced last week for funding were prepared in 1999, said McIntyre.

However, the law written by Miller, which was signed May 8 by President Bush, amends an existing law, so that it speeds up the review process in the Depart-

ment of Interior and the Energy Department, he said. Further, the funding covers only 25 percent of a project, so Livermore, like all agencies, would have to look around for funding for the other 75 percent, said McIntyre.

Livermore's wastewater treat-ment plant provided 303 million gallons of recycled water in 2007 to 62 irrigation customers in north Livermore. Some of it was for landscape irrigation, and some for fire suppression water sprinklers in buildings. The area in North Livermore has a specially plumbed pipe system, painted purple, for recycled water distribution. The water has tertiary treatment, and is considered safe, but not for drinking.

Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand said that the more recycled water that Livermore can sell to customers, the less it will have to pump over to the LAVWMA wastewater treatment discharge line. The line goes to a Bayside discharge location. The water is sent there to prevent its high salt content from adding to minerals in the Valley's underground water table.

At Dublin San Ramon Ser-

vices District (DSRSD), general manager Bert Michalczyk said that his district might become active in applying for a grant in a year or two, in order to expand its recycled water project. The project is called DERWA, and is operated jointly with East Bay Municipal Utilities District. Its customers use the water for landscape irrigation. DSRSD has received past federal and state grants in the building of the project, but it might be ready in several years for an expansion, said Michalczyk.

Bankhead Theater 'Dramatically Successful' in First Year

Livermore has some bright spots, according to economic development director Rob White.

White was reporting to the city council. One bright spot has been the success of the Bankhead Theater, he stated.

'We didn't think there would be so many performances the first year. The projection was for 100. By the end of the first year, there will be 204 and 53 rehearsal dates at the theater. "It has been dramatically successful," stated White. He noted that a wide range of events have taken place ranging from science programs presented by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to musical theater.

Another highlight, according to White is the potential inclusion of Livermore in a public television series, California's Communities. The California Redevelopment Association is launching the program this fall. White noted that Livermore was asked to apply for the program. "The streetscape, Bankhead Theater and Livermore Valley Center would be used as a backdrop to talk about the economic impact of redevelopment," explained

The other new information is that Neiman Marcus outlets have signed on to be part of the El Charro prime outlet project in Livermore, said White. Construction is scheduled to begin on the complex in 2009.

In the downtown, The Carvery and Roderick's BBQ & Seafood are slated to open later this year. Dana's Bridal Gallery is opening this month in the brand new Nigg Building on First St.

MITIGATION FOR OUT-

LET The city council adopted a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute implementation agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Game and California Wildlife Foundation to enter into a memorandum of understanding with East Bay Regional Park District. The agreement deals with acquisition, monitoring and management of habitat lands to mitigate

Economic development in construction of the I-580/Isabel interchange and the El Charro development.

The city will be responsible for funding the acquisition, restoration and endowments for ongoing management and monitoring; EBRPD will acquire the lands. The city will hold a permanent conservation easement over the lands.

According to Fish and Wildlife "biological opinion," 50 acres of off-site habitat would be required. The city must create a .43 acre wetland within the 50acre mitigation property. The mitigation acreage for the El Charro area is 150 acres.

The city is to deposit acquisition funds into an escrow account held by EBRPD of approximately 20 percent of the current appraised fair market value of \$8000 per acre. The deposit would be \$500,000 for the interchange and \$1.5 million for the specific plan. EBRPD will use the money to purchase land within 24 months after construc-

tion starts on the projects.

REGIONAL

(continued from page one) SF Chronicle recently talking about why some infill redevelopment projects were not working. One in Windsor had no shopping or jobs; residents have to drive everywhere. Santana Row in San Jose is not near transportation. "We have both in conjunction with housing in the downtown," declared Leider. "It confirmed my belief that we are heading in the right direction."

Other comments regarding the regional theater were made by two residents who have been critical of the idea.

Valerie Raymond pointed out

that there would be less than \$10 million in new dollars available other redevelopment projects. She felt that building many smaller projects could have a positive impact on the down-

Brett Wayne stated that he was happy to see that the city is looking at the Livermore Village site as a potential location for the regional theater. "It offers me some hope that the council is starting to challenge some of the facts put forward by LVPAC.

(The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) is the nonprofit proposing to build the regional theater.)

Wayne also questioned the need for a 1900 seat theater. He pointed out that many Broadway theaters do well with 1000 to 1400 seats. He wanted to know the numbers behind the assumption that the theater has to have 1900 seats. "Why do we have to have such a huge theater in the downtown," Wayne asked.

In the past LVPAC executive director Len Alexander has said that the larger theater is needed in order to keep ticket prices af-

fordable.

FIREHOUSE

(continued from page one) noted that many other organizations have been involved in mak-

ing the project a reality including the Pleasanton Art League, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, the business community and Chamber of Commerce, the Civic Arts branch of city government, the Civic Arts Commission, and the school district.

Loll pointed out that the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) was the first group to step forward with a pledge of funds.

Pat Smith, current PAL president, and Charlotte Severin, past president, were on hand Tuesday to make good on that pledge. They presented the city with a check for \$25,000.

Severin said, "Having this come from artists is really like blood, sweat and tears."

Loll presented a check from the PCAF for \$100,000, the second check for that amount donated toward the Firehouse Arts Center.

The PCAF board has collec-

tively pledged \$1 million towards the Firehouse Arts Center.

He said that in addition to the celebration Thursday, PCAF is planning a Firehouse Fling fundraiser at Wayside Park on Sept. 14. The group is sponsoring the August 1 concert in the park, during which they will be selling bricks and seats, also to raise funds for the center.

Former councilmember Steve Brozosky declared, "The project has been many years in the works. I felt it was one of the most important projects for the city. It will allow the expansion of downtown beyond Main Street. The money spent is really a good investment of city funds.

LAWSUIT

(continued from page one) nia Court of Appeal ruled that the lawsuit had been improperly dismissed.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs, Urban Habitat and Sandra De Gregorio, claim that the city has failed to meet its affordable housing obligations.

They claim that Pleasanton's housing cap violates state law because the city cannot accommodate the city's fair share of the regional need for new housing without exceeding the cap's 29,000-unit limit.

In reinstating the lawsuit, the Court wrote, "Without question, the city's duty to enforce the shortage of affordable housing is sharp and the public's need for such housing is weighty.

The cap was instituted by Pleasanton voters and includes the provision that the cap can only be increased by another vote.

The suit does not affect the city's urban growth boundary, which was also approved by vot-

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OBITUARIES

Pamela King

Pamela King, 64, passed from this life on July 6, 2008 in Liver-

A life-long resident of Northern California, she was born on March 5th 1944, to Hazel and Edward Gordon in Oakland, CA. She resided in Livermore for 32

She is survived by her mother, daughter, her beloved cat CiCi, friends, and all of those who had the joy to have met her. Those who had the opportunity to have met Pamela know that they were truly blessed. They will always have precious memories of her gentle soul, kind and gracious demeanor and caring interest in others. Pamela always had a smile

through her journey of life. An employee of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 28 years, her long career at the Lab was part of a family legacy. Her father had worked at the Lab for 25 years before his retirement in 1977. Pamela retired from the Lab in 2006, but made many of her longest and dearest friendships while work-

ing there.
Pamela deeply loved cats, squirrels, birds, laughter, music and her friends. She was an avid collector of sea shells and loved the ocean. Mostly, she loved spending time with friends and

Pamela's daughter, Ms. Leah King, will deeply miss the presence of such an extraordinary woman in her life. She is forever grateful to have been Pamela's daughter.

Pamela was a gift to us all and will be truly missed.

Her ashes will be scattered at sea, off the coast of Santa Cruz.

Evelyn Caroline Beebe

Evelyn Caroline Beebe died on July 10, 2008 at the age of 90. She was a daughter and granddaughter of Danish immigrants who were pioneers in the settlement of Livermore. Evelyn was the first born of Clara and Niels Hansen on November 24, 1917. She grew up on ranch on Tesla Road in Livermore. Brother Raymond was born 17 months later.

Evelyn's mother, Clara, previously taught school in a rural oneroom schoolhouse on the property of Evelyn's grandparents; Antone Nissen and Caroline Madsen Nissen at 8792 Tesla Rd. Livermore. Evelyn and brother Ray drove a horse and buggy 2 miles to attend elementary school at the same one-room school house. By the 8th grade, Evelyn, and later Ray, attended the larger public school within the city of Livermore.

Evelyn graduated from Livermore high school in 1936. She saw Cecil Beebe in a school play and took a shine to him. Evelyn and Cecil married 2 years later in 1938. She was a homemaker and welcomed son Gerald in 1943 and daughter Carol in 1955.

Although challenged by health issues throughout her life, Evelyn was a tremendous mother and person. She cracked the code of that elusive relationship of mother transitioning to friend. She accomplished a successful marriage milestone of 70 years in March 2008.

Evelyn was wife, mother, grandmother, cheerleader, confi-

dant, and friend. She was, quite simply, a remarkable, loving person. Her family always came first. Evelyn is survived by her husband Cecil, and by children Jerry (Pat) Beebe and Carol Mitchell, grandchildren John Mitchell and Garret Mitchell, sister-in-law Kathryn Hansen, niece Barbara Hansen Mayer, and nephew Tim Hansen. She is preceded in death by her brother Raymond Hansen.

A celebration of Evelyn's life will be held on July 22 at 10 a.m. at Callaghan's Mortuary, 3833 East Ave Livermore. Buřial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice.

Francis "Frank" Rogue Francis "Frank" Rogue, 76, of 1812 Indian Trail, passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at his

home in Eden, NC. The funeral service was held at First Baptist Church of Stoneville. Burial followed in Ridgeview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Rogue was born April 29, 1932, in Falls River, Massachusetts, to the late Joseph and Rose Pabial Rogue. He moved to California in January 1950 and joined the Navy that same year, during the early days of the Korean War. He served for four years as a machinist mate on the USS Oberon. Mr. Rogue was employed by the U.S. Navy at the Alameda Naval Air Station for four years before leaving in 1954 where he was employed by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and went to school under the G.I. bill to study electrical engineering. He worked and continued to study during the first 19 years with the Laboratory before retiring as a division superintendent with a career spanning 36 years. Mr. Rogue moved to North Carolina in March of 2004. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Stoneville, and a member of the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, call sign WB6IIV.

He was a life member of Livermore Amateur Radio Klub and several amateur radio clubs in the Tri-Valley and in North Carolina.

Surviving is his wife, Margie Heffinger Rogue of the home; two stepdaughters, Denise R. Hirst of Chapel Hill and Michelle L. Adkins of Raleigh; two stepgrandsons, Alex and Ean Hirst; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Carolyn Buskey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Eddie Rogue; and sister, Irene Rose.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Rockingham County, P.O. Box 281, Wentworth, NC 27375 or First Baptist Church, 300 E. Main

Street, Stoneville, NC 27048. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.fairfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Hansen

Pleasanton resident Marjorie Lucille Hansen died July 9, 2008 at Bancroft Convalescent Hospital in San Leandro. She was born June 14, 1917.

Marjorie attended St. Anthony Grade School and Roosevelt High School. She loved shopping for great deals, entertaining friends and family, dancing in the kitchen with Bob, and traveling.

She was a founding member of St. Paschal Baylon Parish in Oakland and a member of Friends of the Dragon at Bishop O'Dowd and St. Augustine in Pleasanton.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years Robert M. Hansen, and daughter Sue Hansen and son-in-law Al Haig. She was preceded in death by her parents Marcella and Charles Parker and a brother Charles

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thurs., July 17 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton with rosary at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Fri., July 18 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a favorite charity or to Building Futures with Women and Children, 1395 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro, CA

Frances Mary Rinaldi

Frances Mary Rinaldi died peacefully July 11, 2008 at Valley Care Medical Center at the age of 86. Her daughter was by

her side. She was born Oct. 12, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois. She resided in the Tri-Valley for the past six years, first in San Ramon and most recently in Livermore. Frances was employed as a legal secretary and applied for a position with the Nuremburg War Trials after WWII. When they didn't have an opening, she worked for the U.S. Army Signal Corps cata-loging army photos and show-ing GI training films in Heidelberg, Germany. That was appropriate, because Frances had a love of photography and was the official family photographer. She wanted to live life on her own terms, even when it meant going against the grain. She symbolized the song sung by Frank Sinatra, (I Did It) "My Way."

She is survived by her daughter Felicia Ziomek and grandchildren Andrew and Bridget.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thurs., July 17 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Fri., July 18 at the same lo-

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515; 413-268-7660.

Mary Valles Gonsalves

Livermore resident Mary Valles Gonsalves was born in New Bedford, Mass. on Sept. 26, 1917, she passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the age of

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore and the VFW, Onset, MA and Ideal Club of MA. Mary moved here from the East Coast 11 years ago. She was the Director of Food Services for the Wareham Public School District

in MA for 25 years.
She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Gonsalves in 1973 and her brother, Charles Andrade. She is survived by her son, Jose "Jay Jay" Valles and his

wife, Janice of Livermore, brothers and their families, John Andrade, William (Tana)

Andrade, Anthony Andrade all of MA., and Raymond (Patricia) Andrade of VA, and two grand-children, Jaylin and Jayda Valles of Livermore and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated July 16 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, in Livermore. Interment at a later date will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Wareham,

Donations can be made to the Leukemia Society. Arrangements by Callaghan

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portant undertaking," Bill said. Since 1950, the 94,000 members from throughout California and Hawaii have turned over more than \$85,500,000 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., which administers the non-profit charitable corporation. All of the funds are devoted solely to providing vision screening and therapy treatment to children with a broad range of disabilities. Without the Elks supported donations, many of these children would not receive such treatment.

The year-long fund raising campaign is capped by a ceremony at the annual Elks convention when representatives of Lodges throughout California and Hawaii present their donations to Major Project and Elks Association leaders. The raising of funds to aid children with disabilities is just one of the many philanthropic and patriotic projects which mark the Elks' contribution to our community.

IronKids Head for Triathalon And Canoe Adventure

The Livermore City Council issued a proclamation honoring 12-year-old Marissa Cordiano at its meeting on Monday.

Marissa is one of ten children with diabetes across the United States selected to participate in the IronKiDz triathalon and canoe adventure in September.

A Pleasanton youth, Ashna Jasuja, has also been selected for the

Marissa's training partner is Anne Findlay. Marissa was diagnosed with diabetes three years ago. She participates in gymnastics, surfing and swimming. She says she also like camping a lot. Marissa is quoted on the Triabetes website as saying, "I have gone to a couple of diabetes camps called Bearskin Meadow Camp and Camp Arroyo through the Diabetic Youth Foundation (DYF). I've learned a lot there and I hope I'll learn a lot from this trip. I'm really

Ashna Jasuja is 11 years old and was diagnosed with diabetes ten years ago. Her training partner is Brian Foster.

Ashna says she loves to play softball and tennis and enjoys swimming. She will be in the 6th grade this fall. "I am very excited to be going to middle school. Being part of IronKiDz is important to me because I would like to meet new friends and athletes that have diabetes and learn about what they do to manage it. This will be a

Both young athletes will need help with expenses. The website at www.triabetes.org offers an opportunity to help with those ex-

There will be a fund-raising this Saturday, July 19 for Marissa. It is an e-waste collection in the parking lot of the Church of Christ, 4481 East Ave., Livermore.

The program is the mentoring component of the Triabetes Project where trainers, researchers and medical professionals have teamed up to support a group of athletes ages 25 to 60 with diabetes on their quests to complete the Wisconsin Ironman competition.

A documentary of the project is being filmed of the project. The kids will take on a 3-day river journey along the Namakogen River in Western Wisconsin. They'll work as a team to prove to themselves that they have what it takes to overcome diabetes in the face of adversity.

On September 6th, the IronKiDz will reach the St. Croix landing, then voyage to Madison to meet their designated "training buddy" from Insulindependence's Triabetes team. Each of the IronKiDz will have worked with one of athletes over the course of the summer as they trained for the 2008 Wisconsin Ironman.

On the day of the Ironman, the IronKiDz will use the diabetes management skills they obtained on the river to help their "training



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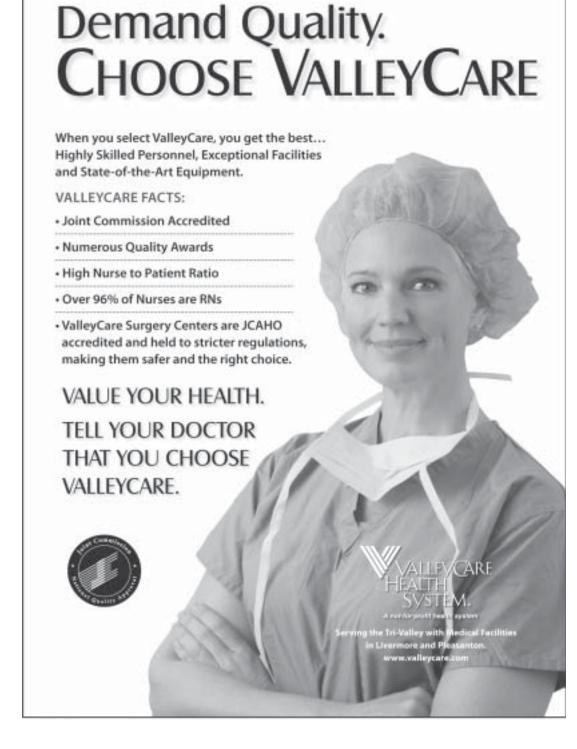
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SPORTS NOTES



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The Pleasanton Girls Softball League was host to the 18th Annual PGSL Summer Classic Girls Fast Pitch "B" Tournament this past weekend at the Pleasanton Sports Park. The 58 teams came to Pleasanton from the Peninsula, Sacramento, Visalia, San Jose and other areas. Phantom teams captured both the 10B and 10C bracket titles; Valley Magic the 12B and LGSGSA 12C brackets; while Belmont went home with the 14C championship.

Summer Classic

Pleasanton Phantom 12's placed 3rd in their own Pleasanton Summer Classic tournament, July 12th and 13th. Phantom played Valley Magic (Oakdale) in the semiplayed Valley Magic (Oakdae) III the Schiffinal taking a 1-0 lead in the 3rd with Krista Williams scoring on a Johanna Grauer double. Valley Magic rallied to tie the game in the 5th and force an extra inning. Valley Magic scored 2 runs in the top of the 7th and Phantom answered with Brooke Campbell crossing the plate in the bottom of the inning. Phantom fell short resulting in at 3-

2 victory for Valley Magic.

Valley Magic went on to defeat Half Moon Bay in the championship game. Johanna Grauer was exceptional on the mound

joining up only 3 hits and recording 7 Ks in 7 innings.
Earlier Sunday, Phantom beat San Jose Quicksilver 6-1 and MVLA Nova 8-0 to reach the semifinal. The Phantom bats were hot in these morning games, recording 10 hits against Quicksilver and 8 against Nova. Krista Williams hit 2 doubles and Nicole Bardakos and Jana Johnson each had a double in the morning games. Phantom defense was exceptional throughout the tournament, allowing only 4 runs in 6 games. In Saturday's pool play Phantom beat Belmont Blast 6-0, Roseville Thunder 18-0 and tied San Jose Quicksilver 0-0.

Babe Ruth Champs

The 14 year old all star team from the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth league won the district 5 title over the weekend. The win advances the team to the Nor Cal championship in Woodland. Hayward defeated Tri-Valley 7-1 in a must win game to force the second game. Shane Jackson pitched tough but the locals scratched out their only run of the game in the sixth when Alex Rojas knocked in Mike Brdar. Nate Vincent had three putouts and one

of the teams two hits in the loss.

Evan Brisintine struck out ten batters, pitching a complete game for the 7-4 cham-pionship win. Tri-Valley rallied back from a 3-0 deficit when Tyler Hollander knocked in two runs on a two out single. Andrew Hobson doubled and scored two runs. AJ Kontillas had an RBI single, knocking in Chad Bianci, who also scored twice in the game. Peter Thomas chipped in a hit as well. The squad joins the Tri-Valley 15 year olds in state, who won their district championship as well.

Briarhill vs. DBAC

The Briarhill Barracudas of Dublin hosted the DBAC Piranhas of Pleasanton last Wednesday, July 9 at the Briarhill Pool. The final score for the meet was DBAC 535.5, Briarhill 432.5.

Outstanding swimmers coming in first for each event they were entered into: For DBAC: Harshith Kaveri-6, Katie Tsui-10, Jax Pedersen-9, Daniel Huang-12, For Briarhill Brandon Lind-16

Other swimmers with 1 or more first place finishes: DBAC: Aliyah Baxter-6, Preston Sim-6, Iris Chang-14, Alex Grotegut-14, Madison Fleshman-6, Emily Tincher-7, Hannah Tsui-9, Mattias Lindell-12, Jaemin Kim-13, Hanna Lurie-6, Miara Pipe-8, Timo-thy Huang-8, Zachary Corbishley-9, Chris Kim-14, Kaleb Pedersen-12, Trevor Bielby-14, Grace Kim-6, Sofia Barrera-8, Rachel Becker-10, Sam Tincher-9, Rachel Bench-12, David Becker-13, Casey Polon-16. Briarhill: Callan Jackman-8, Andrew Voit-8, Haley Lukas-12, Kirsten Johansson-15, Joey Grywczynski-7, Kristin Horrillo-12, Mara Page-13, Jacob Allman-5, Fiona Somerville-10, Crystal Fisher-14, Shannon Corrigan-15, Nicholas Kouri-16, Matthew Grywczynski-9, Britney Achziger-11, Madeleine Cottingham-15, Kyle Garcia-15. Briarhill Pool Records broken by

Briarhill members: Boys 7-8 25 Yard free previously held by Michael Groves 13.10 14 broken by Andrew Voit with a new time 12.42; Girls 11-12 50 Yard breaststroke previously held as a tie by Cory Pensky and Marissa Bergh 30.56 1996 and 17 respectively, broken by Haley Lukas new time 29.48; Girls 13-14 50 Yard breaststroke 29.43, Ghis 13-14 30 raids beassaidske previously held by Shannon Corrigan 29.44 15, broken by Crystal Fisher, new time 29.33; Boys 15-18 50 Yard free previously held by Brent Reed 18.37 14, broken by Brandon Lind new time 18.31; Boys 15-18 50 Yard fly previously held by Brent Reed 19.63 14, broken by Brandon Lind new time 19.42; Boys 15-18 100 Yard IM previously held by Noel Sollom-Brotherton 44.94 2004 broken by Brandon Lind new time 44.63.

Girls 6 & Under: 25 free: Baxter, Aliyah DBAC, 19.73. 25 back: Kim, Grace, DBAC, 25.79. 25 breaststroke Lurie, Hanna, DBAC 27.18. 25 fly: Fleshman, Madison, DBAC,

Girls 7-8 25 free: Jackman, Callan, Briarhill, 13.39. 25 back: Barrera, Sofia, DBAC, 17.61. 25 breaststroke: Pipe, Miara, DBAC, 19.40. 25 fly: Tincher, Emily, DBAC, 15.39.

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Girls 9-10 50 free: Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 25.86. 25 back: Becker, Rachel, DBAC, 16.04. 25 breaststroke: Somerville, Fiona, Briarhill, 16.76.25 fly: Tsui, Hannah, DBAC,

15.53. 100 IM: Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 1:08.01. Girls 11-12 50 free: Lukas, Haley, Briarhill, 22.90. 50 back: Bench, Rachel, DBAC, 29.11. 50 breaststroke: Lukas, Haley, Briarhill, 29.48. 50 fly: Horrillo, Kristin, Briarhill, 26.67. 100 IM: Achziger, Brittney,

Briarhill, 26.67. IOUIM: Achziger, Brittney, Briarhill, 1:01.12.
Girls 13-14 50 free: Chang, Iris, DBAC, 20.95. 50 back: Chang, Iris, DBAC, 24.22.
50 breaststroke: Fisher, Crystal, Briarhill, 29.33. 50 fly: Page, Mara, Briarhill, 27.68.
100 IM: Fisher, Crystal, Briarhill, 1:01.73.

Women 15-1850 free: Johansson, Kirsten, Briarhill, 22.73. 50 back: Polon, Casey, DBAC, 26.87. 50 breaststroke: Corrigan, Shannon, Briarhill, 29.68. 50 fly: Johansson, Kirsten, Briarhill, 27.28. 100 IM: Cottingham, Madeleine, Briarhill, 1:02.51.

Boys 6 & Under 25 free: im, Preston, DBAC, 22.23. 25 back: Kaveri, Harshith, DBAC, 26.27. 25 breaststroke: Allman, Jacob, Briarhill, 30.76. 25 fly: Kaveri, Harshith, DBAC, 30.76. Boys 7-825 free: Voit, Andrew, Briarhill, 24.2 55 back: Cruzgraphi Lovy, Prinshill, 24.2 55 back: Cruzgraphi Lovy, Prinshill

12.42.25 back: Grywczynski, Joey, Briarhill, 17.84. 25 breaststroke: Huang, Timothy, DBAC, 18.54. 25 fly: Grywczynski, Joey, Briarhill, 16.53.

Boys 9-1050 free: Pedersen, Jax, DBAC, 27.28. 25 back: Tincher, Sam, DBAC, 16.59.25 breaststroke: Corbishley, Zachary, DBAC, 17.91. 25 fly: Pedersen, Jax, DBAC, 13.56. 100 IM: Grywczynski, Matthew, Briarhill, 1:15.70.

Briarnill, 1:15.70.

Boys 11-12 50 free: Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 23.03. 50 back: Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 28.53. 50 breaststroke: Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 29.05. 50 fly: Lindell, Mattias, DBAC, 25.15. 100 IM: Pedersen, Kaleb, DBAC, 1:02.96.

Boys 13-14 50 free: Grotegut, Alec, DBAC, 20.50. 50 back: Becker, David, DBAC, 27.50. 50 breaststroke: Kim, Chris, DBAC, 30.62. 50 fly: Kim, Jaemin, DBAC, 27.32. 100 IM: Bielby, Trevor, DBAC,

59.93.

Men 15-18 50 free: Lind, Brandon, Briarhill, 18.31. 50 back: Garcia, Kyle, Briarhill, 26.20. 50 breaststroke: Kouri, Nicholas, Briarhill, 27.06. 50 fly: Lind, Brandon, Briarhill, 19.42. 100 IM: Lind, Brandon, Briarhill, 44.63.

Sharks vs. Tidal Wave

The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks max have lost the meet to the very strong Club Sport Tidal Wave, (702.5 - 279.5), but the competition was not without its highlights. The biggest bright spot for the Meadows was Jack Geasa setting a new club record in the 9-10 100 yard IM. Geasa broke Jeremy Morley's 26 year-old record, by almost a second, swimming a 1:24.11. In one of the few events dominated by the Sharks, Nick Tucker placed second behind Geasa. Geasa also won the freestyle; the only Shark to win two individual events for the day, while Tucker managed to get a first place of his own in the

Another bright spot occurred when the Sharks went 1-2 in the 7-8 girls breaststroke. Meghan Pickett took first place while Sidney Vaeth grabbed second. Vaeth turned the tables on Pickett in the butterfly, placing first to Pickett's third place finish.

to Pickett's third place finish.

Two relay teams, both 11-12 free relays, got to the wall first for Pleasanton Meadows Swimming those relays were Kyra Schwaninger, Juliana Herrera, Dana Long, and Annie Geasa, for the girls; and Colin Burke, Chris Bush, Sean Burke, and Perry

Cheney, for the boys.
Rounding out the first place finishers for the Sharks where Alyson Isaacs in the 9-10 free and Blake Tucker in the 7-8 backstroke. Girls 9-10, 50 free: Isaacs, Alyson, Pleasanton Meadows 32.89; Boys 9-10 50 free: Geasa, Jack, Pleasanton Meadows 33.08; Girls 7-8 25 fly: Vaeth, Sidney, Pleasanton Meadows 19.96 21.81; Boys 9-10 25 fly: Tucker, Nick, Pleasanton Meadows 16.67; Girls 7-8 25 breaststroke: Pickett, Meghan, Pleasanton Meadows, 24 26.18, Vaeth, Sidney, Pleasanton Meadows, 26.18; Boys 9-10 100 IM: Geasa, Jack, Pleas-

anton Meadows 1:24.11, 1st; Tucker, Nick, Pleasanton Meadows 1:26.85 2nd; Boys 7-825 back: Tucker, Blake, Pleasanton Meadows 21.48; Girls 11-12 200 free relay: Pleasanton Meadows 2:24.16) Schwaninger, Kyra, Herrera, Juliana, Long, Dana, Geasa, Annie); Mixed 11-12 200 free relay: Pleasanton Meadows 2:11.87 (Burke, Colin, Bush, Chris, Burke, Sean, Cheney, Perry).

Briarhill vs. Ruby Hill

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Briarhill Barracudas of Dublin swam against Ruby Hill of Pleasanton this past Saturday, at the Briarhill Pool in Dublin. It was a competitive meet with Briarhill beating Ruby Hill 507 to 407.

Outstanding swimmers for the meet. winning each event (4) they were entered into: Ruby Hill: Nick Johnston-13, Tom Sornsen-9, Alec Psinakis-14, Lindsay Baxter-15, Briarhill: Callan Jackman-8, Andrew Voit-8, Sherman Vuong-12, Brent Reed-16, Joey Grvwczynski-7

Other swimmers with 1 or more wins in each of their events: Ruby Hill: Camille Lusher-13, Lindsey Maddalon-6, Christopher Yang-5, Hannah McGillivary-10, Brianna Nicholas-12, Jessica Choi-14, Michelle Schirle-16, Chase Psinakis-10, Annalise Stevenson-10, Kirsten Hewitt-9. Briarhill: Fiona Somerville-10, Matthew Grywczynski-9, Haley Lukas-12, Lauren Leahy-15, Christopher Leahy-12, Meghan Van Lare-6, Jacob Allman-5, Kevina Vuong-8, Crystal Fisher-14, Shannon Corrigan-15, Brandon Lind-16, Brittney Achziger-11, Bella Mairs-8, Kristin Horrillo-12, Clark Jackman-12.

In addition, the following Briarhill Pool Records were broken by Briarhill swimmers: Girls 7-8 25 Yard Butterfly, a 10 year old record previously held by Lindsay Gaudinier in 1998 at 14.77, broken by Callan Jackman, new time 14.20.

Girls 11-12 50 Breast, previously held by Haley Lukas on 7/9/2008 at 29.48, broken by

Haley Lukas on 1/19/2008 at 29.48, Droken by Haley Lukas, new time 29.12.
Boys 15-18 50 Free, previously held by Brandon Lind on 7/9/2008 at 18.31, broken by Brent Reed, new time 18.19.

Boys 15-18 50 Breast, previously held by Noel Sollom-Brotherton in 2004 at 23.74, broken by Brandon Lind, new time 23.62.
Boys 15-18 50 Butterfly, previously held by Brandon Lind on 7/9/2008 at 19.42, broken by Brent Reed, new time 19.26.

Sharks vs. FAST

After two close calls, the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks finally got over the hump and got a win, defeating the FAST (Foot Area Swim Team) Dolphins 529-420. The Sharks hed lost this poot was had lost their past two meets by 30 points or

less.
The Sharks started the meet by sweeping the Medley Relay and never trailed during the

Several Pleasanton Meadows swimmers posted multiple first place finishes including, Sidney Vaeth (Girls 7-8 fly, breast) Blake Tucker (7-8 Free, back), Nick Tucker (9-10 IM, fly), Annie Geasa (11-12 fly, IM)

Also getting first place finishes were Brent Werder (6U back), Aaron Zheng (6U breast), the sister duo of Alyson (9-10 IM) and Haley Isaacs (9-10 breast), Gill Noor (9-10 back) Chris Bush (11-12 breast), Madison Aquilina (13-14 breast), Alec Kron (13-14 breast), another sister act of Kyra (11-12 Free) and Elsa Schwaninger (13-14 IM), Colin Burke (11-12 back) Katey Cloonan (13-14 back), Kaala Cheney (13-14 fly), Parker Brown (13-14 fly), Melissa Wee (15-18 IM), Chelsea King (15-18 free) and Joey Silva (15-18 free) First place finishes for the Sharks:

Boys 7-8 Free Blake Tucker; Girls 11-Boys 7-8 Free Blake Tucker; GIRS 11-12 Free Kyra Schwaninger; Girls 15-18 Free Chelsea King; Boys 15-18 Free Joey Silva; Girls 6&U fly Jessica Rhoads; Boys 6&U fly Cody Vaeth; Girls 7-8 fly Sidney Vaeth; Boys 7-8 fly Joe Geasa; Boys 9-10 fly Nick Tucker; Girls 11-12 fly Annie Geasa; Girls 13-14 fly Kaala Chapay; Boys 13-14 fly 13-14 fly Kaala Cheney; Boys 13-14 fly Parker Brown; Boys 6&U breast Aaron Zheng; Girls 7-8 breast Sidney Vaeth; Boys 7-8 breast Joe Geasa; Girls 9-10 breast Haley Isaacs; Boys 11-12 breast Chris Bush; Girls 13-14 breast Madison Aquilina; Boys 13-14 breast Alec Kron; Girls 9-10 IM Alyson Isaacs; Boys 9-10 IM Nick Tucker; Girls 11-12 IM Annie Geasa; Girls 13-14 IM Elsa Schwaninger; Girls 15-18 IM Melissa Wee; Boys 6&U back Brent Werder; Boys 7-8 back Blake Tucker; Boys 9-10 back Gill Noor; Boys 11-12 back Colin Burke; Girls 13-14 back Katey Cloonan.

Tidal Waves Undefeated

The weather may have cooled but the Club Sport Tidal Waves were still red hot, defeating the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks 702.5 to 279.5 at Club Sport. The Tidal Waves remain undefeated so far this Tri-Valley Swim League season. They will need this momentum when they face their archrivals the Del Prado Stingrays on Wed, 16

July.

The top female swimmers for the Tidal

Victory (18) Alyse Waves were Amanda Venema (18), Alyse Bateman (17), Nichole Maria Cui (13), Elle Surber (13), Catherine Cheney (12), Gabrielle Stratiotis (12), Lexi Venema (10), Jacqueline Wood (10), Amber Fornoles (8), Julia Wood

(8), Chenoa Bodero (6) and Kate Carroll (5). The top male swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Stephen Jacobe (18), Kyle Schempp (18), Kyle Surber (15), Abraham Barrera (14), James Cheney (14), Eric Hildebrand (14), Riley Murtagh (14), Kevin Romine (14), Braden Holt (12), Collin Miller (11), Jack Miller (9), Tara Joshi (8),

Cole Reznick (7) and TJ Meagher (5)
The top female swimmers for the Sharks were Astra Birznieks (16), Elsa Schwaninger (14), Kaala Cheney (13), Dana Long (12), Annie Geasa (12), Kyra Schwaninger (12), Kamryn Brown (11), Haley Isaacs (10), Alyson Isaacs (10), Meghan Pickett (8), Sidney Vaeth (8), Kyra Thordsen (6) and Amelia Kelly (5) Amelia Kelly (5)

The top male swimmers for the Sharks were Kevin Driver (17), Miro Asadourian (15), Sneharth Mukherjee (15), Joey Silva (15), Alec Kron (13), David Walsh (13), Chris Bush (12), Conner Greene (12), Colin Burke (11), Perry Cheney (11), Jack Geasa (10), Nicholas Tucker (10), Joseph Geasa (8), Blake Tucker (8), Cody Vaeth (6) and Aaron Zheng (6)

1st place finishers for Club Sport girls: 6&U 25Y free, Kate Carroll, 29.08; 7-8 25Y 6&U 25 Y free, Kate Carroll, 29.08; 7-8 25 Y free, Julia Wood, 18.56; 11-12 50 Y free, Catherine Cheney, 34.99; 13-14 50 Y free, Nichole Maria Chi, 29.10; 15-18 50 Y free, Sara Schoch, 26.88; 6&U 25 Y fly, Kate Carroll, 33.19; 9-10 25 Y fly, Lexi Venema, 17.58; 11-12 50 Y fly, Gabrielle Stratiotis, 36.74; 13-14 50 Y fly, Elle Surber, 32.14; 15-18 50 Y fly, Alyes Bateman, 29.03; 6&U 25 Y breast Tara Daly 42 0.4 9.10 25 V breast breast, Tara Daly, 42.04; 9-10 25Y breast, Jacqueline Wood, 21.62; 11-12 50Y breast, Gabrielle Stratiotis, 40.32; 13-1450Y breast, Elle Surber, 38.14; 15-18 50Y breast, Alyse Bateman, 35.26; 9-10 100Y IM, Jacqueline Wood, 1:27.06, 11-12 100Y IM, Gabrielle Stratiotis, 1:22.39; 13-14 100Y IM, Elle Surber, 1:11.76, 15-18 100Y IM, Alyse Bateman, 1:07.48; 6&U 25Y back, Chenoa Bodero, 32.66; 7-8 25Y back, Amber Fornoles, 24.48; 9-10 25Y back, Meagan Tang, 19.80; 11-12 25Y back, Kellie Aquino, 39.85; 13-14 50Y Nichole Maria Cui, 34.14;

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15-18 50Y back, Amanda Venema, 32.59 Ist place finishers for Club Sport Boys: 6&U 25Y free, Nolan Jetter, 22.02; 7-8 25Y free, Cole Reznick, 17.13; 11-12 50Y free, Collin Miller, 30.68; 13-14 50Y free, James Cheney, 27.62; 15-1850Y free, Kyle Schempp, 25.14; 6&U 25Y fly, TJ Meagher, 29.76; 7-8 25Y fly, Christopher Jhong, 19.65;11-12 50Y fly, William Bateman, 37.78; 13-14 50Y free, Eric Hildebrand, 28.04; 15-18.50Y fly, Stephen Jacobe, 28.10; 6&U 25Y breast, JR Ku, 34.31; 7-8 25Y breast, Cole Reznick, 33.54; 9-10 25Y breast, Anthony Jhong, 21.08; 11-12 50Y breast, Braden, Holt, 41.84; 13-14 50Y breast, Kevin Romine, 35.50; 15-18 50Y breast, Kyle Schempp, 30.72; 11-12 100Y IM, Braden Holt, 1:24.70; -14 100Y IM, Kevin Romine, 1:11.65; 15-18 100 Y IM, Kyle Surber, 59.37; 6&U 25Y back, TJ Meagher, 26.57; 9-10 25Y back, Justin Lee, 18.45; 11-12 50Y back, William Bateman, 40.83; 13-14 50Y back, Abraham Barrera, 33.17; 15-18 50Y back, Kyle Surber,

1st place finishers for DBAC Girls were 1st place finishers for DBAC Girls were 9-1050 Y free, Alyson Isaacs, 32.89; 7-825 Y Ily, Sidney Vaeth, 21.81; 7-8 25 Y breast, Meghan Pickett, 24.51; 11-12 200 Y free Relay, Kyra Schwaninger, Juliana Herrera, Dana Long and Annie Geasa, 2:24.16.
1st place finishers for DBAC Boys were 9-10 50 Y free, Jack Geasa, 33.08; 9-10 25 Y fly, Nick Tucker, 16.67; 9-10 100 Y IM, Jack Geasa, 1:24.11; 7-825 Y back, Blake Tucker, 14.8: 11-12 200 Y free Relay, Colin Burke,

21.48; 11-12 200Y free Relay, Colin Burke, Chris Bush, Sean Burke and Perry Cheney,

DBAC vs FAST

The DBAC Piranhas beat out the FAST Dolphins 625.5 to 332.5 in a swim meet on Saturday, July 12.

1st place finishers:

Dolphins 625.5 to 332.5 in a swim meet on Saturday, July 12.

1st place finishers:
Girls 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free, Hanna Lurie (DBAC), 25.79. 25 Yard Fly, Hanna Lurie (DBAC), 31.82. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Hanna Lurie (DBAC), 31.82. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Jordan Peters (DBAC), 36.70. 25 Yard Back, Jordan Peters (DBAC), 31.62.
Girls 7-8: 25 Yard Free, Laura Belichak (FAST), 19.17. 25 Yard Fly, Emily Tincher (DBAC), 21.22. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Miara Pipe (DBAC), 24.06. 25 Yard Back, Sofia Barrera (DBAC), 23.09.
Girls 9-10: 50 Yard Free, Paige Heacox (FAST), 34.89. 25 Yard Fly, McKenna Moura (FAST), 18.53. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Katie Tsui (DBAC), 20.31. 100 Yard IM, Katie Tsui (DBAC), 23.11.65. 25 Yard Back, Caroline McMorrow (FAST), 20.01.
Girls 11-12: 50 Yard Free, Rachel Bench (DBAC), 34.18. 50 Yard Fly, Emma Peppler (DBAC), 39.13. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Kate Berrigan (FAST), 47.51. 100 Yard IM, Emma Peppler (DBAC), 1:30:82. 50 Yard Back, Anika Kilkenny (DBAC), 43.14.
Girls 13-14: 50 Yard Free, Katherine Lai (DBAC), 29.92. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Rebecca Wolfinger (DBAC), 1:08:92. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Rebecca Wolfinger (DBAC), 46.83. 100 Yard IM, Iris Chang (DBAC), 1:08:92. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Rebecca Wolfinger (DBAC), 1:08:92. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Palty Deri (DBAC), 40.01. 100 Yard IM, Casey Polon (DBAC), 1:19:87. 50 Yard Back, Katherine Lai (DBAC), 35.61.
Boys 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free, Preston Sim (DBAC), 27.24. 25 Yard Free, Preston Sim (DBAC), 18.87. 25 Yard Free, Preston Sim (DBAC), 18.87. 25 Yard Free, Preston Sim (DBAC), 18.87. 25 Yard Free, Zachary Corbishley (DBAC), 27.94. 25 Yard Free, Zachary Corbishley (DBAC), 36.61. 100 Yard IM, Janiel Huang (DBAC), 25.94.
Boys 9-10: 50 Yard Free, Zachary Corbishley (DBAC), 36.62. 25 Yard Fly, Jax Pedersen (DBAC), 16.96. 25 Yard Breaststroke, Daniel Huang (DBAC), 25.94.
Boys 9-10: 50 Yard Free, Romie

36.71.
Boys 13-14: 50 Yard Free, Alec Grotegut (DBAC), 26.97. 50 Yard Fly, Austin Kim (DBAC), 35.38. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Chris Kim (DBAC), 40.43. 100 Yard IM, Alec Grotegut (DBAC), 1:15:58. 50 Yard Back, David Becker (DBAC), 34.75.
Men 15-18: 50 Yard Breaststroke, Jared Camacho (FAST), 27.39. 50 Yard Breaststroke, Jared Camacho (FAST), 38.44. 100 Yard IM, Nicholas Wee (DBAC), 1:10:15. 50 Yard Back, Andrew Bondale (DBAC), 41.65.

Green Gators vs. Stingrays
The Dublin Green Gators were snapping at the tails of the Del Prado Stingrays, but fell just a little short of catching them in their home pool. Del Prado managed to eke out a victory, with only a 70 point margin, 534.50 to 463.50

Both teams turned in some great performances, with many swimmers lowering their halaces, will mindly swimmers lowering their best times. The Green Gators top performers were Stephanie Chiu (12), Nicolette Randle (10), Makenna Toney (5), Maya Cipriano (12), and Claire Suen (6), for the girls. For the boys, Brenden Warren (6), Reece Toney (8), Jorell Toney (11), Jason Van Dorn (14), were there.

(6), 30th Tolley (11), 3830 Vall 2011 (14), and Jimmy Bowen (12), were tops.

The Stingrays top girls were Isabella Foster (6), Meghan Hogue (8), Colleen Mayes (16), and Jaclyn Strom (14). Top Stingray boys were Trevor Landas (17), Cole Payan (18), Max Jorgenson (6), Eric Crispell (13), and Eric Case (15). Other strong Stingray boys were Trevor Landas (17), Cole Payan (18), Max Jorgenson (6), Eric Crispell (13), and Eric Gates (15). Other strong performances by Dublin were turned in by Olivia Cano (8), Mary E. Brillante (12), Matty Banks (14), Alexandra Torrez (10), Kristen Warren (10), Stefen Dillon (10), Ren Bennett (8), Christopher Fernainy (12), Jeff Van Dorn (17), and Jack Behm (8). Del Prado's other top contributors include Alyssa Bardakos (8), Niki Doi (16), Megan Doi (10), Stephanie Doi (13), Taylor Peterson (18), Michael McMasters (6), Cameron Kurotori (12), Christopher Nespor (14), Matthew Sun (14), and Jake Newman (10).

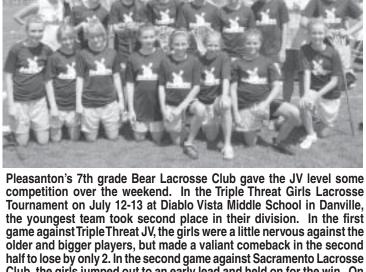
Ist Place Girls Results: Girls 6 & Under 25 free: Suen, Claire, DUB-CC, 19.68, 25 breast: Toney, Makenna, DUB-CC, 37.20. 25 fly: Suen, Claire, DUB-CC, 25.23.

Girls 7-8 25 free: Bardakos, Alyssa, DP-CC, 21.46, 25 breast: Hogue, Meghan, DP-CC, 23.55, 25 fly: Cano, Olivia, DUB-CC, 21.19.

21.19. Girls 9-10 50 free: Doi, Megan, DP-CC,

34.80. 25 back: Randle, Nicolette, DUB-CC, 19.98. 25 breast: Warren, Kristen, DUB-CC, 21.74. 25 fly: Torrez, Alexandra, DUB-CC, 19.03. 100 Yard IM: Doi, Megan, DP-

CC, 19.03. 100 Yard IM: Doi, Megaii, Dr-CC, 1:29.44.
Girls 11-12 50 free: Chiu, Stephanie, DUB-CC, 30.47. 50 back: Chiu, Stephanie, DUB-CC, 37.86. 50 breast: Cipriano, Maya, DUB-CC, 40.10. 50 fly: Brillante, Mary E, DUB-CC, 36.13. 100 Yard IM: Cipriano,



Club, the girls jumped out to an early lead and held on for the win. On Sunday, they battled LuLax from Moraga and won to take the 2nd seed in the playoffs. They faced SLC again and after a slow start in the first half, took control to win 6-1. In the Championship game, the girls had a rematch against the Triple Threat JV and lost by 2 in what proved to be a physical but exciting game. Pictured above: Coach Danni Zuralow, Cambi Cukar, Lauryn Hayashi, Lindsey Kail, Lynnea Flaherty, Haley Brodnick, Rebecca Dumanski, Head Coach Theresa Sherry, Madison Steele, Melanie McCissock, Ali Bryan, Katie Bryan, Hannah Stapp, Evan Murphy, Tori Larsen, Kylie Drexel, Kira Ewanich, and Molly Grozier

Maya, DUB-CC, 1:17.50. Girls 13-1450 free: Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 28.45.50 back: DeWilde, Lindsey, DP-CC, 35.06.50 breast: Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 38.83.50 fly: Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 31.93.100 Yard IM: Doi, Stephanie, DP-CC, 1:13.20 CC, 1:13.20.

Women 15-18 50 free: Peterson, Taylor,

Wollieft 13-16 Ju Hee. 1 Cicloun, 1 Aylor, DP-CC, 26.44. 50 back: Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 32.41. 50 breast: Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 36.63. 50 fly: Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 29.98. 100 Yard IM: Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC. 1:10.84.

1st Place Boys Results: Boys 6 & Under 25 free: Warren, Brenden, DUB-CC, 30.92. 25 back: Warren, Brenden, DUB-CC, 34.12. 25 breast: McMasters, Michael, DP-CC, 33.57. 25 fly: McMasters, Michael, DP-CC, 30.34. 29.24.
Boys 7-8 25 free: Toney, Reece, DUB-CC, 17.30. 25 back: Bennett, Ren, DUB-CC, 23.03. 25 breast: Juarez, Tommy, DP-CC, 24.75. 25 fly: Toney, Reece, DUB-CC,

Bovs 9-10 50 free: Newman, Jake, DP-Boys 9-10 50 free: Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 33.39.25 back: Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 18.75. 25 breast: Dillon, Stefen, DUB-CC, 22.37. 25 fly: Banke, Jacob, DP-CC, 20.47. 100 Yard IM: Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 1:28.38.

100 Yard IM: Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 1:28.38.

Boys 11-12 50 free: Toney, Jorell, DUB-CC, 30.28. 50 back: Bowen, Jimmy, DUB-CC, 36.92. 50 breast: Fernainy, Christopher, DUB-CC, 42.81. 50 fly: Toney, Jorell, DUB-CC, 34.41. 100 Yard IM: Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 1:21.35.

Boys 13-14 50 free: Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 28.47. 50 back: Sun, Matthew, DP-CC, 31.62. 50 breast: Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 34.26. 50 fly: Van Dorn, Jason, DUB-CC, 34.84. 100 Yard IM: Sun, Matthew, DP-CC, 1:10.49.

Men 15-18 50 free: Payan, Cole, DP-CC, 24.08. 50 back: Payan, Jack, DP-CC, 29.97. 50 breast: Landas, Trevor, DP-CC, 32.48. 50 fly: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 26.59. 100 Yard IM: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 1:02.63.

Livermore Aquacowboys

Six Livermore swimmers represented the Livermore Aquacowboys at the 2008 Pacific Swimming Long Course Junior Olympics on July 10 - 13th.

The team was led by twelve year old Nina Hayes who swam to new personal best times in all nine of her events. Nina won 5th place in the 50 butterfly finals and 7th in the 50 backstroke finals. Hayes recorded four new Far Western qualifying times (50 backstroke, 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle and 200 Individual Medley), three new Pacific Recordable Times (50 backstroke, 50 butterfly, 50 freestyle) and one Western Zone Qualifying Time (50 backstroke). Ten year old Sarah Swanson, swimming in her first Junior Olympics, achieved new personal best times in the 50 breaststroke and 100 breaststroke. Evan Carlo, Moriah Simonds and Shelby Swanson set new personal best times in each of their races. Kylie Clark put in a strong performance in the 100 and 200 breaststroke

Nina Hayes, Evan Carlo and Alex Gonzales will be representing the Aquacowboys at the Far Western Champion-

Aduatowobysature A western amplor-ships on July 30 - August 3. Results: Boys: 15-16: Evan Carlo — 400 Individual Medley, 5:32.54, 200 back-stroke, 13th, 2:28.44, 100 backstroke, 16th, 1:09.02, 200 Individual Medley, 2:28.92. Girls: 9-10: Moriah Simonds — 100 breaststroke, 1:42.13, Sarah Swanson — 100 breaststroke, 1:44.63, 50 breaststroke, 46.72.

11-12: Nina Hayes — 100 freestyle, 18th, 1:07.03, 200 freestyle, 2:30.75, 100 butterfly, 13th, 1:15.44, 50 backstroke (trials), 6th, 34.58, 50 backstroke (finals), 7th, 34.84, 50 breaststroke, 41.04, 50 freestyle, 12th, 30.14, 100 backstroke, 14th, 1:18.00, 200 Individual Medley, 17th, 2:46.85, 50 butterfly (trials), 5th, 32.49, 50 butterfly (finals), 5th, 32.42. 13-14: Kylie Clark — 100 breast-stroke, 1:28.08, 200 breaststroke, 3:05.90; Shelby Swanson — 50 freestyle, 30.73.

Sharks vs. Sharks

The Rhonewood Sharks continued their win streak by defeating the LifestyleRX Tiger Sharks Saturday, July 12, 2008: Rhonewood 966 and LifestyleRx 490. Natalie Hawkins continued to dominate the 6 & U Girls in all events she swims in. This week she swam to first place in 25 free, 25 back, and 25 fly. Elizabeth Dimits earned first in all her events in the 9-10 Girls. Matthew Hawkins had an outstanding meet with first place in 50 Free, 50 Fly and 100 IM.

Isaac Dugger, Carlie Spruiell, Michael Hawkins, Alex Accornero, Samuel Bush, , Briant Jacobs, Trevor Campbell, Ryan Gewondjian, Jonathon Cruz, Christy Neufeld, Courtney Offill, and Shelby Offill were selected as Swimmers of the Week for the Rhonewood Sharks.

The first place finishers for Rhonewood

6&U Girls and Boys: 25 free: Natalie Hawkins, 21.74; Neil Senecal 29.14; 25 back: Natalie Hawkins 28.00, Jacob Burke 28.37; 25 breast: Emily Brown 38.45, Wesley Edwards 34.26; 25 fly: Natalie Hawkins

26.77, Wesley Edwards 26.31.
7-8 Girls and Boys: 25 breast: Jenna Sunnergren 25.10, Matthew Neufeld 28.06; 25 free: Trevor Campbell 20.91; 25 fly: Sydney Spruiell 22.94; 25 back: Trevor Campbell 25.21.
9.10 Girls and Boys: 50 free: Courtney

9-10 Girls and Boys: 50 free: Courtney Offill 39.82, Conner Jones 35.11; 25 back: Courtney Offill 20.51, Ryan Eckles 25.21; 25 breast: Elizabeth Dimits 21.77, Thomas Neufeld 22.63; 25 fly Elizabeth Dimits 19.56, Isaac Dugger 17.65; 100 IM: Eliza-





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beth Dimits 1:40.58, Thomas Neufeld

11-12 Girls and Boys: 50 free: Shannon Melrose 31.26, Jeremy Edwards 34.81; 50 back: Nicole Crowder 33.40, Trent Trump 35.46; 50 breast: Leah Flannery 41.14, Paul Epperson 45.17; 50 fly: Elizabeth McCall 36.63, Trent Trump 32.68; 100 IM: Shannon Melrose 1:19.92, Trent Trump 1:17.57.

13-14 Girls and Boys: 50 free: Natalie Dimits 29.74, Michael Hawkins 25.92; 50 breast: Kelly Douglas 38.40, Michael Hawkins 36.21; 50 back: Ryan Gewondjian 36.69; 50 fly: Natalie Dimits 34.74, Kevin Johnston 31.71; 100 IM: McKenna Stevulak

Torres 28.83, Matthew Hawkins 27.66; 50 back Tara Torres 37.49, Briant Jacobs 28.46; 50 fly: Kayleigh Torres 33.43, Matthew Hawkins 27.60; 50 breast: Derek Gutierrez 32.55; 100 IM: Matthew Hawkins 1:03.69.

Phantom Title

The Pleasanton 10C Phantom Softball Team won the Tahoe-Incline 10C division tournament July 5-6 for their second championship of the season. On Saturday they went 3-0 with a combined total of 34 runs

went 3-0 with a combined total of 34 runs scored with 3 against. On Sunday they won the semifinal game 15-0 and went on to an 8-6 victory over the Los Gatos/ Saratoga Magic in the championship game.

Top offensive payers were Nadia Firoozmand, Kyra Sexton, Dani Hammer, Carley Robertson, and Lauren Blach. Defensive stand-outs were Madison Avery, Maddia Callaghar, Lanna O'Neal Jessica Maddie Gallagher, Jenna O'Neal, Jessica O'Neal, Jenyce Dutcher, Regan Lacy, and Haley Wisenberg. Nalani Scates and Dani Hammer were lights out on the mound for Phantom both days.

Bowling News

Youth Bowler Jeoffrey Anderson rolled his highest game ever in the Friday Family Affair League. With a current average of 164, Jeoffrey started the night with a 267. Graham Scott in the Thursday Swingers League rolled 179 over series average in his series including games of 299 and 257.

In the Tuesday Cocktail League, Duane Moschetti bowled 162 over series average

with 266 and 258 games. Zane Morgan in Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trio league rolled 135 over his 4 game series with games of 290-205-274-186. Keith Wilson in the Original Guys & Dolls went 80 over his average with a 243 game.
Youth bowler Michael Bumanlag rolled a 268 game in the Sunday Family Affair.

Ongoing "Learn To Bowl" program for youths is available at Granada Bowl Saturday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Cost is \$12.00 per person and includes a hotdog and soda at the end of the session.

Club Sport vs. DBAC

 $The \, determined \, Club \, Sport \, Tidal \, Waves \, defeated \, the \, spirited \, DBAC \, Piranhas \, 574 \, to \,$ 397 in the 3rd week of the Tri Valley Swim League season.

The top female swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Danielle Alvari (16), Gabrielle Waves were Danielle Alvan (16), Gabrielle Stratiotis (12), Savannah Wieser (11), Chenoa Bodero (6), Tara Daly (6), Jana Gaytan (17), Cayla Jetter (13), Rachel Miller (15), Kelsey Ouyang (10), Elle Surber (13), Meagan Tang (10), Lexi Venema (10) and Julia Wood (8)

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The top male swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Conner Daly (10), Stephen Jacobe (18), Christopher Jhong (8), Kevin Romine (14), Kyle Surber (15), Sammy Chase (8), Cody Ellgas (14), Ryan Fornoles (15), Anthony Jhong (10), JR Ku (5), Justin Lee (10), Cole Reznick (7) and Jonathan Ye

The top female swimmers for the Piranhas were Madison Fleshman (6), Katie Tsui (10), Iris Chang (14), Rachel Bench (12), Emily Tincher (7), Miara Pipe (8), Sofia Barrera (6), Hanna Lurie (6) and Anika Kilkenny (11)

The top male swimmers for the Piranhas were Daniel Huang (12), Harshith Kaveri (6), Alec Grotegut (14), Kaleb Pedersen (12), Jax Pedersen (9), Mattias Lindell (12), Andy Lee (12), Nicholas Wee (15), Andrew Silva (9), Chris Mowry (14), Shelby Luth (14), Brian Li (7), Austin Kim (13), Timothy Huang (8), Paarsa Heidari (7), Jerry Gan (9) and Zachary Corbishley

1st place finishers for Club Sport Girls: 7-825Y free, Julia Wood, 18.92; 11-12 50Y free, Savannah Wieser, 32.07; 15-18 50Y free, Rachel Miller, 28.35; 9-10 25Y fly, Lexi Venema, 17.75; 11-12 50Y fly, Gabrielle Stratiotis, 35.53; 15-18 50Y fly, Jana Gaytan, 29.78; 6&U 25Y breast, Tara Daly, 37.88; 9-10 25Y breast, Kelsey Ouyang, 21.06; 11-1250Y breast, Gabrielle Stratiotis, 40.74; 13-14 50Y breast, Cayla Jetter, 38.28; 15-18 50Y breast, Danielle Alvari, 35.77; 11-12 100Y IM, Savannah Wieser, 1:23.76; 15-18 100Y IM, Danielle Alvari, 1:10.68; 6&U 25Y back, Chenoa Bodero, 33.71; 9-10 25Y back, Meagan Tang, 19.02; 13-14 50Y back, Elle Surber, 32.87; 15-18 50Y back, Danielle Alvari,

1st place finishers for Club Sport Boys were 7-8 25Y free, Cole Reznick, 16.99; 15-Wete 7-8.23 Firee, Cote Rezliick, 16.39; 13-18.50Y free, Kyle Surber, 22.92; 6&U 25Y fly, JR Ku, 29.56; 7-8.25Y fly, Christopher Jhong, 21.13; 9-10.25Y fly, Conner Daly, 17.91; 15-18.50Y fly, Ryan Fornoles, 29.58; 7-8.25Y breast, Christopher Jhong, 22.59; 9-10.25Y breast, Anthony Jhong, 21.78; 13.14.50V breast Kovin Romine 21.78; 13-14 50Y breast, Kevin Romine, 35.61; 15-18 50Y breast, Kyle Surber, 32.40; 9-10 100Y IM, Conner Daly, 1:28.27; 13-14 100Y IM, Kevin Romine,

1:28.27; 13-14 100Y IM, Kevin Romine, 1:11.24; 15-18 100Y IM, Stephen Jacobe, 1:04.27; 7-8 25Y back, Sammy Chase, 22.63; 9-1025Y back, Justin Lee, 18.06; 13-14 50Y back, Cody Ellgas, 34.76; 15-18 50Y back, Stephen Jacobe, 29.14; 1stplace finishers for DBAC Girls were 6&U 25Y free, Madison Fleshman, 25.80; 9-10 50Y free, Katie Tsui, 33.28; 13-14 50Y free, Iris Chang, 26.82; 6&U 25Y fly, Madison Fleshman, 31.28, 7-8 25Y fly, Emily Tincher, 19.88: 13-14 50Y fly. Iris Emily Tincher, 19.88; 13-14 50Y fly, Iris Chang, 30.06; 7-8 25Y breast, Miara Pipe, 24.98; 9-10 100Y IM, Katie Tsui, 1:30.04;

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CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Basket-ball is now accepting registration for the 08/ 09 season. Register on-line at www.smsccyo.org for players 1st-8th grade, coaches and referees. Sign-ups on line con-clude August 24th. Visit the website for more information or email vince@teamwpd.com. Open to Livermore

Livermore Fall Ball

Livermore National Little League will offer fall ball in Livermore. It is open to players who are age 7 before August 1, 2008 through players who are 14 before August 1, 2008

Games will be at Junction Ave. Middle School, 298 Junction Ave. The teams will play on Sundays September 7, 2008 - October 26, 2008. Teams will be formed early August. Fees are \$100.00 includes shirt & hat Sign ups will be on July 22, from 5:30-7:30 at Mountain Mike's (1304 1st St.) and July 29 from 5:30-7:30 at Mountain Mike's (1472 N. Vasco Rd). Anyone who is not currently a player with LNLL, send a copy of birth Certificate when registering, players will not be registered until certificate is on file. The league is open to all Livermore residents who want to play.

want to play.
Coaches needed for all .Games will include San Ramon and Dublin leagues
Umpires will be paid for games For more
information, please call 925-719-2289
www.lnll.usor e-mail Jaimie,
sweetsurrogate@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Softball Leagues

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is currently accepting team registra-tion for the Fall Softball Leagues. Men's leagues are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Coed Business league is offered Tuesday nights, and regular Coed is

offered Tuesday nights, and regular Coed is offered Friday nights.

Games will begin the week of Aug. 4 and run about 10 weeks, plus playoffs. Individual players can call and be placed on a Player Free-Agent List. For more information or to receive a registration packet, call Beanie Lucivero at 925-373-5732.

Tri for Fun

On Your Mark Event's Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series' 2nd leg (of four) will be held on Saturday, July 19, 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. There are a few remain-

ing spots open.
The remaining 2008 On Your Mark
Events' Tri-For-Fun Series dates are August
16 for the Tri-For-Real. All races start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500

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Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.
The Tri-For-Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake);
11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3-mile run (rolling fire trail).
Entry fee for the three Tri-For-Funs is
555 in advance, and \$65 day of. Participants

will receive a commemorative T-shirt, re-freshments, snacks, and entry into the always exciting raffle (must be present to win). (\$65 advance, and \$75 day of for the Tri-For-Real, which also includes trophies and medals.) Event flyer: www.onyourmarkevents.com/

Applications/TriSeries.pdf Check-in and registration will begin at 5:00 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7:00 a.m.

To register or to receive more information about On Your Mark Events' Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, call 209-795-7832 or visit www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Youth Football/Cheer

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

Safety is the biggest concern. All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. All coaches are required to

attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game.

Squads compete in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). It consists of 18 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa

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

the upcoming season.

Scouts Raise New Flag for Kaiser-Livermore

Pictured are participants in the flag-raising.

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.

Pleasanton Senior VIP Club, holding 8th annual country-western barbecue on Mon., July 28, 11:30 a.m. Good food and country-western entertainment. Tickets \$6 per person, available at the travel desk until July 23. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.,

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets Tues., July 22, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Commu-nity second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Iren Romoda, Feldenkrais Movement in-structor, will demonstrate and speak about pain management through movement therapy. Information, Lorene Stack 447-6158 or Ann

Laye 443-4098.

Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale, July 26-27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. San Francisco County Fair Bldg, 9th and Lincoln, Golden Gate Park. Admission is free. Hosted by the Northern California Cactus & Succulent Association. Plant display, sale, free drawings, free seminars. Information, Chuck Breese, 362-0690.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Wed., July 23, early bird special dinner at Pleasanton Hotel, 5 p.m., \$25.75, RSVP by July 19, Barbara 426-8876. Fri., July 25, happy hour in Castro Valley, 4:30 p.m., RSVP by July 23 Lorraine 510-247-3305. Sun., July 26, lunch in Dublin, 11:30 a.m. Panera Bakery Cafe, RSVP Kathy 398-8005 by July 24. Sun., July 27, 11:45 a.m. breakfast buffet in San Ramon, Marriott Hotel, \$18.25, RSVP by July 23 to Marsha, 830-8483.., July 29, 12:30 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton Eddie Papas, RSVP by July 25

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring
Club, Sat., July 19, 35 miles from Pleasanton Sports Park through Danville to Tassajara and Livermore, meet 10 a.m. Jim Kohnen, 828-3623. Sun., July 20, 108 miles endurance race, meet 8 a.m. at Concannon and S. Livermore Ave., Gary Lusso 324-4842 (RSVP if riding). Sun., July 20, 20 miles Orinda BART along San Pablo Dam Rd. to El Sobrante, meet 9 a.m. at Briones Regional Park, Claudia Eckelmann, 360-1446. Wed., Luly 23, 28 miles coutheid of Livermore. July 23, 28 miles southside of Livermore, meet 9 a.m. at corner of S. Livermore and Pacific, Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Wed., July 23, 25 miles Shannon Center through Dublin, San Ramon and Dougherty Valley, meet 6 p.m. Gary Lusso, 324-4842. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what

to bring.

Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. The Lioness is a service club, sponsored by the Livermore Lions Club, that helps many worthy causes in our community. Lioness's main focus are women, children and family issues, in addition to helping the blind. For information please call 925-443-4543.

The American Ruling Class: A Dramatic, Documentary Musical, will be shown on Sat., July 26 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This event is a non-affiliated, non-partisan event, open to the public, free/\$3.00 donations accepted, wheelchair accessible, and refreshments are provided. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film, which is a playful, yet serious, guided safari through the tribal haunts of the power elite, lead by Lewis Lapham (editor of Harper's magazine). Some of his merrymakers include Barbara Ehrenreich, Kurt Vonnegut, Pete Seeger, Robert Altman, and more! For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Free Diabetes Support Group, Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program. Open to all people with diabetes and their families or friends. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm - 4pm Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin. Please call 510-383-5185 to register.

Livermore Solar Electricity Group,

Saturday, July 19 REC Solar and SunRun

seminar about the community plan to go solar this summer 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Cultural Arts Center Studio - 4477 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Also July 19 Akeena Solar and SunRun seminar about the community plan to go solar this summer, 10 a.m. at the Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Sponsored by Livermore Solar Electricity Group (more details at our web page

LivermoreSolarElectricityGroup.com).

Native Sons of the Golden West, Las Positas Parlor No. 96, Livermore, BBQ and trap shoot, Sat., Aug. 2, Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 10 a.m. shoot starts for members only; dinner 4:30 p.m. Information, Mark. 200, 8:30, 9407 tion, Mark. 209-830-9407.

Wine in the Garden series, Thurs., July 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Rosewood Gardens, Livermore, food and wine pairing featuring wines from Tenuta Vineyards. Space is limited, RSVP by July 21 to 443-7200.

Tutors Sought, If you can read this, you can help someone else who can't. The Livermore READ Project is currently seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve basic reading and writing skills. Free tutor training workshops will be held at the Livermore Library on Monday, July 21st, from 7-9PM and on Saturday, July 26th, from 9AM-4PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training, or for more information, call 373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Library.

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ClutterLess (CL) is a nonprofit, peerbased, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. Is clutter stressing you out? Meetings every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive Pleasanton, lust come or call 295. Drive, Pleasanton. Just come, or call: 925-297-9246.

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

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

Wise Water Use, Conserving water saves money. Discoverwater saving tips and devices that can significantly reduce water consumption. The Dublin San Ramon Services District will show how to audit water consumption, eliminate waste, protect our water resources, and get valuable rebates. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tuesday, July 22, 10am to 11:30am, \$1.50 Residents / \$2 Nonresidents.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, Sunday's sermon topic by guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern is "Spiritually Unlimited: Free to Grow." Service at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. All are welcome (925) 829-2733.

Franklin Kerstetter

By Teresa Trump and

On Thursday, July 3, Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices in Livermore honored a new flag with the help of some local scouts in preparation for the nations' birthday. Trent Trump, of Boy Scout Troop 924, directed the color guard of Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts through the ceremony of raising the colors. The color guard consisted of Charles Fillipucci, Reece Kerstetter, Ben and Michelle Roller, Anthony and Christopher Spezzano, and Collin and Larissa Trump.

Several administrators, staff and members of Kaiser were there to commemorate the new flag and joined the scouts in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. As the new Star Spangled Banner began to wave, bugler Franklin Kerstetter of Troop 924 paid tribute by playing the bugle call, *To the Colors.*

Each year at the Kaiser medical offices the administration replaces the old flag with a new one, due to the weathering condition of the flag. This year the administration contacted Senior Health Educator Sharon Roller, whose son is a scout, and asked if there were scouts willing to perform a flag ceremony. Roller then contacted cub scout leaders, Shannon Kerstetter and Teresa Trump, who organized the group of scouts. As stated by Sharon Roller, "It is our hope that this event of scouts raising the flag will become a tradition here at the Kaiser medical offices.'



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'Compleat Works' Offers Kaleidoscope of Words and Action

By Susan Mayall

After a week of sizzling heat it was a perfect summer evening for the gala grand opening of the 2008 Livermore Shakespeare Festival at Concannon Vineyard. Guests gathered under the grape arbor for dinner and good Concannon wine. Players from the company performed snippets from Twelfth Night, strolling minstrels entertained.

As the sun went down people gradually wandered across the lawn. Seats were ranged in front of the old Victorian house that had recently been moved from its site on Tesla Road. Its new white paint, its porches and pillars formed an eye catching backdrop for the low brick platform where the performance took

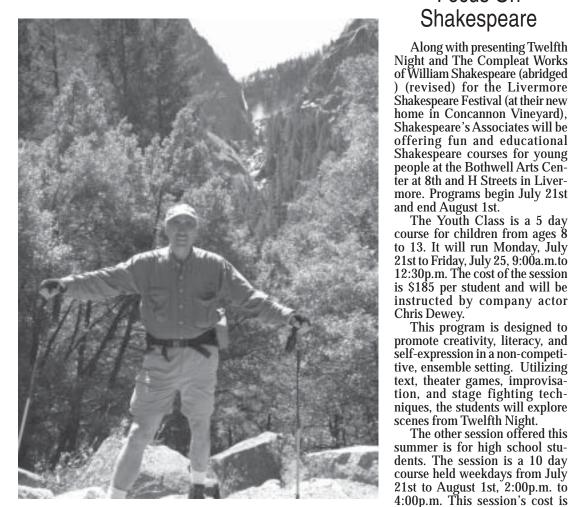
And what a performance! All 37 plays in 97 minutes! "The Compleat Works of Shakespeare (abridged) (revised)" was written by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, and first performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1987. It became London's longest running comedy. The playwrights left room for improvisation, adlibs and local references. This production took full advantage of the opportunity.

That's what makes it so hard to review. It's an incredible kaleidoscope of words and action, all at breakneck speed, full of al-

lusions and memorable phrases some of them Shakespeare's! The three actors, Nikolai Lokteff, Ted D'Agostino and James Hiser leap, literally and figuratively, from role to role, changing costumes and characters and sometimes actually disappearing from the scene. Aspects of Shakespeare's plays (the parts not emphasized when I was in school!) receive full attention here, like bestiality, lust, incest, androgyny. The players are "racially challenged" by "Othello" and come up with a hilarious "Afro-Italian Rap" version. "Titus Androgynous" serves a pie made of blood and ground bones to the victims' mother. Ophelia is analyzed, and the whole audience helps put the "layers" of her psyche together again. The three kings pass their crowns in a frantic football game, and the fastest "Hamlet" ever (43 seconds) ends the show.

A revealing moment comes when Ted, the semi literate, New Age student type, described by the other two as "systematically sodomized by soap operas," recites a famous speech. Jeering at first, suddenly he starts to listen to what he's reading, remarks "This is cool!" and ends reading as if he meant it. This can happen with Shakespeare - one reason why we quote him unconsciously almost every day.

How to do justice to all this?



Rick Deutsch

Hiking Yosemite's Half Dome Topic of Talk

Author Rick Deutsch will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library on Thurs., July 24 at 7 p.m. He is the author of "One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome."

Of all the hiking adventures in Yosemite National Park, probably the most compelling is the hike to the summit of Half Dome, the 8842-foot granite rock that stands as the Park's signature landmark. For many, it's a much anticipated once-in-a-lifetime achieve-

The most popular route to Half Dome's summit is a grueling 16mile round trip trek with almost a mile elevation. How fit should you be? What preparations do you need to make? What should you bring? Get the answers from Rick Deutsch, seasoned Half Dome hiker (19 times), who will show a slideshow of the climb at the Pleasanton Public Library Meeting room on July 24, at 7pm.

Towne Center Books will sell the book, Yosemite's Half Dome, at the event. For pre-sale call 846-8826.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

San Ramon Offers Concerts in the Park

San Ramon will offer a Summer Concert Series as a kickoff to its 25th anniversary celebration at Central Park through August 10th. Then on August 17th the City will celebrate its 25th Anniversary and the grand opening of Ramona Park with an additional concert and celebration. All concerts start at 5:30pm.

The Central Park Amphitheater is located behind the San Ramon Community Center at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Ramona Park is located at 6330 Murdock Way. Admission is free.

The schedule: July 20, California Dreamin' playing classic songs about California; July 27, Evolution a Journey tribute band; Aug. 3, The Sun Kings, the ultimate Beatles tribute; Aug. 10, the Groove Kings, classic rock and R&B; Aug. 17, Ramona Park grand opening, band to be announced.

Adult beverages, soda and ice cream will be available for purchase. For more information visit the City's Website at www.sanramon.ca.gov or call (925) 973-3200.

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Willy Wonka Junior comes to the Bankhead Theater on August 15, 16, & 17. Each child attending the performance will receive a free Wonka Bar – and a prize for the child with the golden ticket. It's a super spoof, literate and visually entertaining. The actors' timing, whether impromptu or

scripted, was perfect. I'm not sure

how you'd take it if you knew no Shakespeare at all, but perhaps you'd react the way

Shakespeare's own audience may

have reacted to Pyramus and

Thisbe and the Wall in "Midsum-

mer Night's Dream." They prob-

ably rolled on the floor of the

Globe, even if most of them knew

So even if you think you hate

Shakespeare, try out this show. It

forced me to look up "Titus

Andronicus." And don't worry

about the children - they'll go

for the slapstick and won't no-

tice the innuendos. It's a great

family outing for a summer evening, with a beautiful setting

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www.LivermoreShakes.org.

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and a talented company.

Ticket prices are \$8.00 for children, \$10.00 for Seniors and \$12.00 for adults. The 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. shows feature children between the ages of 3-10 and the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows feature children between the ages of 11-

ActSmarts Children's Summer Theater Camp commissioned sets for the production that feature Seusically shaped Peter Max designs to be used with Black Lights in the theater. Unlike traditional theater organizations that audition children for parts, students in this camp work collaboratively to cast them-

selves. This allows students to learn multiple roles in a 4 week period and perform in 1 or all 11 shows. Customized curriculum is written by the director Deborah McQueen to assist children in reaching a deeper understanding of the show and the text. Students in Willy Wonka Junior will learn about the cocoa bean, and how to make chocolate candy bars. Additionally they will learn about the art and era of Peter Max and black light effects.

Find the 'Golden Ticket' at Willy Wonka

ActSmarts covers all the basics of any good theater camp including dance, vocal training, acting lessons, set design, and prop building, yet it moves be-yond these traditional areas for instance, to include a sewing lab of 10 machines. Students study sewing for four weeks and make decisions on costume designs and fabric choices for their

shows. Another special feature of the camp is the mid-day lunch break. Students are taken to local parks for lunch-time picnics and good old summer playtime.

ActSmarts is the only theater program in the Tri-Valley that produces theater by children – for children. Its mission has always been to offer educationally sound artistic experiences that meet or exceed the National Standards in the Arts, while maintaining a child-centered approach. The goal is to build a children's theater company here in Liver-more that is on par with San Jose Children's Theater & Palo Alto Youth Theater. There are four remaining slots available in the camp which begins July 21-August 15, from 9-4. For additional information contact Admin@OperaSmarts.com or call 925-245-0283.

Dublin Summer Concert Series, Fri-

days at 7 p.m. fountain courtyard on

the east side of the Dublin Civic Center. Audience-style and picnic-style seating is available on the ter-

races around the fountain for over 400 guests. On July 18, it will be The Hitmen playing a variety of hits from

Beauty and the Beast, Pleasanton Playhouse musical production. July 18-

house musical production. July 18Aug. 3, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m.
Sun. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First
St., Livermore. 373-6800,
www.livermoreperformingarts.org.
Music and BBQ at Babe's Place at 2562
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be playing starting at 1pm. Call 4470901 or go to
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Choir of Trinity College Concert, Concert benefits the Ohlone Cham-ber Singers, July 19, 7:30pm. Mis-sion San José, 43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont. General admission \$15, Students/Seniors/Youth-\$10. Tickets available at the Smith Center Box Office at Ohlone College, 510-659-6031. The choir showcases six centuries of music; from the Renaissance to contemporary works by Chilcott, Fowler and Ives, folk songs, and easy listening tunes everyone can enjoy. Contact Jackie Whitehouse at jwhitehouse@ohlone.edu, 510-659-

www.chambersingers.org.

Sunday Cup of Jazz, Classical and
Funk, Sun., July 20, 4 to 7 p.m. at
Acc'esentials LLC in the garden courtyard, 520 Main Street, Pleasanton. Mitch Tobias performs a mix of Classical, Jazz and Funk; catering by Celebrity Cuisine; Wine provided by Tamayo Family Vineyards. Advance tickets through Friday, July 17 for only \$30. Tickets purchased the day of the event are \$35. For tickets and additional information contact Bennie 931-9130

Bankhead Theater Tours, "behind the scenes" public tours of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's new Bankhead Theater, which last approximately 30 minutes, begins in the lobby of the theater. Tours will be conducted on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. No advance reservations are required. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. Information 925-373-6800

Jazz in July, a series of free events, Livermore Library. July 20 at 2pm, Mary Fettig's Brazilian Footprints, Brazilian jazz. Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library has underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. www.livermore.lib.ca.us. Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards 2008; Schedule: July 21st: Lynyrd Skynyrd; July 22nd: Clint Black; July 30th: Choose either a four-course dinner in the award-winning The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, followed by reserved, stage-front seating, or a gourmet buffet-style dinner at tables of ten on the lawn. www.wentevineyards.com/ concert.asp or call (925) 456-2424. Tickets are also available at www.ticketmaster.com.

Garre Winery: July Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner night each Wednes-days, July 23. Includes Italian buffet dinner served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine. Cellar Master Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and play. \$38.95 person all inclusive. Seatings from 5:30pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Liyermore. Reservations required. 371-

8200. www.garrewinery.com.

Garre Winery July Vineyard Nights: July 18, The Hurricane Band. Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner outdoors

among the vines. Restaurant open 6pm, music 7-10pm. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 371-8200. www.garrewinery.com rg, or call 510-420-0813. Shakespeare, Tickets are now on sale

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

Concerts in the Park, Fridays in July, 7-8:30 p.m., at Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets, Pleasanton. Free Presented by Pleasanton Downstree Presented by Pleasanton Presented By

Free. Presented by Pleasanton Downtown Association. July 18, Dave Matthews Blues Band.

The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov. July 26-Aug. 10, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Las Positas College Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. Performing Arts Events Line 424 1100

sion, \$7 students and seniors. Performing Arts Events Line 424-1100.

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Aida, by Giuseppe Verdi will be presented in digital high definition on Saturday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Jarvis Conservatory. Sung in Italian with subtitles in English Approximate running time: 2 hrs 37 min plus one intermission Tickets are \$20, www.jarvisconservatory.com, or at the door the evening of the event Jarvis Conservatory, 1711 Main Street, Napa, (707) 255-5445. Performing Arts Summer Academy

still accepting registrations. Core skills camp runs July 21 – Aug. 1; Music Man, Jr. runs July 31 – Aug 16. Sign up for either session or combine them for best value. Academies run M-F 9-3; extended care available. Open to children ages 8-18. Visit www.TriValleyYPA.org or call 925-846-0329 for more information.

the 70s to modern day favorites. Concert lasts approximately two hours. Bring a picnic dinner to munch on and a blanket to sit on. There is no admission charge. Saturday Salon Celebrates

Hemingway 4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday, Juľy 19 at 7:30 p.m. at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore. Readers have up to ten minutes to read. Public is welcome.

This month's salon is "A Clean Well Lighted Place For Words Kind of Ňight" to celebrate Ernest Hemingway, born July 21, 1899. It is the light, of course. And

the place is clean and pleasant. And there is music. And it is good. You can stand before the good. You can stand before the podium with dignity, for that is why the place exists. It is not nothing. It is something. It is something that didn't exist before. Until the writer wrote it. It is something that happens, because something else has happened. It is a clean well lighted place. Bring a nosh and something to drink to share.

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Contact Karen Hogan at 925
456-3100 with questions.
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Laura J. Roy This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2008. Expires May 28, 2013.

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FILE NO. 412009 The following person (s) doing business as:BayPay, Inc., 1479 Chaparral Way, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411781

The following person (s) dobusiness as:Lizzy Scrapbooking, 1920 Meadow Glen Drive, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Elizabeth Anne Folsom, 1920 Meadow Glen Drive, Livermore Ca 94551

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owner (s):

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/s/:Tracey N. Lamee This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2008. Expires June 6, 2013.

> STATEMENT **ABANDONMENT** OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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

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by:an Individual Signature of Registrant /s/:Scott P.Torres This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on June 25, 2008 The Independent Legal No. 2345. Publish July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 412544 The following person (s) doing business as:Jerry Eldorado DBA Aloha Transportation, 4749 Bennett Dr. Ste M, Livermore Ca 94551 is lowing owner (s): Discovery Bay, Ca 94505 by:an Individual

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the County Clerk of Alameda 24, 2008 on June 25, 2008. Expires FICTITIOUS BUSINESS June 25, 2013. NAME STATEMENT The Independent Legal No. 2346. Publish July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 349886 The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name:Blossoms by Hannah's Mom. 3566 Germaine Way, Livermore CA 94550 The fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed in the County of Alameda under the file number 349886.

Germaine Way, Livermore Ca 94550 This business was conducted by:an Individual Signature of Registrant

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

Germaine Way, Livermore Ca

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FILE NO. 411841

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FII F NO 412504

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NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 411759

The following person (s) doing business as:Lamee Studios, 1413 Lillian Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following

Tracey N. Lamee, 1413 Lillian Street, Livermore Ca 94550 names listed.

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Signature of Registrant:

NAME FILE NO. 395874

Signature of Registrant: 24, 2008. FILE NO. 411672

> (s): Mari Symon-Chew, 3566 94550

Signature of Registrant: This statement was filed with

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Rental Market Heats Up

With the recent decline in home sales has come a strong increase in the rental market. Even at the peak of the homeownership boom, one-third of American households rented their primary living quarters. Now, those numbers are swelling.

Nationally, the pool of renters grew 1.5 million last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The overall population is increasing at the rate of 3 million per year. "People need to live somewhere," noted Lawrence Yun, chief

economist for the National Association of Realtors. "More renters have pushed up apartment rents strongly - particularly in localities where home sales took a notable dive yet job gains continue at a The Bay Area is such a locality. The nine-county region added

nearly 90,000 residents last year, outpacing the rest of the state, according to the annual report of the Department of Finance released Livermore has grown approximately 10 percent since the 2000

Census, from 73,345 to 80,723. Pleasanton has added about 4,000 residents during that same period. Demographic changes also point to increased housing demand

over the next decade. 'Changes in the number and age distribution of the adult population should lift household growth from 12.6 million in 1995-2005

to 14.4 million in 2010-2020," according to a recent study by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. Specifically, the children of Baby Boomers are moving out and forming their own households. More unmarried people are living

alone or with children. Many of those looking ahead to retirement in the next decade are maintaining both their current homes and the properties they plan to retire to. In addition, immigrants – foreign and domestic – continue to

choose the Bay Area as home. "We're seeing a lot more relocations from out of the area," noted Mike Fracisco, a Realtor with Fracisco Realty and Investments in Livermore. "They are coming from Southern California, Arizona, Texas. We're starting to see an influx from Oregon as well.

Many of these new households, unable or unwilling to purchase property, are entering the rental market. However, construction of multi-family properties has declined since 2000. Last year, the national numbers fell by a whopping 15

percent. The Bay Area has one of the lowest construction completion rates in the nation for rental units. The result: Rents are going up and, like homebuyers in the previous real estate cycle, tenants now have to compete for the best prop-

Rents in the Tri-Valley have risen 5 to 10 percent since last year, according to Fracisco. The average three-bedroom, two-bath home in Livermore now rents for \$1,750 to \$1,950, depending on the neighborhood, with four-bedroom homes going for even more.

This, of course, makes rental properties more attractive to investors. So, despite the generally slow real estate market, the Tri-Valley is experiencing multiple bids on its lowest-priced properties, the ones most likely to become rentals.

"I think it's a good time to buy investment property," Fracisco said. "It's a wonderful time to buy if a person can justify renting the property out until the market gains some momentum. There is definitely a good inventory of homes – a lot more to choose from than, say, three years ago." And there are a lot more renters to choose from

Fracisco, whose company's business is about one-third rentals and property management, said it now takes less than 30 days to find a qualified renter for a home in good condition, compared to last year, when he typically marketed rental properties for 60 to 90 days.

"Landlords and property management companies can be a lot more selective," he said. And they are more likely to require tenants to maintain the property and carry rental insurance. So who are all these new would-be renters? In the Tri-Valley, they

· Former homeowners who have been forced to sell short or whose properties have been lost to foreclosure. In this region, the bulk of these distress properties are in the outlying areas - Brentwood, Antioch, San Joaquin County. Many folks in these situations are now looking for rentals closer to where they work. The high cost of fuel should only serve to increase that inflow.

 Potential homebuyers squeezed out of the purchase market by tighter credit standards, or for whom even current prices are not low enough.

 Potential homebuyers who could purchase homes, but who are delaying buying, either because they do not think they qualify or because they feel uncertain as to where the market is headed.

 Immigrants. Nationally, the Harvard study suggests, foreign immigration is expected to keep up with its current 1.2 million annual pace over the next decade. And the Bay Area continues to be attractive to foreign immigrants as well as to citizens from other parts of the United States.

In Livermore, new tenants are just as likely to be moving here from nearby cities.

"We're seeing people who work here moving to Livermore from San Francisco, San Mateo and other places, because of the cost of commuting," said Fracisco.

He describes one recent situation in which a home he marketed

for lease near downtown Livermore attracted 120 calls and six applications in a week. "We finally took the sign down because we had so many calls," he said. "That was extreme, of course. Usually we get 10 to 25 calls. That home was eventually rented to a single man who had com-

muted from San Francisco to his job at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for more than seven years. The long commute and the increased cost of fuel finally persuaded him to move.

"And he got a beautiful home here," Fracisco said.

So what does all this mean for tenants, landlords and neighbors? "With the condition of the market, there are a lot of people looking to rent homes and apartments. Landlords are also wanting to rent out homes that may have been vacant for a while, because they will be maintained better with someone living in them," Fracisco said. "In my opinion, that is positive for the market and for the community.

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.

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Find Your Groove at Cosmic Dog Yoga



Laurie Gallagher (left) and Lisa Gray demonstrate one of the stretches used in yoga.

By Patricia Koning

Last spring was not the ideal time for Laurie Gallagher and Lisa Gray to start a business. Both women have full careers— Gallagher is a yoga instructor and Gray is a psychotherapist—and young children. But they realized that even if the time was not right for them, Livermore was overdue for a full-service yoga studio.

"My dream has always been to have my own studio. I thought I'd do it when my kids are older," says Gallagher, who has three children aged 13, 8, and 3.

Gray adds that she was motivated by a bit of self-interest she didn't want to lose access to her favorite yoga instructor. "The timing was perfect," she said. "I knew we'd be crazy not to fill the void that existed here."

Even before Cosmic Dog Yoga opened in late May, Gray had a long email list of interested patrons. The reception, says Gallagher, has been great. Classes are full. The studio has a staff of experienced teachers with strong followings.

"One of the things I appreci-

Cosmic Dog is being part of a growing yoga community here in Livermore. Athletes, commuters, parents, managers, students, teachers—all of us meet on the mat in this moving meditation that is yoga, and leave with greater flexibility of body and spirit. That is a great gift to have in your own town," says Suzanna

Gallagher and Gray developed the curriculum to be wellrounded. "We want anyone to walk in and be able to obtain what they need," says Gray.
For beginners, there is Cosmic

Spring, one of Cosmic Dog's in-

Calm, Cosmic Stretch, and Cosmic Intro. Mothers-to-be or new mothers can enjoy Cosmic Mama. Experienced yoga enthusiasts can take Cosmic Flow or Cosmic Traditions, both offered at two levels of difficulty. Those looking for a cardiovascular workout can try Cosmic Rhythms. For some fun and funk, look to the Friday night Cosmic Candle-

Childcare is a key component of Cosmic Dog. "Very few yoga ate most about teaching yoga at studios offer childcare. Nobody

tion Change My Life? by Stephen Cope. The current selection is Peace is Every Step: The Mindfulness of Everyday Life by Thich Nhat Hanh.

tion was Can Yoga and Medita-

Susan George, Cosmic Dog's resident ayurveda expert, offers an ayurveda class on the third Wednesday of each month. Ayurveda, which roughly translates into knowledge or science of life, is an ancient Hindu system of health care. The class teaches how to live in balance with the natural world, using food and natural products as tools for optimum health.

Gallagher plans to add children's classes in the fall. Recently a children's yoga workshop was held and another is planned in August. Both workshops benefit local charities— Shepherd's Gate in July and Tri-Valley Haven in August.

"Čommunity outreach is really important to us," says Gallagher. "We are planning more programs that will benefit the worthwhile causes in the future."

They've also established the Karma Club, in which people who can't afford the class fees can volunteer their time with Cosmic Dog in exchange for yoga classes. "We have a deep feeling that everyone should be able to do yoga," adds Gallagher. "We're trying to build a commu-nity within these walls."

And then, there is the name— Cosmic Dog. When asked about it, Gallagher laughs. "We wanted this to be a place of liberation, lightness, and playfulness. And dog comes up in a lot of yoga poses—up dog, down dog, walking the dog, to name a few," she explains. "Plus no one will ever forget the name."

Fun and pleasure is the name of the game for Gray. "I love being part of a business where people can come in stressed out and burdened, and in an hour leave feeling lighter and more relaxed," she says. "As a psychotherapist, my results usually aren't so immediate.'

For more information, see www.cosmicdogyoga.com or call 925-456-YOGA.

needs yoga more than mothers,"

says Gray. Childcare is offered on a firstcome, first serve basis at \$5 a session for one child and \$8 for up to three children. Family memberships include childcare and are cost-effective if you attend more than two classes a week.

Another important part of the program is meditation, offered as a 30-minute guided class and sitting group, which provides a free, quiet space for self-guided meditation. "Meditation is so valuable. It's scientifically proven to help reduce stress," says Gray.

Once a week, Cosmic Dog offers "off the mat" classes, which Gallagher describes as a school for the soul of those who want delve into the spiritual side of yoga. On the first Tuesday of each month she leads the Dharma Talks class, which is an exploration of the eight limbs and philosophies of yoga. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, she leads a parenting group.

On the second Wednesday of each month, Gray conducts a book club. Last month's selecSample the Best in Wine and Food Pairings at 'Taste of Terroir'

Sixteen of the Livermore Valley's top wineries and an equal number of San Francisco Bay Area chefs will join forces and compete for honors in food/wine pairing at the sixth Wine & Food Experience— "Taste of Terroir"—on Thursday, July 24, from 6-9 p.m. at the Palm Event Center at Ruby Hill.

Entrants will vie for Most Innovative Pairing, Best Expression of Local Ingredients, and Judges' Best awards given by a panel of dis-

After sampling each of the sixteen locally inspired pairings, guests will vote for their favorite chef/winery combo in the People's Choice competition. Then, it's off to the barrel room to enjoy a decadent dessert spread paired with Livermore Valley ports. An awards cer-

emony featuring the judges' commentary will take place at 8:30 p.m.
The Palm Event Center is located at 1184 Vineyard Ave, at Ruby Hill Dr., in Pleasanton. Funds raised from this event benefit the Liv-

ermore Valley Winegrowers Association.
Participating Wineries: Bent Creek Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Deer Ridge Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, El Sol Winery, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garré Winery, La Rochelle Winery, Little Valley Winery, Livermore Valley Cellars, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, Page Mill Winery, Ruby Hill Winery, Tamás Estates, The Singing Winemaker, The Števen Kent Winery, Wente Vineyards

Participating Restaurants: Campo di Bocce, Eddie Papa's American Hangout, Faz Restaurant, Garré Café, Hap's Origional Steakhouse, Mahalo Grille, Movida, Oasis, Palm Event Center, Patrick David's, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Scott's Seafood, Terra Mia, The Grill at Wente Vineyards, The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, Zephyr







Exhibit Offers Look at Dr. Seuss's Political Drawings



Coinciding with the historic 2008 Presidential election, Dr. Seuss throws his "hat" into the ring by releasing the first-ever political print editions to the public. Featuring imagery from politically charged artworks, books and editorial cartoons, the Dr. Seuss for President art exhibition offers a glimpse into the sociopolitical-minded

imagination from the world's most celebrated icon of popular culture. The "Cat in the Hat," will serve as the face of the Dr. Seuss

for President campaign.
The campaign kicks-off locally at Studio 7 Fine Arts with a reception on Saturday, July 19, at 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 400 Main Street in Pleasanton. "We will be unveiling one of Dr Seuss' most poignant political cartoons, The Knotty Problem of Capitol Hill which is being made available for the first time ever," said Studio 7 owner, Jamie Dowell. "We will also be offering appetizers, wine and a live jazz trio during the reception."
The exhibit runs from July 19

- August 3rd. For information, the public may e-mail info@studio7finearts.com < or phone 925.846.4322

Knotty Problem focused on the issue of taxes and Capitol Hill. It was created by Seuss in 1942. The first-ever print of the Triple Sling Jigger, from Seuss's controversial Butter Battle Book which focused on nuclear proliferation, will be included in the exhibition. Four environmentally-friendly prints from The Lorax book will be released to promote Seuss's platform on resource conservation and the environment.





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Cows Ready for Debut at First Wednesday

Artist Kendra Knudsen (pictured at right), a 2008 graduate of Amador Valley High School sits between her art cow, Bovinestein (left), representing the Amador Valley High School physics classes, and the Foothill High School art cow (right) which was designed by students in Caroline Fields Advanced Placement Art class.

The two crosstown rival heifers join 26 other two-dimensional art cows that were sponsored by various businesses and nonprofit organizations in Pleas-

View the entire herd and vote for your favorite at the First Wednesday Street Party in downtown Pleasanton on Wednesday, August 6 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cows will be on display in front of the Museum on Main at 603 Main Street.

Look for the cows to be dis-



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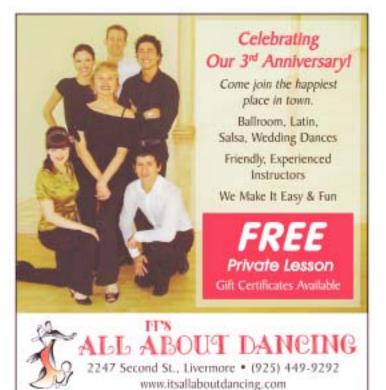
played around Pleasanton until Saturday, September 20, when the whimsical 'Running of the Cows' race and art display kicks up as part of the Pleasanton Art and Heritage Festival.

The cows will ultimately be

auctioned off at the Udderly Divine Bovine Event slated for Saturday, October 4 at the Pleasanton Šenior Center.

The event is a benefit for the Museum on Main and the new Alviso Adobe Community Park

which is scheduled to open in October. For more information and tickets to the Udder Event, please call (925) 462-4312.



CHEKHOV (continued from page one)

throw the czar.

Peasants who worked for the landed aristocracy were beginning to leave the land and work themselves into the middle class, making it harder to work the land. In that social milieu, the landowners from families that once were wealthy, grew nostalgic about their past. However, they didn't face the reality of dwindling income that would drive them from the land.

COMPROMISING TO STAY

ON THE LAND

Two of the principal characters, Gayev, and his sister, Liuvov, are the landowners who are mindful of the changes coming to Russia, and are fearful of losing their land. Their neighbor finds a way to stay on his land. He sells part of his land to a railroad for a right of way. He also leases out part of the land to an Englishman, who discovers a certain kind of clay that can be exploited commercially.

The brother and sister take a dim view of their neighbor's compromises. "'How dare you let a train go through your property! How vulgar!' But the neighbor sees it as 'The land working for me," Wisely explained. The parallel today for landowners would be a situation such as a landowner selling development rights in return for income. This could even involve putting in a hiking trail, which is similar to the railroad right of way in "The Cherry Orchard."

"However, if the attitude is, 'my grandfather would have been opposed to that, so I'll keep the land, do or die,' then they might end up building condos on it," said Wisely.

RICH PORTRAITS AND HUMOR

From a theatrical standpoint, Chekhov always has richly drawn characters. As Wisely put it, "There are no spear carrier roles in Chekhov. Everyone has an important thematic purpose in the plot."

Something else present in this production is Chekhov's humor, which doesn't always come out in some of the translations used in some theaters, said Wisely. "They make his work seem heavy and maudlin. He has a reputation as a downer. There is a lot of hu-

mor, and so much humanity in this play," she said.

Chekhov loves everyone he writes about. There are no bad guys in the play. Everyone has a valid story. You can follow every character — the servant, the rich person, and so on, and find something humane about each," said Wisely.

The aristocratic brother and sister are played by Livermore residents Tom Darter and Kathi Hileman. Darter is a musician and composer, and Hileman is a singer. Robert Pagan plays the peasant who moves up to the middle class. He is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, who has returned to the area, said Wisely.

Asked whether it's unusual for

a play to draw in people with accomplished musical backgrounds, Wisely said, "You don't get much opportunity to work with this level of literature on stage. This is a chance to do real acting chops. They can make the words sing, without musical accompaniment."

The play will run on Saturdays and Sundays from July 26 to Aug. 10 outdoors on campus. A green show will precede it for about 20 minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The green show will feature Russian dancing of the period, both folk dancing and that found at aristocratic parties. People can bring picnic dinners to the performance.

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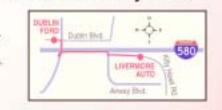
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